

# Shuyan (Michael) Huang

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## Education

<b>Doctor of Philosophy</b> , University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, IL <i>Fields: International Relations, Political Methodology</i>	2023 – present
<b>Master of Arts</b> , The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL <i>Field: South Asian Languages</i>	2021 – 2023
<b>Master of Theological Studies</b> , Harvard University, Cambridge, MA <i>Field: Religion and the Social Sciences</i>	2019 – 2021
<b>Bachelor of Arts (Hons.)</b> , Dickinson College, Carlisle, PA <i>Majors: Political Science and Religion</i>	2015 – 2019

## Works in Progress

**Trust Matters: The Impact of Aid on Parliamentary Incumbent Reelection in Pakistan Does Religious Identity Shape How People See Democratic Backsliding?** (with Jung Mun Park)  
**Predicting Repeated Disputes: Resolved Statements in Persistent Conflicts** (with Tianhong Yin)

## Others

<b>The Making of the World of Espionage: A Brief Political Economic Analysis of the Popularization of Ibn-e-Safi's jāsūsī Novels in 1950s Karachi</b> Shuyan Huang <a href="https://knowledge.uchicago.edu/record/5775">knowledge.uchicago.edu/record/5775</a> 🔗	2023
<b>The New Constitution (<i>Naya Qanoon</i>) by Saadat Hasan Manto</b> Translated by Shuyan Huang <a href="https://kitaab.org/2022/11/05/short-story-the-new-constitution-translated-by-shuyan-michael-huang/">kitaab.org/2022/11/05/short-story-the-new-constitution-translated-by-shuyan-michael-huang/</a> 🔗	2022
<b>Metadata Dataset for Major Literary Works Published in West Pakistan from 1947 to 1961</b> Shuyan Huang. DOI: <a href="https://doi.org/10.6082/uchicago.5908">10.6082/uchicago.5908</a> 🔗 <a href="https://knowledge.uchicago.edu/record/5908">knowledge.uchicago.edu/record/5908</a> 🔗	2022

## Research Experience

<b>Research Assistant</b> , University of Illinois, IL Data analytics for Prof. Gino Pauselli.	Dec 2024 – Present
<b>Research Assistant</b> , University of Illinois, IL Analyzed LAS Climate Study Survey data for the Department of Astronomy (Prof. Trina J Wright-Dixon).	Nov 2023 – May 2024
<b>Research Assistant</b> , University of Chicago, IL Cleaned and categorized Chinese administrative lawsuit data (2014–2018) for Jongyoon Baik.	Dec 2021 – Jun 2022
<b>GIS Research Assistant</b> , University of Chicago Booth School of Business, IL Built a working address locator for Minneapolis and its suburbs in 1930 and 1940 (Prof. Milena Almagro).	Dec 2021 – Jun 2022

## Field Experience

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**Pakistan:** Islamabad, Lahore (Jun–Jul 2024); Islamabad, Lahore, Faisalabad, Multan, Karachi, Quetta, Peshawar, Swat (Jun–Jul 2023).

**India:** Chandigarh, Delhi, Lucknow, Shimla, Amritsar (Jun–Aug 2022).

**China:** Deqin County, Gongshan Derung and Nu Autonomous County, Yanjin County, Lhasa, Ngari (Jun–Aug 2018).

## Fellowships

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Kneier Fellowship, University of Illinois (Fall 2023).

COSAS Summer Research and Travel Fellowship (\$7,500), University of Chicago (Summer 2023).

## Scholarships & Awards

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Research Grant (\$500), University of Illinois (2025).

Conference Travel Grant (\$350), University of Illinois (2024).

Short-Term Research Grants to Pakistan (\$3,000), American Institute of Pakistan Studies (2024).

Dean S. Dorman Scholarship (\$800), University of Illinois (2024).

TLO Academic Year Scholarship (90% tuition), University of Chicago (2022).

TLO Summer Language Training Scholarship, Chandigarh, India (Punjabi) (\$5,000), University of Chicago (2022).

MAPH Scholarship (\$21,000), University of Chicago (2021).

Asian Center Graduate Summer Language Grant, Lucknow, India (Urdu) (\$8,000), Harvard University (2020).

Ivor and Maria Wayne Scholarship (\$20,000), Harvard University (2019).

The Charles Mortimer Griffin Prize in Religion, Dickinson College (2019).

Phi Sigma Alpha (National Political Science Honor Society), Dickinson College (2018).

Theta Alpha Kappa (National Honor Society for Religious Studies and Theology), Dickinson College (2018).

## Conferences

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International Studies Association, Chicago (2025).

Midwest Political Science Association (2025).

International Studies Association Midwest (2024).

## Skills

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**Languages:** Hindi (Advanced), Urdu (Advanced), Punjabi (Intermediate), Mandarin (Native), Cantonese (Fluent)

**Programming Languages:** Python, PyTorch, R

**Software:** QGIS, ArcGIS Pro, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

## Teaching

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Teaching Assistant (Ranked as Excellent), PS231: Strategic Models, University of Illinois (Spring 2025).

Teaching Assistant (Ranked as Excellent), PS270: Intro to Political Theory, University of Illinois (Fall 2024).

Teaching Assistant, PS283: Intro to International Security, University of Illinois (Spring 2024).

Instructor, Text-as-Data Workshop, University of Illinois (Fall 2023).

Teaching Assistant, RLST28511: Star Wars and Religion, University of Chicago (Spring 2023).

## Service

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Treasurer, Political Science Graduate Student Association, University of Illinois (Fall 2024 – Spring 2025).

Math Camp Committee, Political Science Department, University of Illinois (Fall 2024 – Fall 2025).

## Referees

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**Dr. Scott Althaus**

Merriam Professor, Department of Political Science; Director, Cline Center for Advanced Social Research  
University of Illinois  
[salthaus@illinois.edu](mailto:salthaus@illinois.edu) 

**Dr. Matthew Winters**

Professor, Department of Political Science; Director, Center for East Asian and Pacific Studies  
University of Illinois  
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