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Academic History

Vanderbilt University, First Year Ph.D. Student in Sociology   August 2023 - present

Coursework: Teaching Workshop, Social Change, Theoretical Foundations of Sociology, Multivariate Analysis, Survey Seminar of Medical Sociology

Research interests: Political Sociology, Transnational Sociology, Environmental Sociology, Migration Policy

Research Project: Involuntary Migration and Social Integration in the case of China's Danjiangkou Dam

Penn State University, Master of International Affairs   August 2019 - May 2021

Research Topics: Dilemma Action, Data Privacy and Concerns with Online Applications-Federal Privacy Law, Strategies for Political Responses of Nepal, Quantitative Analysis of Determinants of the Severity of COVID-19 Outbreaks, etc.

Penn State University, Bachelor of Sociology & Bachelor of German   August 2016 - May 2021

Research Topics: The Role of Religion in Mental Health Among the US Public, Intergroup Hostility Research, US's VS East Asia's Response to COVID-19, The Role of L2 on L3 Acquisition, and Interpretation of FW. Murnau's Der Letzte Mann, Freud's Family in Exile, etc.

Teaching Experience

School of International Affairs — *Teaching Assistant*   January 2021 - May 2021
Penn State University, Graduate School of International Affairs, Multi-Sector Quantitative Analysis
State College, PA

- Designed and developed comprehensive coursework materials, including 17 assignments, 4 midterms, and a final exam, ensuring alignment with the academic pace and rigor of the Multi-Sector Quantitative Analysis course.

- Conducted weekly office hours, delivering targeted lectures and personalized tutoring sessions to clarify complex concepts, thereby enhancing students' grasp of quantitative analysis techniques.

- Leveraged advanced educational technologies and software tools, including Canvas for course management, Excel for data analysis, and OxMetrics for econometric evaluations, to accurately assess and improve student performance metrics

Sociology Department — *Guest Lecturer*   April 1, 2024
Vanderbilt University, Climate Change and Society (SOC 3311)
Nashville, TN

- Delivered a guest lecture on "National Adaptation Plans", highlighting global strategies and challenges in climate adaptation, tailored for undergraduate students.

- Facilitated discussion on the effectiveness and sociopolitical aspects of adaptation planning, receiving positive feedback for engaging content and presentation clarity.

Research Experience

Vanderbilt University — *Research Assistant*   April 2023 - present
Department of Sociology, Environmental Sociology & Migration Policy
Nashville, Tennessee

- Conducted in-depth policy research across regions in Colombia, Nigeria, and North Carolina, employing advanced methodologies to collect, summarize, and synthesize key policy documents, enhancing project database and analysis.

- Applied qualitative data analysis using MAXQDA, coding and extracting thematic insights from policy documents, contributing to a comprehensive understanding of regional policy landscapes.

- Collaborated with faculty to develop research strategies, leveraging expertise in qualitative research tools to support departmental objectives and the dissemination of research findings.

Pennsylvania State University — *Research Assistant*   October 2018 - January 2021
Department of Sociology, Intergroup Hostility Project, Sponsored by NSF (National Science Foundation)
State College, PA

- Conducted detailed analysis of media portrayals of Islam, Muslims, and the Quran across three U.S. states from 2001, identifying trends to ascertain the presence of positive or negative events in the context of intergroup relations.

- Developed a comprehensive database cataloging intergroup conflict events, facilitating the systematic study of patterns and trends in societal attitudes and behaviors.

- Performed intricate analysis of the links between specific events and underlying motives, elucidating the complex dynamics of intergroup hostility and contributing to the academic discourse on social integration and conflict.

Joinwin Asset Management Co. — *Research Assistant*   April 2023 - July 2023
Macroeconomic Analysis
Shenzhen, China

- Conducted analysis of international affairs, evaluating their direct and indirect impacts on global and regional financial markets, with a keen focus on emerging trends and geopolitical dynamics.

- Authored macroeconomic reports synthesizing analysis of stock market trends, economic indicators, and macroeconomic policies, providing actionable insights to guide investment strategies and decision-making processes.

Honors, Certifications, and Skills

Honors: Vanderbilt Tuition Scholarship (6 years); Atlas Corporation Fellowship; Sociology Scholarship Award; Dongguan Entrepreneurs Federation Scholarship; Dean's list (9 semesters)

Certification: Certificate of UC Berkeley Leading Complex Projects, authorized by UC Berkeley Haas School of Business; Excel Essentials for Data Analysts, authorized by IBM.

Skills: Project Management, Data Analysis, Oral and written communication, Adaptability, Presentation, Teamwork.

Computer Skills: MAXQDA, Stata, Zoho CRM, Excel, Pivot Tables, SPSS, SQL, OxMetrics, Computer-Mediated Communication, Outlook, Canva.

Language: Native Mandarin, Native Cantonese, Intermediate German.