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EDUCATION

Ph.D. **University of Florida**, Political Science, Spring 2026 (*Expected*)
Fields: Political Theory, Comparative Politics

Dissertation: Darwin Goes East: Evolutionism and Imperialism in the Formation of Modern Chinese Political Thought

Committee: Daniel O'Neill (Chair), Leslie Thiele, Stacey Liou, James Gerien-Chen

M.A. **Peking University**, China, Political Science, 2018

B.A. **Renmin University of China**, Politics and Public Administration, Highest Distinction, 2016

SELECTED WORKS

“Reconfiguring the Global Color Line: The Paradoxical Discourse of Race in Zou Rong’s *Revolutionary Army*.” *Revised and resubmitted*

“Surviving Imperialism(s): Social Darwinism as Anti-Imperial Discourse in Modern Chinese Political Thought.” *Draft available*

“Beyond the People: Familial Imaginaries and American Democracy.” *Draft available*

“Liberal Individuality and Sociological Diversity, Revisiting the Family and Colonialism in Locke’s Political Thought.” *Draft available.*

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Surviving Imperialism(s): Social Darwinism as Anti-Imperial Discourse in Modern Chinese Political Thought.” *2026 Britain and Ireland Association for Political Thought Conference (scheduled)*

“Discovery Race in Modern Chinese Political Thought.” *2024 Western Political Science Association Conference | 2024 Midwest Political Science Association Conference*

“Unexpected Resonances: Zou Rong, Du Bois, and the Global Contours of Racial Discourses.”

2023 Annual Meeting of the Association for Political Theory

“The Invention of Liberal Individuality in Locke’s Political Thought.” 2022 PKU Annual Conference on Political Thought (Bei Da Zheng Zhi Si Xiang Lun Tan)

AWARDS & GRANTS

- Graduate Student Travel Fund Award, University of Florida (2024)
- CLAS Dissertation Fellowship, University of Florida (2024)
- Rothman Doctoral Fellowship, University of Florida (2023)
- Graduate School Fellowship, University of Florida (2018-2022)
- Pass with Distinction, Political Theory Qualifying Exam (2021)
- School of Government Honor Award, Peking University (2016)

TEACHING

University of Florida:

- Instructor of Record

- Problems of Democracy, Fall 2022, 2023, 2025 | Spring 2023, 2025
- Introduction to Political Theory, Summer 2024, 2025

- Teaching Assistant

- Introduction to Political Theory Fall 2019, 2020, 2021, 2024 | Spring 2021
- Theories of International Relations, Spring 2019
- Facets of Sustainability, Fall 2018

Peking University:

- Teaching Assistant

- History of Western Political Thought, Spring 2017 | Fall 2017

SERVICE

- Supervisor, Junior Fellows Program, Department of Political Science, University of Florida, 2024
- Discussant, UF Political Theory Workshop, University of Florida, 2021
- Research Assistant, Center for European Studies, Peking University, China, 2016-2017

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association (2023-present)

Western Political Science Association (2024-present)
Association for Political Theory (2023-present)

LANGUAGES

English, Mandarin (native), German (beginner)