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EDUCATION

University of Toronto, School of the Environment — Toronto, ON
Master of Environment and Sustainability, Research Stream — 2024.09-2025.11

University of British Columbia — Vancouver, BC
BA, International Relations and Political Science Double Major, Distinction — 2019.09-2024.05

Sciences Po – Paris Campus — Paris, France
Spring Semester Exchange Program, Politics and Economics — 2023.01-2023.05

ACADEMIC RESEARCH

UBC Department of Forest Resources Management, Global Political Ecology Group — Vancouver, BC
Undergraduate Research Assistant | Supervisor: Dr. Juliet Lu — 2023.04-2024.09

- Collaborating on a manuscript on the sustainability and deforestation discourse of rubber with a comparative study between Vietnamese and Chinese actors, funded by SSHRC Insight Development Grant.
- Conducted a 7-day field observation in Laos, focusing on the China-Laos Railway and Vientiane Saysettha Development Zone; engaged in a 3-hour discussion with managers, and authored an input for the People's Map covering the Saysettha Development Zone while providing updates on the China-Laos Railway.
- Assisted bookwork and research topics on sustainable natural rubber, the politics of sustainable supply chain initiatives, and China's green soft power, with a set of qualitative work including semi-structured interviews, transcribing and translating, fieldwork support, desk-based data collection and analysis, literature reviews, and writings on project profiles/case studies.
- Coordinated and participated in bi-weekly writing workshops on forestry, mining, reservation, and biodiversity topics as a panel discussant with other postdoc, Ph.D., and master's students.
- Provided administrative assistance in compiling researcher databases, daily lab management, and other logistics support for the research group.
- Worked as one of the three student coordinators to support the fundraising process, event design, and logistics of a two-day academic event named "Navigating Global China: Addressing Global Challenges in a Polarizing Political Context," supported by Global Affairs Canada, the Asia Pacific Foundation, the UBC School of Public Policy and Global Affairs, and the UBC Centre for Chinese Research that brought together more than 60 experts across academia, civil society, and government from Canada and worldwide.

University of Utah, Department of Geography, Environment — (Remote) Salt Lake City, UT
Research Assistant | Supervisor: Dr. Jessica DiCarlo — 2024.01-2024.06

- Conducted comparative research on Chinese, Canadian, and international safeguards in mining, analyzing policies and documents, and facilitating semi-structured interviews to support papers on the politics of China's critical minerals.
- Compiled a Chinese mineral firm list with a total of 150 companies using Excel to analyze their characteristics and map out their positions in the supply chain.
- Background research and writing on civil societies, non/semi-state actors and their roles in participating in global sustainability governance and mineral sourcing.
- Helped review upcoming scholarly articles on China's geopolitics of copper and rare earth production.

POLICY RESEARCH

Wilson Center — (Remote) Washington, DC
Research Assistant | **Wilson China Environment Forum – Vulnerable Deltas** — 2024.05-2024.09

- Supported the background research and preparation of a series of podcast episodes collaborated by the Belt and Road Podcast (Dr. Juliet Lu) and the Wilson China Environment Forum – Vulnerable Deltas project, which focuses on topics ranging from Chinese-driven economic development, Southeast Asia's vulnerable delta regions, and environmental threats, protection efforts, and drivers of change.
- Desk researched on sand mining on the Mekong and drafted a) a 3-paragraph overview on the topic, b) a list of 4-6 potential expert interviewees, and c) a list of 4-6 key publications on the topic.

Research Assistant | **Wilson China Fellowship Program** — 2024.01-2024.05

- Desk researched for the center project "Can the race for battery manufacturing be 'green'?: China's responsible mining initiatives and a firm perspective on critical mineral sourcing" for Dr. Jessica DiCarlo (Wilson China Fellow).

Intellisia Institute — (Remote) Guangzhou, China

Research Assistant | AI Insight Weekly 2021.07-2024.07

- Conducted in-depth geopolitical risk analyses and wrote over 20 op-eds on China's overseas investment in technology, energy, mining, and infrastructure projects, and kept track of the latest national and regional AI policies.

Greenpeace East Asia Beijing, China

Research Internship | China Clean Air & Green Recovery Project 2022.04-2022.10

- Assisted with literature reviews, desk research and data collation for environmental policy analysis on China's air pollution governance with the use of mind maps and Excel.
- Participated in writing a report on a 10-year review of China's air pollution prevention and control action (unpublished).

PRESENTATIONS

- **UBC Canadian Undergraduate Policy Competition (the Best Presentation Prize):** "Policy Brief: Initiatives to Tackle the Challenges of Renewable Energy Transformation in Rural, Indigenous Community of Northern Territories" (2022)
- **UBC Multidisciplinary Undergraduate Research Conference**: "Huawei 5G: A Case Study on the US-China Power Shift and the Western European Response" (2021)

WORK EXPERIENCE

University of Toronto, School of the Environment Toronto, ON

Teaching Assistant 2024.09-2024.12

- Grading assignments, tests and final assessments, holding office hours, and general assistance for 90 students enrolled in ENV322 – International Environmental Policy, a senior undergraduate course offered in the School of Environment.

Seeed Studio (Seeed Technology Co., Ltd) Shenzhen, China

Sales and Marketing Intern | Industrial Application Group 2020.07-2021.06

- Conducted international marketing research and social media campaigns through LinkedIn and Facebook (both hit an average of 3k+ reach per post), and blogging (1k-10k views per post). Wrote multiple analytical reports and evaluations on digital marketing performance.
- Participated in the launching and marketing efforts of the highest-level product - SenseCAP services (IoT sensor devices). This product line has sold more than 200k units worldwide and SenseCAP has been the most recognizable brand in the industry.

SKILL SUMMARY

Technical: Stata, R, Nvivo, MAXQDA, Zotero, EndNote, Tableau, HTML, Cartography, Canva, WIX, Microsoft.

Languages: Cantonese (Native), Mandarin Chinese (Native), English (Fluent), Spanish (Beginner, one-year study)

AWARDS & HONORS

University of Toronto Research Assistantship Funding	2024
University of Toronto School of Environment Entrance Scholarship	2024
University of British Columbia International Undergraduate Research Award	2023
University of British Columbia International Community Achievement Award	2022
University of British Columbia Faculty of Arts International Student Scholarship	2021, 2022
University of British Columbia Go Global International Learning Programs Award	2022