

Siyu Liang

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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS	Postdoctoral Scholar , Stanford University Walter H. Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center, Stanford Next Asia Policy Lab (SNAPL)	2026 - present
EDUCATION	Ph.D. Political Science , University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) • Committee: Chad Hazlett (co-chair), Georgia Kernell, Stuart Soroka, Zachary Steinert-Threlkeld (co-chair), Michelle Torres Dissertation: <i>Unveiling Dissonance: Media Dynamics in Shaping U.S. and Chinese Public Perceptions</i> M.S. Statistics , University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) M.A. Political Science , University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) B.A. Statistics & Political Science , University of Wisconsin-Madison • Certificates: Mathematics and East Asian Studies	2026 2024 2021
RESEARCH INTERESTS	• Methodology: Text Analysis, Survey Experiments, Machine Learning, Causal Inference • Substantive: Political Communication, Public Opinion, Digital Media, Propaganda, CSS	
PUBLICATIONS	<i>Refereed Journal Articles</i> [1] Liang, Siyu , and Lachlan McNamee. 2026. "Authoritarian Persuasion at Home and Abroad: The Partial Effectiveness of Foreigner Influencers in Propaganda Work." <i>Comparative Political Studies</i> , 0(0). [2] Lo, Adeline, Héctor Piffarè i Arolas, Jonathan Renshon, and Siyu Liang . 2022. "The Polarization of Politics and Public Opinion and Their Effects on Racial Inequality in COVID Mortality." <i>PLOS ONE</i> 17(9). <i>Refereed Conference & Workshop Proceedings</i> [1] Liang, Siyu* , and Yanru (Joyce) Jiang*. 2026. "Capturing Epistemic Uncertainty in LLM-Based Soft Labeling." In <i>Proceedings of the Fifth Workshop on Generation, Evaluation and Metrics</i> . Association for Computational Linguistics. Co-first authors . [2] Jiang, Yanru (Joyce), Siyu Liang , and Junwon Choi. 2025. "Synthetic Survey Data Generation and Evaluation: A Case Study on National Voter Files." <i>Proceedings of the 31st ACM SIGKDD Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining (KDD '25)</i> , Vol. 1. <i>Working Papers</i> [1] Liang, Siyu . "Enemies Abroad, Animosity at Home: Media Influence on U.S.-China Policy and Anti-Asian Sentiment." (Revise and Resubmit, <i>Political Communication</i>) [2] Liang, Siyu , Jun Luo, and Je Hoon Chae. "From TikTok to RedNote: Platform Migration as Resistance in Geopolitical Tensions." Under Review. <i>Work in Progress</i> [1] Liang, Siyu , Patrick Chester, and Yutian Yang. "Who Speaks, Who Listens: How Foreign Influencers Communicate China to the World." [2] Liang, Siyu . "Not Just Noise: Modeling Annotation Uncertainty in Text Analysis."	

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS	Stand Together Trust Foreign Policy Grant	2025
	RFF Doctoral Dissertation Survey Research Grant	2025
	US-Asia Grand Strategy Pre-Doctoral Fellow (USC Korean Studies Institute)	2024 - 2025
	UCLA Fellowship in Political Psychology travel grant	2024
	UCLA Departmental Summer Fellowship	2022, 2023
	UCLA Summer Mentored Research Fellowship	2022
	UCLA Fellowship in Political Psychology	2022
	UCLA First Year Fellowship (\$22,000)	2022

- CONFERENCE & PRESENTATIONS [12] **Liang, Siyu.** Sep 2026. "Enemies Abroad, Animosity at Home: Media Influence on U.S.-China Policy and Anti-Asian Sentiment." *APSA Pre-Conference in Political Communication*, Boston, MA.
- [11] **Liang, Siyu.** Sep 2026. "Not Just Noise: Modeling Annotation Uncertainty in Text Analysis." *122nd Annual Meeting of American Political Science Association (APSA)*, Boston, MA.
- [10] **Liang, Siyu*** and Jiang, Yanru (Joyce)*. 2026. "Capturing Epistemic Uncertainty in LLM-Based Soft Labeling." Poster presented at *The Fifth Workshop on Generation, Evaluation and Metrics*, Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL), San Diego, CA.
- [9] **Liang, Siyu**, Jun Luo, and Je Hoon Chae. 2025. "From TikTok to RedNote: Platform Migration as Resistance in Geopolitical Tensions." *11th Annual Conference of the International Journal of Press/Politics*, Singapore.
- [8] **Liang, Siyu** and Lachlan McNamee. 2025. "Authoritarian Persuasion at Home and Abroad: The Partial Effectiveness of Foreigner Influencers in Propaganda Work." *2025 APSA Mini-Conference in Chinese Politics*, Vancouver, Canada.
- [7] **Liang, Siyu.** 2025. "Enemies Abroad, Animosity at Home: Media Influence on U.S.-China Policy and Anti-Asian Sentiment." *121st Annual Meeting of American Political Science Association (APSA)*, Vancouver, Canada.
- [6] Jiang, Yanru (Joyce), **Siyu Liang**, and Junwon Choi. 2025. "Synthetic Survey Data Generation and Evaluation: A Case Study on National Voter Files." *SIGKDD Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining. Applied Data Science Track*, Toronto, Canada.
- [5] **Liang, Siyu.** 2025. "Enemies Abroad, Animosity at Home: Media Influence on U.S.-China Policy and Anti-Asian Sentiment." *Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting (WPSA)*, Seattle, WA.
- [4] **Liang, Siyu.** 2024. "Approaches to Overcome Data Scarcity in Stance Detection." *120th Annual Meeting of American Political Science Association (APSA)*, Philadelphia, PA.
- [3] **Liang, Siyu** and Lachlan McNamee. 2024. "Authoritarian Persuasion at Home and Abroad: The Partial Effectiveness of Foreigner Influencers in Propaganda Work." *120th Annual Meeting of American Political Science Association (APSA)*, Philadelphia, PA.
- [2] **Liang, Siyu.** 2024. "Enemies Abroad, Animosity at Home: Media Influence on U.S.-China Policy and Anti-Asian Sentiment." *74th Annual Meeting of International Communication Association (ICA)*, Gold Coast, Australia.
- [1] **Liang, Siyu** and Lachlan McNamee. 2024. "Authoritarian Persuasion at Home and Abroad: The Partial Effectiveness of Foreigner Influencers in Propaganda Work." *81st Annual Meeting of Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)*, Chicago, IL.

TEACHING	SOLO INSTRUCTOR	
	POLI SCI 6. Introduction to Data Analysis	Summer 2024, Summer 2025
	TEACHING ASSISTANT /FELLOW	
	POLI SCI M152. The Political Economy of Climate Change	Spring 2025
	POLI SCI 30. Politics and Strategy	Fall 2022
	POLI SCI 6. Introduction to Data Analysis	Multiple quarters
	POLI SCI 209. Formal Theory and Quantitative Methods (grad level)	Fall 2023
	READER	
	POLI SCI 139. International Relations of East and Southeast Asia	Winter 2022
	POLI SCI 159B. Government and Politics of China: China in Age of Reform	Spring 2022
ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT	Research Assistant, UCLA	2022 - 2023
	PI: Miriam Golden	
	Research Assistant, University of Wisconsin-Madison	2020 - 2021
	PI: Adeline Lo	
	Research Assistant, University of Wisconsin-Madison	2019 - 2021
	PI: Kaiping Chen	
SERVICE	UCLA Graduate Student R Maven	2024 - 2025
	Women in Quant	2021 - 2026
	President of Undergraduate Statistics Club at UW-Madison	2020 - 2021
	Public Relations Chair, Alpha Omega Epsilon (A.O.E.)	2018 - 2019
	Badger Volunteer, Team Leader, Morgridge Center of Public Service	2017 - 2019
	Manuscript Referee:	
	<i>Political Science Research and Methods, Scientific Reports, Asian Survey, and Journal of Current Chinese Affairs</i>	
SKILLS	Software: Python, R, $\LaTeX$, Git, Qualtrics	
	Languages: English (full professional), Mandarin Chinese (native)	
	Applications: Final Cut Pro	
	Music: Gu Zheng (Level 10 Certificate, highest), Flute (Level 9 Certificate)	
PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	AmCham China	Jun 2019 - Aug 2019
	Public Relations and Marketing Intern	
	The Coca-Cola Company	Dec 2018 - Jan 2019
	Marketing Intern	
	Jilin Television Station	Jul 2016 - Aug 2016
	Assistant Director	
PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP	American Political Science Association	
	Midwest Political Science Association	
	International Communication Association	
	Western Political Science Association	

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