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- Employment**      **University of California, Los Angeles**, Los Angeles, California  
Assistant Professor, Political Science, July 2022–
- Education**      **Washington University in St. Louis**, St. Louis, Missouri  
Ph.D., Political Science, 2022  
M.A., Political Science, 2018
- Tsinghua University**, Beijing, China  
B.A., (summa cum laude) Journalism & Communication, 2016  
B.A., International Politics, 2016
- Australian National University**, Canberra, Australia  
Exchange Program, 2014
- Research Interests**    **International Relations:** Conflict, Terrorism, Violent Group Propaganda, Middle East  
**Political Methodology:** Machine Learning, Text-As-Data, Topic Models, GIS
- Publications**      Scott F Abramson, Carter, David B., and Luwei Ying. 2022. “Historical Border Changes, State Building and Contemporary Trust in Europe” *American Political Science Review*, 116(3), 875-895.
- Ying, Luwei, Jacob M. Montgomery, and Brandon M. Stewart. 2022. “Topics, Concepts, and Measurement: A Crowdsourced Procedure for Validating Topics as Measures” *Political Analysis*, 30(4), 570-589.  
                         – Software: [validateIt](#) An R Package that creates topic/label validation tasks and interacts with Mturk API
- Ying, Luwei. 2021. “How State Presence Leads to Civil Conflict.” *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 65(2–3), 506–533.  
                         – Winner of the Pi Sigma Alpha Award for the Best Paper Presented at MPSA 2019  
                         – Winner of the Best Paper in International Relations Award at MPSA 2019
- Carter, David B. and Luwei Ying. 2021. “The Gravity of Transnational Terrorism.” *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 65(4):813-849.
- Working Papers**      Ying, Luwei “The Unified Strategy of Religious Extremists: Military Power and Ideological Appeals”, under review

– Winner of the Best Poster Award (Application) at PolMeth Summer Meeting 2020, under the title “Religiosity and Secularism: A Text-as-Data Approach to Recover Jihadist Groups’ Rhetorical Strategies”

Pang, Xun and Luwei Ying “Democracy versus Authoritarianism?: How Regime Type Shapes US-China Competition for UNGA Voting Alignment”, under review

Carter, David B., Austin L. Wright, and Luwei Ying “Diversity via Resettlement: Historical Displacement and Contemporary Politics”

Wayne, Carly and Luwei Ying “Leaders in Leaderless White Nationalist Movements”

Carter, David B. and Luwei Ying “Historical Border Instability, Satisfaction with Democracy and the Rise of Populism”

Blair, Christopher W. and Luwei Ying “Building Walls, Building Bridges: Border Fortification and Insurgent Influence”

#### Other Writings

##### **Book**

Ying, Luwei. 2011. “Ice Toad: Stories about Chinese Militia in 1920s.” *Jilin People’s Press*.

##### **Articles**

Ying, Luwei. 2015. “Rising of Digital Media Diplomacy: A Remedy for the Traditional Mode.” *Chinese Market* 37: 125–127.

Ying, Luwei. 2015. “On Wendt’s Constructivism.” *Journal of Juanzong* 5(8): 635–635.

Ying, Luwei. 2014. “Journalism during Chinese Communist Revolution.” *Youth Journalist* 6: 86–87.

#### Honors & Awards

2022. Walter Isard Award for Best Dissertation in Peace Science

2020. Best Poster Award (Application) at PolMeth 2020

2020. Pi Sigma Alpha Award for the Best Paper Presented at MPSA 2019

2020. Best Paper in International Relations Award at MPSA 2019

2016. Graduation with Honors, Tsinghua University

2015. Scholarship for Academic Excellence, Tsinghua University

2014. Best Paper in Journalism and Communication, People’s Daily Online

2014. Excellent Student Leader of Student Academic Center

2013. Scholarship for Comprehensive Excellence, Tsinghua University

#### Grants

2021. American Political Science Association Annual Conference Travel Grant (\$300)

2020. Weidenbaum Center Research Grant, with Carly Wayne (\$9,800)

2020. Graduate Research Seed Grant (\$1,500)

2020. Weidenbaum Center Research Grant, with Jacob M. Montgomery and Brandon M. Stewart (\$5,000)

2019. Peace Science Annual Conference Travel Grant (\$200)

2019. American Political Science Association Annual Conference Travel Grant (\$225)

2015. Overseas Studies Grant for Outstanding Undergraduates (≈ \$8,000)

Teaching	<p><b>University of California, Los Angeles</b>, Department of Political Science</p> <p><i>Graduate Level</i></p> <p>Pol Sci 239 Violent Non-state Actors in World Politics, Spring 2023</p> <p><i>Undergraduate Level</i></p> <p>Pol Sci 20 World Politics, Spring 2023</p>
Presentations	<p><b>Annual Conferences</b></p> <p>APSA: 2019 (travel grant recipient), 2020, 2021 (travel grant recipient), 2022</p> <p>MPSA: 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 (cancelled), 2021</p> <p>Peace Science: 2019 (travel grant recipient), 2020, 2021, 2022</p> <p>PolMeth: 2019, 2020, 2022</p> <p>Asian PolMeth: 2016, 2021</p> <p>Latin American PolMeth: 2020</p> <p>SLAMM! (St Louis Area Methods Meeting): 2019, 2021</p> <p>CPAC (Comparative Politics Annual Conference): 2018, 2019, 2021</p> <p>Visions in Methodology: 2021</p> <p><b>Invited Talks</b></p> <p>2023: Stanford, <a href="#">Political Science Review</a></p> <p>2022: Tsinghua</p> <p>2021: BU, Michigan, NYU Abu Dhabi, Princeton, Texas A&amp;M, UBC, UCLA, UIUC, Vanderbilt</p> <p>2020: <a href="#">International Methods Colloquium</a>, UCLA</p> <p>2018: Tsinghua</p> <p><b>Workshops</b></p> <p>Borders, Territoriality and the State System, Washington University in St. Louis, March 2023</p> <p>Women in Conflict Studies (WICS) Professional Development Workshop, February 2023</p> <p>Political Science Speaker Series for Chinese Scholars [Virtual] Workshop, March 2022</p> <p>Association for the Study of Religion, Economics, &amp; Culture (ASREC) Graduate Student [Virtual] Workshop, Chapman University, June 2021</p> <p>Weidenbaum Frontiers [Virtual] Workshop on Political Violence, Washington University in St. Louis, March 2021</p> <p>Bayesian Inference in Political Science Workshop, Washington University in St. Louis, October 2019</p> <p>Midwest Workshop in Empirical Political Science, Vanderbilt University, May 2019</p>
Service	<p><b>Manuscript Referee</b></p> <p><i>American Political Science Review, International Organization, International Studies Quarterly, International Interactions, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Experimental Political Science, Landscape Research, Political Analysis, The Review of International Organizations</i></p> <p><b>Discipline</b></p> <p>Editor, PolMeth ListServ, Spring 2021 - Spring 2022</p> <p>PolMeth Poster Award Committee Member, Summer 2022</p> <p><b>Departmental</b></p>

Graduate Student Admissions Committee Member, UCLA Political Science, Winter 2022 - Spring 2023  
Coordinator, Speaker Series, WashU Political Science, Fall 2019 - Spring 2022  
Coordinator, Ph.D. students recruitment, WashU Political Science, Spring 2019

Advising      **Political Science Honors Program**  
                  John Porter, Kory Yueh

RA Experience      **Washington University in St. Louis**, Office of the Chancellor  
                          Research Assistant (Andrew D. Martin), Fall 2020

Work Experience      **Xinhua News Agency**, Beijing, China  
                          Public Opinion Monitoring and Data Analysis, December 2014 – April 2015

**Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations**, Beijing, China  
                          Media Platforms Management, August 2015 – June 2016

Technical Skills      R, Python, Julia, Stata, ArcGIS, QGIS, Linux, SQL, Stan, Jags,  $\LaTeX$

Languages          Chinese (native), English (fluent), Arabic (basic)

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