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Academic appointments

Washington University in St. Louis

2025–
(*incoming*) Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science

Education

Princeton University

2019–
PhD Politics (expected 2025); MA Politics (2021)

University of Chicago

2013–17
AB Economics (*General and departmental honors*)

Research

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

Mattingly, Daniel, and Elaine Yao. “[How Soft Propaganda Persuades.](#)” *Comparative Political Studies* 55.9 (2022): 1569-1594.

Wei, Lai, Elaine Yao, Han Zhang. “[Authoritarian Responsiveness and Political Attitudes during COVID-19: Evidence from Weibo and a Survey Experiment.](#)” *Chinese Sociological Review* (2021): 1-37.

WORKING PAPERS

“[Brook no compromise: How to negotiate a united front.](#)” Conditionally accepted at *American Journal of Political Science*.

WORK IN PROGRESS

[Organizational structure and protest tactics](#)

Conferences, workshops, talks

CONFERENCE & INVITED PRESENTATIONS

2024–25 APSA
2023–24 WashU Conference for Early Career Scholars in Theoretical Political Economy; MPSA
2022–23 Kellogg Center Workshop on Formal Models of Politics (Virginia Tech); Comparative Politics and Formal Theory (Rochester); MPSA, SPSA
2020–21 Chinese Political Economy Workshop (NYU), NYU Quantitative China Studies Seminar

CONFERENCES ATTENDED

2024–25 *(planned)* WashU Conference for Early Career Scholars in Theoretical Political Economy, Princeton-Warwick-Yale Political Economy Conference

WORKSHOPS

2024 EITM Summer Institute (Emory University)
2022 Graduate Workshop in Computational Social Science (Santa Fe Institute)

Teaching

At Princeton:

Spring 2025	POL240: International Relations (U)	<i>TA for Christopher Blair</i>
Fall 2024	SPI340: The Psychology of Decision Making and Judgment (U)	<i>TA for Eldar Shafir</i>
Fall 2023	POL576: Formal Political Analysis II (G)	<i>TA for Germán Gieczewski</i>
Fall 2022	POL362: Chinese Politics (U)	<i>TA for Rory Truex</i>
Spring 2022	POL346: Applied Quantitative Analysis (U)	<i>TA for John Londregan</i>
Fall 2021	POL345: Introduction to Quantitative Social Science (U)	<i>TA for Marc Ratkovic</i>
	POL 571: Quantitative Analysis I (G)	<i>Tutor</i>

Professional Activities

REFEREEING

American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, Comparative Political Studies, British Journal of Political Science, International Studies Quarterly, Political Science Research and Methods, Chinese Journal of Communication, Social Media + Society

Other

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, GRANTS

2021–25 Quantitative and Analytical Political Science (Q-APS) Fellowship
2024 APSA Formal Theory section travel grant
2023, 2024 Stafford Fund (department conference travel award)
2020 Data-Driven Social Science Initiative, Small-Scale Grant (with Lai Wei)

OTHER EMPLOYMENT

2017–19 Research Analyst, Federal Reserve Bank of New York (Research & Statistics Group, Financial Intermediation function)

References

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