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EDUCATION

Syracuse University Syracuse, NY
Ph.D. in Public Administration and International Affairs *Sep 2023-Present*

- Fields of specialization: Environmental Policy; Public Finance; Policy Process
- Committee: Dr. David Popp (Advisor); Dr. Peter Wilcoxen; Dr. Yilin Hou
- Dissertation Topic: Three Essays on Governing Electric Vehicle Innovation: Policy, Knowledge Spillovers, and Road-Use Tax Design
- Research interest: energy policy, technological innovation, electric vehicle innovation, tax design for emerging technologies, public services delivery

Cornell University Ithaca, NY
Master of Public Administration *Sep 2021-Jun 2023*

- Concentration: Economic and Financial Policy

St. Lawrence University Canton, NY
Bachelor of Science, Majors: Environmental Studies; Psychology *Sep 2017-Jun 2021*

WORKING PAPERS

- Driving Innovation: The Policy Tools Powering Electric Vehicle Technological Inventions. (with David Popp; under review in Research Policy; preprint in NBER and CESifo)
- Does Public Research Support Integrate Knowledge? Evidence from Electric Vehicle Innovation. (Draft available for APPAM 2026)
- From Accumulated Experience to Program Delivery: Relational Governance in Quasi-Market Implementation. (with Yiying Chen; under review in Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory)
- Electric Vehicle Road-Use Tax Design and the Fiscal Sustainability of Electrification. (under review in Public Budgeting and Finance)
- Electric Vehicle Adoption and State Gasoline Tax Revenue in the United States. (with Pengju Zhang; draft available upon request)

WORK IN PROGRESS

- Weighing Costs and Benefits: How Local Governments Revise Zoning Regulations for Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure.

- Policy Learning under Fire: The Diffusion of Wildfire-Mitigation Policies among California Public Utilities.

AWARDS & FUNDING

2026	Travel Funding, Maxwell School at Syracuse University
2026	Summer Research Funding, Maxwell School at Syracuse University
2025	Best Poster Award at Association for Budgeting & Financial Management (ABFM) Annual Conference
2025	Travel Funding, Maxwell School at Syracuse University
2025	Inter-University Consortium Travel Grant
2025	Summer Research Funding, Maxwell School at Syracuse University
2023-Present	Graduate Research Stipend, Maxwell School at Syracuse University
2023	Pi Alpha Member, Jeb E. Brooks School at Cornell University
2014-2021	International Student Scholarship at St. Lawrence University

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2026 "Does Public Research Support Integrate Knowledge? Evidence from Electric Vehicle Innovation." Association for Public Policy and Management (APPAM) Annual Conference, Boston, MA.

2026 "Electric Vehicle Road-Use Tax Design and the Fiscal Sustainability of Electrification." Association for Budgeting & Financial Management (ABFM) Annual Conference, Washington, DC.

2026 "Electric Vehicle and State Gasoline Tax Revenue in the United States." Association for Budgeting & Financial Management (ABFM) Annual Conference, Washington, DC.

2026 "When Relationships Translate into Outcomes: Relational Governance and Policy Achievement in Third-Party Implementation." Public Management Research Conference (PMRC), Washington, DC.

2026 "Electric Vehicle and State Gasoline Tax Revenue in the United States." Public Finance and Budgeting Northeastern Workshop, Hartford, CT.

2025 "Driving Innovation: The Policy Tools Powering Electric Vehicle Technological Inventions." Association for Public Policy and Management (APPAM) Annual Conference, Seattle, WA.

2025 "Taxing EV Use by Time and Place." Association for Budgeting & Financial Management (ABFM) Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA.

TEACHING EXPERIENCES (TEACHING ASSISTANT)

Maxwell School of Citizenship & Public Affairs, Syracuse University **Syracuse, NY**

Economics for Public Decisions, Fall 2026

Public Administration and Democracy, Summer 2026

- Independently facilitated and led daily discussion section for 25+ students, incorporating simulations and structured activities to foster inclusive participation and applied understanding of course content.

Economics for Policy Analysis (Undergraduate level), Spring 2026

- Guest lecture on "Price Floor" and "Price Ceiling."

Guest lecture on "Command and Control Policies for the Environment" for Environmental Economics, Spring 2025

Economics for Public Decisions, Fall 2024

- Guest lecture on "Environmental Externalities."

Fundamentals of Policy Analysis, Fall 2024

- Guest lecture on "Environmental Externalities."

Public Administration and Democracy, Summer 2024

- Independently facilitated and led daily discussion section for 20+ students, incorporating simulations and structured activities to foster inclusive participation and applied understanding of course content.

International Management and Leadership, Fall 2023

- Guest lecture on "Organizational Budget."

Jeb E. Brooks School of Public Policy, Cornell University **Ithaca, NY**

Economics of the Public Sector, Spring 2023

(All courses at graduate level unless indicated; all guest lectures taught independently)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCES

Syracuse University Syracuse, NY

Graduate Research Associate, Center for Policy Research Sep 2023-Present

Graduate Research Associate, Center for Policy Design and Governance Sep 2023-Present

Cornell University Ithaca, NY

Research Assistant, Jeb E. Brooks School of Public Policy Jun 2022-Feb 2023

Tsinghua University Beijing, China

Research Assistant, School of Public Policy and Management Jun 2020-Jan 2021 & Jun 2019-Aug 2019

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Ad hoc journal referee for *Public Performance & Management Review*; *Local Government Studies*
- Panel organizer, APPAM Fall Research Conference, 2026
- Organizer for Environmental Policy Lab, Syracuse, 2026

SKILLS

- Languages: Mandarin Chinese (Native); English (Fluent)
- Proficient in Stata, Python, GIS, SQL, RStudio, SPSS, and Microsoft Office