

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

2007 Ph.D., Political Science
State University of New York (SUNY) at Buffalo

Dissertation: "Understanding Corruption through a Cross-national Comparison."
Advisor: Dr. Claude Welch Jr.

2004 M.A., Political Science
State University of New York at Buffalo
2000 B.A., English & International Economics
Foreign Affairs College, Beijing, P.R. China.

Academic Interests

East Asian Politics, International Political Economy, Regression Analysis.

Research

"The Rights of Non-Citizens: American Democracy and Illegal Immigration" with Dr. Booker T. Ingram, presented at the Society for Values in Higher Education annual conference, July 27-31, 2011, Chicago.

"Lessons from the Presbyterian College Confucius Institute's Business Initiative" with Prof. Norman Scarborough, William Henry Scott III Associate Professor of Entrepreneurship, presented at the International Conference on Business Chinese Teaching, Copenhagen, Denmark, May 5-7, 2011

"The Currency Game: Should the Yuan appreciate?" presented at the South Carolina Political Science Association Conference, March 11-12, 2011, Lander University.

"What does a rising Yuan mean to China and the United States?" presented at the Sino-US business seminar, Nov. 22, 2010, Moore School of Business, University of South Carolina

"Is Democracy Inimical to Late Industrialization: A Most Similar Systems Comparison between India and China" presented at Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) Conference 2008.

“Is Corruption a Necessary Evil for Modernizing Countries?” presented at New York State Political Science Association (NYSPSA) Conference 2006. (*Supported by the Niagara University Mini-Research Grant*)

“Does Democracy Inhibit Corruption?” presented at Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) Conference 2006.

“Understanding Corruption through a Cross-National Comparison.” presented at the American Political Science Association (APSA) Conference 2005.

“PAC Campaign Contributions and Congressional Voting: Have Oil & GAS Dollars Bought the Drilling Rights in ANWR?” presented at Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Conference 2004.

Professional Activities and Presentations

Invited Guest Lecture: “The Tibetan Issue” in the freshman honor’s class by Robert Holyer, in spring, 2009

Panelist at the China Symposium: “Sino-U.S. Cooperation on Environmental Challenges,” Confucius Institute Grand Opening, Nov. 6, 2009

Organized the ten-city tour of Guizhou University Dance Troupe performance, Nov. 2009

Invited Guest Lecture: “China’s Geography and Culture” at Woodmont High School, South Carolina, Nov. 2009

Invited Keynote Speech: “Introducing the Confucius Institute to the Upstate” at the Greenville Sister Cities International annual meeting, Jan. 2010

Organized the first Statewide “Palmetto Chinese Star” Language Contest at PC, Feb. 2010

Workshop on Chinese Culture, Presbyterian Heritage Center, Montreat, North Carolina, in summer 2010

Invited Guest Lecture: “China’s Economic Development and Political Challenges” at the Chinese Corner Event at PC, in fall 2010

TV Interview on the Confucius Institute on *Your Carolina with Jack and Kimberly* in Greenville, Channel 7, WSPA, Feb. 2011

Invited Guest Lecture: “China’s Economic Miracle” at Christ Church Episcopal School, Feb. 2011

Translation for Laurens County Court, Aug., 2011

“Confucius Institute Updates” at the PC Administrative Council Retreat, in summer 2010 and 2011

Professional Experience

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| 2012- | Associate Professor of Political Science, Presbyterian College |
| 2008-2012 | Assistant Professor of Political Science, Presbyterian College |
| 2006-2008 | Visiting Assistant Professor, Western Carolina University |
| 2005-2006 | Full-time Instructor, Niagara University |
| 2002-2004 | Part-time Instructor, State University of New York at Buffalo |
| 2000-2002 | Teaching Assistant, State University of New York at Buffalo |

Professional Membership

American Political Science Association
Southern Political Science Association
Research Council on Political Corruption
Asia Network

Courses Taught

- Intro to China (Freshman Seminar)
- The Chinese Economic Development (Maymester)
- International Relations
- Politics of East Asia
- East Asian Political Economy
- International Political Economy
- Introduction to Comparative Politics
- Politics of European Democracies
- Global Issues
- Political Development
- Comparative Political Parties
- Enduring Issues in Political Science
- Introduction to American Government
- International Organizations

Professional Development

August 15, 2011: Assessment Workshop at PC

August 08 – 15, 2010: Executive Workshop for Confucius Institute Directors, Xiamen University, Xiamen, China

July 19 – 22, 2010: Int'l Conference on Critical Thinking, Berkeley, CA

August 19, 2009: Teaching Excellence Workshop at PC

Academic Honors and Grants

Mary Jo Small Fellowship 2011

SPSA Artinian Award 2008

Chancellor's Travel Grant 2007 (Western Carolina University)

Mini-Research Grant (Niagara University)

APSA Travel Grant 2005

Distinction in Comparative Politics Comprehensive Exam Spring 2005

2000-2004 Presidential Fellowship (SUNY at Buffalo)

Service

2011- Director, American Cultural Center at Guizhou University, China.

Author of the grant proposal to the U.S. State Department and oversees the grant implementation

- 2011- Vice President, South Carolina Political Science Association
- 2011- Founder and President of Southeast Chinese Language Association
www.secla.org
- Members: Presbyterian College, University of South Carolina, College of Charleston, NC State University, Pfeiffer University, University of Memphis, Middle Tennessee State University, Emory University, Georgia State University, Kennesaw State University.
- 2011- Diversity Committee
- 2010- Affiliated Board Member, Greenville Sister Cities International
- 2010-2011 Lecture & Fine Arts Committee
- 2010 Search Committee for Tenure-track faculty in International Relations
- 2009 Model UN Advisor to attend SRMUN Conference
- 2008-2010 Honor Council
- 2008 Search Committee for Tenure-track faculty in Chinese Language
- 2008- Confucius Institute Advisory Board (ex officio)
- 2008- Director of Confucius Institute, Presbyterian College
- 2006- 2008 Advisor, Model United Nations Club, Western Carolina University