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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Augusta University, Augusta, GA, United States

Assistant Professor

August 2022 - present

EDUCATION

University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA, United States

Ph.D. in Political Science

August 2022

King's College London, London, United Kingdom

M.S. in Emerging Economies and Inclusive Development

December 2016
with Distinction

Fudan University, Shanghai, China

B.S. in Financial Management

August 2011 - July 2015

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

International Relations: Conflict and Security, Information and Politics, Political Violence, Political Regime, Environment Politics

Political Methodology: Machine Learning, Text Analysis, Applied Statistics, Time Series Analysis, Network Analysis, Survival Analysis, Spatial Analysis

RESEARCH

Peer-Reviewed Articles

Yufan Yang "Revolutionary Ideology and Conflict Intensity", *Civil Wars*, 2026.

Kristen Topping, Yousef Hosny, Lance Y. Hunter, and **Yufan Yang**. "The effects of COVID-19 on domestic and international security in democratic and authoritarian regimes", *Politics and Life Sciences*, 2024.

Craig Douglas Albert, Ahmed Aleroud, **Yufan Yang**, Abd Bani Melhem, and Josh Rutland. "Arabic Propaganda Operations: Analyzing Socio-Political Issues on Twitter in the Middle-East", *Social Media and Society*, 2023.

Yufan Yang. "Political Discourse in China: How Does China Frame Hong Kong Protests to Its Domestic Audience?" *Journal of Quantitative Description: Digital Media*, 2023.

Lee, Bomi, Sara Mitchell, Cody Schmidt, and **Yufan Yang**. "Disasters and the Dynamics of Interstate Rivalry", *Journal of Peace Research*, 2022.

Yufan Yang, Joshua Tschantret, and Cody Schmidt. "Is Terrorism Deadlier in Democracies?", *International Interactions*, 2022.

Tschantret, Joshua, **Yufan Yang**, and Hoshik Nam. "An Analysis of Terrorist Group Formation, 1860-1969", *Defence and Peace Economics*, 2021.

Book Chapter

Mitchell, Sara, and **Yufan Yang** "The Environment and Conflict: Water Wars, in Sara McLaughlin Mitchell and John A. Vasquez (eds.), *What Do We Know About War? (Third Edition)*, 2021, Rowman & Littlefield Publishers.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Yang, Yufan, Daria Kuznetsova. "The Power of Words: How Rhetorical Strategies Influence Regime Legitimacy in Russia". Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) Annual Meeting, San Juan, PR. *January 2025*.

Yang, Yufan. "What Can LLMs Do for Political Scientists?". Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) Annual Meeting, San Juan, PR. *January 2025*.

Yang, Yufan. "Predicting Conflict with Propaganda – Evidence from Russia". Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA. *January 2024*

Craig Douglas Albert, Ahmed Aleroud, **Yufan Yang**, Abdullah Melhem, and Josh Rutland. "Arabic Propaganda Operations: Analyzing Socio-Political Issues on Twitter in the Middle-East", Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL. *April 2023*

Yang, Yufan. "State Propaganda and Mass Movements in Autocracies: Evidence from China", Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) Annual Meeting, St. Pete Beach, FL. *January 2023*

Yang, Yufan. "Disasters and Dynamics of Interstate Rivalry" (with Sara Mitchell, Bomi Lee, and Cody Schmidt) –Peace Science Society (PSS) North American Annual Meeting, Online. *2020*

Yang, Yufan. "Repressive Strategies and Autocratic Failure" –International Studies Association (ISA) Midwest Annual Conference, St. Louis, MO. *2019*

Yang, Yufan. "Climate Change and Historical Conflict" –Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Conference, Chicago, IL. *2019*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Augusta University

Fall 2022 - present

Graduate Level:

Weaponizing Information: The History and Theory of Propaganda

Environmental Security

History of Cyber War

Social Media Text Analysis

Social Media Network Analysis

Undergraduate Level:

Cyber Intelligence and Policy

Identity, Nationalism, and Ethnic Conflict

Introduction to Global Issues

The University of Iowa

Fall 2017 - Spring 2022

Introduction to Politics of Race (for Rene Rocha)

Latin American Politics (for Frederick Solt)

Introduction to International Relations (for Elizabeth Menninga and Kelly Kadera)

Introduction to Stata (for Elizabeth Menninga)

WORK EXPERIENCE

Selected and proposed reviewers for manuscripts.

Organized and drafted outlines of reviewers' comments.

RESEARCH SKILLS

Methods: Machine Learning, Text Analysis, Social Network Analysis, Spatial Analysis, Time Series Analysis, Causal Inference, Bayesian Statistics

Languages: Chinese (Native), English (Fluent)

Technical: Python, R, Stata, HTML, SQL, L^AT_EX

GRANTS & AWARDS

Faculty Inclusive Excellence Initiative (FIEI) Retention and Faculty Success Funds, Augusta University
Summer 2024

Center for Social Science Research Fellowship, Augusta University *2023-2024*

Graduate College Post-Comprehensive Research Fellowship, University of Iowa (\$10,000) *2021*

Graduate College Summer Fellowship, University of Iowa (\$5,000) *2021*

Hayek Fund for Scholars, Institute for Humane Studies *2021*

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) Ann Arbor, MI.

Summer 2018

Causal Inference for the Social Sciences

Empirical Modeling of Social Science Theory: Advanced Topics

SERVICE

Reviewer: *American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, Conflict Management and Peace Science, Defence and Peace Economics, Journal of Asian and African Studies, Politics and the Life Sciences, Journal of Peace Research, Comparative Political Studies, Humanities and Social Sciences Communications, China: An International Journal, Journal of Quantitative Description: Social Media*

Discussant & Conference Assistant:

What Do We Know About War?, Book Conference, Iowa City, IA. *2019*

Discussant & Panel Chair:

Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) Annual Conference, St. Pete Beach, Florida. *January 2023*

Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Conference, Chicago, IL. *April 2023*

Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA. *January 2024*

Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Conference, Chicago, IL. *April 2024*

Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) Annual Conference, San Juan, PR. *January 2025*