My life at Penn & in China

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My life trajectory

Born in Shangdong
Lived there until 18 years old

Confucius
Philosopher (c. 551 BCE – 479 BCE)

2006-2012 (Guangzhou)
Sun-Yat Sen University
Got my Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees in Nursing

2012-2015 (Binzhou)
Work as a faculty in Binzhou Medical University

2015-present (Shanghai)
Shanghai Jiao Tong University
Pursuing PhD in Public Health
PhD study

- Research Area: children’s environmental health
  - The effects of heavy metals (lead, mercury) on child growth and neurodevelopment
  - Epidemiology study and animal experiment
My career goal: to be a Nursing faculty in a research-oriented university in China and do interdisciplinary researches.

Long-term collaboration between my supervisor in China and Dr. Liu.

Penn nursing is ranked as the best nursing school in the world and advances the entire profession, from research & education to practice & policy.

My research interests match Dr. Liu’s very well.

Awarded a scholarship under the State Scholarship Fund (China Scholarship Council).
My study and life at Penn

Participate and coordinate Penn global seminar: environmental health and global implication

2017 in Shanghai

2018 in Shanghai
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Involved in the entire process: syllabus, Shanghai Itinerary, budget, grading...
Learn from others
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Penn global seminar: Traditional Chinese Medicine-The power of taking action
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- Submitted a manuscript related to my doctoral dissertation under the guidance of Dr. Liu
  - Learned a lot about longitudinal methodology, academic writing, skills in responses to the reviewers

- Completed another manuscript and will submit it soon

- Participated in a RCT pilot study in the summer
  - Better understood “double blind”
  - Shared my knowledge about covariates and confounders with the undergraduates

- Involved in a grant application
  - Knew the importance of “re-consent”
  - Thought about the measures to reduce losses to follow-up in the longitudinal study
My study and life at Penn

Black Friday in US VS Double Eleven Day in China
My study and life at UPenn

Mid-autumn Day gathering

Bright is the Moon over My Home Village.

--- Fu Du (famous poet)
My study and life in US

Trip to Washington DC
My study and life in US

Food at the canteen in China

Food cooked by myself in the US
What the US impresses me deeply

- Support for doing researches is professional and accessible
  ➢ from team, company, university
  ➢ to the researchers, students

- Information system is well established
  ➢ thoughtful reminders

- The students have an excellent ability of collecting information generally

- The wide and frequent uses of letters
How will the visiting at Penn impact my career

- Help me do the interdisciplinary researches in the future
- Improve my ability of international communication and cooperation
- Conduct a longitudinal study if possible
Thank you for your listening and welcome to China!