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## Education

- 2019 – present PHD in Politics, Princeton University  
*Fields: Political Economy, Comparative Politics, Formal Theory and Quantitative Methods*
- 2021 MA in Politics, Princeton University
- 2017 AB in Economics, University of Chicago (*General and departmental honors*)

## Publications

### PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

- 2022 Mattingly, Daniel, and Elaine Yao. “How Soft Propaganda Persuades.” *Comparative Political Studies* 55.9 (2022): 1569-1594.
- 2021 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

- 2023 Brook no compromise: How to negotiate a united front

### DISSERTATION PROJECT

“Decentralized Collective Action”

*Dissertation committee:* Matías Iaryczower (chair), Germán Gieczewski, Carles Boix

## Conferences, workshops, talks

### INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- 2021 New York University, Quantitative China Studies Seminar (“Authoritarian Responsiveness and Political Attitudes During COVID-19”)
- 2020 New York University, Chinese Political Economy Workshop (“How Soft Propaganda Persuades”)
- 2020 Virtual Workshop on Authoritarian Regimes (co-presenter, “How Soft Propaganda Persuades”)

### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2023 Scheduled: Comparative Politics and Formal Theory Conference (Rochester), Kellogg Center Formal Theory conference (Virginia Tech)
- MPSA, SPSA annual meetings (“Brook no compromise: how to negotiate a united front”)

## WORKSHOPS

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

## Fellowships, Awards, and Grants

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

## Teaching

### AS TEACHING ASSISTANT:

Fall 2022 POL362: Chinese Politics (undergraduate); instructor: Rory Truex  
Spring 2022 POL346: Applied Quantitative Analysis (undergraduate); instructor: John Londregan  
Fall 2021 POL345: Introduction to Quantitative Social Science (undergraduate); instructor: Marc Ratkovic

## Refereeing

*American Political Science Review, International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction*

## Academic Employment

2017 – 2019 Federal Reserve Bank of New York, Research Analyst in Financial Intermediation

## Skills

Languages: English (native), Mandarin Chinese (fluent), French (proficient)  
Software and Computing: Stata, R, Python, MATLAB, Qualtrics,  $\LaTeX$