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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Political Science, University of Chicago, August 2017 – December 2023

Dissertation: Essays on Causal Inference and its Applications in Political Economy

Committee Members: Scott Gehlbach, Robert Gulotty, Alexander Torgovitsky

M.Phil. in Social Science, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, August 2014 – August 2016

Visiting student, University of California–Los Angeles, September 2015 – December 2015

B.A. in Management, Renmin University of China, September 2010 – June 2014

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

July 2024 – , Assistant Professor

Department of Politics, Princeton University

September 2023 – June 2024, Professional Specialist

Department of Politics, Princeton University

September 2016 – August 2017, Research Assistant

Institute for Emerging Market Studies, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

WORKING PAPERS

1. Blattman, Christopher, Scott Gehlbach, and Zeyang Yu. "The Personalist Penalty: Varieties of Autocracy and Economic Growth." *Working Paper* (2025).
2. Hongchang, Guo, and Zeyang Yu. "When is Triple Difference Sensitive to Functional Form?" *Working Paper* (2025).
3. Xinran, Li, Peizan Sheng, and Zeyang Yu. "Randomization Inference with Sample Attrition." *Working Paper* (2025).

PUBLISHED OR FORTHCOMING PAPERS

1. Yu, Zeyang. "A Binary IV Model for Persuasion: Profiling Persuasion Types among Compliers." *Econometrics Journal* 28, no. 3 (2025): 462-481.
2. Gulotty, Robert, and Arthur Zeyang Yu. "Must Watch Propaganda: The Marginal Treatment Effect of Foreign Media Among Always-Takers." *Political Science Research and Methods* 13, no. 1 (2025): 132-149.

3. Li, Zeren, and Arthur Zeyang Yu. "Within-Party Mobility and Economic Performance in Authoritarian Regimes: Evidence from China." *Party Politics* 29, no. 6 (2023): 1169-1177.
4. Li, Zeren, and Arthur Zeyang Yu. "The Last Strike: Age, Career Incentives, and Taxation in China." *Studies in Comparative International Development* 58, no. 1 (2023): 55-78.

REFEREE EXPERIENCE

American Political Science Review, Journal of Causal Inference, Journal of Computational and Graphical Statistics, Journal of Politics, Political Analysis, Review of Economics and Statistics

HONORS, AWARDS, & FELLOWSHIPS

Paul and Marcia Wythes Center on Contemporary China Faculty Funding, Princeton University (2025)
 Tom Ten Have Poster Award, American Causal Inference Conference (2022)
 EITM Summer Institute Fellowship, University of California–Berkeley (2022)
 Stigler Center Ph.D. Dissertation Award, University of Chicago Booth School of Business (2020)
 Social Sciences Division Fellowship, University of Chicago (2017-23)
 Postgraduate Studentship, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (2014-16)

PRESENTATIONS

2026: Rutgers University (BERD Workshop)

2025: Midwest Econometrics Group Conference, Advances with Field Experiments Conference, Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology, American Causal Inference Conference, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (Political Methodology Seminar), Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association

2024: Columbia University (Political Methodology Colloquium), Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Harvard University (Applied Statistics Workshop)

2023: Midwest Econometrics Group Conference, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology

2022: Princeton University (Politics), Midwest Econometrics Group Conference, Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology, American Causal Inference Conference, Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association

2021: Latin American Political Methodology Meeting, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Harvard University (Applied Statistics Workshop), Joint Quantitative Political Science Conference for Asia and Australasia

2020: Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Political Science Speaker Series for Chinese Scholars, International Methods Colloquium

2019: University of Chicago (East Asia Workshop)

2018: Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association

2016: Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Asian Political Methodology Meeting

2015: Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Renmin University of China (Workshop on the Economics of Organization)

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