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Education

Rutgers University-Camden	2019-2025
Ph.D., Public Affairs and Community Development	Camden, U.S.A
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dissertation: <i>Three Studies on Social Capital and Class Mobility—Class Differences, Spatial Restriction, and Affordable Housing</i> (Pass with Distinction)• Chair: Paul A. Jargowsky• Committee: Joan Maya Mazelis, Michael S. Hayes, Nathaniel S. Wright	
Nankai University	2016-2018
M.A., Public Administration	Tianjin, China
Central South University	2012-2016
B.A., Public Administration	Changsha, China

Research and Teaching Interests

Research Interests

Social inequality; Social Class Mobility; Community Development; Urban Planning

Teaching Interests

Quantitative Methods; Research Design; Public Policy Process; GIS in the Public Sector

Academic Positions

University of Tennessee, Knoxville	2025.7-
Visiting Lecturer, Baker School of Public Policy and Public Affairs	Knoxville, U.S.A

Professional Experience

Research Fellow, Center for Urban Research and Education (CURE)	2024.6-2025.6
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Leading the project on local data in collaboration with Diversity in Aquatics• Property survey in the Waterfront South neighborhood in collaboration with Heart of Camden	
Research Assistant, South Jersey Institute for Population Health	2024.2-2025.6
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Data-related work for 2024 Impact Report• Organizational financial model research	
Research Assistant, Fair Share Housing Center	2023.9-2024.6
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Geo-mapping analysis of urban housing inventory	

Intern, Camden City Hall, Office of Planning and Development

2023.6-7

- Mapping and geocoding related to city zoning and code enforcement

Officer, China Foundation for Poverty Alleviation

2018.7-2019.7

- Project management and research reports
- Online fundraising and partner training

Publications

Tan, R., & Li, Y. (2019). "Research on Non-profit Organizations' Participation in the Antipoverty Problem in Argentina." *Canadian Social Science*, 15(8), 15-29.

Tan, R., & Li, Y. (2017). "Study on Social Organizations' Role during the Process of Antipoverty in Argentina." *Cross-Cultural Communication*, 13(8), 10-16.

Manuscripts in the Pipeline

Zhang, Y., & Li, Y. Felt Accountability Outcomes and Psychological Needs: What Influences Officials' Work Motivation in Government Performance Accountability (**Under Review**, *Public Money & Management*)

Li, Y., & Jargowsky, P. Does Social Capital Function Differently Across Social Classes? Quantile Analysis of Social Capital and Income (To be submitted to *Social Science Research*)

Li, Y., & Jargowsky, P. A Spatial Regression Analysis on the Effect of Affordable Housing on Social Capital: The Case of South Jersey (To be submitted to *Housing Policy Debate*)

Li, Y., & Jargowsky, P. Social Class Composition, Residential Segregation, and Social Capital—A Story for South Jersey

Lyu, W., & Li, Y. "Does Media Information Impact Political Identity: An Experimental Study Based on the China-US Trade War"

Li, Y., Miller-Purrenhage, J. P., & Danley, S. Reimagining Vacant Spaces—Ownership Networks and Redevelopment Opportunities in Camden's Waterfront South Neighborhood

Li, Y., & Okulicz-Kozaryn, A. Does Conditional Cash Transfer Program Increase Subjective Wellbeing? An Analysis of the *Familias en Acción* Program in Colombia

Academic Service

Instructor (U = undergraduate; G = graduate)

- Research Design and Data Acquisition (G) 2025 Fall
- Policy Communication and Data Visualization (U&G) 2026 Spring

Teaching Assistant (U = undergraduate; G = graduate)

- Quantitative Methods II (G) 2024 and 2023 Spring
- Quantitative Methods I (G) 2023 and 2022 Fall

- Foundations of Policy Analysis (G) 2021 Fall and 2020 Spring
- Introduction to Global Urbanization (U) 2020 Fall and 2019 Fall
- International Negotiations (U) 2020 Spring
- International Law and Organization (U) 2020 Spring
- Writing for Public Policy and Administration (G) 2019 Fall

Guest Speaker

- Geographic Information System in the Public Sector 2023 and 2021 Fall

Graduate Assistant

- Center for Urban Research and Education, Rutgers-Camden 2022.9-2023.6
The Rutgers Equity Alliance for Community Health (REACH) program
(PI: Prof. Kathe Newman)
- Department of Public Policy and Administration, Rutgers 2021.9-2022.9
Territory and Trust: Why some states develop their economies and others do not
(PI: Prof. Beth Rabinowitz)

Other Research Experience

- Geographic Information System (GIS) Class 2020.9-12
Commercial Corridor Analysis for Latin American Economic Development Association
- Research Assistant, Zhou Enlai School of Government, Nankai University 2016.9-2018.5
On China's Urban Community Structure Heterogeneity and Its Grassroots Governance
Based on Mass Survey Data (Key Project of National Social Science Fund of China)
(PI: Prof. Rong Tan)

Conferences

“Social Class Composition, Residential Segregation, and Social Capital—A Story for South Jersey” *Association of Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) 2025 Annual Conference*, Seattle, Washington, November 14, 2025

“Media and Political Identity: An Experimental Study on the China-US Trade War” *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting & Exhibition*, Philadelphia, PA, September 2024

“Exploring Affordable Housing Deterioration: A Qualitative Comparative Analysis of Camden City, New Jersey” *Public Administration Theory Network Conference*, Camden, NJ, June 2024

“Space Matters—How Does Class Structure Shape Social Capital in South Jersey” *International Conference on Urban Affairs (UAA)*, New York, NY, April 2024

“A Spatial Regression Analysis on the Effect of Affordable Housing on Social Capital: The Case of South Jersey” *Association of Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) 2023 Annual Conference*, Atlanta, Georgia, November 10, 2023

“Does Social Capital Function Differently Across Social Classes—Quantile Analysis of Social Capital and Income” *American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting*, Philadelphia, PA, August 20, 2023

“Research on Non-profit Organizations’ Participation in the Antipoverty Problem in Argentina” *The 8th Chinese Scholar Forum on Public Administration*, Tianjin, China, June 28, 2019

Journal Referee

Social Indicators Research 2024-

Awards

Chancellor’s Dissertation Completion Grant	2025
Rutgers University Diversity Dissertation Fellowship	2024-2025
Community First Fellowship	2024
Rutgers Graduate Student Research and Travel Funding	2023
Rutgers PreDoctoral Leadership Development Academy	2023-2024
The Rutgers University-Camden Chancellor’s scholarship for Learning Abroad	2021-2022
Graduate Assistantship, Rutgers University	2019-2024
National Scholarship, Central South University	2015

Skills

Language: Chinese (native); English (fluent); Spanish (intermediate)

Software: Stata, QGIS, R, Microsoft Office, NVivo, CiteSpace

Other: Project Management for Development Professionals (PMD Pro) Level 1; Diplomas de Español como Lengua Extranjera (DELE) B1