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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Candidate, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS, Political Science (Ph.D. expected in May 2026)

Fields: International Relations, Comparative Politics

Dissertation: The Effect of State Visits on Conflict and Peace.

Committee: Marijke Breuning (chair), Glen Biglaiser, Michael Greig, John Ishiyama.

M.A., UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS, History, 2021

B.A., BAYLOR UNIVERSITY, Political Science, 2019

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Foreign Policy Analysis, Political Economy, Foreign Direct Investment, International Conflict, Chinese Politics, Economic Sanction, Reputation

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Li, Meilin. 2025. "Understanding the Effect of Madman Leaders on Economic Sanctions" *International Interactions*

WORKING PAPERS

- **Meilin Li.** "Leader Visits and Public Opinion."
- **Meilin Li.** "The Effect of Sexual Violence on Chinese FDI during Civil Conflict."
- **Meilin Li.** "The Effect of Female Politicians on the Imposition of Economic Sanctions."

CONFERENCES

- **Meilin Li.** 2025. "The Effect of Sexual Violence on Chinese FDI during Civil Conflict." Paper presentation at the 66th International Studies Association Annual Convention, Chicago, United States.
- **Meilin Li.** 2024. "The Effect of Female Politicians on the Imposition of Economic Sanctions." Paper presentation at the 120th American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, United States.
- **Meilin Li.** 2024. "Understanding the Effect of Madman Leaders on Economic Sanctions." Paper presentation at the 81st Annual MPSA Conference, Chicago, United States.
- **Meilin Li.** 2022. "Democracy Promotion by China? Chinese FDI and Civil Society." Paper presentation at the International Studies Association at Midwest, St.Louis, United States.

- **Meilin Li.** 2019. Washington Model Organization of American States, Washington, D.C., United States.
- **Meilin Li.** 2018. The Eugene Scassa Mock OAS Program Conferences, St.Marcos, United States.

RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

- 2023. Research Assistant, University of North Texas (Prof. Marijke Breuning)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

COURSE INSTRUCTORS

- Spring 2025: International Relations (SPHERE Institute)

GUEST LECTURE

- PSCI 3300: Political Science Research Methods - Citations and Plagiarism (September 13, 2024: Prof. Paul Hensel)
- PSCI 4820: Contemporary International Security - Chinese Public Opinion (February 27, 2024: Prof. Michael Greig)
- PSCI 2305: US Political Behavior and Policy - US Foreign Policy (December 5, 2023: Prof. Eddie Meaders)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

TEACHING ASSISTANTS

- 2021-25. Teaching Assistant, University of North Texas
- 2021. Teaching Assistant, University of Texas at Dallas

HONORS AND AWARDS

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS

- 2024 C. Neal and Carol Tate Fund (Department of Political Science, \$1000)
- 2022 COVID-19 Student Success Award (Division of Student Affairs, \$500)

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS

- 2019-21 The Robert Plant Armstrong Fellowship (School of Arts and Humanities, \$5000)
- 2019-21 Graduate Competitive Scholarship

BAYLOR UNIVERSITY

- 2016-2019 Baylor Transfer Scholarship
- 2017 James Carol Parker Scholarship (College of Arts and Science, \$3000)

THE EUGENE SCASSA MOCK OAS CONFERENCES

- 2018 Outstanding Delegation
- 2018 Distinguished Team Position Paper

GRANTS

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS

- 2025 Travel Grant (Department of Political Science, \$300)
- 2024 Travel Grant (College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, \$300)
- 2023, 2024 Travel Grant (Toulouse Graduate School, \$500)
- 2022, 2024 Travel Grant (Department of Political Science, \$500)
- 2022 Travel Grant (College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, \$400)
- 2021-22 Tuition Benefit Program (Toulouse Graduate School)

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES ASSOCIATION

- 2022 Travel Grant (International Studies Association, \$250)
- 2025 Travel Grant (International Studies Association, \$600)

RESEARCH SKILLS

COMPUTER PACKAGES

- STATA, R, SPSS, L^AT_EX

LANGUAGES

- Chinese (*Native Speaker*)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND MEMBERSHIP

- 2023-25 Political Science Graduate Student Mentor (University of North Texas)
- 2024-25 Political Science Graduate Student Association, Vice-President of International Student Relations (University of North Texas)
- American Political Science Association
- Midwest Political Science Association
- International Studies Association
- Peace Science Society
- Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society
- Tau Sigma Honor Society

REFERENCES

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