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EDUCATION

2024 (exp) **Ph.D., University of Wisconsin-Madison**, Department of Sociology
Dissertation: Careers, Social Networks, and the Revolving Door in Policymaking Processes
Committee: Joseph Conti (Chair), Chaeyoon Lim, Fabien Accominotti, Susan Yackee (Public Affairs)
Exams: Political Sociology; Ethnography
Minor: Law & Public Policy

2019 **M.S., University of Wisconsin-Madison**, Department of Sociology

2015 **A.B., Princeton University**, Public and International Affairs (cum laude)

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Political Sociology; Political Economy; Occupations; Law & Society; Economic Sociology; Culture; Networks; Public Policy; Qualitative Methods; Mixed-Methods Research

PUBLICATIONS

Li, Wendy. 2023. "Regulatory Capture's Third Face of Power." *Socio-Economic Review* 21(2):1217–45.

- Winner, 2023 Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship for a Paper by a Graduate Student, ASA Section on Political Sociology
- Co-winner, 2023 James D. Thompson Award, ASA Section on Organizations, Occupations and Work
- SER Editor's Choice
- Profiled in [The American Prospect](#)

Working papers

Li, Wendy. "Trading Places: Career Sequences and the Revolving Door in U.S. Trade Policy." [Preprint available.](#)

--. "The Revolving Door as Capital Accumulation."

Non-refereed

Li, Wendy and Kathleen Claussen (equal co-authors). 2023. "'Nice' Trade Lawmaking and the Separation of Powers." [Notice and Comment, Yale Journal on Regulation blog.](#)

Li, Wendy. 2023. "Op-Ed: Has Big Tech Captured US Trade Policy?" [The Hill.](#)

In preparation

Li, Wendy. "Becoming a Lobbyist: The Moral and Institutional Dimensions of Lobbying Registration Decisions." (invited to *Interest Groups and Advocacy* special issue)

--. "Revolving Door Networks and the Organizational State."

--. "The Moral Career of a Revolving Door Lobbyist."

--. "Seeing Through the State: Open Records Requests as Data Generation Method?"

Li, Wendy and Kathleen Claussen. "Voice and Law in the Separation of Trade Powers."

AWARDS, GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

- 2023 Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship for a Paper by a Graduate Student; ASA Political Sociology Section
- 2023 James D. Thompson Paper Award; ASA Organizations, Occupations and Work Section
- 2023 Department of Sociology Travel Award; UW-Madison
- 2022 Society for the Advancement of Socio-economics Early Career Award
- 2022 Network for a New Political Economy Summer Institute Scholar; UC-Berkeley
- 2021 University Graduate Fellowship; UW-Madison
- 2019 NSF & APSA Political Networks Fellowship
- 2019 SSRC & Tobin Project Initiative on Cultural Influences in Regulatory Capture
- 2018 Gerald and Barbara E. Marwell Award; UW-Madison
- 2018 Holtz Center for Science and Technology Studies Summer Travel Award
- 2017 University Graduate Fellowship; UW-Madison
- 2015 School of Public and International Affairs Senior Thesis Travel Grant; Princeton University
- 2015 Lawrence P. Wolfen Senior Thesis Grant, Visual Arts; Princeton University
- 2014 School of Public and International Affairs Public Service Grant; Princeton University

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“The Revolving Door as Capital Accumulation”

- 2023 Political Sociology Regular Session, American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting. August 18-22. Philadelphia.
- 2023 Elites and Power Structures Mini-Conference, Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE) Annual Meeting. July 20-22. Rio de Janeiro.

“The Moral Career of a Revolving Door Lobbyist”

- 2023 Paper Session, SASE Annual Meeting. July 20-22. Rio de Janeiro.

“Trading Places: A Sequence Analysis of the Revolving Door in U.S. Trade Policy”

- 2022 Political Sociology Regular Session, ASA Annual Meeting. August 4-9. Los Angeles.
- 2022 Early Career Workshop, SASE Annual Meeting. July 7. Amsterdam.
- 2022 Paper Session, SASE Annual Meeting. July 9-11. Amsterdam.
- 2022 Paper Session, Eastern Sociological Society (ESS) Annual Meeting. March 10. Boston.

“What Does the Revolving Door Do? Careers, Cohesion, and Policy Networks among Political Elites.”

- 2022 Junior Theorists Symposium. August 4. Los Angeles.
- 2022 New Political Economy Graduate Institute, Network for a New Political Economy. June 6-19. Berkeley, CA.

“Voice and Law in the Separation of Trade Powers” *With Kathleen Claussen*

- 2022 Paper Session, Law and Society Association (LSA) Annual Meeting. July 13-16. Lisbon.

“A Cultural Theory of Regulatory Capture”

- 2021 Paper Session, LSA Annual Meeting. May 27. Virtual.

- 2020 Regular Session, Social Science History Association Annual Meeting. November 19-22. (cancelled)
- 2020 Regular Session, ASA Annual Meeting. August 8-11. Virtual.
- 2020 Paper Session, Chicago Ethnography Conference. April 25. (cancelled)
- 2020 Paper Session, ESS Annual Meeting. March 1. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2019 Social Science Research Council & Tobin Project Initiative on Regulatory Capture Annual Meeting. December 9. New York.

“Repertoires of Influence: Interest Groups, Lobbyists, and the 21st Century Trade Agreement”
 2019 Paper Session, Chicago Ethnography Conference. March 16. Evanston, IL.

OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2021-2022 **Research Assistant**, Professor Joseph Conti, UW-Madison Sociology
 Qualitative and quantitative analysis of international court data
- 2020-2021 **Research Assistant**, Professor Alexandra Huneeus, UW Law School
 Qualitative analysis of local environmental rights ordinances in the US

TEACHING & MENTORSHIP

- 2023-
 2023 **Instructor**, U.S. Society in Global Perspective (SOCY100), American University
- 2023 **Instructor**, Law, Politics, and Society (Legal Studies/Poli Sci 217), UW-Madison
- 2021-
Instructor, Undergraduate Research Practicum (SOC 320), UW-Madison
 Advisees: C. Schumacher '22, T. Miller '23, R. Jacobson '25, F. Cramer '25
- 2022 **Instructional Designer**, Legal Studies, UW-Madison
- 2019-2020 **Teaching Assistant**, Policy Making Process (Pub Affr 874), UW-Madison
- 2018-2020 **Teaching Assistant**, Statistics for Sociologists I (SOC 360), UW-Madison

COMMUNITY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2023-2024 **Council Member**, Section on Organizations, Occupations and Work, American Sociological Association (ASA)
- 2023-2024 **Member**, Nominations Committee, Theory Section, ASA
- 2022-2023 **Co-organizer**, Junior Theorists Symposium, Theory Section, ASA
- 2021-2022 **Planning Committee Member**, 2022 Chicago Ethnography Conference, UW-Madison
- 2018-2021 **Founder and Co-Coordinator**, Qualitative Methods Group, UW-Madison Sociology
- 2019-2020 **Graduate Representative**, Faculty Search Committee, UW-Madison Sociology
- 2018-2020 **Chair**, Political Education Committee & Executive Board Member, Teaching Assistants Association of Madison (AFT 2330)
- 2017-2019 **Graduate Representative**, Graduate Program Committee, UW-Madison Sociology

Member of the American Sociological Association (Sections: Political Sociology; Organizations, Occupations and Work; Culture; Theory), Eastern Sociological Association, Society for the Advancement of Socio-economics, and Law and Society Association

POLICY EXPERIENCE

2022-2020 **Research Consultant**, Groundwork Collaborative
2020 **Economic Policy Committee**, Biden for President (Trade Policy Subcommittee)
2017 **Special Assistant and Policy Advisor to the Acting USTR**, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative
2015-2017 **Special Assistant and Policy Advisor to the General Counsel**, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative
2014 **Intern, Economic Policy Staff**, Bureau of African Affairs, U.S. Department of State
2013 **Intern, Policy Planning Staff**, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of State

SKILLS & BACKGROUND

Languages: French (proficient); Mandarin (conversant)

Software: R; Stata; MaxQDA; NVivo; Qualtrics; Adobe Creative Suite

Dual citizen of the United States and Canada. Currently residing in Washington, D.C.

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