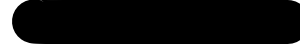


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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

2025-present Kansas State University
– Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science
– Faculty Scholar, Kansas Water Institute

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Urban and Environmental Planning and Policy
 University of California, Irvine, USA, 2020 - 2025

M.S. Public Policy and Management, University of Washington, USA, 2020
 Public Management, Tsinghua University, China, 2018

B.A. Public Administration, Fudan University, China, 2015
 Exchange Student, University of Groningen, Netherlands, 2013

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Collaborative Governance, Environmental Policy, Water Management, Infrastructure Planning, Organizational Behavior, Public Policy Analysis, Policy Processes, Network Analysis

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Articles

8. **Wang, Jie**, Nicola Ulibarri. “Motivations for Collaborative Governance in China: A Systematic Review of the literature.” *International Review of Public Administration*, (2025):1-19.
7. **Wang, Jie**, Nicola Ulibarri, and Tyler A. Scott. “Agency Consultation Networks in Environmental Impact Assessment.” *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory* 34, no. 3 (2024): 448–464.
6. **Wang, Jie**, Max G. McNally, Nicola Ulibarri, Changdeok Gim, Valerie A Olson, and David L. Feldman. “State-Level Regulation of Disinfection Byproducts in the United States.” *Water Policy*, 26, no. 10 (2024): 1056-1068.
5. **Wang, Jie**, Nicola Ulibarri, Tyler A. Scott, and Steven J. Davis. "Environmental Justice, Infrastructure Provisioning, and Environmental Impact Assessment: Evidence from the California Environmental Quality Act." *Environmental Science and Policy* 146 (2023): 66-75.
4. Liu, Zhilin, **Jie Wang**, and Craig W. Thomas. "What Motivates Local Sustainability Policy Action in China? The Case of Low-Carbon City Pilot Program." *Urban Affairs Review* 58, no. 3 (2022): 767-798.

3. Liu, Zhilin, **Jie Wang**, and Yujun Wang. "Understanding Individual Environmental Concern in the Context of Local Environmental Governance in China: A Multi-Level Analysis." *Society and Natural Resources* 31, no. 11 (2018): 1283-1301.
2. **Wang, Jie**, Yixin Dai, Zhilin Liu, Lu Liao. "Beyond Self-Interest: Study on the Forming Mechanism and Governance Path of 'NIMBY' Attitude." *Urban Problems*, 2 (2019), 81-88. [In Chinese]
1. **Wang, Jie**, Ruichang Li. "A Method of Organization Detecting Crisis Information: A Review on the Environmental Scanning." *Risks, Disaster and Crisis*, 3 (2016): 145-177. [In Chinese]

Under Review

3. **Wang, Jie**, and Nicola Ulibarri. "An Investigation of Agency Comments in Project Decision-Making." *Under Revision*.
2. **Wang, Jie**, and Nicola Ulibarri. "The Evolution of Collaborative Actions in Self-Initiated versus Mandated Collaborations." *Under Review*.
1. Thomas, Craig W., and **Jie Wang**. "Collaborative Governance in China: A Meta-Analysis of Empirical Research." *Under Review*.

Book Chapters

2. Liu, Zhilin, **Jie Wang**, Yunzhu Chen. (2023) "Climate Transformation through Experimental Governance: The Case of Low-Carbon City Pilot Program." *Handbook on China's Urban Environmental Governance*, 156-168.
1. Dai, Yixin, Lu Liao, Lingyi Zhou, **Jie Wang**, Zhilin Liu. (2018). "Public Perception and Attitudes Toward Green Development Policies." *Research on China's Green and Low-Carbon Transition*, Tsinghua University Press. [In Chinese]

Conference Proceedings

Hu, Yefei, and **Jie Wang**. "Building Smart Government or Developing Industry? Study on the Designs of Local Smart City Pilot Projects in China." *In Proceedings of the 17th International Digital Government Research Conference on Digital Government Research*, pp. 532-533. 2016.
 – **Best Poster Award**

RESEARCH APPOINTMENTS

2025 Spring	<i>Assistant</i> for the Master Program of Public Policy in the School of Social Ecology, University of California, Irvine
2023-2024	<i>Research Assistant</i> for David L. Feldman and Nicola Ulibarri, "A Framework for Water Quality Improvement – Identifying Best Practices for China and the U.S.". Cyrus Tang Foundation
2021-2022	<i>Graduate Fellow</i> "Regulating Climate Justice: Environmental Impact Assessment as a Tool for Adaptive and Equitable Infrastructure Development". Solutions that Scale, University of California, Irvine
2018-2020	<i>Research Assistant</i> for Craig W. Thomas, Evans School of Public Policy and Governance, University of Washington, Seattle

2017-2018	<i>Research Assistant</i> for Zhilin Liu, “Informal Process and Mechanisms of Social and Spatial Transformation of Urban Neighborhoods in the Context of Rapid Urban Restructuring: From a Social Capital Perspective”. National Natural Science Foundation of China
2016-2017	<i>Research Assistant</i> for Yixin Dai and Zhilin Liu, “Public Perception and Willingness to Pay for Low Carbon Technology”. Volvo Group, China

GRANTS

2024	<i>Long US-China Institute Graduate Research Grant</i> , UC Irvine. \$500
2024	<i>Travel Grant</i> , Department of Urban Planning and Public Policy, UC Irvine. \$1,000
2023	<i>Center for Organizational Research Small Grant</i> , UC Irvine. \$1,000
2023	<i>Long US-China Institute Graduate Research Grant</i> , UC Irvine. \$1,000
2023	<i>Associated Graduate Students Conference Grant</i> , UC Irvine. \$250
2021-2023	<i>Annual Conference Grant</i> , Department of Urban Planning and Public Policy, UC Irvine. \$500
2021	<i>Solutions that Scale Graduate Fellowship</i> , UC Irvine Solutions that Scale Initiative. \$24,000
2021	<i>Travel Grant</i> , Department of Urban Planning and Public Policy, UC Irvine. \$2,000
2017	<i>Dissertation Research Fellowship</i> , Center for Urban Development and Land Policy, Peking University-Lincoln Institute. CNY 20,000

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2024	<i>Conference Fee Waiver Scholarship</i> , Midwest Political Science Association. \$160
2021-2024	<i>Don Owen Water Science and Policy Fellowship</i> , UC Irvine. \$11,500 (four times)
2023	<i>Outstanding Student Award</i> , Department of Urban Planning and Public Policy, UC Irvine. \$200
2021-2023	<i>Summer Research Fellowship</i> , UC Irvine. \$2000
2020	<i>UC Irvine Minority Serving Institution Enhancement Award</i> , UC Irvine. \$10,500
Undergrad	<i>Outstanding Undergraduate Award</i> , Fudan University <i>Graduation with Honors (Dean’s Recommendation)</i> , Fudan University <i>Samsung Scholarship</i> , Fudan University

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Nov. 2025	Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Annual Conference Wang, J. and Ulibarri, N. “An Investigation of Comments from Agencies in Environmental Impact Assessment”. Seattle, WA.
April 2024	Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference Wang, J., Wang, X., and Ulibarri, N. “A Multi-Level Investigation of Campaign-Style Policy Adoption: The Case of the River Chief System in China”. Chicago, IL.

- Sept. 2023 **American Political Science Association Annual Meeting** Wang, J. and Ulibarri, N. “The Role of Initiation Type in the Evolution of Collaborative Governance”. Los Angeles, CA.
- Sept. 2023 **American Political Science Association Annual Meeting** Guo, Y., Wang, J., and Liu, Z. “Beyond Bureaucracy: The Effects of Environmental Policy Experimentation on Citizens’ Environmental Awareness in Urban China”. Los Angeles, CA.
- Jan. 2023 **Conference on Policy Process Research** Wang, J. and Ulibarri, N. “Response to Mandates: The Role of Formative Types in the Evolution of Collaborative Governance”. Denver, CO.
- May 2022 **Public Management Research Conference** Wang, J., Ulibarri, N., and Scott, TA. “Agency Review Networks in Environmental Impact Assessment”. Phoenix, AZ.
- May 2022 **Public Management Research Conference** Thomas CW. and Wang, J. “Collaborative Governance in China: A Meta-Analysis of Empirical Research”. Phoenix, AZ (coauthor presented).
- March 2022 **Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Annual Conference** Wang, J. and Ulibarri, N. “Bring Context in: Motivations for Collaborative Governance in Authoritarian Political Systems”. Austin, TX.
- July 2021 **International Conference on Public Policy** Wang, J. and Ulibarri, N. “Bring Context in: Motivations for Collaborative Governance in Authoritarian Political Systems”. Barcelona, Spain (online).
- Nov. 2017 **Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Annual Conference** Liu, Z. and Wang, J. “Spatial Patterns and Determinants of Local Sustainability Experimentation in China during 2006-2010”. Chicago, IL.
- June 2017 **International Association for China Planning Conference** Liu, Z. and Wang, J. “Spatial Patterns and Determinants of Local Sustainability Experimentation in China”. Harbin, China.
- Nov. 2016 **Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Annual Conference** Liu, Z. and Wang, J. “Local Environmental Governance and Citizens’ Environmental Concern in Urban China”. Washington DC.
- Aug. 2016 **International Geographical Congress** Liu, Z., Wang, J., and Wang, Y. “Local Environmental Governance and Citizens’ Environmental Concern in Urban China: A Multi-Level Analysis”. Beijing, China.
- June 2016 **Public Management Research Conference** Hu, Y. and Wang, J. “Do Smart Cities Have Smart Policies? Local Governments’ Smart-City Policy Instrument Selection in China”. Aarhus, Denmark.

TEACHING

Instructor

- 2025 Fall Research Methods (Kstate, POLSC700, Instructor) [🔗 Syllabus](#)
- 2024 Summer Sustainability (UC Irvine, UPPP 131, Instructor of Record) [🔗 Syllabus](#)

2022-2023 Directed Study (UC Irvine, SE 198, Co-Instructor)

Teaching Assistant

2023 Spring Environmental Analysis and Design (Dr. Stephen Gibson)
2023 Winter History of Cities (Dr. Karna Wong)
2022 Fall Environmental Analysis and Design (Dr. Nicola Ulibarri)
2021 Spring Statistical Analysis in Social Ecology (Dr. Karna Wong, Online)
2021 Winter Environmental Analysis and Design (Dr. Michael Méndez, Online)
2020 Fall Environmental Hazards (Dr. Victoria Basolo, Online)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

2016 *Summer Intern*, McKinsey Urban China Initiative. Beijing, China
2015 *Employee Health & Benefit Intern*, Mercer Consulting. Shanghai, China
2014 *Public Affair Intern*, APCO Worldwide, Shanghai, China

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Reviewer *Public Administration Review, Policy Studies Journal, Public Management Review, Perspectives on Public Management and Governance, Journal of Environmental Policy and Planning, Environmental Management, Transportation Research Part D: Transport and Environment, Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis*
Mentor UCI Next Generation Pathways
UCI Mentoring Excellence Program
Global Graduates' Consulting, Beijing, China
Advising Emily Voskoyan (2025-Present), Jiayu Pan (2024-2025), Dongyu Cao (2022-2023), Jiayi Zhang (2022-2023)

SKILLS

Software R, Stata, Python, GIS, Nvivo
Language English, Chinese

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management
Public Management Research Association
American Political Science Association
Midwest Political Science Association
International Public Policy Association