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Education

- 2019 – present PHD in Politics, Princeton University
Fields: Political Economy, Comparative Politics, Formal Theory and Quantitative Methods
- 2017 AB in Economics, University of Chicago (*General and departmental honors*)

Publications

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

- 2021 Daniel Mattingly and Elaine Yao. “How Soft Propaganda Persuades.” *Comparative Political Studies* (2022)
- 2021 Lai Wei, 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

- 2022 Apophantic Empiricism: The Current Epistemology of the Social Sciences

DISSERTATION PROJECT

- “Coordination and Collective Action in Decentralized Societies”
Dissertation committee: Matias Iaryczower (chair), Germán Gieczewski, Carles Boix

Conferences, workshops, talks

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- 2021 New York University, Quantitative China Studies Seminar
- 2020 New York University, Chinese Political Economy Workshop

WORKSHOPS

- 2022 Santa Fe Institute Graduate Workshop in Computational Social Sciences (student participant)

Fellowships, grants, & awards

- 2021 Quantitative and Analytical Political Science Fellowship
- 2020 Data-Driven Social Science Initiative, Small-Scale Grant (with Lai Wei)

Teaching

Spring 2022	POL346: Applied Quantitative Analysis (undergraduate), 2 sections <i>Assistant Instructor for John Londregan</i>
Fall 2021	POL345: Introduction to Quantitative Social Science (undergraduate), 2 sections <i>Assistant Instructor for Marc Ratkovic</i>
	POL571: Quantitative Analysis I (graduate), <i>Tutor</i>

Academic Employment

2020 – 2021	Princeton University East Asian Library, Circulation Assistant (<i>part-time</i>)
2017 – 2019	Federal Reserve Bank of New York, Research Analyst in Financial Intermediation (<i>full-time</i>)

GRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

2022	Matias Iaryczower
2020 – 2021	Joshua Seufert (Chinese governmental archival handbooks project)
2019 – 2020	Daniel Mattingly (Chinese archival research and translation for book project)

Skills

Languages: English (native), Mandarin Chinese (fluent), French (proficient)
Software and Computing: Stata, R, Python, MATLAB, Qualtrics, L^AT_EX