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**EDUCATION** **Columbia University in the City of New York, NY** 2019-2026 (Expected)  
Ph.D., Political Science  
• Fields: International Relations (Major), Comparative Politics  
• Dissertation: Early-Life Experiences and Global Public Opinions on Economic Policymaking  
• Committee: Allison Carnegie (Co-Chair), Nikhar Gaikwad (Co-Chair), Junyan Jiang, Calvin Thrall  
M. Phil., Political Science 2022  
M.A., Political Science 2020  
**SAIS, Johns Hopkins University, Washington, D.C.** 2018  
M.A., International Political Economy and International Economics  
**Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO** 2016  
B.A., magna cum laude, Business Administration  
**Hunan University, Changsha, Hunan, China** 2014  
B.A., Finance

**RESEARCH INTEREST** Research Focus: International political economy, backlash against economic and political liberalism, economic security and statecraft, political socialization  
Regional Focus: East Asia, Developed Economies

**PUBLICATION** [1] 2024. “Political Trust and Government Performance in the Time of COVID-19.” *World Development* 176 (106499), with Chengyuan Ji and Junyan Jiang.  
– **Keywords:** Health governance, political trust

**WORKING PAPER** [7] “Assistance to Me, and to Thee: Early Inequality Experiences and Public Preferences for Overseas Aid.” (Under Review)  
– **Keywords:** Foreign Aids, Inequality, Early Experiences, Public Opinion, Developed Countries  
[6] “Inflation of Populism: Effects of Early Economic Experiences on Support for Populist Parties.” (Under Review)  
– **Keywords:** Inflation, Populism, Early Experiences, Public Opinion, European Politics  
[5] “Rethinking Backlash against Trade Openness: Import–Export Preferences in Two Dimensions” with Ziwen Zu. (Under Review)  
– **Previous Title:** “Why Mercantilism?”  
– **Keywords:** Globalization Backlash, Mercantilism, Isolationism, Survey Experiment, United States and China  
– **Presentations:** APSA 2026, GSIPE-APSA 2026, ISA 2026, IPES 2025  
[4] “Partisan Responses to Economic Shocks: Inflation Crises and the Paradox of Trade Liberalization.”

- **Keywords:** Inflation crisis, trade liberalization, political parties, electoral politics
- **Presentations:** APSA 2025, MPSA 2025

- [3] “International Competition and Technological Preferences: Evidence from the United States and China.” with Ziwen Zu.
- **Keywords:** Technological globalization, AI, geopolitical competition, U.S. & China, survey experiment
  - **Presentations:** APSA 2026, ISA 2026, IPES 2025
- [2] “Prosperity and Openness: Early Globalization Experiences and Mass Preferences for Free Trade.” (Under Review)
- **Keywords:** Formative experiences, trade preferences, East and Southeast Asia
  - **Presentations:** APSA 2024, MPSA 2024
- [1] “Aversion to What?: Early-Life Economic Experiences and Responses to Inflation.”
- **Keywords:** Formative experiences, macroeconomic attitudes, Europe
  - **Presentations:** APSA 2023

**RESEARCH IN  
PROGRESS**

- [4] “Nationalist, United?”
- [3] “On Industrial Policies.”
- [2] “Environmental and Electoral Consequences of the Trade War.”
- [1] “Life Experiences and Attitudes toward Military Alliance.” with Allison Carnegie and Elizabeth Saunders.

**OTHER  
PUBLICATION**

- [1] 2018. “China’s Coal-to-Gas Program: A Developing Environmental Governance Regime.” *SAIS Review of International Affairs*.

**TEACHING  
EXPERIENCE**

**Columbia University**

Politics of International Economic Relations, Prof. Jeffrey Frieden	Fall 2024
Chinese Politics, Prof. Junyan Jiang	Fall 2021, Spring 2023
China’s Foreign Relations, Prof. Thomas Christensen	Spring 2021, Fall 2022, Spring 2025
International Politics, Prof. Alexander de la Paz	Spring 2022
Autocracy and Democracy, Prof. Timothy Frye	Fall 2020

**SAIS, Johns Hopkins University**

Advanced Topics in International Trade (Graduate), Prof. Hiau Looi Kee	Spring 2018
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**RESEARCH  
ASSISTANCE**

**Columbia University**

Prof. Nikhar Gaikwad	2022-25
Prof. Junyan Jiang	2021-23, 25

**SAIS, Johns Hopkins University**

Prof. Ling Chen	2017-19
Prof. David Steinberg	2018-19

**FELLOWSHIPS,  
GRANTS, AND  
AWARDS**

**External**

Expense Support Grant, Institute for Humane Studies (\$7500)	2025
Humane Studies Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies (\$3000)	2024
Finalist, NY/PANJ AAPOR Young Public Opinion Stars	2024
Travel Grant, Graduate Students in International Political Economy	2022
Travel Grant, International Studies Association	2019

**Columbia University**

C. Martin Wilbur Fellowship	2025
CPE Graduate Student Grant (\$7000)	2025
Dissertation Fellowship	2023-24
Travel Grant	2023-25
Teaching Fellowship	2020-23, 24
Weatherhead East Asian Institute Fellowship	2019-20

**SAIS, Johns Hopkins University**

SAIS Fellowship	2017-18
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**Colorado State University**

Dean's List	2014-15
Global Partnership Fellow	2014-16

<b>CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS</b>	<b>2026:</b> APSA <sup>c,d×4,p×2</sup> , GSIPE APSA Pre-Conference Workshop, ISA <sup>c,p×2</sup>
	<b>2025:</b> IPES <sup>p×2</sup> , GSIPE <sup>d,p</sup> , MPSA <sup>d,p</sup>
	<b>2024:</b> Virtual International Political Economy Society, NY/PANJ AAPOR Young Public Opinion Stars, GSIPE Mini-Conference, GSIPE <sup>d,p</sup> , APSA, MPSA
	<b>2023:</b> Northeast Regional Workshop in European Politics, GSIPE <sup>d,p</sup> , APSA
	<b>2022:</b> GSIPE APSA Workshop
	<b>2021:</b> Political Science Speaker Series
	<b>2019:</b> ISA
<b>2018:</b> MPSA	

\*c = Chair, d = Discussant, p = Paper

<b>SKILLS</b>	<b>Languages:</b> Mandarin (Native)
	<b>Programming:</b> R, Stata, L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X

<b>SERVICE</b>	Event Coordinator, Graduate Student in International Political Economy	2024-25
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<b>REFEREE</b>	<i>Social Science Research / World Development</i>
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<b>PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE</b>	US-China Business Council	2018-19
	China Africa Research Initiative	2016-17, 2018-19
	Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars	2018
	Brookings Institution	2018

<b>REFERENCES</b>	<b>Allison Carnegie</b>	<b>Nikhar Gaikwad</b>
	Department of Political Science Columbia University 1331 International Affairs 420 W. 118th Street New York, NY 10027 allison.carnegie@columbia.edu	Department of Political Science Columbia University 739 International Affairs 420 W. 118th Street New York, NY 10027 nikhar.gaikwad@columbia.edu

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