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Academic appointments

Washington University in St. Louis

2025– 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.](#)” Resubmitted to *American Journal of Political Science*.

WORK IN PROGRESS

“[Organizational structure and protest tactics](#)”

Conferences, workshops, talks

CONFERENCE & INVITED PRESENTATIONS

2024–25 APSA
2023–24 Conference for Early Career Scholars in Theoretical Political Economy (WUSTL); 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

WORKSHOPS

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

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, International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction

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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