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Education

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

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

- Major: **International Relations**
- Minor: **Comparative Politics & Political Methodology**
- **Dissertation:** *Contesting the Liberal Order? Chinese Economic Statecraft, Alternative Institutions, and the Diffusion of Governance Norms*
- **Committee:** Matthew Fuhrmann (Chair), Hyeran Jo (Co-Chair),
Matt Malis, David Bearce.

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

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

Kyoto University – Graduate School of Economics

M.A. in Economics, Japan Development Scholarship (JDS Scholar),
Fully Funded by JICA, 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

Publications and Research in Progress

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.** “*Foreign Aid and Leadership Support in Informal International Institutions: Evidence from China–Africa Cooperation, 2000-2024*”
- **Wu, Qiang.** “*Asymmetric Interdependence and Security Reassurance under Great Power Rivalry: China Dependence and U.S.-Involved Joint Military Exercises in the Indo-Pacific, 1992–2016*”
- **Wu, Qiang.** “*Output Legitimacy Beyond Borders: Does Chinese Development Finance Diffuse Its Model in Africa?*”
- **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.*”

Policy Essays

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

Policy Experience

- **Policy Aide to Minister-Level Diplomats, Foreign Affairs Committee, National People’s Congress (2014–2017; 2007–2012)**
 - 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.**
- **Policy Communication Strategist, Annual Plenary Sessions of the National People’s Congress (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).

- **Selected Policy Writing in Chinese**
 - **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.

Conferences & Workshops

Conferences

- **Wu, Qiang,** “*Foreign Aid and Leadership Support in Informal International Institutions: Evidence from China–Africa Cooperation.*”
 - APSA Annual Meeting, 2026 (Panel organizer)
- **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 (Invited panelist)
- **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,** “*Output Legitimacy Beyond Borders: Does Chinese Development Finance Diffuse Its Model in Africa?*”
 - Junior Fellows Convening, Institute for Humane Studies, 2026
- **Wu, Qiang,** “*Foreign Aid and Leadership Support in Informal International Institutions: Evidence from China–Africa Cooperation.*”
 - Job Market Papers Workshop, Institute for Humane Studies, 2026

- **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.”*
– Graduate Conference for the Social Sciences (2026), Contemporary Challenges in Trade Workshop I & II (2025), Institute for Humane Studies
- **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, Institute for Humane Studies, 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

Fellowships, Honors, and Awards

Fellowships

- **Junior Fellows Program**, Institute for Humane Studies (IHS), Summer 2026 (\$7,000)
- **Graduate Fellowship**, Institute for Humane Studies (IHS), 2025–2026 (\$8,000)
- **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
- **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, 2024 (\$1,500), 2023 (\$1,500), 2022 (\$1,500), 2021 (\$1,000)
- Methods Training Grant, Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University, 2025. (\$1,500).
- Travel Grant, Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University, 2022–2024; Institute for Humane Studies, 2023–2026; 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)

Research Experience

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.*”

Research Interests

- Economic Statecraft and Great Power Rivalry
- Development Finance, International Institutions, and Global Order
- The Political Economy of U.S.-China Relations

Teaching Experience

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

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).
 - Assisted with grading homework and writing assignments.
 - Worked under Profs. José Antonio Cheibub (Spring 2021) and Michelle Taylor-Robinson (Fall 2020).

Teaching Fields

- International Political Economy
- International Development
- International Institutions
- International Security
- International Relations Theory
- Comparative Political Economy
- Chinese Politics and Foreign Policy

- East Asian and Indo-Pacific Politics
- U.S.-China Relations
- Quantitative Methods

Professional Development

Mentorship

- Selected for mentorship with Miles Kahler through the APSA Mentoring Program (2025) and IHS Mentoring Program (2026).

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
- *Advanced Topics in Liberty: Liberty, War, and Peace Colloquia*, Institute for Humane Studies, 2024
- *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
- *Teaching & Learning Conference (TLC) at APSA*, 2024

Pre-Ph.D. Academic Programs and Field Studies

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

Service

Conference Service

- **Panel Organizer**, “Economic Statecraft and Rising Power Foreign Policy,” APSA Annual Meeting, 2026.

University and Department Service

Texas A&M University, Department of Political Science

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

Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS)

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

Professional Memberships

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

Skills

Methods & Tools

- **Quantitative Analysis**: Linear and generalized linear models (OLS, MLE), Panel data and fixed effects models (TSCS), Causal inference methods (DiD, IV), Multilevel modeling, Structural equation modeling (SEM), and 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