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## Education

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| <b>Texas A&amp;M University</b><br><b>Ph.D.</b> in Political Science<br>Major: International Relations<br>Minor: Comparative Politics & Political Methodology<br><b>Dissertation:</b> <i>Projecting Power: China's Global Influence in Security, Institutions, and Political Leadership in the Indo-Pacific, Africa, and Beyond</i><br><b>Committee:</b> Matthew Fuhrmann, PhD (Chair), Hyeran Jo, PhD (Co-Chair),<br>Matt Malis, PhD, David Bearce, PhD (External Member) | College Station, TX<br>(Expected 2026) |
| <b>Johns Hopkins University</b><br><b>M.A.</b> School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS)<br>Major in International Economics & Asia / China Studies<br>Specialization in Economic Policy   | Washington, DC<br>2020                 |
| <b>Kyoto University</b><br><b>M.A.</b> Graduate School of Economics<br>Major in Economics (Political Economy, East Asian Studies).<br>JDS Scholar; International Graduate Program (taught in English)  | Kyoto, Japan<br>2014                   |
| <b>Peking University</b><br><b>M.A.</b> School of International Studies<br>Major in International Relations (Great Power Politics and Diplomacy).<br>Class Academic Representative   | Beijing, China<br>2012                 |
| <b>Peking University</b><br><b>B.A.</b> School of Government<br>Major in Political Science and Public Administration.<br>University Merit Student; Class President (Junior Year)   | Beijing, China<br>2004                 |

## Areas of Interests

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### Research Interests:

Great Power Competition and Global Order; U.S.-China Relations; Chinese Foreign Policy; Economic Interdependence and Security; Development Aid; Globalization

### Teaching Interests:

*Substantive:* International Relations; International Political Economy (Trade, Monetary Policy, Aid); Foreign and Security Policy; International Institutions; Comparative Politics; Development Aid and the Global South; Great Power Competition and U.S.-China Relations; Chinese Politics, Foreign Policy, and Political Economy; East Asian Politics; Indo-Pacific Geopolitics; Democratization, Globalization, and the International Order

*Methods:* Quantitative Methods (Regression Analysis, Survey Experiments, Causal Inference, Time-Series and Spatial Analysis, Text Analysis, R, Stata); Game Theory; Research Design

## Research and Publications

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

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

### 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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"Money Yes, Friend No: How U.S. Allies and Partners Balance Economic Dependence on China and Security Cooperation with the United States"  
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. 2025 (forthcoming)

"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

"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

"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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- “Income, Populism, Nativism, and Partisanship: How Interests and Ideologies Shape Attitudes Toward Trade and Globalization” Washington, DC (forthcoming)  
Contemporary Challenges in Trade Workshop II, Institute for Humane Studies 2025
- “Income, Populism, Nativism, and Partisanship: How Interests and Ideologies Shape Attitudes Toward Trade and Globalization” Online  
Contemporary Challenges in Trade Workshop I, Institute for Humane Studies 2025
- “How Economic Dependence on China Shapes U.S. Allies and Partners' Security Relations with the United States: The Case of the Indo-Pacific” Cambridge, MA  
Trade Papers Workshop, Harvard University 2024
- “Economy and Security in International Relations” College Station, TX  
Academy for Future Faculty, Texas A&M University 2024
- “Economic Dependence and Security Cooperation with a Third-Party Great Power: The Case of the Indo-Pacific” Washington, DC  
Junior Scholars Symposium, Cato Institute 2023
- "Does Sino-U.S. Strategic Rivalry Lead to Economic Rivalry in the Indo-Pacific Region?"  
Taiwan-America Conference on Contemporary China Taipei, Taiwan  
Institute of International Relations, National Chengchi University 2021

## Fellowships

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- **Junior Scholar, Carnegie International Policy Scholars Consortium and Network (IPSCON)**, Kissinger Center, Johns Hopkins SAIS, 2024–2025  
*One-year program including Foreign Policy Retreat (Minnowbrook, NY, 2024), Foreign Policy Workshop (Washington, D.C., 2025), and Carnegie Square Lectures (year-round).*
- **Humane Studies Fellowship**, Institute for Humane Studies, 2024–2025 (\$5,000)
- **Program Fellow, Foreign Policy Impact Summer Institute (First Cohort)**, Colorado State University, 2025 (\$3,000).
- **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

## Honors and Recognitions

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- **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

- **First Prize (2010), Second Prize (2011), Essay Contest for Congressional Staff**, National People's Congress, China
- **Excellent Civil Servant Award**, National People's Congress, China, 2010–2011

## **Financial Awards**

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### **Research Grants:**

- Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University  
2024 – \$1,500  
2023 – \$2,000  
2022 – \$1,500  
2021 – \$1,000

### **Professional Development Funding:**

Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University

- ICPSR Training Grant, 2025 – \$1,696
- Conference Travel Grants  
2024 – \$1,000 + \$500  
2023 – \$1,000  
2022 – \$600 + \$600

Institute for Humane Studies

- Academic Mentorship Program, 2025-2026 – \$8,000 Grant
- Contemporary Challenges in Trade Workshop I and II, 2025 – Travel + stipend
- Trade Papers Workshop, 2024 – Travel + stipend
- Advanced Topics in Liberty: Liberty, War, and Peace Colloquium, 2024 – Travel + stipend
- Sanctions, Globalization, War and Peace Symposium, 2023 – stipend

International Studies Association

- Annual Convention Travel Grant, 2024 – \$500

Cato Institute

- Junior Scholars Symposium, 2023 – Travel + \$500 stipend

Institute of International Relations, National Chengchi University

- Taiwan-America Conference on Contemporary China, 2021 – \$300 stipend

### **Scholarships:**

- Dean's Scholarship, Johns Hopkins SAIS, 2019–2020, \$12,500
- Full-Ride Scholarship, Japan International Cooperation Agency, 2012–2014, \$50,000

## Foreign Policy Experiences

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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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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

## **Teaching Experiences**

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### **In Johns Hopkins University**

#### **Teaching Assistant:**

SA.553.105 (91): Contemporary Chinese Politics (Graduate)

School of Advanced International Studies, Fall 2025

I will be a teaching assistant under the main instruction of Andrew Mertha.

### **In Texas A&M University**

#### **Instructor of Record:**

POLS 429: [Issues in World Politics](#) (Undergraduate, 35 students)

Fall 2024, Spring 2025

Organized “The Forum on United States, China, and the World Order” 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)

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)

I graded writing assignments and occasionally served as a substitute instructor for Quan Li's course in Spring 2023.

#### **Online Discussion Session Instructor and Grader:**

POLS 200: **Foundations of Political Science**

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.

### **In The Education University of Hong Kong**

#### **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).

## Training

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### Research Training:

Mentee, IHS Mentorship Class, Institute for Humane Studies, 2025-2026  
APSA Mentoring Program, American Political Science Association, 2025

Student, Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR)  
Summer Program, University of Michigan  
Course: Causal Inference: An SEM Approach (Sandy Marquart-Pyatt), 2025  
Course: Regression Analysis II: Linear Models (Timothy McDaniel), 2019  
Certificate: Empirical Implications of Theoretical Modeling (EITM) Certification, 2019

### 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:

<a href="#">Field Study on Thai Industry and Economy</a>	Bangkok, Thailand
Role: Fellow; sponsored by Kyoto University and Thammasat University	2015
<a href="#">Northeast Asia Economic Forum Young Leaders Program</a>	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
<a href="#">Editor</a> of SAIS <i>China Studies Review</i>	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 · Structural Equation Modeling (SEM)  
Multilevel Modeling · Time-Series Cross-Sectional Models (TSCS)  
Difference-in-Differences (DiD) · Instrumental Variables (IV)  
Survey Experiments · Case Studies

#### **Research Skills & Tools:**

R · Stata · Python · LaTeX · Qualtrics · Amazon Mechanical Turk (MTurk) · Prolific  
Web Scraping · Corpus Construction · Computational Text Analysis

#### **Language Skills:**

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