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EDUCATION & ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

- University of Michigan** | Ann Arbor, MI Sep'18–Present
- *Ph.D. in Political Science*
 - Areas of Specialization: Environmental Politics, Migration, Distributive Politics
 - Recipient of Lieberthal-Rogel Center for China Studies Doctoral Fellowship
- Lafayette College** | Easton, PA Aug'14–May'18
- *Bachelor of Arts in Policy Studies and Economics (Double Major)*
 - Summa Cum Laude with Honors
 - Thesis: "Energizing Diplomacy: How China uses energy projects to achieve diplomatic goals"
 - Louise M. Olmsted Prize in Ethics (Philosophy)
 - Department of Economics Award for Scholastic Excellence
 - Phi Beta Kappa
 - Pi Sigma Alpha (Political Science)
 - Omicron Delta Epsilon (Economics)
- Ngee Ann Polytechnic** – *Diploma in Mass Communication* | Singapore March 2014

PUBLICATIONS

- Wai, Rebecca. 2021. "Singapore's Response to COVID-19: An explosion of cases despite being a 'gold standard'". In *Coronavirus Politics: The Comparative Politics and Policy of COVID-19*, edited by Scott L. Greer, Elizabeth J. King, André Peralta-Santos & Elize Massard da Fonseca. University of Michigan Press.
- Greer, Scott & Rebecca Wai. 2019. "Successful External Interference Requires Domestic Confederates." *NATO Science for Peace and Security Series - D: Information and Communication*. 55: 163–173.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- Lieberthal-Rogel Center for China Studies Doctoral Fellowship** | University of Michigan Sep'18-Present
- Weiser Center for Emerging Democracies Graduate Student Research Grant** | University of Michigan

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- University of Michigan, Graduate Student Research Assistant** | Ann Arbor, MI Jun'20-Present
- Collaborate with a team in the Department of Health Management and Policy
 - Organize and clean demographic and COVID-19 public health data
 - Prepare briefs on government responses to the COVID-19 pandemic in various countries
 - Present policy recommendations to the Army Engineer Research Development Center
- University of Michigan, Graduate Student Research Assistant** | Ann Arbor, MI May-Aug'19
- Data cleaning and organization for Assistant Professor Mai Hassan
 - Merge various datasets to create one comprehensive data using R
 - Project focuses on land deeds and ethnicity in Kenya
- Lafayette College, EXCEL Scholar** | Easton, PA Jun'16-May'17
- Assist a professor with research on immigration policy in East Asia
 - Summarize and compile a bibliography of news articles, academic papers and policy papers
 - Collect and organize data on East Asian politicians' policy positions

FIELDWORK EXPERIENCE

- University of Michigan, *Dissertation Research*** | Pakistan Jul'19-Aug'19
- Conduct expert interviews with government officials and policy practitioners in major Pakistani cities
 - Interview communities facing water scarcity in Hyderabad
 - Collect archival data in Islamabad and Lahore

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Introduction to World Politics – POLSCI 160** | University of Michigan Sep'20-Dec'20
- *Graduate Student Instructor* with Professor James Morrow
- China's Rising Global Role – POLSCI 389** | University of Michigan Jan'20-May'20
- *Graduate Student Instructor* with Professor Yuen Yuen Ang
- Introduction to Chinese Politics – POLSCI 339** | University of Michigan Aug'19-Dec-19
- *Graduate Student Instructor* with Professor Mary Gallagher
- Fundamentals of Econometrics – ECON 253** | Lafayette College Jan'17-May'17
- *Supplemental Instruction Leader* with Professor Susan Averett
- Writing Associate** | Lafayette College Aug'15-May'18
- Help students improve their writing skills and specific essays

RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Jinzhou Investment Bureau, *Intern*** | Jinzhou, China June'17-Aug'17
- Interned for the city of Jinzhou's New Development Zone
 - Translate material used for attracting investments to the area from Chinese to English
 - Organize government documents detailing investment into the private sector
 - Observe site visits, business meetings and government meetings

SERVICE

- Interdisciplinary Workshop on Comparative Politics, *Co-organizer*** | University of Michigan Jul'20-Present
- Lafayette College Refugee Action, *President*** | Easton, PA Mar'17-May'18
- Establish a student organization targeted at assisting refugee resettlement agencies and bringing awareness to refugee issues on campus
 - Lobby the administration of Lafayette College to support a refugee family
 - Lead an initiative to resettle a refugee family in the local community and be assisted by the college

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Proficient: R, Python
- Familiar: STATA, LaTeX, HTML, Adobe Creative Suite
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LANGUAGE SKILLS

- Native: English
- Fluent: Mandarin Chinese
- Intermediate: Cantonese Chinese
- Basic: Arabic, Urdu