

# YUNHAO LI (DEREK)

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## EDUCATION

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**PhD student in Assyriology, Yale University**

**2024 – Present**

I am currently pursuing a PhD in Assyriology at the Department of Near Eastern Languages & Civilizations, Yale University.

**B.A. in Economics & History, Peking University**

**2024**

I graduated from Peking University in 2024 with dual bachelor's degrees in Economics and History. I studied at the School of Economics from Sep 2020 to Aug 2021, and at the National School of Development from Sep 2021 to Jul 2024. My thesis, supervised by Prof. Dr. Yiling Zhao at the Department of Economic History, examines the impacts of the boll weevil invasion on agriculture and higher education in the U.S. South from 1892 to 1922.

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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**Research Assistant**

**May 2023 – Feb 2024**

I collaborated with Prof. Dr. Yiling Zhao (Peking University) on a project investigating historical conflicts between Native Americans and European Americans in 19th-century U.S.

**Research Under Faculty Guidance**

**Jun 2023 – Oct 2023**

I conducted research on the economy of the Hittite Kingdom based on Hittite Laws under the guidance of Prof. Dr. Zheng Li (Peking University) and completed a research article titled "Hittite Laws and Economic Realities: Exploring the Macroeconomic Landscape."

**Research Assistant**

**Oct 2021 – Aug 2022**

I assisted Prof. Dr. Sophie Calder-Wang (University of Pennsylvania) and Dr. Jinlin Li (Harvard University) in studying government venture capital in China.

**Research Assistant**

**Jul 2021 – Dec 2021**

I supported Dr. Jinlin Li in researching venture capital and market performance in China.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### Teaching Assistant

Spring Term, 2024

- ▷ Course: International Trade (National School of Development, Peking University)
- ▷ Instructor: Prof. Dr. Qingyang Huang (Peking University)

### Teaching Assistant

Summer Term, 2023

- ▷ Course: Visual Communication for a Global World (New Zealand Center, Peking University)
- ▷ Instructor: Prof. Dr. Laurence Simmons (University of Auckland)

## ACADEMIC VISITING

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### International Guest Student, University of Pennsylvania

Aug 2022 – Dec 2022

I studied at School of Art & Science as an international guest student for one semester.

## HONORS & AWARDS

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- ▷ Distinguished Thesis Award (Peking University) 2024
- ▷ Rainbow Bridge Alumni Scholarship 2023
- ▷ Award for Academic Excellents (Peking University) 2023
- ▷ Deng Guangming Academic Paper Award (Department of History, Peking University) 2023
- ▷ Freshman Scholarship (Peking University) 2020

## OTHERS

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### Programming skills & Softwares

- ▷  $\LaTeX$ , Markdown, MATLAB, Python, QGIS, Stata

### Languages

- ▷ Modern Languages: Mandarin (native), English (TOEFL iBT: 105/120), Modern Greek (basic)
- ▷ Ancient Languages: I have taken courses in Hittite, Classical Greek and Sumerian.