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## Education

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Ph.D. in Public Affairs & Administration, University of Kansas, Expected 2025

Master of Urban Planning, University of Kansas, May 2020

B.S. in Mathematics, University of Wisconsin – Platteville, May 2017

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## Area of Focus

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Environmental and Land Use Planning, Climate Adaptation, Policy Analysis, Research Methods

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## Teaching and Research Experience

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- 2024 - Graduate Teaching Assistant, School of Public Affairs & Administration, KU  
*Instructor for course PUAD 332 – Introduction to Statistics*
- 2019 - 2023 Graduate Research Assistant, Institute for Policy & Social Research, KU  
*Assessing effects of hazard mitigation on disaster recovery, NSF funded project*
- 2020 - 2021 Graduate Assistant, Center for Compassionate and Sustainable Communities, KU  
*Spotlight on Care, Care & Well-being Series at The Commons*
- 2019 Graduate Teaching Assistant, School of Public Affairs & Administration, KU
- 2018 Summer Graduate Assistant, International Short Programs, International Affairs, KU  
*Instructor and Co-facilitator for Cross-Culture Conversations*

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## Publications

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- Lyles, W., **Wu, Y.**, Overstreet, K., & Sutley, E. (2023). Is Time on Our Side? A Longitudinal Study of Plan Quality. *Journal of Planning Education and Research*
- Lyles, W., Overstreet, K., **Wu, Y.**, & Moore, J. (2021). Care as Class: Resolving the Emotional Paradox of Climate Change Education. *Journal of Sustainability Education*
- Wu., Y.** (2020). Who is Empathetic to the Disaster You are Going Through? Mining Emotions (Empathy) in Government and Nonprofit Responders' Tweets. (Master's Thesis)

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## Work Under Review

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- Wu, Y.**, Lyles, W., Overstreet, K. and Sutley, E. "Planning for Adaptation: Integrating Mitigation and Recovery Planning in the Midst of Repetitive Disaster Events"
- Pei, J., Vu, H., Maswood, M., **Wu, Y.** Hoax, Fraud, Scam, or Lie: A Corpus Analysis of Strategies Used by Fox News to Dismiss Climate Change in the Last Two Decades.

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## Work in Progress

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- Wu, Y.**, Vu, H., Ha, Huang., and Do, Giang. "Compassionate Climate Messaging: An Examination of Organizations' Approaches to Alleviating Climate Anxiety"

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## Conference Presentations

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- Wu, Y., Lyles, W., Overstreet K., Sutley., E. (2023). Upsides to Outsourcing? Public and Private Planning for Hazard Risk Reduction. Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning. Chicago, IL. October 19-21.
- Pei, J., Vu, H., Maswood, M., **Wu, Y.** (2023). Hoax, Fraud, Scam, or Lie: A Corpus Analysis of Strategies Used by Fox News to Dismiss Climate Change in the Last Two Decades. 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual International Communication Association Conference. May 25-29, 2023

- Wu, Y.** (2023). “Limited Planning Capacity: An Analysis of Administrative Burden of Small and Rural Communities in Getting Federal Funds for Disaster Relief.” (Poster Accepted). 18<sup>th</sup> Annual KU Professionals for Inclusion and Social Justice Conference.
- Wu, Y.,** Sullivan, P., Sutley, E., Lyles, W. (2022). “Supporting Socially Vulnerable Communities by Optimizing Mitigation Project Selection.” Natural Hazards Center. Researchers Meeting. July 2022
- Sullivan, P., Sutley, E., **Wu, Y.,** Lyles, W. (2022). (Poster). “Who Gets Federal Financial Resources to Mitigate and Recover from Disasters?” Natural Hazards Center. July 10-13, 2022
- Wu, Y.,** Lyles, W., Overstreet, K., Sutley, E. (2022). (Poster). “Planning for Adaptation? Examining the Integration of Hazard Mitigation and Recovery Planning.” Natural Hazards Center. July 10 – 13, 2022
- W. Lyles, **Y. Wu,** K. Overstreet, E. Sutley. “Better the Second Time Around? A Longitudinal Analysis of the Quality of Mandated Plans.” Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning. Virtual. October 2021.
- Wu, Y.,** Lyles, W., Overstreet, K., and Sutley, E. (2021). “Planning in the Phase Fog: Integrating Mitigation and Recovery Planning in the Midst of Repetitive Disaster Events”. The Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference, October 7 – 23.
- Ryan, E., Straughn, C., and **Wu, Y.** (2021). Roundtable: “Spotlight on Care.” Association of Academic Museums and Galleries (AAMG) Annual Conference, Virtual. June 7 – 11.
- Wu, Y.,** Seo, H., Krings, M., Humphrey, J., Tangeman, A., and Martin, R. (2019). Best Practices for Twitter. (Panel Discussion). The Commons, University of Kansas.
- Wu, Y.** (2019). Empathy and Internet. *Spotlight on Care Series*. The Commons, University of Kansas.
- Wu, Y.** (2019). (Poster). “Who is Empathetic About the Disaster You Are Going Through? An Analysis in Tweets.” The Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Greenville, SC. October 24 – 27.

### **Working Paper**

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- Overstreet, K., **Wu, Y.** and Lyles W. 2021. “Local Recovery Planning Evaluation – A Case Study on 10 Counties in the Southeastern Region in the US.” University of Kansas, Center for Compassionate and Sustainable Communities.
- Wu, Y.,** Overstreet, K. and Lyles, W. 2020. “Evaluation of Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Quality – 2020 Updates.” University of Kansas, Center for Compassionate and Sustainable Communities.

### **Academic Services**

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2023 - Present	<i>Reviewer</i> Journal of Planning Education and Research
2022	<i>Guest lecturer, “Space, Place, and Gender”</i> University of Wisconsin – Platteville with Dr. Dong Isbister
2021	<i>Technical Support and Volunteering</i> Data Carpentry, Library, University of Kansas
2019-2020	<i>Co-facilitator, Graduate Student Collective</i> Center for Compassionate and Sustainable Communities, University of Kansas
2019	<i>Panelist, “Best Practices for Twitter” A Training Session for Tweeting Scholars</i> The Commons, University of Kansas
2019	<i>Invited Speaker, Spotlight on Care – “Empathy and the Internet”</i> The Commons, University of Kansas
2018	<i>Treasure, Kansas Association of Planning Students</i> University of Kansas

### **Training & Workshops**

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- Drake Institute for Teaching and Learning 2022 Sept. Ohio State University. Completion of the Teaching Information Literacy Teaching Endorsement.

ICPSR 2022 (*Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research*) – (Competitive). 1) HIPAA: Use and Protection of US Health Information. 2) The Impact of Exposure to Online Media Confirmation. 3) The American National Election Studies: Measuring Public Opinion Since 1948 Confirmation.

Summer Intensive 2019 (*Courage of Care Coalition*) – Building communities and cultures of compassionate, truth-telling, healing-centered, visionary, and transformative practices (Virtual).

KU Stats Camp 2018 (Center for Research Methods & Data Analysis) – Data analysis using Python and R programming.

### **Skills**

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R, Python, Stata, ArcGIS, SQL, GitHub, LaTeX/LyX  
Language: Chinese, English

### **Awards and Grants**

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Doctoral Research Fellow – Institute for Policy & Social Research 2023-2024  
Graduate Student Research Award for Travel 2019  
SPAA Summer Research Award 2023  
Graduate Student Research Award for Travel 2023  
SPAA Travel Award 2023