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## Education

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<b>Texas A&amp;M University</b> <b>Ph.D.</b> in Political Science Major: International Relations Minor: Comparative Politics & Political Methodology	College Station, TX (Expected 2025)
<b>Johns Hopkins University</b> <b>M.A.</b> School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) Major in International Economics & Asia / China Studies Specialization in Economic Policy	Washington, DC 2020
<b>Kyoto University</b> <b>M.A.</b> Graduate School of Economics Major in Economics (Political Economy, East Asian Studies). JDS Scholar International Graduate Program for East Asia Sustainable Economic Development Studies	Kyoto, Japan 2014
<b>Peking University</b> <b>M.A.</b> School of International Studies Major in International Relations (Great Power Politics and Diplomacy). Teaching Assistant	Beijing, China 2012
<b>Peking University</b> <b>B.A.</b> School of Government Major in Political Science and Public Administration. Merit Student; Class President	Beijing, China 2004

## Areas of Interests

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### Research Interests:

Great Power Competition and Global Order, U.S.-China Relations, Chinese Foreign Policy, International Trade and Security, Globalization and Its Implications

**Teaching Interests:**

International Politics, International Political Economy and Security, Foreign Policy, International Institutions, International Trade and Monetary Policy, U.S.-China Relations, Chinese Foreign Policy / Politics / Political Economy, Quantitative Methods, Survey Experiment, Game Theory, East Asia Politics

**Research and Publications**

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**Revise and Resubmit:**

Li, Quan, and **Qiang Wu**. "Does Sino-U.S. Strategic Rivalry Lead to Economic Rivalry in the Indo-Pacific Region?"

**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 Paper:**

**Wu, Qiang**. "Economic Dependence and Security Preferences of Third-Party Countries in the U.S.-China Competition: The Case of The Indo-Pacific"

**Wu, Qiang** and Quan Li. "Cold War, Democratization and the Move to Free Trade in the Developing Countries"

**Wu, Qiang**, Kyung Suk Lee, Kirby Goidel, and Clifford Young. "Good Trade, Bad Trade: Public Opinion, International Trade, and Globalization"

**Thesis:**

**Wu, Qiang**. 2014. *Environmental Performance and Promotion of Provincial Officials in China*. Unpublished master's thesis. Kyoto University, Kyoto, Japan.

**Wu, Qiang**. 2011. *Chinese Characteristics and Parliamentary Diplomacy in China* (in Chinese) Unpublished master's thesis. Peking University, Beijing, China.

## Essays:

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

**Wu, Qiang.** 2011. “Wei renmin fuwu zai renshi” [[Reconsidering the Relationship between Government and People](#)], *Ziguang Ge* [Journal of the Chinese Central Government Work Committee]: 90-91, (in Chinese)

**Wu, Qiang.** 2010. “Zhonghua wenming youshi wuzhong” [The History and Future of Chinese Civilization], *Quanguo renda zhengwen bisai youxiu zuopin xuan* [Collection of Outstanding Articles in the Congress Staff Essay Contest]. Beijing: in-house publication, (in Chinese)

**Wu, Qiang.** 2009. “Dui minzhu de sikao” [Thoughts on Democracy], *Quanguo renda qingnian zhengwen zuopin xuan* [Youth Thought: Collection of Outstanding Articles in the Congress Staff Essay Contest]. Beijing: China Democracy and Law Press, (in Chinese)

## Conference Presentations

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“Economic Dependence and Security Cooperation with a Third-Party Great Power: The Case of the Indo-Pacific”

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. 2024

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference. 2023

“Cold War, Democratization, and the Move to Free Trade in Developing Countries”

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. 2023

International Studies Association Annual Convention. 2023

“Do Trade Partners' Trade Practices Affect American Public Preference on Trade Policy? When and How?”

International Studies Association Annual Convention. 2024

International Society of Political Psychology. 2022

“Globalization, International Trade, and Immigration: Perceptions and Realities”

Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting. 2023

“Domestic Politics and China’s Hedging Strategy in International Development Regime.”

Penn Symposium on Contemporary China. Canceled due to Covid-19. 2020

## Invited Talks

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- “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  
Cambridge, MA  
2024
- “Economy and Security in International Relations”  
Academy for Future Faculty, Texas A&M University  
College Station, TX  
2024
- "Does Sino-U.S. Strategic Rivalry Lead to Economic Rivalry in the Indo-Pacific Region?"  
Taiwan-America Conference on Contemporary China  
Institute of International Relations, National Chengchi University  
Taipei, Taiwan  
2021

## Distinctions & Financial Awards

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### Fellowships:

- Humane Studies Fellowship (\$5,000), 2024-2025  
Institute for Humane Studies (IHS)
- Foreign Policy Impact Summer Institute Fellowship (\$3,000), 2025  
Colorado State University, forthcoming

### Awards & Recognitions:

- [Second Place Winner](#) of the Henry Owen Memorial Award, Bretton Woods Committee, 2020
- First Place Winner of the Business and Political Science Section for Graduate Students in the Student Research Week Competition, Texas A&M University, 2023
- Second Prize, Essay Contest for Congressional Staff, National People’s Congress, China, 2011
- Excellent Civil Servant Award, National People’s Congress, China, 2010 - 2011
- First Prize, Essay Contest for Congressional Staff, National People’s Congress, China, 2010

### Research Grants:

- Funding for Several Survey Experiments, Department of Political Science,  
Texas A&M University, 2024 (\$1,500), 2023 (\$2,000), 2022 (\$1,500), 2021 (\$1,000)

**Conference & Workshop Funding:**

Travel Grant & Stipend for the Trade Papers Workshop (Trip Expenses + \$200)  
Institute for Humane Studies, 2024

Travel Grant & Stipend for the Advanced Topics in Liberty: Liberty, War, and Peace  
Colloquium (Trip Expenses + \$500)  
Institute for Humane Studies, 2024

Travel Grant for the Annual Convention (\$500)  
International Studies Association, 2024

Travel Grants for Conference Attending  
Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University, 2024 (\$1,000 + \$500),  
2023 (\$1,000), 2022 (\$600 + \$600)

Travel Grant & Stipend for the Junior Scholars Symposium (Trip Expenses + \$500)  
Cato Institute, 2023

Travel Grant for the Sanctions, Globalization, War and Peace Symposium (\$300)  
Institute for Humane Studies, 2023

Stipend for the Taiwan-America Conference on Contemporary China (\$300)  
Institute of International Relations, National Chengchi University, 2021

**Scholarships:**

Dean's Scholarship (\$12,500)  
Johns Hopkins SAIS, 2019 - 2020

Full Ride Two-Year Scholarship (~\$50,000)  
Japan International Cooperation Agency, 2012 - 2014

## U.S. Foreign Policy Background

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**Junior Scholar**, *Carnegie International Policy Scholars Consortium and Network (IPSCON)*  
Kissinger Center, Johns Hopkins SAIS | One-year program 2024-2025

Key Activities:

- **Foreign Policy Retreat** at Minnowbrook, New York (2024)
- **Foreign Policy Workshop** in Washington, D.C. (2025)
- **Carnegie Square Lectures and Discussions** (Year-Round)

**Program Fellow**, *Foreign Policy Impact Summer Institute (First Cohort)* Forthcoming 2025  
Colorado State University | One-month program

**Roundtable Discussant**, *Advanced Topics in Liberty: Liberty, War, and Peace Colloquia*  
Institute for Humane Studies | Three-day program 2024

**Presenter and Discussant**, *Junior Scholars Symposium*  
Cato Institute | Three-day program 2023

**Program Fellow**, [U.S. Foreign Policy Colloquium](#)  
National Committee on U.S.-China Relations | Four-day program 2019

## Chinese Foreign Policy Background

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**Foreign Affairs Committee, National People's Congress, China** 2014 - 2017, 2007 - 2012

- **Aide to Minister-Level Chinese Diplomats**
  - Provided direct assistance to former minister and vice-minister level Chinese diplomats serving on the Congress' Foreign Affairs Committee.
  - Gained comprehensive insights into Chinese foreign policy elite perspectives on domestic and international affairs through institutional and personal interactions.
  - Drafted foreign policy-related legislation and policy reports, with one proposal selected for inclusion in [China's 13th Five-Year Plan](#) (2016-2020).
- **Foreign-Oriented Publicity Strategist**
  - Collaborated in an interagency team comprising representatives from the Congress and various **State Council ministries** in developing foreign-oriented communication materials for the Congress and its annual sessions.
  - Spearheaded content development for critical areas including Chinese economy, Taiwan question, Hong Kong and Macao affairs, and China's foreign policy.

## Research Experiences

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### Research Assistantship:

Texas A&M University, Department of Political Science  
Graduate Research Assistant for Quan Li (Spring 2022, Spring 2023), Kirby Goidel (Spring and Fall 2022).

Johns Hopkins University, SAIS, International Political Economy Program  
Graduate Research Assistant for David Steinberg (Fall 2019, Spring 2020) on his paper [“Public responses to foreign protectionism: Evidence from the US-China trade war”](#)

The US-China Business Council  
Graduate Research Assistant for Craig Allen (Spring 2019) on his book chapter [“U.S.-China Retrospective: Forty Years of Commercial Relations”](#)

Unirule Institute of Economics  
Research Assistant for Hao Jiang (Spring 2018) on his project “The Dynamics of Corruption and State-Business Interactions in Chinese Local Governments”

Peking University, Academy of e-Government  
Research Assistant for Fengchun Yang (2006 - 2007) on e-government related research

### Research Training:

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

Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR)  
Summer Program, University of Michigan, 2019  
Course: Regression Analysis II: Linear Models (Timothy McDaniel)

## Teaching Experiences

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### Instructor of Record:

POLS 429: [Issues in World Politics](#) (Undergraduate, 35 students)  
Texas A&M University, Fall 2024, Spring 2025  
Organized “The United States, China, and the World Order Forum” to broaden students’ perspectives.  
Created the “TAMU Aggies Journal on the United States, China, and the World Order”

### Graduate Lab Instructor and Grader:

POLS 209: Introduction to **Political Science Research Methods** (Statistics and Quantitative Research Methods), Texas A&M University  
I led [lab sessions on R programming](#) as part of courses for two classes, each comprising 25 students, under the main instruction of Ali Kagalwala (Spring 2024), Paul Kellstedt (Fall 2023), and Hyeran Jo (Fall 2021).  
I also graded students’ statistics homework and writing assignments.

POLS 429: Issues in World Politics (Undergraduate, 35 students), Texas A&M University  
I graded writing assignments and occasionally served as a substitute instructor for Quan Li's course in Spring 2023.

### Online Course Instructor:

[Stata Introduction](#), The Education University of Hong Kong  
I developed this online course for the Policy Science and Management Program of the Department of Asian and Policy Studies (2022).

### Online Discussion Session Instructor and Grader:

POLS 200: **Foundations of Political Science**, Texas A&M University  
I led discussion sessions as part of courses for two classes, each comprising 25 students, under the main instruction of José Antonio Cheibub (Spring 2021), and Michelle Taylor-Robinson (Fall 2020). I also graded writing assignments.

### Teaching Training:

The Center for the Integration of Research, Teaching, and Learning (CIRTL)  
[CIRTL Associate Fellow Certificate](#),  
awarded by the Center for Teaching Excellence, Texas A&M University, Spring 2024.

POLS 681 Teaching Seminar, Texas A&M University, Spring 2024.

Teaching & Learning Conference (TLC) at APSA: Teaching Democracy, 2024



## Overseas Professional Engagements

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### Field Studies & Fellowships:

[Field Study on Thai Industry and Economy](#) Bangkok, Thailand  
Role: Fellow; sponsored by Kyoto University and Thammasat University 2015

[Northeast Asia Economic Forum Young Leaders Program](#) Seoul and Busan, South Korea  
Role: Fellow; sponsored by the Freeman Foundation 2014

Field Study on Korean Industry and Economy Seoul, South Korea  
Role: Fellow; sponsored by Kyoto University and Seoul University 2013

### Symposiums & Conferences:

Annual Symposium of Chinese Austrian School Economists Taiyuan, China  
Role: Discussant 2017

Herrenhausen Symposium. Unable to attend due to employer constraints Hanover, Germany  
Role: Presenter; sponsored by the Volkswagen Foundation 2015

IIDS (Australia) – IIMS (India) International Conference Bonn, Germany  
Role: Presenter; sponsored by the JDS Program 2014

### Diplomatic Visits:

Chinese Congressional Delegation Visit to the Chamber of Deputies Rome, Italy  
Role: Foreign Policy Consultant 2011

Chinese Congressional Delegation Visit to the State Duma Moscow, Russia  
Role: Foreign Policy Consultant 2010

## Services

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Texas A&M University, Department of Political Science  
Graduate Recruitment Service 2023

Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS)  
New Cohort Consultant 2021  
[Editor](#) of 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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### **Research Methods Used in Papers:**

OLS, maximum likelihood estimation, causal inference, multilevel modeling  
Survey experiments, various time-series cross-sectional models; case studies

### **Research Skills:**

R, Stata, Python, LaTeX, Qualtrics, Mechanical Turk, Prolific, Web Scraping, Text Mining

### **Language Skills:**

Fluent in English (Research, Teaching, and Academic Writing)  
Bilingual in Mandarin Chinese and Cantonese  
Basic Japanese