

QUALITATIVE MULTI-METHOD RESEARCH PROGRAM (QUAL)



What is QUAL?

The **University of Washington's Jackson School of International Studies' Qualitative Multi-Method Research Program (QUAL)** aims to promote and systematize training in qualitative research methods and to build a community of qualitative multi-method researchers across departments at the UW and within the Seattle region.

Created with the intention to strengthen qualitative methods in the social sciences, the QUAL program has grown to recognize the important role it has in training student and faculty researchers in qualitative methods across the UW community. We are forging new partnerships with the eScience Institute, the School of Law, the School of Nursing, the School of Medicine, and the School of Marine and Environmental Affairs, while strengthening the ties across the social sciences. As an interdisciplinary school, the Jackson School is uniquely positioned to create this research community.

Starting in 2020, QUAL has started building partnerships with businesses and research institutes within the greater Seattle region. We bring our expertise to Seattle's technology companies and medical institutes to train them in contextualizing their data. We will launch a summer institute in 2021 to serve this community.

Achievements and Future Projects

- 2015** QUAL Program launched by UW
- 2017** First student completed concentration
- 2019** QUAL Program moved to Jackson School
- 2020** Inception of new partnerships with eScience Institute, School of Law, School of Medicine, School of Nursing, and School of Marine and Environmental Affairs
- 2021** Launch Summer Institute in Qualitative Methods for Big Data for the greater Seattle community

QUAL Program Activities

SPEAKER SERIES: QUAL invites experts in applied qualitative methods from various departments at the UW and prominent researchers from other universities to speak to students and faculty, connecting scholars from all disciplines.

QUALITATIVE DATA ANALYSIS (QDA) WORKSHOPS: QUAL offers 3 workshops per year to train researchers in ATLAS.ti, a computer-assisted QDA tool for analyzing textual, graphical, audio and video data. The workshops build skills in ATLAS.ti Basics, Coding and Data Analysis, and Visualization.

CONCENTRATION: Graduate students may choose to complete the QUAL concentration to develop their qualitative and mixed methods skills. The concentration requires students complete:

- 15 credits of advanced methods courses
- 1 QDA workshop
- 5 Speaker Series talks

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2020-21 Speaker Series

Alexes Harris | A Multi-State Study Using Multi-Methods: Making Sense of Justice Sentencing

October 21, 2020 | 12:30-1:20 p.m. | Zoom

Alexes Harris is the University of Washington Presidential Term Professor in the Sociology Department. Her research will outline a five-year study examining court sentencing of monetary sanctions including over 900 interviews and surveys, 1,600 hours of court observations, and individual court automated data.

Margaret O'Mara | Writing the History of the Present: Qualitative Methodology in the Code

December 2, 2020 | 12:30-1:20 p.m. | Zoom

Margaret O'Mara is the Howard & Frances Keller Professor of History at the University of Washington. O'Mara will discuss why she considers qualitative analysis to be critically important in documenting the history and study of business and of technology.

Michelle Teti | Methods in the Time of COVID-19: The Vital Role of Qualitative Inquiries

January 20, 2021 | 12:30-1:20 p.m. | Zoom

Dr. Michelle Teti is the associate chair of the Department of Public Health in the School of Health Professions at the University of Missouri. She directs the bachelor and master of public health programs, and is a program affiliate in the Black Studies Program. She is an expert in participatory research and in using qualitative and visual patient-driven methods to allow the experiences of people with HIV and other stigmatized illness to inform innovative public health questions and solutions.

Rosemary Foot | China's UN Thinking & Behavior: An Attempt to Uncover the Decision-Making Inside Opaque Governments

March 10, 2021 | 12:30-1:20 p.m. | Zoom

Rosemary Foot (Professor Emeritus) is a Senior Research Fellow in International Relations at the Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford, UK. Her research interests focus mainly on the International Relations of the Asia Pacific. Her latest book is entitled *China, the UN, and Human Protection: Beliefs, Power, Image*.

Jon Lindsay | Tribal Engagement Starts at Home: The Ethnography of Information Practice in War

April 14, 2021 | 12:30-1:20 p.m. | Zoom

Jon R. Lindsay is Assistant Professor at the Munk School of Global Affairs & Public Policy and the Department of Political Science at the University of Toronto. He is the author of *Information Technology and Military Power* (2020) and co-editor of *Cross-Domain Deterrence: Strategy in an Era of Complexity* (2019) and *China and Cybersecurity: Espionage, Strategy, and Politics in the Digital Domain* (2015). He holds a Ph.D. in Political Science from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and an M.S. in Computer Science and B.S. in Symbolic Systems from Stanford University, and he has served in the U.S. Navy.

Steven Wilkinson | Archival Methods & Historical Approaches in Political Science

May 26, 2021 | 12:30-1:20 p.m. | Zoom

Steven Wilkinson is a professor of political science and the Director of Yale's MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies. His main area of interest is in South Asia, specifically ethnic conflict, clientelism, and civil-military relations. His current co-authored project, with Saumitra Jha (Stanford GSB) uses archival evidence from places as diverse as 20th century India and 18th century France to examine the effect of military service on subsequent political change.



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