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EMPLOYMENT

Texas A&M University, Bush School of Government and Public Service
Assistant Professor of Political Science, 2025 to present

EDUCATION

Washington University, School of Art and Science
Ph.D., Political Science, May 2025
M.A., Statistics, 2023
M.A., Political Science, 2022

Washington University, School of Law
J.S.D., Legal Research, 2018
LL.M., U.S. Law, 2015

Sun Yat-sen University, School of Law
B.A., Law, 2014

PUBLICATIONS

Gechun Lin. 2025. "Using Cross-Encoders to Measure the Similarity of Short Texts in Political Science." *American Journal of Political Science*.

Dahjin Kim, Gechun Lin, and William G. Nomikos. 2025. "American Twitter users have ideological differences of opinion about the War in Ukraine." *Humanities and Social Sciences Communications*, 12(1): 1-7.

Dahjin Kim, Gechun Lin, and Keith Schnakenberg. 2024. "Informative Campaigns, Overpromising, and Policy Bargaining." *Journal of Theoretical Politics*, 36(4): 344-366.

Gechun Lin and Christopher Lucas. 2023. "An Introduction to Neural Networks for the Social Sciences." in *The Oxford Handbook of Engaged Methodological Pluralism in Political Science*. Oxford University Press

WORKING PAPERS

Gechun Lin. "Using Generative AI to Extract Emphasis Frames."

Gechun Lin and Benjamin Noble. "In Control but Incoherent: Institutional Power and Message Discipline in Congress."

Gechun Lin and Benjamin Noble. "Looking for Cohesion in All the Wrong Places? Measuring Textual Similarity at Scale with Topic Models and Embeddings."

Amaan Charaniya, Weiye (Rex) Deng, Dahjin Kim, Gechun Lin, William G. Nomikos, and Ipek Ece Sener. "How Foreign Policy Crisis Shapes Public Opinion on Social Media: An Investigation of Twitter Discourse during the U.S. Withdrawal from Afghanistan."

HONORS AND AWARDS

2024 Provost's Graduate Student Research Excellence Award
2024 Dean's Graduate Research Excellence Award
2023 APSA Foreign Policy Division Best Paper Award ("How Foreign Policy Crisis Shapes Public Opinion on Social Media: An Investigation of Twitter Discourse during the U.S. Withdrawal from Afghanistan.")
2023 APSA Political Communication Section SPARK Award
2022 WUSTL Antoinette Dames Prize for Best Graduate Level Paper ("Using Cross-Encoders to Measure the Similarity of Short Texts in Political Science.")

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Poster, Visions in Methodology (May 2024)
Paper, Midwest Political Science Association (April 2024)
Paper, Texas Methods Conference (February 2024)
Poster, PolMeth Summer Meeting (July 2022, 2023, & 2024)
Paper, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (September 2023)
Poster, Asian PolMeth (January 2022)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political Methodology	Computational Social Science, Large Language Models, Text-as-Data
American Politics	Law and Politics, Legislative Politics, Political Communication
Law	Trust and Property, Comparative Law, Chinese Law & Policy

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Independent Instructor, Texas A&M University

Undergraduate Level

POLS 357: National Politics, Fall 2025

Graduate Level (Ph.D)

POLS 606: Casual Inference, Fall 2025

Teaching Assistant, Washington University in St. Louis

Undergraduate Level

Topics in Politics: Data Science and Policy (Professor Christopher Lucas), Fall 2022
Quantitative Political Methodology (Professor Christopher Lucas), Spring 2021
Quantitative Political Methodology (Professor Ted Enamorado), Fall 2020

Graduate Level (Ph.D)

Quantitative Political Methodology II (Professor Jacob Montgomery), Fall 2021

SKILLS

Programming	R, Python, HTML, JSON
API and Tools	Twitter, OpenAI, Amazon Mechanical Turk
Deep Learning Frameworks	TensorFlow, PyTorch

REVIEWER

Sociological Methods & Research, Research & Politics