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Education

Northwestern University
Ph.D., Political Science, Expected 2029.

Columbia University
M.A., Political Science, 2023.

Beijing Foreign Studies University
B.A., Translation(English), 2022.

Projects

Auspicious Dates and Bureaucratic Decision-Making in China
Examines regional variation in the use of auspicious dates (liangchen jiri) on construction events by analyzing chronicles of major events across prefectural and provincial China.

Feng Shui and the Spatial Logic of State Infrastructure Placement
Investigates whether geomantic beliefs shape the siting and spatial configuration of government buildings using field and computational data.

Political Ideology and Governance Style among Chinese Leaders, 1980s–1990s
Measures ideological preferences of political elites through content analysis of political texts during the post-Mao reform era.

Teaching

Northwestern University
Teaching Assistant, ***Politics of Southeast Asia***, for Prof. **Jeffrey Winters**, Fall 2025
Teaching Assistant, ***Politics of China***, for Prof. **Iza Ding**, Winter 2026
Teaching Assistant, ***Politics of Latin America***, for Prof. **Edward Gibson**, Spring 2026

RA Experience

for Prof. **Iza Ding**, Northwestern University
for Prof. **Jordan Gans-Morse**, Northwestern University
for Prof. **Junyan Jiang**, Columbia University

Grants

Minar Summer Research Award Northwestern University, 2025
International Pre-dissertation Research Awards Northwestern University, 2026

Languages	Chinese (native), English (advanced), French (intermediate)
	R, LaTeX, ArcGIS