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Education

Ph.D., in Political Science, Texas A&M University, 2011
M.A., in Political Science, Purdue University, 2007
M.A., in International Relations & Public Affairs (with honor), Fudan University (China), 2005
B.A., in Law, Fudan University (China), 2002

Academic Positions

Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Political Science, University of Houston, 2024-present.
Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Houston, 2023-present.
The Pauline Yelderman Endowed Chair, 2021-2024.
Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Houston, 2018-2023.
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Houston, 2011-2018.

Editorial Positions

Co-editor, *Urban Governance*, 2025-present.
Symposium Co-editor, *Journal of Behavioral Public Administration*, Symposium on Null Results, 2025-2026.
Associate Editor, *Urban Governance*, 2022-2025.
Co-editor, *Chinese Public Administration Review*, 2021-2022.
International editor, *Fudan Public Administration Review*, 2015-.
Symposium Co-editor, *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*, Methods Symposium, 2018.
Editorial board member: *Public Administration Review* (2023-present), *Policy&Politics* (2021-present), *Public Performance & Management Review* (2021-present), *Public Administration and Policy Review* (2019-present), *Journal of Political Science* (2017-present), *Urban Governance*(2021-2022), *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory* (2019-2021).

Publications

Books

2. Jacobs, Lawrence R., **Ling Zhu**, and Suzanne Mettler. *Against All Odds: How Health Reform Endures*. Oxford University Press. In production, forthcoming in fall 2026.
1. **Ling Zhu**. 2021. *Coopetition: How Inter-organizational Collaboration Shapes Hospital Innovation in Competitive Environments*. New York, NY: Cambridge University Press. Cambridge Elements in Public and Nonprofit Administration.

Edited Symposium

1. **Ling Zhu**, Christopher Witko, and Kenneth J. Meier. ed. 2019. "Research Methods and Public Administration" *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory, Symposium on Research Methods*.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

33. Ping Xu, **Ling Zhu**, and Sebastian Ege. 2026. "Evolving Contexts and Diverging Strategies: Federalism and the Politics of Immigrant Welfare Exclusion in the US" *Policy Studies Journal*, forthcoming.
32. Nathan Favero, Paolo Belardinelli, **Ling Zhu**, and Joanna Lahey. 2025. "Making Null Results Credible: An Overview of Design and Analytical Tools." *Journal of Behavioral Public Administration*, 8, DOI: <https://doi.org/10.30636/jbpa.81.404>.
31. Shuai Cao, Hongtao Yi, Ping Xu, and **Ling Zhu**. 2025. "From Germination to Transformation: Policy Studies in China Over the Past Half-Century (1970s-2020s)". *Policy Studies Journal*, Online First, DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1111/psj.70097>.
30. Yusun Kim, Qing Miao and **Ling Zhu**. 2025. "Extreme Temperatures, Hospital Utilization, and Public Health Insurance Spending." *International Journal of Public Health*, 70, DOI: 10.3389/ijph.2025.1607160.
29. Alex Jingwei He, **Ling Zhu**, and Jiwei Qian. 2025. "Policy Design and Policy Feedback in Welfare Retrenchment: A Survey Experiment in China." *Policy Studies Journal*, 53(2):307-327.
28. **Ling Zhu** and Liang Ma. 2024. "Performance Gaps and Organizational Change: Evidence from Budgetary Growth in Chinese Local Governments." *China Policy Journal*, 3(1): 17-48.
27. Suzanne Mettler, Lawrence R. Jacobs, and **Ling Zhu** 2023. "Policy Threat, Partisanship and the Case of the Affordable Care Act." *American Political Science Review*, 117(1): 296-310.
26. Li Zheng and **Ling Zhu**. 2023. "Trade Openness, Job Sectors, and Social Policy Preferences." *Political Science Research and Methods*, 11(3):613-622.
25. Ping Xu and **Ling Zhu**. 2022. "Immigration, Policy Exclusion, and State-Level Inequality in TANF Participation." *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics*, 7(3): 406-432.
24. Austin McCrea, **Ling Zhu**, and Morgen Johansen. 2022. "Managing Diversity Differently: The External Environment and Cross-Sector Differences in Diversity Management." *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*, 32(2): 436-454.
23. Lawrence R. Jacobs, Suzanne Mettler, and **Ling Zhu**. 2022. "The Pathways of Policy Feedback: How Health Reform Influences Political Efficacy and Participation." *Policy Studies Journal*, 50(3): 483-506.
22. Pengju Zhang and **Ling Zhu**. 2021. "Does the ACA Medicaid Expansion Affect Hospitals' Financial Performance?" *Public Finance Review*, 49(6): 779-814.

21. Kenicia Wright and **Ling Zhu**. 2021. "When Social Capital Becomes Political Capital: Understanding the Social Contexts of Minority Candidates' Electoral Success in American States." *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics*, 6(2):373-401.
20. Taehee Kim, Morgen Johansen, and **Ling Zhu**. 2020. "The Effects of Managers' Purposeful Performance Information Use on American Hospital Performance." *Public Performance & Management Review*, 43(1):129-156.
19. Austin McCrea and **Ling Zhu**. 2019. "The External Determinants of Diversity Management: Competition, Collaboration, and Clients." *Public Administration*, 97(4):942-959.
18. **Ling Zhu** and Amanda Rutherford. 2019. "Managing the Gaps: How Accountability Standards Affect Decision Making in Public Organizations." *Public Performance & Management Review*, 42(5): 1029-1061.
17. Morgen Johansen, Taehee Kim, and **Ling Zhu**. 2018. "Managing for Results Differently: Examining Managers' Purposive Performance Information Use in Public, Nonprofit, and Private Organizations." *American Review of Public Administration*, 48(2): 133-147.
16. **Ling Zhu**. 2018. "Healing Alone? Social Capital, Racial Diversity, and Inequality in Access to Health Care." *American Politics Research*, 45(6):1059-1087.
15. **Ling Zhu**. 2017. "Voices from the Frontline: Network Participation and Local Support for National Policy Reforms." *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*, 27(2): 284-300.
14. Morgen S. Johansen and **Ling Zhu**. 2017. "Who Values Diversity? Comparing Gender Effects across the Public, Private and Nonprofit Sectors." *American Review of Public Administration*, 47(7): 797-809.
13. Ping Xu, James C. Garand, and **Ling Zhu**. 2016. "Imported Inequality: Immigration and Income Inequality in the American States." *State Politics & Policy Quarterly*, 16(2): 147-171.
12. **Ling Zhu** and Kenicia Wright. 2016. "Why Do Americans Dislike Publicly Funded Health Care? Examining the Intersection of Race and Gender in the Ideological Context." *Politics, Groups, and Identities*, 4(4): 618-637.
11. **Ling Zhu** and Ping Xu. 2015. "The Politics of Welfare Exclusion: Immigration and Disparity in Medicaid Coverage." *Policy Studies Journal*, 43(4): 456-483.
10. **Ling Zhu** and Christine S. Lipsmeyer. 2015. "Policy Feedback and Economic Risk: The Influence of Privatization on Social Policy Preferences." *Journal of European Public Policy*, 22(10): 1489-1511.
9. **Ling Zhu** and Jennifer H. Clark. 2015. "Rights without Access: The Political Context of Rising Inequality in Health Insurance Coverage." *State Politics & Policy Quarterly*, 15(2): 239-262.
8. Kenneth J. Meier, Nathan Favero, and **Ling Zhu**. 2015. "Performance Gaps and Managerial Decisions: A Bayesian Theory of Why Managers Seek Information and Take Risks." *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*, 25(4): 1221-1246.
7. **Ling Zhu**, Scott E. Robinson, and René Torenvlied. 2015. "A Bayesian Approach to Measurement Bias in Networking Studies." *American Review of Public Administration*, 45(5): 542-564.
6. **Ling Zhu** and Morgen S. Johansen. 2014. "Public Responsibility and Inequality in Health Insurance Coverage: An Examination of American State Health Care Systems." *Public Administration*, 92(2): 422-439.

5. Morgen S. Johansen and **Ling Zhu**. 2014. "Market Competition, Political Constraints, and Managerial Practice in Public, Nonprofit and Private American Hospitals." *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*, 24(1): 159-184.
4. **Ling Zhu** and Meredith B.L. Walker. 2013. " 'Too Much Too Young:' Race, Descriptive Representation, and Heterogeneous Policy Responses in the Case of Teenage Childbearing." *Politics, Groups, and Identities*, 1(4): 528-546.
3. **Ling Zhu** and Breanca Thomas. 2013. "School-Based Obesity Policy, Social Capital, and Gender Differences in Weight Control Behaviors." *American Journal of Public Health*, 103(6): 1067-1073.
 – Highlighted in the *American Journal of Public Health* June 2013 News Release.
2. **Ling Zhu**. 2013. "Panel Data Analysis in Public Administration: Substantive and Statistical Considerations." *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*, 23(2): 395-428.
1. Christine Lipsmeyer and **Ling Zhu**. 2011. "Immigration, Globalization, and Unemployment Benefits in Developed EU States." *American Journal of Political Science*, 55(3): 647-664.

Book Chapters and Essays

8. **Ling Zhu**, Bingqing Li, Hongtao Yi, and Jiannan Wu. 2022. " Making Cities Competitive and Sustainable: Insights from Comparative Urban Governance Research." *Urban Governance*, Online first.
7. Wu, Jiannan, Bingqin Li, Hongtao Yi, and **Ling Zhu**. 2022. "Coping with Black Swan and Grey Rhino: Expecting New Urban Governance in the Time of Uncertainty." *Urban Governance*, 2(1): 127-129.
6. **Ling Zhu** and Kenicia Wright. 2020. "Public Administration and Racial Disparities in Health and Health Care: Toward a New Health Inequality Research." In Amanda Rutherford and Kenneth J. Meier. ed. *Race and Public Administration*, Routledge, 68-97.
5. Lawrence Jacobs, Suzanne Mettler, and **Ling Zhu**. 2019. "Affordable Care Act Moving to New Stage of Public Acceptance." *Journal of Health Politics, Policy, and Law*, 44(6): 911-917.
4. **Ling Zhu**, Christopher Witko, and Kenneth J. Meier. 2019. "The Public Administration Manifesto II: Matching Methods to Theory and Substance." *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*, 29(2):287-298.
3. **Ling Zhu** and Hui Zhou. 2019. "'Two Chinas': Social Equity, Social Policies and the Urban-Rural Divide in China." In *Social Equity in Asia-Pacific Region*, 109-136. Ed. Morgan Johansen, Palgrave Macmillan.
2. **Ling Zhu**. 2016. "Book Review: Beth Gazley and Katha Kissman. Transformational Governance: How Boards Achieve Extraordinary Changes." *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*, 26(4):814-816.
1. **Ling Zhu**. 2015. "Measurement Approaches in Public Administration Surveys." In Melvin Dubnick and Domonic Bearfield, Ed. *Encyclopedia of Public Administration and Public Policy*, 3rd edition, 3173.

Policy Briefs and Media Engagement

8. Lawrence R. Jacobs, Suzanne Mettler, and **Ling Zhu**. "Republicans Are Relying on the Affordable Care Act to Respond to Pandemic." *The Washington Post Monkey Cage*, April 27, 2020.
7. Ping Xu, James C. Garand, and **Ling Zhu**. "How Immigration Makes Income Inequality Worse in the US." *The London School of Economics and Political Science, USAPP American Politics and Policy Blog*, October 14, 2015.
6. **Ling Zhu** and Jennifer H. Clark. "Inequality in Health Care Persists at the State Level, Especially in Red States with Diverse Populations." *The London School of Economics and Political Science, USAPP American Politics and Policy Blog*, May 7, 2015.
5. **Ling Zhu** and Morgen S. Johansen. "The Refusal of 24 States to Expand Medicaid under Obamacare Will Maintain Their High Levels of Inequality in Healthcare Coverage." *The London School of Economics and Political Science, USAPP American Politics and Policy Blog*, July 15, 2014.
4. Sheila Jackson Lee and **Ling Zhu**. "Medicaid Obstruction Is Still Hurting America—Especially Texas." *Talking Points Memo*, July 11, 2014.
3. **Ling Zhu** and Markie McBrayer*. "While California Expands Insurance Coverage, Texas Blocks Health Reform - Despite Greater Needs." *Scholars Strategy Network, Basic Fact*, February 2014.
2. Morgen S. Johansen and **Ling Zhu**. "Market Competition May Not Reduce Costs or Lead to Great Efficiency in Hospitals." *The London School of Economics and Political Science, USAPP American Politics and Policy Blog*, January 30, 2014.
1. **Ling Zhu** and Morgen S. Johansen. "As Obamacare Proceeds, How Well Do U.S. States Address Inequalities in Health Insurance and Access to Care?" *Scholars Strategy Network, Basic Fact*, November 2013.

Publications in Chinese

5. **Ling Zhu**. 2019. "Performance Gaps and Management Decisions: Theoretical Frontiers and Empirical Evidence." *Public Administration and Policy Review*, December Issue, 3-13.
4. **Ling Zhu**. 2019. "Collaborative Networks and Performance Management: Applications in Empirical Public Management Studies and Future Research Agenda." *Public Administration and Policy Review*, January Issue, 3-19.
3. **Ling Zhu**. 2005. "Institutional Imperfection and the Growth of a Federal Government: A Comparison of EU and American Federalism." *European Integration Studies*, April Issue, 35-47.
2. Yugang Chen and **Ling Zhu**. 2004. "From the Maastricht Treaty to the EU Constitution: The Ten-Year Road of Enhancing the Competitiveness of the EU." *European Integration Studies*, February Issue, 10-17.
1. **Ling Zhu**. 2003. "The Dilemma of the Pinochet Case." In Jialing Xiao and Xianxing Tang, ed. *Diplomacy of the Great Powers: Theory, Decision-Making and Challenge*. Beijing: Shishi Publishing House, 194-213.

Research in Progress

Journal Manuscripts

Aparajita Datta and **Ling Zhu**. "Lower Barriers, Less Exclusion? The Effect of Waivers on the Administrative Burden and Take-up for SNAP." Revise&Resubmit.

Amanda Austin and **Ling Zhu**. "Scarcely Sufficient: How Adaptations to Sociotropic Sufficiency and Scarcity Impact Political Preferences." Under review.

Alma Sultana and **Ling Zhu**. "Access and Participation: Exploring the Effect of Healthcare Coverage on Voting." Manuscript in preparation.

Ling Zhu, Miyeon Song, Austin McCrea, and Ohbet Cheon. "Networking for the Honor Roll? Unpacking the Relational Foundation of Organizational Reputation." Manuscript in preparation.

Ling Zhu and Xiangming Fang. "Privatizing Social Spending: Immigration, Globalization, and Changes in Industrialized Welfare States." Manuscript in preparation.

Datasets in Development

AI Policies in the World (with Lydia Tiede): A comparative policy dataset, tracing artificial intelligence (AI) policy adoption in 60+ countries since 2010, providing empirical measures on total adopted policies, counts by policy types (executive, legislative, and administrative policies), policy instruments (regulations, information, financial incentives, grants), and main policy targets (corporations, consumers, NGOs, government agencies).

Immigrant Welfare Inclusion in the American States (with Ping Xu): A panel dataset for the fifty American states from 2000 to 2020, including 30+ program eligibility rules regarding immigrants' access to major safety net programs (TANF, SNAP, and Medicaid).

Health Care Reform and Health Policy Mix Database (with Alex He): A comparative health care policy database, tracking the adoption of 50+ health care policy instruments in western democracies from the 1940s to present.

Awards, Honors, and Grants

External

Erika Fairchild Award, Southern Political Science Association, 2024.

American Political Science Association Peer Pedagogical Partnerships (P4) Grant, 2019, \$4,500, with Shinya Wakao and Sean Skipworth.

Research Grant Project, "Comparing Long-Term Care Policies and Services in China, Netherlands, and the United States." Funded by the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Science, 2015, €25,100, with René Torenvlied, Yijia Jing, and Minna van Gerven.

Artinian Travel Award, Southern Political Science Association, 2014, \$250.

Research Grant on Hispanic Poverty, Inequality and Social Mobility, Center on Poverty and Inequality, Stanford University, 2013, \$25,000, with Francisco Pedraza.

National Science Foundation Scholarship for EITM Summer Institute, Washington University in St. Louis, 2010, \$1,500.

Prestage-Cook Award, the Southern Political Science Association, 2010, \$250.

Clifford C. Clogg Award for Political Science, ICPSR Summer Program, 2008, \$2,400.

CIC Scholarship Award for Political Science, ICPSR Summer Program, 2006, \$1,500.

Internal

Provost Faculty Travel Grant, University of Houston, 2026, \$1,200.

CLASS Book Completion Grant, University of Houston, 2026, \$3,000.

PSGSA Outstanding Mentorship Award, Department of Political Science, University of Houston, 2025.

CLASS Research Progress Grant, University of Houston, 2023 \$3,200, with Amanda Austin.

The University of Houston 2022 50-in-5 Faculty Award, High Impact Publications and Creative Activities National Recognition.

Department of Political Science, Grant Incentive Program, University of Houston, 2019, \$5,000.

Excellence in Research, Scholarship or Creative Activity Awards, University of Houston, 2018, \$8,000.

Provost's Faculty Travel Grant, University of Houston, 2018, \$1,200.

Hobby Center for Public Policy Interdisciplinary Research Funds, 2016, \$10,000, with Zhiwen Xiao (Dept. of Communication) and Jaesub Lee (Dept. of Communication).

CLASS Research Progress Grant, University of Houston, 2015, \$1,600.

Provost's Faculty Travel Grant, University of Houston, 2014, \$1,200.

Small Research Grant, University of Houston, 2014, \$3,000.

Small Research Grant, University of Houston, 2013, \$3,000.

Provost's Faculty Travel Fund, University of Houston, 2012, \$ 750.

Summer Research Grant, the Asian American Studies Center, University of Houston, 2012, \$5,000, with Andrea Eckelman (UH Graduate Student).

New Faculty Research Grant, University of Houston, 2012, \$6,000.

Invited Presentations/Workshops

Invited talk, "Against All Odds: How Health Reform Endures." NSF-EIR Summer Institute, Prairie View A&M University, May 19, 2026.

Invited talk, "From Panelsto Policy: Leveraging Longitudinal Data for Policy Research." NSF-EIR Summer Institute, Prairie View A&M University, May 19, 2026.

Invited talk, "DID in Policy Evaluation: Methodology Considerations and New Development." School of International and Public Affairs, Shanghai Jiaotong University, July 15, 2024, China.

Invited talk, "Policy Feedback Research: Theoretical and Methodological Frontiers." School of Public Administration, East China Normal University, July 11, 2024, China.

Invited talk, "How Do Policies Make Politics? The Case of the Affordable Care Act." College of Public Administration, Huazhong University of Science and Technology, China, June 26, 2024.

Invited talk, "Network Governance and Public Service Provision: Frontiers of Public Management Research and Theory." East China University of Political Science and Law, June 21, 2024.

Invited talk, "Making America Healthier: The Affordable Care Act and the Civic Renewal." School of International Relations and Public Affairs, Fudan University, China, June 7, 2024.

Invited talk (virtual), "Studying Policy Feedback Effects: Theoretical and Methodological Considerations." Huadong University of Science and Technology, China, May 18, 2022.

Panelist, the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA), Greater Houston Chapter Webinar, "At the Intersection of Public Health and Individual Rights? Which Has the Right of Way? From Three Perspectives: Public Health, Political Science, and Behavioral Science." October 14, 2021.

Research presentation (virtual), "Policy Feedback Research: Development in Theory and Research Design." Renmin University of China, October 12, 2021.

Invited talk, "Health Care Policy in the U.S. Federal System." Presented at the Texas Women in Health Policy Seminar, Texas Women's University, Center for Women in Politics & Public Policy, September 15, 2021.

Invited lecture (virtual), "Multilevel Analysis in Public Administration and Public Policy Research." China-America Association for Public Administration Summer Methods Workshop, July 6-8, 2021.

Keynote lecture (virtual), "Challenges and Countermeasures: The Future and the Present of Governance Capacity and Government System." School of Humanities and Law of Northeastern University, China, May 22, 2021.

University of Houston Faculty Senate Conference, "Collaborative Strategies for Improving Health Care Delivery Under the ACA: Opportunities and Challenges." October 4, 2019.

Discussant, 2019 Visions in Methodology Meeting, Athens, GA, May 2-4, 2019.

Research presentation, "Public Administration and Racial Disparities in Health and Health Care: Toward a New Health Inequality Research." Presented at the Conference on Race and Public Administration, Texas A&M University, May 18-20, 2017, with Kenicia Wright.

Discussant, The 10th Annual St. Louis Area Methods Meeting (SLAMM), University of Missouri-Columbia, April 21-22, 2017.

Research presentation, "When Social Capital Becomes Political Capital: Understanding the Social Contexts of Minority Candidates' Electoral Success in States." Presented at the Department of Government, Cornell University, March 17, 2017.

Research presentation, "Voices from the Front-Line: Network Participation and Local Support for the National Health Care Reform." Presented at the University of Texas (Austin) Population Research Center Brown Bag Series, September 9, 2016.

Research presentation, "Coopetition: A Cross-Sector Comparison of Networking Collaboration and Innovation in Competitive Environments." Presented at "Taking Sector Seriously: Managers, Socialization, and Performance", Seventh Conference on Empirical Studies of Organizations and Public Management. Texas A&M University, May 20-21, 2016.

Research presentation, "Healing Alone? Social Capital, Racial Diversity, and Health Care Inequality in the American States." University of Hawaii, October 8, 2015.

Guest lecture, "Bayesian Analysis in a Nutshell." Texas A&M University, School of Rural Public Health, College Station, Texas, April 24, 2015.

Workshop, "Taking Stock of Health Care Reform", Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, October 1-3, 2014.

Research presentation, "Voices from the Front-Line: Network Participation and Local Administrative Preferences on the National Health Care Reform." Presented at the University of Twente (Netherlands), *The Innovation of Government Lunch Meeting Series*, Enschede, Netherlands, September 26, 2014.

Research presentation, "Imported Inequality: Immigration, State Policy, and Inequality in Access to Health Care." Presented at the Texas A&M University Research Workshop, *Minorities, Politics, and Health: A Symposium on Contemporary Health Disparities Research*, College Station, Texas, May 16, 2013.

Research presentation, "Universal Health Care Legislation, Political Exclusion, and Social Disparities in Access to Health Care." Presented at Texas Southern University & University of Texas, M.D. Anderson Center, September 11, 2012, Houston, Texas.

Professional Session, "Making a Transition from Graduate School to A Tenure-Track Position in R1 Institutions," presented at Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas, February 13, 2012.

Research presentation, "Health Care in the United States." Made to the Ningbo Municipal Delegates (China) hosted by the Houston City Government, Houston, Texas, November 16, 2011.

Conference Presentations (since 2018)

2026

Sebastian Ege, Ling Zhu, and Ping Xu. "Anti-Immigration Sentiment, Polarization, and Immigrant Inclusion in Safety Net." Presented at the 2026 Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.

Ping Xu, Ling Zhu, and Sebastian Ege. "Evolving Contexts and Diverging Strategies: Federalism and the Politics of Immigrant Welfare Exclusion in the United States." Presented at the 2026 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

Ling Zhu, Miyeon Song, and Austin McCrea. "Networking for the Honor Roll? Unpacking the Relational Foundation of Organizational Reputation." Presented at the 2026 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

Aparajita Datta and Ling Zhu. "Lower Barriers, Less Exclusion? SNAP Take-up in Changing Administrative Contexts." Accepted, to be presented at the 2026 Public Management Research Conference, American University, Washington, DC.

Aparajita Datta, Kolbe Dumas, and Ling Zhu. "Burden of Disruptions: Effect of Government Shutdowns on SNAP Take-Up." Accepted, to be presented at the 2026 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA.

Youchen Chen and Ling Zhu. "Learning from the ACA: Policy Experiences, Partisanship, and Policy Ambivalence." Accepted, to be presented at the 2026 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA.

Ling Zhu, Lydia Tiede, Bonhooon Koo, and Anika Ibnat. "Algorithm Governance: Political Institutions and AI Policies in Democracies." Accepted, to be presented at the 2026 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA.

2025

Alma Sultana and Ling Zhu. "Access and Participation: Exploring the Effects of Health Care Access on Voting." Presented at the 2025 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

Aparajita Datta and Ling Zhu. "Lower Barriers, Greater Exclusion? The Effect of Waivers on the Administrative Burden and Take-up for SNAP." Presented at the 2025 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

Ling Zhu, Ping Xu, and Sebastian Ege. "What Do We Fear? Anti-Immigration Sentiment, Polarization, and Immigrant Inclusion in Safety Net." Presented at the 2025 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

Ling Zhu, Miyeon Song, and Austin McCrea. "Networking for the Honor Roll? Unpacking the Relational Foundation of Organizational Reputation." To be presented at the 2025 Public Management Research Conference, Seoul, South Korea.

Amanda Austin and Ling Zhu. "Scarcely Sufficient: How Adaptations to Sociotropic Sufficiency and Scarcity Impact Political Preferences." To be presented at the 2025 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Vancouver, Canada.

2024

Ping Xu and Ling Zhu. "Federalism, Policy Devolution, and Immigrant Welfare Exclusion in the United States." Presented at the 2024 Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.

Shana Hardin and Ling Zhu. "Equal Pay Policies and Feedback Effects on Women's Political Participation." Presented at the 2024 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

Austin McCrea, Miyeon Song, and Ling Zhu. "Physician Concentration, Shortage, and Effective Health Care in Resource-Constrained Settings." Presented at the 2024 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.

Ping Xu, Ling Zhu, and Sebastian Ege. "Federalism and the Politics of Immigrant Inclusion in TANF." Presented at the 2024 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.

2023

Samantha Chapa and Ling Zhu. "Immigrant Incorporation: Reframing Local Policy in Immigration Politics." Presented at the 2023 Politics of Race, Immigration, and Ethnicity Consortium (PRIEC), Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ.

Shana Hardin and Ling Zhu. "Fostering Gender Equality Norms: The Effects of Descriptive and Substantive Representation of Women." Presented at the 2023 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

Pengju Zhang, Ling Zhu, and Yusun Kim. "The Impact of State Medicaid Expansion on Hospitals: Evidence from Difference-in-Differences Analyses." Presented at Conference on Methodological Pluralism in Public Management, O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs, Indiana University Bloomington, Bloomington, IN, May 17-19, 2023.

2022

Samantha Chapa and Ling Zhu. "Immigrant Incorporation: Reframing Local Policy in Immigration Politics." Presented at the 2022 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

Ling Zhu and Jennifer Clark. "Immigrant Inclusion and Exclusion: State Policies and Feedback Effects on Mass Political Engagement." Presented at the 2022 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

Austin McCrea and Ling Zhu. "Don't Leave, It's My Fault: Managerial Turnover and Gender Representation at the Individual Level." Presented at the 2022 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

Ling Zhu, Lawrence Jacobs, and Suzanne Mettler. "Policy Feedback, Partisanship, and the Making of American Citizenship." Presented at the 2022 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada.

2021

Ling Zhu and Shana Hardin. "Income Inequality, Female Representation, and Gender Equality Norms: Evidence from a Cross-Country Analysis." Presented at the 2021 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting.

Xiaoyang Xu, Ling Zhu, and Kenneth J. Meier. "Female Physicians, Group Dynamics, and Active Representation." Presented at the 2021 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting.

2020

Austin McCrea and Ling Zhu. "Does Diversity Management Pay Off? Performance and Health Disparities in Emergency Medical Services." Presented at the 2020 Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Ling Zhu, Lawrence Jacobs, and Suzanne Mettler. "The Dynamics of Federalism and Policy Feedback: States' Adoption of Medicaid Expansion and Its Impact." Presented at the 2020 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting.

Ling Zhu and Hui Zhou. "State Healthcare Policy, Hospital Networks, and Care to the Disadvantaged." Presented at the 2020 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting.

2019

Ling Zhu, Ohbet Cheon, and Amanda Rutherford. "Performance Gaps, Management Responses, and Negativity Bias: Evidence from Cross-Sector Comparison." Presented at the 2019 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

Ling Zhu, Lawrence Jacobs, and Suzanne Mettler. "State Policy Feedback: State Variations in Implementing the Affordable Care Act." Presented at the 2019 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

Austin McCrea, Ling Zhu, and Morgen Johansen. "Managing Diversity Differently: The External Environment and Cross-Sector Differences in Diversity Management." Presented at the 2019 Public Management Research Conference, Chapel Hill, NC.

2018

Ling Zhu and Liang Ma. "Performance Gaps, Coopetition and Local Government Borrowing: Evidence from China." Presented at the 2018 American Society of Public Administration Annual Conference, Denver, CO.

Lawrence Jacobs, Suzanne Mettler, and Ling Zhu. "The Development of Policy Feedback Over Time: The Impacts of Health Reform on Political Efficacy and Voting." Presented at the 2018 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

Courses Taught

University of Houston

Undergraduate: POLS3314 Introduction to Public Administration, POLS3316, Statistics for Political Scientists, POLS3319 The Politics of Social Policy

MPA: PUBL6312 Public Finance, PUBL6313 Fundamentals of Policy Analysis, PUBL6417 Microeconomic Analysis

PhD: POLS6312 Survey of American Institutions and Public Policy, POLS6314 Policy Analysis, POLS6317 Inequality and Redistribution, POLS6316 Seminar in Social Policy, POLS6482 Quantitative Methods III (MLE)

Summer Methods Courses

Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) Summer Program, Workshop on Multilevel Analysis Using R (2020-2021, 2023-2025), Time Series and Cross-Section Data Analysis Using Stata (2023-2025)

CAAPA-Zhejiang University Summer Methods Workshop on Count Data Models (2021), Measurement Models (2021), Multilevel Analysis (2022, 2023), Event History Analysis (2023).

Sun Yat-Sen University (China) and Renmin University (China), Methods workshop on Maximum Likelihood Estimation and Bayesian Inference, 2019.

Purdue University

Undergraduate: POLS120 Introduction to Public Policy and Public Administration

University Service

University/College/Department Committees

College of Liberal Arts and Social Science, Promotion & Tenure Committee (Co-chair), 2024-2025.

College of Liberal Arts and Social Science, Graduate Affairs Committee, 2024-present.

College of Liberal Arts and Social Science, Faculty Mentoring Program, 2024.

University of Houston, Population Health Task Force, 2022-2024.

Faculty Senate, Research and Scholarship Committee, 2021-2024.

College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, Promotion & Tenure Committee, 2023-2024.

College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, Dean's Mayor Internship Committee, 2022.

Program co-organizer, The John McGovern Endowed Lecture Series in *Health, Family, and Human Values*, 2022.

Hobby School of Public Affairs, Promotion & Tenure Committee, 2024.

Hobby School of Public Affairs, Elizabeth D. Rockwell Center Prize for Best Article on Ethics, Leadership, and Public Policy Award Committee, 2021-2024.

College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, India Studies Faculty Search Committee, 2018.

College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, Dissertation Completion Fellowship Selection Committee, 2017.

Department of Political Science, Graduate Committee (Chair), 2024-present.

Department of Political Science Public Policy Field Chair, 2013-2024.

Department of Political Science, Quantitative Social Science Minor Program Director, 2023-2024.

Department of Political Science, Executive Committee, 2023-2024, 2025-2026.

Department of Political Science, Ad Hoc Committee on Reforming the MA Program (Chair), 2023-2024.

Department of Political Science Graduate Recruitment Director 2022-2024.

Department of Political Science Graduate Placement Director, 2017-2021, 2024-2025.

Department of Political Science Conference Co-organizer, "Gender, Diversity, and Representation." May 2023, with Jennifer Clark and Tanika Raychaudhuri.

Department of Political Science Conference Co-organizer, "Gentrification and Political Representation." May 2022, with Jason Casellas and Markie McBrayer.

Department of Political Science IR/IPE Search Committee, 2012, 2022, 2023.

Department of Political Science Theory Search Committee, 2021, 2024.

Department of Political Science Ad Hoc Virtual Speaker Series Committee, 2021.

Department of Political Science Search Committee (American Politics and Communication), 2018.

Department of Political Science Ad Hoc Committee on Awards, 2018.

Department of Political Science Conference Co-Organizer, Research Conference, *Health Care Politics at the Crossroad*, 2017.

Department of Political Science Graduate Committee (Member), 2011-2013, 2014-2021, 2022.

Department of Political Science Methods Reform Committee, 2016.

Department of Political Science American Politics/Public Policy Search Committee, 2015.

Department of Political Science Technology Committee, 2013 Fall.

MPA Faculty Search Committee, 2020-2023.

MPA Program Comprehensive Exam Committee, 2011-2024.

MPA Program Graduate Admission Committee, 2011-2024.

MPA Program Strategic Planning Committee, 2015 Fall.

Program coordinator, Political Science-MPA co-sponsorship to the 2013 John McGovern Endowed Lecture Series in *Health, Family, and Human Values*, College of Liberal Arts and Social Science, University of Houston, 2013.

MPA Program *Best Student Research Paper* Selection Committee, 2011-2019.

MPA Program *Public Official of the Year* Selection Committee, 2011.

*PhD Dissertation Committee and Placement**Committee Chair/Co-Chair*

Kolbe Duma, expected in 2029.

Alma Sultana, expected in 2028.

Sebastian Ege (Co-chair with Jennifer Clark), expected in 2027.

Amanda Austin, expected in 2027.

Lucia Lopez (Co-Chair with Scott Clifford), 2026, Assistant Professor, North Carolina State University.

Aparajita Datta, 2025. Research Fellow, UH Energy Transition Institute.

Shana Hardin (Co-Chair with Jeronimo Cortina), 2025. Director of Data and Research, New Americans Leader.

Naomi Nubin, 2025. Postdoc Fellow, Dartmouth College.

Samantha Chapa (Co-Chair with Lydia Tiede), 2025, Postdoc Fellow, Notre Dame University (2026), Assistant Professor, University of Texas, Arlington (2027)

Hui Zhou, 2022, Visiting Assistant Professor, St. Louis University (2022-2023), Postdoc Fellow, The Free University of Berlin (2024-2025)

Scott Hofer, 2019 (Co-Chair with Jeff Church), Assistant Professor, Monmouth University

Kenicia Wright, 2018, Assistant Professor, Central Florida University (2018), Assistant Professor, Arizona State University (2022)

Markie McBrayer, 2017, Associate Professor, University of Idaho

Andrea Eckelman, 2016, Associate Professor, University of Montevallo

Committee Member

Larrisa Landin, expected in 2026.

Songeun (Emily) Lee, expected in 2026.

Julio C. Rodriguez, 2026, Montefiore Einstein Bioethics Postdoc Fellowship, Montefiore Medical Center and Albert Einstein College of Medicine

Gathoni Kimondo, 2024.

Vivian Kalu, 2023, Assistant Professor, St. Mary's University.

Brian Sullivan, 2022, Evaluation Specialist, U.S. Department of State.

Emilia Barreto, 2021, Faculty Lecturer, University of Colorado Colorado Springs

Christopher Akujuobi, 2014, Associate Professor, Carroll Community College

Jasmine L. Jenkins, 2013, Adjunct Professor, Houston Community College

Bianca Easterly, 2013, Associate Professor, Lamar University

External Committee Member

Ivy Liu (Ohio State University), 2024, Assistant Professor, University of Mississippi

Rudy de Leon Dinglas (University of Maryland, Baltimore), 2023

Azadeh Sabz, 2022 (UH Business School), Assistant Professor, Missouri State University

Ph.D. Qualifying Paper Committee

2026: Kolbe Dumas

2025: Alma Sultana, Madeleine Solt

2023: Amanda Austin, Shana Hardin, Billy Justus, Larrisa Landin

2022: Aparajitta Datta, Leah Sparkman

2020: Gathoni Kimondo, Huseyin Tunc

2019: Naomi Nubin, Hui Zhou

Policy Comps Committee

2025: Sebastian Ege, Liliana Veloz Marquez, Alma Sultana

2024: Roberto Alas, Billy Justus, Rasha Khayat, Lucia Lopez-Hisijos, Larrisa Landin

2023: Aparahita Datta, HM Kim, Lucas Lothamar, Liliana Veloz Marquez, Shana Hardin

2021: Gathoni Kimondo

2020: Mariam Alzaylaee, Vivian Kalu, Naomi Nubin, Hui Zhou

2016: Scott Hofer

2015: Markie McBrayer, Kenicia Wright

2014: Kalthoom Bouderdaben

2013: Andrea Eckelman, Christopher Akujuobi

2012: Bianca Easterly

MA and MPA Thesis Advisor

2022: Nimra Zubair, Chaveli Solis, Daniel Chang, Giovanni Rosselli

2020: Shaq Dixon

2019: Narmi Mena, Adrian Miller

2018: Gabriell Gaiter, Konner Mackey

2014: James Bjacek, Maria Modelska

2013: Eric Michael De Druin, Shawn Portales

2012: Aaron Chan, Cynthia Hurrington, Sayyeda Naqshe-E-Zahrah Rizvi, Keely Page, Davis Stewart, Courtney Spratley

2011: Adrian Trevio, Anat Kelman Shaw, Rikitra Stewart

Faculty Mentor

Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship Program (SURF): Karen Wei (2026), Jacqueline Le (2024), Shana Hardin (2020), Austin Marin (2019), and J Ehlinger (2016).

Provost's Undergraduate Research Scholarship Program (PURS): Stephanie Ruiz (2012).

Senior Honors Thesis: Scotland Carter (2026)

Other Service

University of Houston Fulbright Faculty Advisory Network, 2015-present.

Professional Activities

Professional Service

Member, Erika Fairchild Award Committee, South Political Science Association, 2025-2026.

Member, American Political Science Association Public Policy Section, Executive Council, 2023-present.

President, China-America Association for Public Affairs, 2024-2025.

Faculty mentor, American Political Science Association Mentoring Program, 2024-present.

Member, Aaron Wildavsky Enduring Contribution Award, American Political Science Association Public Policy Section, 2024.

Member, Herbert Simon Award Committee, Midwest Political Science Association, 2023-2024.

Member, Public Management Research Association Conference Policy Committee, 2023.

Chair, Wen Wang Best Paper Awards Committee, China-America Association for Public Affairs, 2022-2023.

Member, Leonard S. Robins Best Paper Award Committee, American Political Science Association, Section on Health Politics and Policy, 2021-2022.

President-Elect, China-America Association for Public Affairs, 2022-2023.

Conference Program Committee, Public Management Research Conference, 2020-2021.

Section Chair, American Political Science Association, Section on Public Administration, 2020-2021.

Member, Haldane Prize for Best Article Committee, American Political Science Association, 2020.

Section Chair-Elect, American Political Science Association Public Administration Section, 2019-2020.

Member, Best Dissertation Award Committee, Public Management Research Association (PMRA), 2020.

Member, Conference Program Committee, Public Management Research Conference (PMRC), 2019-2020.

Member, President Nomination Committee, Midwest Political Science Association Public Administration Caucus (MPAC), 2019.

Member, Best Poster Award Committee, American Political Science Association, Section on Public Policy, 2019.

Program Chair, American Political Science Association 2019 Annual Meeting, Section on Public Administration, 2018-2019.

Member, Best Comparative Policy Paper Award Committee, American Political Science Association, Section on Public Policy, 2018-2019.

Member, Wen Wang Best Paper Awards Committee, China-America Association for Public Affairs, 2019.

Section Chair, Comparative Politics: Industrialized Countries, Midwest Political Science Association 2019 Annual Meeting, 2018-2019.

Board Member, China-America Association for Public Affairs, 2018-2021.

Treasurer, China-America Association for Public Affairs, 2018-2022.

Member, Public Leadership and Public Inter-Face Awards Committee, American Society for Public Administration Great Houston Chapter, 2018.

Executive Council Member, American Political Science Association, Public Administration Section, 2015-2018.

Referee

American Journal of Public Health, American Review of Public Administration, British Journal of Political Science, European Political Science Review, International Review of Administrative Science, International Journal of Public Administration, Journal of Asian Public Policy, Journal of Elections, Public Opinion & Parties, Journal of European Public Policy, Journal of Health and Human Service Administration, Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law, Journal of Industrial Ecology, Journal of Public Administration Theory and Research, Journal of Politics, Local Government Studies, Perspectives on Public Management and Governance, Policy Studies Journal, Policy & Politics, Political Research Quarterly, Public Administration and Development, Public Administration Review, Public Management Review, Public Performance & Management Review, Public Personnel Management, Review of Policy Research, Social Science & Medicine, Social Science Quarterly, State Politics and Policy Quarterly, Urban Affairs Review, Urban Governance, Cambridge University Press, Routledge, National Science Foundation

Professional Affiliations

American Political Science Association

Midwest Political Science Association

Southern Political Science Association

China-America Association for Public Affairs

Public Management Research Association

Co-Director, The SSN-Texas Chapter, Scholarly Strategy Network, 2013-2019