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EDUCATION

Harvard Kennedy School, Harvard University 2025–2027
Master in Public Policy, Data and Research Methods; Concentration in International and Global Affairs

Duke University · B.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies (Political Science) 2019–2025
Duke Kunshan University · Bachelor of Law in International Affairs and Relations

- Graduated with Distinction; GPA 3.80/4.00, major GPA 3.9/4.00; Dean's List, Spring 2023 and Spring 2025.

University of Oxford, Visiting Student, Philosophy, Politics and Economics 2023–24

University of Lapland, Arctic Studies Program · **Korea University**, Korean Politics and International Relations of East Asia 2024

RESEARCH

The Affected Member: Seating a Conflict's Neighbour on the UN Security Council. 2026
Working paper.

- Uses the fixed calendar of elected membership and presidential rotation, 1992–2025, to estimate how seating a conflict's neighbour changes the Council's response.

Lightning Rods: Visible Blockers and Hidden Opposition under Unanimity. Work in progress. 2026

Permission without Participation: Veto Reach across Routes to Change in the Founding Treaties of International Organizations. Working paper. 2026

Three Wars, Not a Continent: Revisiting the Violent Consequences of the USAID Shutdown. With Linda Wang. Work in progress. 2026

Opening the Northern Sea Route for Commercial Shipping: Challenges. Dissertation. 2025
Mentor: Sir Malcolm D. Evans, University of Oxford.

RESEARCH AND TEACHING APPOINTMENTS

Research Assistant to Margaret Williams, Arctic Initiative, Belfer Center, Harvard Kennedy School 2026–

- Research on marine biodiversity and conservation in the Bering Strait; synthesis of scientific and policy literature for briefing materials.

Course Assistant to Halla Hrund Logadóttir, *Policy and Social Innovations for the Changing Arctic*, Harvard Kennedy School 2026–

- Syllabus revision, reading selection, teaching materials and coordination with visiting experts.

Policy Analysis Exercise, client: WWF Global Arctic Programme. Chinese Shipping on the Northern Sea Route and Environmental Risk in the Bering Strait 2026–27

Research Assistant to Qian Zhu, Humanities Research Center Citizenship Lab, Duke Kunshan University 2022–23

- Curated an archive of 2,586 documents on China's New Village Movement; translated and annotated primary sources.

Research Assistant to Kathinka Fürst, Plastics Policy Inventory, Nicholas Institute, Duke University 2020

Research Assistant to Nuno P. Monteiro, Department of Political Science, Yale University 2019–20

- Co-authored a report on the postwar "long peace": nuclear deterrence, economic interdependence and democratization.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

World Economic Forum, Beijing. Early Careers Programme, Business Engagement and Advanced Manufacturing and Supply Chains 2023

- Supported the Global Lighthouse Network in China; contributed research and writing to white papers and Agenda articles on advanced manufacturing and supply chains.

LEADERSHIP

President, Greater China Society, Harvard Kennedy School 2026–

- Leads the Harvard China Conference and the Harvard–MIT China Trek.

Student Editor-in-Chief, Communication and Public Affairs, Duke Kunshan University 2022–23

HONOURS AND SKILLS

Rhodes Scholarship Finalist, China Constituency 2025

International Trade Policy Fellow, Duke Global Policy

Chinese (native), English (fluent), Russian (elementary). R and Python. Chinese-language primary-source research.