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PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Citizenship: United States
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EDUCATION

University of Washington
MA in International Studies

Seattle, Washington
September 2021 – **Current**

Shanghai International Studies University
Audited Faculty Seminars, PhD & MA Courses in IC

Shanghai, China
September 2018 – August 2019

Washington State University
BA in International Business with Minor in Sociology

Pullman, Washington
August 2012 – May 2016

Cesar Ritz Colleges
WSU Faculty-Led Study Abroad Program

Brig, Switzerland
October 2015 – December 2015

ACADEMIC RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of Oslo
Remote Research Assistant; Culture, Society & Behavior Lab

Oslo, Norway via Zoom
December 2021 – **Current**

Currently working on a meta-analysis project on acculturation and adaptation. Roles include: database construction, literature review, and coding.

Shanghai International Studies University
Research and Teaching Assistant; Intercultural Institute

Shanghai, China
September 2018 – August 2019

Research-wise, contributions ranged from: data collection, data cleaning, multi-level data analysis, article write-up, and editing. Co-authored two publications with acknowledgements on others (see Publications).

Washington State University
Research Assistant; Department of Management

Pullman, Washington
January 2016 – May 2016

Co-facilitated lab sessions containing live participants for an experimental study. The study measured cortisol levels in participants' saliva to determine stress levels between different gender-based groups (male, female, mixed) when under pressure. Supervisor's area of interest was on the Queen Bee Syndrome.

Washington State University
Research Assistant; Department of Sociology

Pullman, Washington
January 2015 – May 2015

Primary roles consisted of gathering, organizing, and scrubbing qualitative data in addition to literature review. Research projects included: (1) drug use among student athletes and (2) perceptions toward the legalization of marijuana. This was done for independent study.

Proofread and revised papers for publication in high level biology journals. Was credited under acknowledgements in a Nature *Cell Research* article (accessible here: <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41422-020-0281-1>). Still do this in spare time.

PUBLICATIONS

1. Kulich, S., Weng, L., **Tong, R.**, & Dubois, G. (2020). An expanded history of intercultural communication studies: From interdisciplinary roots and research to intercultural education and training. In Dan Landis & Dharm P.S. Bhawuk (Eds.), *The Handbook of Intercultural Training (4th Edition)*. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press. <https://doi.org/10.1017/9781108854184>
2. English, A., Zhang, Y.B., & **Tong, R.** (2021). Social support and cultural distance: Sojourners' experience in China. *International Journal of Intercultural Relations*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijintrel.2020.10.006>
3. English, A., Talhelm, T., **Tong, R.**, Li, X., & Su, Y. (2022). Historical rice-farming explains faster mask use during early days of China's COVID-19 outbreak. *Current Research in Ecological and Social Psychology*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cresp.2022.100034>
4. Steppat, M., & **Tong, R.** (manuscript completed). Prefigurations of intercultural thinking: Explorations in ancient sources. In Steve J. Kulich & Michael Steppat (Eds.), *Social Histories and the Foundations of Intercultural Studies (Intercultural Research, Vol. 11)*. New York, NY: Peter Lang Publications. (Abridged version available in JICIR, <https://doi.org/10.3726/jicir.2021.1.0007>).
5. **Tong, R.** (manuscript in preparation). Nation-states and intercultural communication (working title). In Steve J. Kulich & Michael Steppat (Eds.), *Social Histories and the Foundations of Intercultural Studies (Intercultural Research, Vol. 11)*. New York, NY: Peter Lang Publications.
6. **Tong, R.** (manuscript in preparation). Orientalism revisited: British and American construction of China in the 18th and 19th century. In Steve J. Kulich & Michael Steppat (Eds.), *Social Histories and the Foundations of Intercultural Studies (Intercultural Research, Vol. 11)*. New York, NY: Peter Lang Publications.
7. English, A., Talhelm, T., & **Tong, R.** (manuscript in preparation). Rice-wheat theory and status bias (working title).
8. Bierwiazzonek, K., Dinh, H. V., Benningstad, N., & **Tong, R.** (coding stage). Acculturation and adaptation meta-analysis (working title).

COMPUTER SKILLS

Adept:

Microsoft Word, Excel, & Powerpoint
Adobe Photoshop, Premier, After Effects

Basic:

Statistical Package for the Social Sciences
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LANGUAGES

Native Proficiency:

English

Limited Working Proficiency:

Chinese

HONORS, AWARDS, & SOCIETIES

Student Member of International Academy for Intercultural Research
Alpha Kappa Delta – International Sociology Honor Society
Eta Sigma Delta – International Hospitality Honor Society