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EDUCATION

University of Georgia

Ph.D. in Political Science

Subfields: American Politics, Political Methodology

Athens, GA

Expected May 2028

Johns Hopkins University | GPA 3.93

Master of Arts, Public Management

Thesis title: “Affordable Postsecondary Education: Federal Efforts in Increasing Pell Grant”

Advisor: Lecturer Tim Nguyen

Washington, D.C.

Dec 2022

China University of Political Science and Law | Combined GPA 3.7

Bachelor of Mgt. in Public Affair Administration | Rank Major: No. 1

Thesis title: “Analysis on the Organizational Path of Rural Women: A Case Study of the Formation of ‘Haocuobian’ Women Volunteer Group in Neilong Village, Fujian Province”

Advisor: Associate Professor Xiaodong Sun

Beijing, China

July 2021

Bachelor of Laws in Law

Thesis title: “Research on the Risk Sharing Mechanism of Labor Wages during the COVID-19 Prevention and Control Period”

Advisor: Professor Jianxun Wang

July 2021

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

National University of Singapore

Quantitative Reasoning to Develop Insights program

Intensive study of logic of quantitative reasoning with data, data collection and cleansing, mathematical modeling, and quantitative analysis

Remote

Winter 2020

University of Cambridge

Welfare Economics for Public Policy program

Intensive study of welfare economics, fundamental welfare law, externalities and public goods, behavioral economics in public policy, law and economics in public policy

Remote

Winter 2020

PUBLICATIONS

“Lvshui Qingshan s Jinshan Yinshan: Anshu Chanye Jingji yu Huanjing Zhili Kunju – Jiyu Fujian A Cun Anshu Zhongzhi de Shijian Fenxi” [Green Mountains VS Golden Mountains: Environmental Governance Dilemma of Eucalyptus Policy in Poverty Alleviation Based on the Practice Analysis of Eucalyptus Planting in a Village of Fujian Province], Co-authors Li Luyang, et al. *Public Policy Review* (2021): 196-211.

“‘Zhongcheng’ Haishi ‘Fuyong’: Xiandai Chengshi zhong de Shequ Juji – Yi Tangshanshi H Zhuang Shequ Juji Wenhua wei Li” [Loyalty or Impotence: Community Gathering in Modern Cities —A Case Study on the Formation of Gathering Culture in H Village Community of Tangshan City], Co-author Sun Xiaodong, *Research on Public Complaints and Governance* 1 (August 2022): 147-153.

“Study on Changes in the System of Guaranteeing the Subsistence Right for the Disabled in China (1978-2020)”, *Journal of US-China Public Administration* 18.3 (May-June 2021): 133-139, doi: 10.17265/1548-6591/2021.03.004.

“Analysis on the Path of Rural Women Organization Based on Transition Model”, *3rd International Workshop on Education Reform and Social Sciences (ERSS 2020)*: 272-276. <http://download.bcpub.org/proceedings/2020/ERSS2020/ERSS047.pdf/>.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- “Covid-19’s Impacts on American Employment Inequities Between People with and without a Disability”, Lightning Talk Panel: Global Responses to the COVID-19 Pandemic, *79th Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference*, Chicago, U.S., April 2022 (remote presentation).
- “Study on Changes in the System of Guaranteeing the Subsistence Right for the Disabled in China (1978-2020)”, Economic Public Policy Panel, *78th Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference*, Chicago, U.S., April 2021 (remote presentation).
- “Analysis on the Path of Rural Women Organization Based on Transition Model”, Studies of Nonprofit Organizations Panel, *78th Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference*, Chicago, U.S., April 2021 (remote presentation).

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2023: Presidential Graduate Fellow Award | *University of Georgia*
- 2023: Peter Mekis Memorial Scholarship | *University of Georgia*
- 2021: Excellent Graduation Thesis (Law Dissertation) | *Beijing Department of Education*
- 2021: Excellent Graduate | *China University of Political Science and Law*
- 2021: Third Prize in the 5th “Ce Lun Zhong Guo” Case Study Competition | *Zhejiang University*
- 2020: Third Prize in the 6th National College Students Case Study Competition of City Governance | *Shanghai Jiaotong University*
- 2020: “Honorable Mention” in 2020 Tsinghua SPPM International Case Analysis Competition of Public Policy on Sustainable Development Goals | *Tsinghua University*
- 2019: The Second Prize Scholarship (10%) | *China University of Political Science and Law*
- 2018: College Students’ Scientific Research and Entrepreneurship Project | *Beijing Department of Education*
- 2018: The Second Prize Scholarship (10%) | *China University of Political Science and Law*
- 2017: Excellent Student Leader | *China University of Political Science and Law*

RESEARCH ASSISTANT EXPERIENCE

- University of Georgia** Aug 2023 - Present
- Assistant Professor Gbemende Johnson analyzed and coded Supreme Court cases pertaining to the Freedom of Information Act, contributing valuable insights to transparency and government accountability.
- Judge Business School, University of Cambridge** July - Dec 2022
- Collaborated with research team members to evaluate the literary works and gather research from outside sources
 - Conduct creativity evaluation based on the collected survey data, as well as data analysis in the field of organizational behavior
- National Collaborative Innovation Center of Judicial Civilization** July - Aug 2018
- Distributed surveys and conducted interviews to gather public opinions on Chinese judicial system to study the national judicial civilization index
- Modernization of National Governance System of Construction of Government under the Rule of Law | The National Social Science Fund of China** Jan - Mar 2018
- Conducted focus interviews with citizens and officials to evaluate their perspectives on the local governance system.
 - Took charge of urban research, questionnaire data analysis, questionnaire writing and research work

TEACHING ASSISTANT EXPERIENCE

- GEC Academy** Apr 2021 - Present
- Courses:** *Political Theory in Global Perspective | Politics, Markets and States in the Global South | International Law and the Use of Force | Multinational Enterprises and the Law | Sociology and the*

Study of Culture / Business Negotiation

- Conducted weekly office hours across multiple sections, providing timely instruction on course material while assisting students in the development of their final projects
- Recorded student participation in class activities and provided individualized guidance, offering class feedback to enhance student engagement
- Assist professors in developing supplemental support documents, videos, and technical support

China University of Political Science and Law

Fall 2019

Course: Post-modern Democracy and Management

- Addressed technical issues encountered by students, posted announcement online forums, and provided assistance to classmates with their coursework

Course: System of Civil Service

- Facilitated communication between students and professors by submitting student inquiries, relayed class schedules to students, and assisted in coordinating the final exam

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Paralegal

May - July 2021

Foreign Trademark Department, Globe-Law Law Firm

- Managed domestic trademark applications, drafted legal documentation to protect customers' trademark rights, and provided updates on case progress to both domestic and foreign clients.

Legal Assitant

Oct - Dec 2018

Department of Duty Crime Investigation, People's Procuratorate of Changping District, Beijing

- Drafted indictments and performed tasks involving scanning, collecting, and inputting electronic record materials.

Legal Assistant

Jan - Feb 2017

Intellectual Property Court, People's Court of Haidian District, Beijing

- Participated in trial audits, prepared case summaries detailing court verdicts, and organized litigation records.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Class leader

2017 - 2021

China University of Political Science and Law

- Supported school department administrative tasks, managing student honors election process

Debater

2016 - 2021

School of Political Science and Public Administration, China University of Political Science and Law

- Debated with team members, crafted debate speeches to identify logical consistency, factual accuracy

Work-Study Assistant

2019 - 2020

Office of Journal Editorial, China University of Political Science and Law

- Drafted journal articles and proofread the formats and contents of manuscripts

Director of Public Relations Department

2017 - 2018

Association for Career Development and Entrepreneurship, China University of Political Science and Law

- Conducted training for new staff and organized events for students' career preparation

Director of Public Relations Department

2017 - 2018

Student Entrepreneurship Association, China University of Political Science and Law

- Planned and organized Entrepreneurship competition, "Internet+" Competition, and fundraiser for activities

Work-Study Assistant

2017

Student Career Center, China University of Political Science and Law

- Assisted in preparing students' graduation and career materials, curated job information for students.

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Member ICPD+30 Asia Pacific Regional Youth Group	2022 - Present
Volunteer China Youth Network	2021 - 2023
Leader Sunshare Public Welfare Organization	2019 - 2020
International volunteer teacher Thailand	2019
Volunteer Teacher Beijing, Fujian Province, and Hunan Province	2017/2018/2019
Volunteer 2019 World Expo	2019
Volunteer Tangshan Chamber of Commerce in Beijing	2019
Volunteer Beijing SongTang Hospice	2018

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Political Science Association; Midwest Political Science Association

SKILLS AND CREDENTIALS

Computer skills: RStudio, MATLAB, SPSS, EViews, QSR NVivo12, ROSTCM6, Microsoft Office

Legal skills: Chinese Legal Professional Qualification Certificate (Chinese Bar)

Language skills: Chinese (native), English (working proficiency)