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Deli Yang

education

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
 PhD Candidate (ABD), Political Science 2027 (expected)
 • Dissertation Book Project: *Public Diplomacy in Conflict Resolution: The Use of International Apologies*
 • Committee: Alyssa Prorok (Chair), Paul Diehl, Don Casler, Matthew Winters, Alexandra Chronopoulou (Statistics)
 • Fields: International Relations, Political Methodology
 MS, Statistics 2023

London School of Economics and Political Science & Peking University, Double MSc 2021

China University of Political Science and Law, LLB 2019
 Exchange Student, University of California, Berkeley, 2017

research interests

conflict resolution • peace process • public diplomacy • foreign policy • survey experiment

peer-reviewed publications

Political Apologies in International Relations (with Paul Diehl)
Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics, 2025

working papers

Making Peace by Making Amends? The Impact of International Apologies on Bilateral Relations (Job Market Paper) *Under Review*

Steps of Rapprochement: Do International Apologies Initiate or Consolidate Peace? *Under Review*

Managing Conflict by Saying Sorry: Introducing the Rebel Apology Dataset (RAD) (with Alyssa Prorok) *Under Review*

Action Over Cost: How Foreign Publics Evaluate Public Diplomacy Gestures in Apology-Making (with Paul Un & Yujeong Yang) *Under Review*

selected
work in
progress

Rebel Apologies in Civil Conflicts (with Alyssa Prorok)
China's Public Diplomacy (with Yujeong Yang & Paul Un)

original
datasets

Rebel Apology Dataset (RAD) (with Alyssa Prorok)
Human Rights and International Transgressions (HuRT)

fellowships
& awards
(≥US\$1,000;
competitive
only)

External

Humane Studies Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies, 2025 (\$2,500)

Internal

Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Graduate College, U. of I., 2025-26 (\$12,600)

Jeremiah Sullivan Award, Program in Arms Control & Domestic and International Security,
U. of I., 2025 (\$10,000)

Garner Fellowship, U. of I., 2024 (\$1,000)

Schroeder Fellowship, Cline Center for Advanced Social Research, U. of I., 2023 (\$6,000)

Kneier Fellowship, U. of I., 2023 (\$1,000)

Kneier Fellowship, U. of I., 2022 (\$2,400)

Kneier Fellowship, U. of I., 2022 (\$1,000)

Departmental Research & Travel Funding, U. of I., 2022-25 (\$2,250)

Bocheng Academic Excellence Award, Peking University, 2020 (\$10,000)

presentations
(recent)

Invited Talks

2025: *Program in Arms Control & Domestic and International Security* Seminar, U. of I.

Annual Meetings

The Impact of Apologies on Interstate Relations

- APSA Annual Conference, Boston, MA 2026 (scheduled)
- ISA Annual Conference, Columbus, OH, 2026 (scheduled)
- ISA Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, 2025

How Foreign Publics Evaluate Public Diplomacy Gestures (with Paul Un & Yujeong Yang)

- APSA Annual Conference, Boston, MA 2026 (scheduled)
- MPSA Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, 2026 (scheduled)
- MPSA Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, 2025

Rivalry Means Never Saying You're Sorry

- Peace Science Society (International) Conference, Orlando, FL, 2025
- MPSA Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, 2024
- ISA-Midwest Annual Conference, St. Louis, MO, 2024

teaching experience

U. of I., Center for Global Studies

Independent Instructor

Global Conflict Resolution (SP 26)

U. of I., Center for Innovation in Teaching & Learning

Independent Instructor

Workshops on Statistical Analysis (FA 22, SP 23, FA 23, SP 24, FA 24, FA 25, SP 26)

U. of I., Department of Political Science

Teaching Assistant

Introduction to International Relations (SP 25)

International Law (SP 25)

The US Constitution II (SP 22)

Guest Lecturer

“Conflict Resolution,” Introduction to International Relations (SP 25)

research experience

Original surveys programmed and fielded: Vietnam (2025; 2026) • U.S. (3 in 2024; 4 in 2025)

Research Assistant for Alyssa Prorok, Department of Political Science, U. of I., SU 25

Statistics, Data, and Survey Consultant, U. of I., 2022 - Present

Research Assistant in Data Analytics, U. of I., 2022 - Present

professional services

To the Discipline

Journal Referee: *Conflict Management and Peace Science*

Panel Co-Organizer, MPSA Annual Conference, 2026

To U. of I.

Research Mentor, Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship Program (URAP) 2024-25

Undergraduate Research Supervisor (independent supervision using research funds) 2024

Mentor to First-Year PhD Students 2024-25

Discussant, Politics Workshop 2025

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| skills | Technical: R • Python • SQL • SAS • Stata • SPSS • Qualtrics • Tableau • MongoDB • L ^A T _E X |
| certificates | Certificate in Foundations of Teaching, U. of I. Mentoring Certificate, U. of I. |
| professional affiliations | American Political Science Association International Studies Association Midwest Political Science Association |