

EDUCATION

- 2023- Ph.D. Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Missouri – St. Louis
2023 M.P.P. Sanford School of Public Policy, Duke University
Certificate in Social Policy
- 2020 B.A. Sociology, Case Western Reserve University
Cum Laude, Concentration in Crime, Law and Justice

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Crime, Education, Place-based Inequality, Labor Participation and Earnings, Policy

WORK IN PROGRESS

Tianyi Zhang, “Education Expenditure as a Violence Reduction Strategy: Implications of Prioritizing Public Education on County-Level Homicide Rates.”

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND HONORS

Grants and Fellowships

- 2024 Individual Conference Travel Grant, University of Missouri – St. Louis
Graduate School (\$1,200)
- 2023- Recruitment Fellowship, University of Missouri – St. Louis, Department of
Criminology and Criminal Justice

Awards and Honors

- 2021-2023 Merit-Based Scholarship, Duke University
2017-2020 Dean’s List, Case Western Reserve University

EXPERIENCES

Research Experience

- 2023- Graduate Research Assistant, Adam Boessen, University of Missouri – St.
Louis
- 2022-2023 Graduate Researcher, Philip Cook, Wilson Center for Science and Justice,
Duke University
*Contributed to *The Legal Consequences of Gun Violence: Investigation and
Court Processing of Fatal and Nonfatal Shootings, Durham, NC, 2017- 2021**
- 2021 Research Assistant, Jianlong Yao, Institute of Law, Shanghai Academy of
Social Sciences
*Organized seminar on Critical Issues in Prosecuting Sexual Assault of
Minors focusing on improving evidence accuracy*
- 2021 Research Assistant, Suyun Hu, Institute of Urban and Demographic Studies,
Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences
*Contributed to the *Annual Report of World Cities, 2022**

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2024 Tianyi Zhang, “Education Expenditure as a Violence Reduction Strategy: Implications of Prioritizing Public Education on County-Level Homicide Rates.” American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, November 14th, San Francisco, California

Teaching Experience

2022-2023 Graduate Teaching Assistant, PubPol 811: Economics of the Public Sector, Prof. Sara Sutherland

Professional Experience

2020 Assistant, Dalian District People’s Court
Assisted four criminal judges and organized and prepared case exhibits and evidence for trials. Drafted verdicts and oversaw defendants.

SERVICES AND PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Department and School Service

2024- Graduate Student Assembly Representative, Criminology and Criminal Justice Graduate Student Association, University of Missouri – St. Louis
2023-2024 Member, Criminology and Criminal Justice Graduate Student Association, University of Missouri – St. Louis
2023- Member, Equity Committee, University of Missouri – St. Louis
2018-2019 Director, Chinese Students and Scholars Association

Professional Membership

2024- American Society of Criminology, Division of Communities and Place
2024- Population Association of America

MISCELLANEA

Programming Languages and Software: STATA, R
Language Skills: Mandarin, English, German