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EDUCATION

University of Georgia — Athens, GA
Ph.D., Political Science — Spring 2028 (Expected)
Presidential Graduate Fellow

Johns Hopkins University — Baltimore, MD
M.A., Public Management — 2022

China University of Political Science and Law — Beijing, China
B.A. (with Honor), Public Administration — 2021
L.L.B. (with Honor), Law — 2021
Winner of the 2021 Beijing Best Undergraduate Thesis Award

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Executive Politics; Bureaucratic Politics; Administrative Rulemaking; Presidency; Executive and Judicial Politics

PUBLICATIONS

Johnson, Gbemende E., Yao Yao, and Hannah Lee. 2026**.** "Peeking Behind the Curtain: The Federal Bureaucracy, Transparency, and Judicial Oversight." *Divided Nation: Analyzing Policy, Behavior, and Institutional Challenges in Modern American Democracy,* eds. Jamie L. Carson and Ryan D. Williamson. De Gruyter

Johnson, Gbemende E., and Yao Yao**.** 2024. "The Judicial System of the USA." *The USA and Canada 2025 27th edition,* edited by Dominic Heaney. London: Routledge

Johnson, Gbemende E., Sidney Shank, and Yao Yao. 2023. "The Judicial System of the USA." *The USA and Canada 2024 26th edition,* edited by Dominic Heaney. London: Routledge

Yao, Yao, and Xiaodong Sun. 2022. "Zhongcheng' Haishi 'Fuyong': Xiandai Chengshi zhong de Shequ Juji – Yi Tangshanshi H Zhuang Shequ Juji Wenhua wei Li." *Research on Public Complaints and Governance*: 147-153.

Yao, Yao, Luyang Li and Xiao Song. 2021**.** "Lvshui Qingshan s Jinshan Yinshan: Anshu Chanye Jingji yu Huanjing Zhili Kunju – Jiyu Fujian A Cun Anshu Zhongzhi de Shijian Fenxi" *Public Policy Review* (2021): 196-211

Yao, Yao.2021. "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.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant

University of Georgia
POLS1101: American Government, Undergraduate — Fall 2025, Spring 2026

GEC Academy — Spring 2021- present
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

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of Georgia
Research Assistant for Gbemende Johnson — Fall 2023 – Summer 2025

University of Cambridge
Research Assistant for Judge Business School — Fall 2022

China University of Political Science and Law
Research Assistant for National Collaborative Innovation Center of Judicial Civilization. — Fall 2018
Research Assistant for "Modernization of National Governance System of Government under the Rule of Law". National Social Science Fund of China (NSSFC). — Spring 2018

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Midwest Political Science Association — 2021, 2022, 2024, 2025, 2026
American Political Science Association — 2024, 2025, 2026
Southern Political Science Association — 2026

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Presidential Graduate Fellow Award, University of Georgia — Fall 2023 – Spring 2027
Presidential Travel Scholarship, University of Georgia — 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026
Travel Scholarship, Department of Public Administration and Policy, School of Public and International Affairs, University of Georgia — 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026
Peter Mekis Memorial Scholarship, University of Georgia — 2023
Best Undergraduate Thesis Award, Beijing Municipal Education Commission — 2021

Distinguished Graduate, China University of Political Science and Law 2021

Third Prize, 5th Public Administration National Case Competition, Zhejiang University 2021

Third Prize, 6th National College Students Case Study Competition of City Governance, Shanghai Jiao Tong University 2020

Merit Scholarship (top 10%), China University of Political Science and Law 2018, 2019

College Students' Innovation and Entrepreneurship Training Program, Beijing Municipal Education Commission 2018

Student Leadership Award, China University of Political Science and Law 2017

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

Quantitative Reasoning to Develop Insights Program, National University of Singapore 2020

Welfare Economics for Public Policy Program, University of Cambridge 2020

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Globe-Law Law Firm, Legal Assistant, Foreign Trademark Department, Beijing, China 2021

People's Procuratorate of Changping District, Legal Assistant, Department of Duty Crime Investigation, Beijing, China 2018

People's Court of Haidian District, Legal Assistant, Intellectual Property Court, Beijing, China 2017

SERVICE

China University of Political Science and Law

Class President, Public Administration (Class of 2016) 2019, 2020

Director of Public Relations Department, Student Career Development Association 2017, 2018

Director of Public Relations Department, Student Entrepreneurship Association 2017, 2018

RESEARCH SKILLS

Programming: R, Python, LaTeX, QSR NVivo12, ROSTCM6

Legal Qualifications: Legal Professional Qualification Certificate (PRC, Class A) *(bar-qualifying credential)*

Language Proficiencies: Chinese (native), English (fluent)

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

Available Upon Request