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EDUCATION

- University of Minnesota, Twin Cities** August 2019 - Present
Ph.D. in Political Science (Subfields: Comparative Politics & Methodology)
Dissertation: *The Political Imprints of Soviet Industrialization in the Long Run*
(Committee: Kathleen Collins, David Samuels, Kevin Luo, and Susanne Wengle)
- Peking University** August 2017 - June 2019
M.A. in Political Science (with a focus on Comparative Politics)
- Peking University** August 2013 - June 2017
B.A. in Political Science and History (minor)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Comparative authoritarianism, democratization, historical legacy of communism, with a regional focus in post-communist Eurasia.

ONGOING PROJECTS

- Socialist Industrialization and Gender Norm Diffusion: A Subnational Approach in China and Kazakhstan, with Zhihao Wang.

PUBLICATION

- Peng, L. 2024. God is Not Back: The Long-term Effects of Soviet Secularism. *Post-Soviet Affairs*. Online.
- Peng, L. "Losers" in the Age of Democratization: Lessons from Post-Soviet Societies, accepted at *Communist and Post-Communist Studies*.
- Peng, L. 2022. Book Review: Historical Legacies of Communism. Modern Politics, Society, and Economic Development by Alexander Libman and Anastassia V. Obydenkova. *Europe-Asia Studies*. 74(4): pp. 688–689.

CONFERENCE & TALKS

- Southern Conference on Slavic Studies, Chapel Hill, NC March 2024
- Invited talk, Institute of Area Studies, Peking University, Beijing, China December 2023
- APSA Annual Conference, Los Angeles, CA September 2023
- MPSA Annual Conference, Chicago, IL April 2023
- British Association for Slavonic and Eastern European Studies Conference, Glasgow, UK March 2023
- Invited talk, Department of Political Science, Nazarbayev University, Astana, Kazakhstan November 2022
- MPSA Annual Conference, Chicago, IL April 2022
- SPSA Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX January 2022
- The 10th International LCSR Workshop "Comparative Social Research", HSE April 2021
- Wisconsin Russia Project Virtual Young Scholars Conference January 2021
- Methodology Colloquium, University of Minnesota October 2020
- The 5th Youth Forum on Chinese Modern History, Beijing, China October 2017

TEACHING

- TA, “Quantitative Analysis in Political Science”, University of Minnesota Spring 2022
- TA, “The US in the Global Economy”, University of Minnesota Fall 2021
- TA, “Education and American Dream”, University of Minnesota Spring 2021
- TA, “Citizens, Consumers, and Corporations”, University of Minnesota Fall 2020 & 2021
- TA, “Introduction to Political Science”, Peking University Fall 2017 & 18
- TA, “China, the US, Europe: Culture, Ideas, Perceptions”, Peking University Summer 2016

TRAINING

- Russian Language Workshop Level 5, Indiana University Bloomington June-July 2022
- The Russian Language Institute, Bryn Mawr College July-August 2020
- The 7th Summer School of Quantitative History, Yantai, China July 2019

FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

- Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, \$12,500, College of Liberal Arts, University of Minnesota 2023
- Interdisciplinary Doctoral Fellowship, \$25,000, University of Minnesota 2022-23
- Graduate Research Partnership Program, \$4,000, University of Minnesota 2022
- Thesis Research Travel Grant, \$2,500, University of Minnesota 2022
- Claggett Research Fellowship, \$3,000, University of Minnesota 2020
- National Scholarship, RMB 20,000, the Chinese Ministry of Education 2018
- Scholarship of Academic Excellence (First-class), RMB 25,000, Peking University 2018
- Scholarship of Academic Excellence (Second-class), RMB 22,000, Peking University 2017
- “Wusi (May Fifth)” Scholarship, RMB 2,000, Peking University 2014

FIELD EXPERIENCE

- Kazakhstan (Pavlodar, Ekibastuz) February-March 2024
- Armenia (Yerevan, Vanadzor, Alaverdi) October-December 2023
- Kazakhstan (Astana, Almaty, Pavlodar, Ust-Kamenogorsk) September-December 2022

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

- Student Recruitment Coordinator, Department of Political Science, UMN 2022
- Student Coordinator, Comparative Politics Colloquium, UMN 2020-2021

RESEARCH SKILLS

- Languages** Chinese(native), Russian (reading & conversational fluency)
- Software** Stata, R, ArcGIS