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Education

Ph.D. candidate in **Political Science**, Boston University, Boston, MA 2010-present
General Exams: Comparative Politics (major), IR (second major), and Chinese Politics (minor)

MA in International Affairs, American University, Washington DC,
Thesis defense: pass with distinction 2008-2010
Washington Semester Program, International Law and Organization, American University, Washington DC 2008

BA in Politics and Government (major), Business Administration (major), Leadership Studies (minor), Ripon College, Ripon, (Valedictorian) 2005-2008

Quantitative Training

Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR)
All courses taken in 2015 unless noted otherwise

Featured Course:
- Regression Analysis II: Linear Models (Grade: A)

Finished Courses:
- Causal Inference for the Social Sciences
- Analyzing Multilevel and Mixed Models Using Stata (Course taken in 2013)
- Introduction to the R Statistical Computing Environment
- Introductory Lectures on Matrix Algebra
- Introduction to the LaTeX Text Processing System

Proficiency in Statistical Software: Stata, R

Academic Appointments

- **Lecturer**, Department of International Relations and Department of Political Science, Boston University, 2012-present
    - Courses taught: *The Rise of China* (multiple semesters in 2016); *Public Policy and State-Society Relations* (2015 and 2016); *Readings in Public Policy* (2014 and 2015); *Intro to Comparative Politics* (2014); *China: from revolution to reform* (multiple semesters in 2013); *The Pacific Challenge* (2012). Designed and taught these courses independently.
- Researcher, School of Social Development and Public Policy, Beijing Normal University 2014-present
- Teaching Fellow, department of Political Science, Boston University, 2010-2014
    - Courses taught: *Intro to International Relations*, *intro to Comparative Politics (multiple semesters since 2010)*. Taught and facilitated student discussions three hours per week alongside lectures
- Research Assistant and Teaching Assistant:
    - RA and TA, American University 2008-2010
    - RA, Ripon College 2006-2008

Research and Teaching Interest

Chinese politics (elite politics and grassroots politics)
Civil society and social organizations
Disaster politics
International Relations with a focus on East Asia
Global environmental politics focusing on hydro politics
International Political Economy

Academic Publications

Taiyi Sun, "Earthquakes and the Typologies of State-CSO Relations in China: A Dynamic Framework," *China Information* (conditional acceptance) 2016

Suzanne Lea and Taiyi Sun, "Diversity in the Facilitated Classroom" Controversial History Education in Asian Contexts, *Routledge*, (http://www.routledge.com/books/details/9780415833523/) 2014

Taiyi Sun, "China's Pegged Exchange Rate and its Political Economy" *Journal of International Service*, Spring 2010

Working papers:
Taiyi Sun and John Gerring, "The Origin of Social Capital: Great Transformation in Quake-stricken China"

Taiyi Sun, "Perceptions of civil society organizations in rural China: the skeptical society"

Taiyi Sun, "Deliberate Differentiation for Outsourcing Responsibilities: The Logic of China's Behavior toward Civil Society Organizations"

Taiyi Sun, "Community empowerment in the marginalized population in urban areas"

Taiyi Sun, "Developmental States and Environment"

Awards and Achievements

Boston University Graduate Research Abroad Fellowship (A competitive university wide award that supports very limited students and scholars for doing research abroad) 2014

Boston University Presidential Fellow (full scholarship and stipend) 2010-2015

Ten Best Chinese Persons Overseas Award (The Big Ben Award) (Award not accepted) 2010

American University Hall of Nations Award (full scholarship and stipend) 2008-2010

Ripon College Class of 2008 Valedictorian of the class and Deans List every semester *(full scholarship)* *2005-2008*

Phi Beta Kappa Award and Honor Society member 2007-

Other Ripon College Awards:

- Winner of the "Campus Speech Writing Competition", 2008
- Second place in "Ethics Bowl" debate competition, 2008

- Harris Memorial Scholarship, 2007-2008

Talks, Conferences, and Workshop Presentations

American Political Science Association (APSA) panel paper presentation: "The Origin of Social Capital: Great Transformation in Quake-stricken China" 2016

American Political Science Association (APSA) panel paper presentation: "Perceptions of civil society organizations in rural China: the skeptical society" 2016

Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) panel paper presentation: "The Origin of Social Capital" 2016

American Political Science Association (APSA) panel paper presentation: "Civil Society Organizations under Authoritarian Rule" 2015

Zhejiang University, Featured guest speaker: "Earthquake and Social Capital Accumulation" 2015

Fudan University, conference on Chinese Philanthropy: Past, Today and the Future. Presented paper: "Perceptions of Charitable Organizations in Rural Sichuan" 2015

Harvard Graduate School of Education, Conference on: Civic and Moral Education in China. Presented paper: "The Civic Moral and Educational Challenges in Rural China" 2015

Harvard Kennedy School, "Elite Politics and the Anti-Corruption Campaign" organizer and moderator 2015

Boston University, Panel talk on Civil Society in China. Presentation given on: "Skeptical Society: Civil Society in China" 2015

Beijing Normal University, Featured guest speaker: "The origin of social capital?" 2014

Harvard Shanghai Center, Symposium on Cultivating Civic Consciousness in China. Paper presented: "Earthquake and Civil Society in China since the 2008 Wenchuan Earthquake" 2014

Harvard Kennedy School, panel speaker: "Chinese Politics: Perspectives on China Today" 2014

Harvard University Ash Center, Featured guest speaker: "Disaster Response and Civil Society" 2014

American University, Featured guest speaker: "Research Methods and doing fieldwork in China" 2014

Harvard University Chinese Politics Research Workshop, Featured speaker: "Earthquake and Social Capital Accumulation" 2014

MIT, Featured guest speaker: "Philanthropy and Public Welfare" 2014

Harvard University, Featured speaker: "Disasters and the Myth of Civil Society Formation in China" 2014

Mutually Assured Restraint Task Force member, George Washington University, Washington DC. A complete list of participants can be found here (http://icps.gwu.edu/files/2014/01/Participants-MAR-Taskforce-2.pdf) 2014

American Political Science Association Teaching and Learning Conference, "What IF Students Asked the Questions?: Student-Facilitated Policy Discussion in the University Classroom" 2014

American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, "Community empowerment in the marginalized population in urban areas" 2013

Harvard University Ash Center, Featured guest speaker: "Developmental States and Environment" 2013

American Sociology Association Annual Conference, "The IF method in the Facilitated Classrooms" 2013

Harvard University China Education Forum, presentation: "Citizenship and Social Innovation" 2013

Brown University Echo Symposium, Featured guest speaker: "Social Innovation: People, Money and the new approaches" 2013

Harvard Project for Asian and International Relations, panelist, Panelist: "Social Entrepreneurship and Social Innovation" 2013

TEDxHFLS talk, Featured guest speaker: "Mind the Gap: Turning ideas into Impact" 2013

American Political Science Association Teaching and Learning Conference, "Diversity and Controversy in the Facilitated Classroom" 2013

American University Washington Semester Program Guest Speaker, "Cross-Culture Communications" 2013

Fudan University Advanced Forum on In-Depth Research on China, "Contemporary China Studies with the Social Sciences' Perspective" July, Shanghai China 2012

National University of Singapore, "History as Controversy: Writing and Teaching Contentious Topics in Asian Histories" November, Singapore 2011

Harvard Yanching Institute and Nanjing University International Workshop on China Studies, "Social Stratification and Citizenship" July, Nanjing China 2011

5th Taiwan Conference: Global Forum of Chinese Political Scientists, "China-U.S. Relations and New Thinking of Cross-Strait Relations" October, Washington DC 2010

Nanjing University International Workshop on China Studies, "The China Experience under the Global Context" July, Nanjing China 2010

Professional Experience and Non-Academic Publications

- Assistant to the editor of book *Philanthropy for Health in China*, China Medical Board and Indiana University Press http://www.iupress.indiana.edu/product_info.php?products_id=807330 2014
- Researcher, Beijing Normal University School of Social Development and Public Policy 2014-
- Founder of "Taiyi Zhou Tan" a weekly publication on politics and current affairs 2014-
- Columnist and commentator on multiple Chinese media outlets including

- www.guancha.cn
- www.15yan.com
- www.guokr.com
- news.ifeng.com

- Co-Founder of "The Social Innovation Engine", an NGO incubated by the Harvard Innovation Lab focusing on Social Innovation, 2012-2013
  - Developing a social innovation case writing methodology and building a case bank
- Coordinator, Chinese Politics Research Workshop, Harvard University, Boston, MA 2010-
  - Organize Social Scientists from Harvard, MIT and BU who focuses on China to present ongoing researches
- Resident, Interactivity Foundation, Washington DC, Boston MA, and the Asia Pacific region 2008-
  - Organize and facilitate public discussions
- Columnist, "Zhongxuesheng Tiandi" (the largest youth magazine in China), 2003-
  - Write the column once a month
- Chief Representative, Asian Scholar Fund, Washington DC, 2008-2010
- Executive Assistant and office manager, Center for Asian Studies, AU, Washington DC, 2009-2010
- Risk Analyst for Corporate Risk International (now Altegrity Risk International), Reston VA, 2009

Activities and Interests

- Co-Organizer of the 2014 Global Diaspora Forum 2014
- Co-Founder of the Hi-Story Project 2014
- Co-Founder of GYA@MIT 2013-
- Organizer and founder of "China and the City" Forum at Boston University 2013
- Violin
  - Founder of MTDJ String Quartet 2014-
  - First Violin, Boston Civic Symphony, 2010-
  - Concertmaster, American University Symphonic Orchestra, 2008-2010
  - Concertmaster, Ripon College Symphonic Orchestra, 2005-2008
  - Concertmaster, China West Lake Youth Orchestra, 1996-2005
- Co-Founder of Harvard China Citizenship and Social Innovation Camp (now Harvard SEED) 2012-
- Co-Leader of the habitat for Humanity team from Ripon to rebuild houses after Katrina, AL, 2007
- Other Activities at College and Universities:
  - President and founder of the People's Club of China, 2005-08
  - Student Senator at Ripon College, 2006-07

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