# **Kevin Meng**

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## **EDUCATION**

## University of Pennsylvania, Graduate School of Education, M.S.Ed. Education, Culture, and Society

Philadelphia, PA

GPA:4.0

#### Swarthmore College, B.A. Political Science and Educational Studies

Swarthmore, PA

- Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa, J. Roland Pennock Fellow, Writing Associates Fellow
- Thesis: The Challenges and Possibilities of Cross-Sector Collaboration in Migrant Children Education in China

## **Dulwich College Beijing (High School)**

Beijing, China

• IB:45/45

#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

## Penn GSE Office of Admissions and Financial Aid, Graduate Assistant, Philadelphia, PA

August 2025 – Present

- Led and trained 15+ student ambassadors, increasing tour availability and improving prospective student satisfaction
- Streamlined prospective student engagement by implementing structured scheduling for weekly meetings and virtual sessions

## Penn GSE Office of Student Success, Graduate Assistant at the Writing Commons, Philadelphia, PA

August 2025 – Present

• Administered 50+ learning consultations, tutoring, and academic programming for graduate students, strengthening academic and professional writing for coursework and job and fellowship applications

#### Stooges Education, Counselor, Beijing, China

May 2025 – Present

- Mentored 10+ high school students on US boarding school applications, summer program applications, and research projects
- Coached 30+ students on crafting compelling academic essays, achieving a 60% placement rate in competitive essay contests, including the John Locke Institute, Scholastic, and HIR and two publications in Pioneer and Horizon, respectively
- Cultivated personal academic programming and workshops, bolstering essential hard and soft skills crucial for successful US
  college admissions and transition to college life

## Swarthmore College Admissions Office, Alumni Interviewer, Swarthmore, PA

May 2025 - Present

 Conducted 10+ admissions interviews with prospective students in Asia, providing guidance on fit and aspirations while producing formal evaluations that informed Swarthmore's holistic admissions review

## Meng Education, Founder and Director, Beijing, China

March 2021 - Present

- Advised 20+ students (4-5 per cycle) through multi-year college planning, integrating academic course selection, extracurriculars, research, and summer schools that align with selective US and UK college admissions, resulting in acceptances to Ivy League and top 30 US universities, top 10 liberal arts colleges, and Oxbridge
- Designed and taught "Philosophies of the East and West", an 8-week seminar-style course for high school students
- Delivered 1,500+ hours of individualized tutoring in IB/AP/IGCSE courses, focusing on social sciences and academic writing
- Organized high school students to volunteer as teachers in underserved schools in Beijing, Guangxi, and Shaanxi provinces

#### Swarthmore Writing Center, Writing Associate Fellow, Swarthmore, PA

2022 - 2025

- Held 200+ one-on-one writing conferences, coaching undergraduate theses, coursework, and job and graduate school applications
- Pioneered research and workshops improving program visibility and ease of application, doubling international student participation
- Collaborated with professors of 6 different writing courses to guide students in developing their academic writing

## Swarthmore College Admissions Office, Admissions Assistant, Swarthmore, PA

2022 - 2023

- Evaluated admissions interviews and supported application review for full-time staff
- Led 30+ campus tours, responded to student inquiries, and arranged semesterly admissions events

## Pioneer Academics, Junior Cohort Advisor, Jenkintown, PA

2023

Advised 20+ high school students in research projects under faculty from Rice University, NYU, and Middlebury College, providing
individualized feedback on academic growth and intellectual engagement, and evaluating both faculty and students' performance

#### LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

Swarthmore Badminton Club, President and Captain, Swarthmore, PA	2021 – 2025
<ul> <li>Organized training, club finances, outreach, competition logistics, and officer onboarding for 50+ club members</li> </ul>	
Weilan Libraries/Meng Education, Volunteer Teacher, Beijing, Hebei, Shaanxi, and Guangxi, China	2018 - 2024
<ul> <li>Led multi-month volunteer teaching programs over summer and winter breaks in underserved schools across China</li> </ul>	
Student Government, Executive Chair of Academic Affairs, Swarthmore, PA	2021 - 2022
<ul> <li>Reorganized academic advising by implementing a hybrid in-person/online model during post-COVID recovery</li> </ul>	

## **SKILLS**

Advising & Student Support: College admissions counseling, essay coaching, academic advising Cross-Cultural Communication: Native fluency in English and Mandarin, experience with international students (US UK admissions) Computer Skills: Microsoft Office Suite, ATLAS.ti, RStudio, and C