

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

PURDUE UNIVERSITY

Ph. D in Political Science

(Expected) 2027
West Lafayette, IN

Current GPA: 3.13/4.00

Major Focus: International Relations

Minor Focus: Comparative Politics

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT EL PASO

Master of Arts (MA) in Political Science

December 2022
El Paso, TX

GPA: 3.75/4.00

Thesis: “Authoritarian Regimes and Public Goods: Structure and Survival”

Committee: Dr. Joseph Zhou (Committee Chair), Dr. Taeko Hiroi, Dr. Danielle Morales (Outside Member)

Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Political Science (International Politics Concentration)

May 2019

Minor: Philosophy

El Paso, TX

Major GPA: 3.3/4.00

Affiliations

PURDUE UNIVERSITY – Office of Graduate Diversity Initiatives

Graduate BRIDGE Scholar

06/2022 – Present

SOUTHERN REGIONAL EDUCATION BOARD

Doctoral Scholar

10/2023 – Present

Attended Annual Institute On Teaching and Mentoring (2023, 2024)

Positions Held

Department of Political Science, Purdue University

08/2022 – Present

Graduate Teaching Assistant

West Lafayette, IN

- Assisted assigned professors in facilitating lectures, grading/proctoring exams, handling student issues, and assisting students with most class-related issues.
- Classes Assisted: Intro to International Relations, Rich Nation Poor Nation (International Political Economy)

Department of Political Science, UTEP

Multiple

Independent Instructor

El Paso, TX

- Lead instructor for entry level political science courses.
- Class of 50 Undergraduate Students
- Taught POL 130 Introduction to Political Science in Summer I & II; 2023, 2024
- Four week course; covered general research areas of political science

Purdue Graduate Student Government, Purdue University

08/2023 – 07/2024

Senator

- Representative to the university graduate student government representing the interests of my home department constituents
- Sitting member of the Reimbursement and Grant Reallocation Committee (GRAC), duties consist entirely of reviewing grants for graduate student travel, professional develop, and organizational funding.

Department of Political Science, UTEP

08/2020 – 08/2022

Graduate Teaching Assistant

El Paso, TX

- Assisted assigned professors in facilitating lectures, grading/proctoring exams, handling student issues, and assisting students with most class related issues.
- Classes Assisted: Intro to Political Science I & II, Chinese Politics, East Asian Politics, International Security.

Department of Political Science, UTEP

04/2021 – 01/2022

Academic Advisor

El Paso, TX

- Advised undergraduate political science majors in preparation for the upcoming semester. Task was to ensure that these students were on track to meet degree requirements and were registered for courses that satisfied degree requirements.
- Assisted students with various situations preventing them from registering, providing them with resources/information to assist them to be able to register. (Lifting Holds, Academic Probation, Submitting Course Substitution Forms)

Skill Proficiencies

- **Quantitative: OLS, Experiments, Survey Methods, Categorical Data Analysis**
- **R Programming (Entry Level Proficiency)**
- **Languages: English (Native) and Spanish (Moderate Proficiency)**
- **ARC GIS (Entry Level Proficiency)**