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## Education

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### **Texas A&M University – Bush School of Government & Public Service**

Ph.D. in Political Science, expected 2026, College Station, TX

- Major: International Relations | Minor: Comparative Politics & Political Methodology
- Dissertation: *Projecting Power: U.S.-China Competition in Economy, Security, and Institutional Leadership*

### **Johns Hopkins University – School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS)**

M.A. in International Economics & China Studies, Specialization in Economic Policy, 2020, Washington, DC

### **Kyoto University – Graduate School of Economics**

M.A. in Economics, Fully Funded by Japan Development Scholarship (JDS), 2014, Kyoto, Japan

### **Peking University – School of International Studies**

M.A. in International Relations (Great Power Politics and Diplomacy), 2012, Beijing, China

### **Peking University – School of Government**

B.A. in Political Science & Public Administration, 2004, Beijing, China

## Research and Teaching Interests

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### Research

- Great Power Competition and Global Order
- U.S.–China Relations and Chinese Foreign Policy
- International Political Economy, Institutions, and Security

### Teaching

- **International Relations:** theory, security, institutions, foreign policy
- **International Political Economy:** trade, monetary policy, foreign aid, immigration
- **Comparative Politics and Development:** globalization, democratization, Global South
- **Regional Studies:** Chinese politics and foreign policy, East Asia, Indo-Pacific geopolitics
- **Great Power Competition and U.S.–China Relations**
- **Methods:** quantitative methods (regression, causal inference, survey experiments, time-series, spatial, text analysis); game theory; research design

## Publications and Research in Progress

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### Editor-Reviewed Paper

- **Wu, Qiang.** 2020. “[China’s Use of Trade Retaliation in Territorial Disputes: Interdependence with a Difficult but Rational Power.](#)” *SAIS China Studies Review*, Volume 6

### Working Papers

- **Wu, Qiang.** *Money Yes, Friend No: How U.S. Allies and Partners Balance Economic Dependence on China and Security Cooperation with the United States.*
- **Wu, Qiang** and Quan Li. *Cold War, Democratization, and the Move to Free Trade in Developing Countries.*
- **Wu, Qiang,** Kyung Suk Lee, Kirby Goidel, and Clifford Young. *Income, Populism, Nativism, and Partisanship: How Interests and Ideologies Shape Attitudes Toward Trade and Globalization.*
- **Wu, Qiang** and Quan Li. *Does Sino-U.S. Strategic Rivalry Lead to Economic Rivalry in the Indo-Pacific Region?*

### Policy Essays

- **Wu, Qiang.** 2020. “[Time to Retrieve the First Heart of Multilateralism.](#)” *The Bretton Woods Committee.*

## Conferences & Workshops

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### Conferences

- **Wu, Qiang.** *Money Yes, Friend No: How U.S. Allies and Partners Balance Economic Dependence on China and Security Cooperation with the United States.*  
– APSA Annual Meeting, 2025 (forthcoming)
- **Wu, Qiang.** *Economic Dependence and Security Cooperation with a Third-Party Great Power: The Case of the Indo-Pacific.*  
– APSA Annual Meeting, 2024; MPSA Annual Conference, 2023
- **Wu, Qiang** and Quan Li. *Cold War, Democratization, and the Move to Free Trade in Developing Countries.*  
– APSA Annual Meeting, 2023; ISA Annual Convention, 2023
- **Wu, Qiang,** Kyung Suk Lee, Kirby Goidel, and Clifford Young. *Globalization, International Trade, and Immigration: Perceptions and Realities.*  
– SPSA Annual Meeting, 2023
- **Wu, Qiang,** Quan Li, and Nehemia Geva. *Do Trade Partners' Trade Practices Affect American Public Preferences on Trade Policy? When and How?*  
– ISA Annual Convention, 2024; MPSA Annual Conference, 2022; ISPP Annual Meeting, 2022

### Workshops & Symposia

- **Wu, Qiang,** Kyung Suk Lee, Kirby Goidel, and Clifford Young. *Income, Populism, Nativism, and Partisanship: How Interests and Ideologies Shape Attitudes Toward Trade and Globalization.*  
– Contemporary Challenges in Trade Workshop I & II, Institute for Humane Studies, 2025
- **Wu, Qiang.** *How Economic Dependence on China Shapes U.S. Allies and Partners' Security Relations with the United States: The Case of the Indo-Pacific.*  
– Trade Papers Workshop, Harvard University, 2024; Junior Scholars Symposium, Cato Institute, 2023
- **Wu, Qiang.** *Economy and Security in International Relations.*  
– Academy for Future Faculty, Texas A&M University, 2024
- **Wu, Qiang** and Quan Li. *Does Sino-U.S. Strategic Rivalry Lead to Economic Rivalry in the Indo-Pacific Region?*  
– Taiwan-America Conference on Contemporary China, National Chengchi University, 2021

## Research Experiences

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### Texas A&M University – Department of Political Science

- Graduate Research Assistant for Prof. Quan Li (Spring 2023, Spring 2022)
  - Supported research on international political economy and education.
- Graduate Research Assistant for Prof. Kirby Goidel (Spring & Fall 2022)
  - Contributed to survey design and analysis on public opinion and trade.

### Johns Hopkins University – SAIS, International Political Economy Program

- Graduate Research Assistant for Prof. David Steinberg (Spring 2020, Fall 2019)
  - Assisted on project “[\*Public Responses to Foreign Protectionism: Evidence from the U.S.–China Trade War.\*](#)”

### The U.S.–China Business Council

- Graduate Research Assistant for President Craig Allen (Spring 2019)
  - Researched and drafted materials for book chapter “[\*U.S.-China Retrospective: Forty Years of Commercial Relations.\*](#)”

### Unirule Institute of Economics

- Research Assistant for Prof. Hao Jiang (Spring 2018)
  - Contributed to project “*The Dynamics of Corruption and State–Business Interactions in Chinese Local Governments.*”

## Teaching Experiences

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### Instructor of Record:

- *POLS 429: Issues in World Politics* (Undergraduate, 35 students), Texas A&M University, Spring 2025 & Fall 2024
  - Designed and taught full course on U.S.–China relations.
  - Incorporated group simulations and collaborative essays to encourage teamwork, reduce reliance on AI-generated papers, and critical thinking.

### Teaching Assistant:

### Johns Hopkins University, SAIS

- *SA.553.105: Contemporary Chinese Politics* (Graduate, 36 students), Fall 2025
  - Assisted Prof. Andrew Mertha with online teaching, grading, and student support.

## Texas A&M University

- ***POLS 209: Political Science Research Methods*** (Undergraduate, 200 students)
  - Designed and led R programming and statistics labs for two sections (25 students each).
  - Assisted with grading homework and writing assignments.
  - Worked under Profs. Ali Kagalwala (Spring 2024), Paul Kellstedt (Fall 2023), and Hyeran Jo (Fall 2021).
- ***POLS 429: Issues in World Politics*** (Undergraduate, 35 students), Spring 2023
  - Graded assignments and occasionally substituted for Prof. Quan Li.
- ***POLS 200: Foundations of Political Science*** (Undergraduate, 200 students)
  - Led discussion for two sections (25 students each).
  - Graded assignments under Profs. José Antonio Cheibub (Spring 2021) and Michelle Taylor-Robinson (Fall 2020).

## Online Teaching:

- ***Introduction to Stata***, Education University of Hong Kong, Department of Asian and Policy Studies, 2022
  - Designed and delivered an online training bootcamp course for graduate students.

## Professional Experience in Chinese Politics and Foreign Policy

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- **Aide to Minister-Level Chinese Diplomats, Foreign Affairs Committee, National People's Congress (2007–2012; 2014–2017)**
  - Assisted former ministers and vice-ministers in Congress diplomacy and treaty affairs;
  - Drafted foreign policy-related legislation and reports, with one proposal included in **China's 13th Five-Year Plan** (2016–2020).
- **Foreign-Oriented Publicity Strategist, National People's Congress & State Council Ministries (2014–2017)**
  - Produced public communication materials on economy, Taiwan/Hong Kong/Macau issues, and foreign policy.
- **Diplomatic Delegation Consultant, National People's Congress (2010–2011)**
  - Advised Congress delegations to the Chamber of Deputies (Rome, 2011) and State Duma (Moscow, 2010).
- **Policy Writing**
  - **Wu, Qiang.** 2011. “Wei renmin fuwu zai renshi” [Reconsidering the Relationship between Government and People]. *Ziguang Ge (Policy Journal of the Central Government)*: 90–91.
  - **Wu, Qiang.** 2010. “Zhonghua wenming youshi wuzhong” [The History and Future of Chinese Civilization]. *Outstanding Articles in the Congress Staff Essay Contest*. Beijing: National People's Congress.
  - **Wu, Qiang.** 2009. “Dui minzhu de sikao” [Thoughts on Democracy]. *Outstanding Articles in the Congress Staff Essay Contest*. Beijing: China Democracy and Law Press.

## Fellowships, Honors, and Awards

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### Fellowships

- **Junior Scholar**, Carnegie International Policy Scholars Consortium and Network (IPSCON), Kissinger Center, Johns Hopkins SAIS, 2024–2025  
– Includes Foreign Policy Retreat, Minnowbrook, NY; Foreign Policy Workshop, Washington, DC; Carnegie Square Lectures, on-line
- **Graduate Fellowship**, Institute for Humane Studies (IHS), 2025–2026 (\$8,000)
- **Humane Studies Fellowship**, Institute for Humane Studies (IHS), 2024–2025 (\$5,000)
- **Program Fellow**, Foreign Policy Impact Summer Institute (First Cohort), Colorado State University, 2025 (\$3,000)

### Honors & Recognitions

- **First Place**, Business and Political Science Section (Graduate), Student Research Week, Texas A&M University, 2023
- **Second Place**, Henry Owen Memorial Award, Bretton Woods Committee, 2020

### Grants & Scholarships

- Research Grant, Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University, 2021–2024
- ICPSR Training Grant, Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University, 2025
- Conference Travel Grants  
– Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University, 2022–2024  
– Institute for Humane Studies, 2023–2025  
– ISA, 2024  
– Cato Institute, 2023  
– National Chengchi University, 2021
- Scholarships  
– Dean's Scholarship, Johns Hopkins SAIS, 2019–2020 (\$12,500)  
– JDS Scholarship, Japan International Cooperation Agency, 2012–2014 (~\$50,000)

## Professional Training & Certifications

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### Research Training

- Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), University of Michigan  
– *Causal Inference: An SEM Approach* (Sandy Marquart-Pyatt), 2025  
– *Regression Analysis II: Linear Models* (Timothy McDaniel), 2019  
– *Empirical Implications of Theoretical Modeling (EITM) Certification*, 2019
- Program Fellow, *Advanced Topics in Liberty: Liberty, War, and Peace Colloquia*, Institute for Humane Studies, 2024
- Program Fellow, *U.S. Foreign Policy Colloquium*, National Committee on U.S.–China Relations, 2019

## Teaching Training

- **CIRTL Associate Fellow Certificate**, Center for the Integration of Research, Teaching, and Learning (CIRTL), Texas A&M University, 2024
- *POLS 681: Teaching Seminar*, Texas A&M University, Spring 2024
- Participant, *Teaching & Learning Conference (TLC) at APSA*, 2024

## Mentorship & Professional Development

- Mentee, **APSA Mentoring Program**, American Political Science Association, 2025

## Earlier International Fellowships and Conferences

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- Fellow, Field Study on Thai Industry and Economy, Bangkok, Thailand, 2015 (Kyoto & Thammasat University)
- Fellow, Northeast Asia Economic Forum Young Leaders Program, Seoul & Busan, South Korea, 2014 (Freeman Foundation)
- Fellow, Field Study on Korean Industry and Economy, Seoul, South Korea, 2013 (Kyoto & Seoul University)
- Discussant, Annual Symposium of Chinese Austrian School Economists, Taiyuan, China, 2017
- Presenter, Herrenhausen Symposium, Hanover, Germany, 2015 (Volkswagen Foundation, unable to attend)
- Presenter, IIDS–IIMS International Conference, Bonn, Germany, 2014 (JDS Program)

## Services

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### Texas A&M University, Department of Political Science

- **Founder & Editor-in-Chief**, *POLS Aggie Journal on the United States, China, and the World Order*, 2024–2025
- **Founder & Organizer**, *Forum on the United States, China, and the World Order*, 2024–2025

### Johns Hopkins University, SAIS

- New Cohort Consultant, 2021
- [Editor](#), *SAIS China Studies Review*, 2018–2019

## Professional Memberships

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- American Political Science Association (APSA)
- Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)
- International Studies Association (ISA)

## Skills

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### Methods & Tools

- **Quantitative Analysis:** OLS, Maximum Likelihood Estimation, Structural Equation Modeling (SEM), Multilevel Modeling, Time-Series Cross-Sectional (TSCS), Difference-in-Differences (DiD), Instrumental Variables (IV), Survey Experiments
- **Computational:** Advanced in R, Stata. Intermediate in Python, LaTeX, Web Scraping, Corpus Construction, Computational Text Analysis
- **Data Collection Platforms:** Qualtrics, Amazon Mechanical Turk (MTurk), Prolific

### Languages

- **English:** Fluent (Research, Teaching, Academic Writing)
- **Chinese (Mandarin & Cantonese):** Bilingual
- **Japanese:** Basic