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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

University of Notre Dame

Ph.D. Student, Political Science

1st Field: International Relations, 2nd Field: Political Theory

Duquesne University of the Holy Spirit

B.A., Political Science, International Relations, & History, 2026.

Summa Cum Laude

GPA: 4.0

Peking University, Summer School International,

Course Title: "Chinese Perspectives on International Affairs," Summer 2025.

RESEARCH

Research Papers

"Fleeting Intentions: Obscurity and Uncertainty in Great Power Politics." *This paper examines the theory of intentions pessimism and tests it using both a decision-theoretic approach involving Pascalian wagering and a case study of Sino-Soviet relations.*

"Behind the Red Curtain: Power Politics & the Sino-Soviet Split." *This is a history paper analyzing the nature of the relationship between the Soviet Union and the People's Republic of China during the Cold War.*

"Response to Xinjiang: Human Rights Action in Great Power Competition." *This paper presents an ethical framework for dealing with human rights abuses in light of great power competition.*

"The Political Construction of Self-Determination: Civic Rights as Taiwan's Response to Beijing's Primordial Mandate." *This paper discusses theories of nationalism and the social construction of identities regarding Taiwan and the PRC.*

"China and the League of Nations: Efforts Toward Self-Determination." *This is a history paper detailing the interactions between the Republic of China and the League of Nations in the interwar period.*

“Chinese Soft Power: Unavoidable Challenges for Necessary Development.” This paper analyzes the efficacy of the Belt and Road Initiative in different regions regarding China’s favorability among governments and the people.

“Socialism with Confucian Characteristics: Legitimacy through Confucian Values in Contemporary China.” This paper presents means of legitimization of the Chinese government while examining current trends in state behavior to overcome hurdles associated with legitimacy in authoritarian regimes.

Presentations

Midwest Political Science Association – 2026
Fleeting Intentions: Obscurity and Uncertainty in Great Power Politics

Duquesne Undergraduate Research Symposium -2026
Fleeting Intentions: Obscurity and Uncertainty in Great Power Politics

Midwest Political Science Association – 2025
Socialism with Confucian Characteristics: Legitimacy through Confucian Values in Contemporary China

Duquesne Undergraduate Research Symposium -2024
Socialism with Confucian Characteristics: Legitimacy through Confucian Values in Contemporary China.

National Council of Undergraduate Research – 2025
Socialism with Confucian Characteristics: Legitimacy through Confucian Values in Contemporary China.

Research Interests

International Relations Theory, Great Power Politics, Chinese History, Game Theory, Security

FELLOWSHIPS/AWARDS

Honors Endowed Fellowship, 2025-26 (\$5,000)

Harold Webb, Jr. Award for Excellence in Political Science

Duquesne University Center of International Relations Award for Excellence in International Relations