

# MINGHAO QIU

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## EDUCATION

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**Massachusetts Institute of Technology**, Cambridge, MA Expected July.15, 2021  
Ph.D., *Social and Engineering Systems*, Institute for Data, Systems, and Society  
Thesis committee: Noelle E. Selin (advisor), Valerie J. Karplus, Corwin M. Zigler, Colette L. Heald  
Research Interests: Air Pollution, Energy and Environmental Policy, Climate Change  
Overall GPA: 4.9/5.0  
Selected PhD courses: Econometrics; Statistical machine learning; Environmental modeling; Atmospheric chemistry; Microeconomics; Probability; Optimization.

**Peking university**, Beijing, China September 2012 - July 2016  
B.S., *Environmental Sciences*. B.A., *Economics*  
Overall GPA: 3.8/4.0; Ranking: 1/37

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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**Massachusetts Institute of Technology**, Cambridge, MA September 2016 - Present  
*Graduate Research Assistant*  
Evaluated the ability of statistical models to correct for meteorological variability when estimating causal impacts of policy on air quality; designed a new machine learning approach that reduced estimation bias by 60% compared to widely-used regression methods.  
  
Estimated the effects of wind power on air quality, health and environmental justice in the US with causal inference, GEOS-Chem and adjoint model; performed cost-benefit analysis of wind power at state level.  
  
Examined the causal effects of China's energy efficiency and SO<sub>2</sub> policies on air quality at firm-level.

**International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis**, Austria June 2019 - September 2019  
*Researcher, Young Scientists Summer Program*  
Developed the first statistical method to estimate average emissions factors of diesel vehicles with instantaneous measurements from remote sensing; directly quantified the efficiency and uncertainty of remote sensing based high-emitter detection programs.

**University of California, Berkeley**, Berkeley, CA June 2015 - October 2015  
*Visiting Student Researcher, Atmospheric Chemistry Group (advised by Prof. Ronald Cohen)*

**Peking University**, Beijing, China January 2015 - July 2016  
*Research Assistant, College of Urban and Environmental Sciences (advised by Prof. Junfeng Liu)*

## PUBLICATIONS

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**Qiu, M.**, Weng, Y., Cao, J., Selin, N., Karplus, V. (2020). Improving evaluation of energy policies with multiple goals: Comparing *ex ante* and *ex post* approaches *Environmental Science & Technology*, 54(24), 15584-15593. [\[Link\]](#)

**Qiu, M.**, Zigler, C., Selin, N. (2021). Impacts of wind power on air quality, premature mortality and environmental justice in the US. (*submitted, PNAS*)

**Qiu, M.**, Zigler, C., Selin, N. (2021). Statistical and machine learning methods for evaluating emissions reduction policies under changing meteorological conditions. (*in preparation*)

**Qiu, M.**, Borken-Kleefeld, J. (2021). Using snapshot measurements to identify high-emitting vehicles. (*in preparation*)

Yang, H., Tao, W., Liu, Y., **Qiu, M.**, Liu, J., Jiang, K., Yi, K., Xiao, Y., & Tao, S. (2018). The contribution of the Beijing, Tianjin and Hebei region's iron and steel industry to local air pollution in winter. *Environmental Pollution*. [\[Link\]](#)

Wei, K., **Qiu, M.**, Zhang, R., Zhou, L., Zhang, T., Yao, M., & Luo, C. (2017). Single Living yEast PM Toxicity Sensor (SLEPTor) System. *Journal of Aerosol Science*, 107, 65-73. [\[Link\]](#)

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

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**Qiu, M.** Assessing impacts of energy and environmental policies on air quality in the real world. *Brandeis University (invited)*, 2021

**Qiu, M.**, Selin, N. Statistical and machine learning methods for evaluating emissions reduction policies under changing meteorological conditions. *American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting*, 2020

**Qiu, M.**, Selin, N. Evaluating quantitative techniques to assess policy impacts on air quality in changing meteorological conditions. *1st GEOS-Chem Europe Meeting*, 2020

**Qiu, M.**, Zigler, C., Selin, N. Effectiveness of renewable energy policy for air pollution reductions: evidence from wind power in the US. *American Meteorological Society Annual Meeting*, Boston, MA, 2020

**Qiu, M.**, Weng, Y., Selin, N., Cao, J., Karplus, V. Air Quality Co-benefits of Energy Policy: Evidence from industrial firms in China. *American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting*, New Orleans, LA, 2017

## AWARDS

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Outstanding Student Presentation Awards (OSPA), American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting	2021
MIT Martin Family Society of Fellows for Sustainability	2020
Young Scientists Summer Program at IIASA	2019
JinLongyu Scholarship (top 1 student in college)	2016
Distinguished Students of Peking University (top 1% in Peking university)	2014 - 2016
National Scholarship (highest honor for undergraduate students in China)	2014 - 2015
Distinguished Academic Scholarship (top 1 student in college)	2014 - 2015

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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<b>World Resource Institute</b> , Beijing, China	January 2016 - July 2016
<i>Research Analyst, China's energy group</i>	
Analyzed China's decarbonization strategy under Paris Agreement for energy supply, building, industry and transportation sectors; Drafted research report "China's CO <sub>2</sub> Emissions Pathways and Reduction Strategies under Paris Agreement".	

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICE

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MIT 6.419x Data Analysis: Statistical Modeling and Computation in Applications, Course contributor	2021
MIT Social and Engineering Systems Doctoral Seminar, Coordinator	2019 - 2020
MIT Energy for Human Development, Co-President	2017 - 2019
MIT Joint Program on the Science and Policy of Global Change, Lecturer of "Climate Change Policy"	2017

## LANGUAGE

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Chinese (Mandarin): Native; English: Fluent

## SKILLS

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Atmospheric modeling: GEOS-Chem, Community Earth System Model (CESM)  
Coding and software: R, Python, Matlab, STATA, ArcGIS