

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT	Loyola Marymount University <i>Incoming Assistant Professor</i> Department of Political Science and International Relations	Los Angeles, California Starting from Aug 2025
EDUCATION	University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign <i>PhD in Political Science</i> • Committee: Scott L. Althaus (Chair), Matthew S. Winters, Yujeong Yang, Nora Webb Williams • Research area: Chinese Politics, Authoritarian Politics, Political Communication, Computational Social Science University of Notre Dame <i>Master of Global Affairs</i> Chinese University of Hong Kong <i>B.Soc.Sci. in Sociology and Minor in Political Science</i>	Champaign, IL 2019 - 2025 South Bend, IN 2017 - 2019 Hong Kong 2013 - 2017
PUBLICATION	2. Gong, Do Young., Kim-Leffingwell, Sanghoon., Shen, Shuyuan. , and Yang, Yujeong. 2024. " Money Backfires: How Chinese Investment Fuels Anti-China Protests Abroad. " <i>World Development</i> 178: 106566. 1. Yang, Yujeong., Kim-Leffingwell, Sanghoon., Shen, Shuyuan. , and Gong, Do Young. 2023. " Kill Protests with Kindness: Anti-China Protests and China's Public Diplomacy. " <i>International Studies Quarterly</i> 67 (4): sqad087.	
UNDER REVIEW	3. Yu, Jianjun, and Shen, Shuyuan. "Serve the People: Public Goods Information and Communicative Strategies of Local Governments in China." <i>Under Review.</i> 2. Shen, Shuyuan. "With Great Power Comes Great Responsibility: Personalization and Responsibility Attribution in Autocracies." <i>Under Review.</i> 1. Shen, Shuyuan. "Media and Democratization in Autocracies." <i>Under Review.</i>	
WORK IN PROGRESS	7. Shen, Shuyuan. "Whataboutism with Foreign Affairs: How Chinese Media Leverages Foreign News for Distraction and Legitimization" 6. Shen, Shuyuan. "Plotlines and Politics: How Political Entertainment Influences Foreign Audience" 5. Shen, Shuyuan. , and Yu, Jianjun. "Propagating War with Baby Voices and Cat Memes: How Soft Military Propaganda Reshapes Public Support for War in Chin." 4. Shen, Shuyuan. "Foreign Aid and Media Freedom" 3. Shen, Shuyuan. , and Zhang, Maggie. "Buying a Foreign Boat: How Chinese Investment Reshapes Media Abroad" 2. Shen, Shuyuan. "Censorship and Propaganda Persuasiveness in Autocracies" 1. Shen, Shuyuan. "Does Propaganda Persuade?"	

1. Calderon, Patrick., Kollman, Kathleen., Siddiquei, Mehak., and **Shen, Shuyuan.** 2019. [“Humane Immigration Enforcement: The Way Forward.”](#)

CONFERENCE
PRESENTATION

APSA Annual Meeting | Various Locations

- 2024: **Shen, Shuyuan.** “‘Whatabout’ Legitimacy: International News as Distraction in China”
- 2023: Yu, Jianjun., and **Shen, Shuyuan.** “Personality Cult or Performance? Chinese Strategies of Government Propaganda”
- 2022: **Shen, Shuyuan.** “‘Canceled’”: The Democratic Consequences of Perceived Censorship”
- 2022: **Shen, Shuyuan.** “Censorship and Propaganda Persuasiveness in Autocracies”
- 2021: **Shen, Shuyuan.** “The Signaling Effect of Censorship in Autocracies”

MPSA Annual Meeting | Chicago, IL

- 2025: **Shen, Shuyuan.** “Whataboutism with Foreign Affairs: How Chinese Media Leverages Foreign News for Legitimization”
- 2024: **Shen, Shuyuan.** “With Great Power Comes Great Responsibility: Personalization and the Attribution of Responsibility in Autocracies”
- 2024: **Shen, Shuyuan.,** and Yin, Tianhong. “Modality and Persuasion: Differential Effects of Textual, Visual and Auditory Communication”
- 2023: **Shen, Shuyuan.** “Media Penetration and Regime Change in Autocracies”
- 2023: **Shen, Shuyuan.** “Media Takeover and Coup Success”
- 2022: Yang, Yujeong., Kim-Leffingwell, Sanghoon., **Shen, Shuyuan.,** and Gong, Do Young. “Domestic Anti-Chinese Protest and Policy Concession from China: Evidence from Central Asia”
- 2022: Gong, Do Young., Kim-Leffingwell, Sanghoon., **Shen, Shuyuan.,** and Yang, Yujeong. “The Politicization of Chinese Investment: Electoral Competition and Anti-China Protest in Central Asia and Africa”
- 2022: **Shen, Shuyuan.,** and Zhang, Maggie. “Buying a Foreign Boat: How China Reshapes Media Abroad

WPSA Annual Meeting | San Francisco, CA

- 2023: **Shen, Shuyuan.** “Media Penetration and Regime Change in Autocracies”

Illinois-WashU Political Science Student Exchange | St. Louis, MO

- 2023: Yu, Jianjun., and **Shen, Shuyuan.** “Personality Cult or Performance? Chinese Strategies of Government Propaganda”

Illinois-Notre Dame Political Science Student Exchange | South Bend, IN

- 2023: **Shen, Shuyuan.** “Media Penetration and Regime Change in Autocracies”

Workshop on Comparative Political Communication | Durham, NC

- 2022: **Shen, Shuyuan.** “‘Canceled’”: The Democratic Consequences of Perceived Censorship”

GRANT AND AWARD	Illinois Distinguished Fellowship (\$75,000) University of Illinois	2019 - 2024
	Political Communication Section Travel Award American Political Science Association	2022 - 2024
	William T. Bernhard Award for Best Dissertation Prospectus University of Illinois	2024
	George Yu Travel Grant University of Illinois	2022 - 2023
	Ogren Award for Best Conference Paper University of Illinois	2023
	Centennial Center Research Grant (\$2,216) American Political Science Association	2021
	Schroeder Summer Graduate Fellowship (\$6,000) Cline Center for Advanced Social Research	2021
	Rita and Leonard Ogren Award for Academic Achievement University of Illinois	2020
	Graduate Student Research Grant University of Illinois	2020
	Gove Fellowship University of Illinois	2020
	Donald Marilyn Keough Fellowship (\$100,000) University of Notre Dame	2017 - 2019
	Rance PL Lee Award for Quality Research Chinese University of Hong Kong	2017
	Zhi Yuan Scholarship (¥200,000) China Soong Ching Ling Foundation	2013 - 2017
	Dean's List Chinese University of Hong Kong	2015 / 2017
	Master's List Chinese University of Hong Kong	2015 / 2017
	Yasumoto International Exchange Scholarship Chinese University of Hong Kong	2016
TEACHING AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE	Teaching	
	• GLBL296 Media, Information Technology, and Democracy (Solo Instructor)	Spring 2024
	• PS100 Introduction to Political Science (Co-Instructor)	Summer 2024
	• PS241 Comparative Politics in Developing Nations (Co-Instructor)	Summer/Winter 2023
	• PS100 Introduction to Political Science (Teaching Assistant)	Spring 2025
	• PS180 Introduction to the Politics of Globalization (Teaching Assistant)	Fall 2024
	• PS522 Research Design and Techniques (Methods Teaching Assistant)	Spring 2023
	• PS531 Quantitative Political Analysis II (Methods Teaching Assistant)	Spring 2023
	• PS530 Quantitative Political Analysis I (Methods Teaching Assistant)	Fall 2022
	• PS495 Senior Honors Seminar (Methods Teaching Assistant)	Fall 2022
	Research	
	• Professor Jacob Bowers (Research Assistant)	2021 - 2022
	• Professor Cara Wong (Research Assistant)	2020 - 2021
	• Professor Victoria Tin-bor Hui (Research Assistant)	2018 - 2019

SERVICE	Profession	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panel Chair at APSA and MPSA 2022 / 2024 • Panel Discussant at APSA and MPSA 2022 / 2025 	
	University & Department	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinator of Political Communication and Authoritarian Politics Group 2022 - 2024 • Graduate Mentor for Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship Program 2022 - 2024 • Chair of Methods Committee of the Graduate Student Association 2021 - 2022 • Member of Students Advising on Graduate Education 2021 - 2022 • Department Graduate Student Mentor 2020 - 2021 • Member of Survey Committee at the Graduate Student Association 2019 - 2020 • Welfare Officer, Student Cabinet of the Morningside College 2014 - 2015 	
PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP	American Political Science Association Midwest Political Science Association	
WORK EXPERIENCE	Data Journalist Intern Initium Media	2016
	Project Intern Center for Child Rights and Corporate Social Responsibility	2015
SKILL	Programming: R, Python, SPSS, SQL, ArcGIS, LaTeX, GitHub. Languages: Chinese, English, Cantonese.	
REFERENCE	Scott L. Althaus Merriam Professor of Political Science, Professor of Communication, and Director of the Cline Center for Advanced Social Research University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign salthaus@illinois.edu Matthew S. Winters Professor of Political Science, and Director of the Center for East Asian and Pacific Studies University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign mwinters@illinois.edu Yujeong Yang Assistant Professor of Political Science University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign yujeong@illinois.edu Nora Webb Williams Assistant Professor of Political Science University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign nww3@illinois.edu	