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PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

German Institute for Global and Area Studies (GIGA) Research Fellow	Hamburg, Germany January 2022 -
Randolph-Macon College , Department of Political Science Adjunct Assistant Professor	Virginia, United States Jan 2021 - Feb 2021
Fudan University , School of Social Development and Public Policy Pre-doctoral Fellow	Shanghai, China Sep 2017 - June 2018

EDUCATION

Stanford University , Stanford, United States Ph.D. Political Science <i>Fields: Comparative Politics, International Relations, Methodology</i> Dissertation: “NGOs, the State, and Legitimacy in Contemporary China” Committee: Jean Oi(Chair), David Laitin, Jonathan Rodden	June 2020
M.A. Political Science Thesis: “Party or the State? Correlates of Mobility of Provincial Leaders in China”	2015
Korea University , Seoul, South Korea B.A. Political Science & Economics (<i>Double Major</i>)	2011
School of Oriental and African Studies , London, United Kingdom Full-year exchange student at <i>Department of Politics & International Studies</i>	2008-2009

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- NGO policy and civil society in authoritarian states
- Consequences of political violence
- Institutions in authoritarian states
- Politics of China and East Asia (two Koreas)

PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

- “How Outsourcing Social Services to NGOs Bolsters Political Trust in China: Evidence from Shanghai.” *Chinese Political Science Review*. Forthcoming.
- “Understanding the Expansion of the NGO Sector in China: Through the Lense of Adaptive Corporatist Governance.” R&R at *VOLUNTAS: International Journal of Voluntary and Nonprofit*.
- “Long-term Effects of State Repression on Political Trust: Findings from Gwangju Massacre in South Korea 1980.” R&R at *Journal of East Asian Studies*. Expected resubmission January 2022.

- “The Political Origins of NGO Sector Expansion Under Authoritarianism: Evidence From Case Comparison of Three Post-Communist Countries.” Under review at *Journal of Civil Society*.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

- “How China Violates International Human Rights Regime, 1982-2011.” With Joanne Yang. Expected submission January 2022.
- “Media Framing, Pollution, and Support for Foreign Policy: Evidence from China-S.Korea THAAD Dispute.” Expected submission January 2022.
- “Personnel Management in a Single Party Authoritarian State: Findings from North Korea, 1994-2014.” With Jacob Reidhead. Working paper.

FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

All fellowships and grants were competitive in selection

- Conference Grant, Center for East Asian Studies, **Stanford University** (March 2019) \$500
- Pre-doctoral Fellowship, **Confucius Institute** (September 2017 - June 2018, affiliated with School of Social Development and Public Policy, **Fudan University**) \$12,000
- Fudan Fellow, **Fudan University** (May 2017 - August 2017) \$1,000
- Mentored Global Fellowship, Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies, **Stanford University** (May 2016) \$9,000
- Small Grant for Dissertation Research, Center for Philanthropy and Civil Society, **Stanford University** (December 2016) \$1,500
- East Asia Graduate Summer Grant, Center for East Asian Studies, **Stanford University** (2014, 2015) \$13,000
- Doctoral Study Abroad Scholarship, **Korea Foundation for Advanced Studies** (September 2012 - April 2017; September 2018 - December 2018) \$46,600 per annum
- Brain Korea 21 Scholarship, **Ministry of Education, South Korea** (2011-2012) \$1,800

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

- “Media Framing, Pollution, and Support for Foreign Policy.”
 - International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Honolulu HI, March 2020 (canceled)
 - American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington D.C, August 2019
- “Building Trust at the Grassroots: Evidence from Social Service Organizations in Shanghai.”
 - Practice Job Talk, Department of Political Science, Stanford University, October 2019
 - China Social Science Workshop, Stanford University, Stanford, April 2019
 - Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago IL, April 2019
 - Bay Area Comparative Urban Politics Workshop, University of California, Berkeley, March 2019
- “Personnel Management in a Single Party Authoritarian State: Findings from North Korea, 1994-2014.”
 - Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago IL, April 2016
 - Stanford Network Forum, Stanford University, April 2014

SPECIALIZED TRAINING

- Institute on Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, **Syracuse University** (June 2018)
 - Modules: Multi-Method Research, Within-Case and Small-N Analysis, Comparative Methods in Qualitative Research
- Intensive Fifth-Year Chinese, Inter-University Program for Chinese Language Studies, **Tsinghua University** (June 2015 - August 2015)
- Intensive Fourth-Year Chinese, Inter-University Program for Chinese Language Studies, **Tsinghua University** (June 2014 - August 2014)

FIELDWORK EXPERIENCE

- Beijing, Wuhan, Shanghai (Fall 2015; Fall 2016; Fall 2017 - Spring 2018)

TEACHING & ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

All courses listed are master and undergraduate level courses. Teaching assistantship includes leading weekly discussion sections.

- Adjunct Assistant Professor at **Randolph-Macon College**
 - Chinese Politics (2021 Winter)
- Teaching Assistant at **Stanford University**
 - Chinese Politics: Transformation and the Era of Reform (Jean Oi, 2015-6 Winter; 2018-9 Winter)
 - International Security in the Changing World, (Martha Crenshaw and Amy Zegart, 2013-4 Winter)
 - Democracy and Development (Larry Diamond and Kathryn Stoner, 2013-4 Fall)
- Course Assistant at **Stanford University**
 - The Political Economy of China (Andrew Walder, 2018-9 Spring; 2019-20 Spring)

OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Research assistant for Professor Stephen J. Stedman. Compiled secondary literature on response towards global financial crisis in East Asian countries, Center for Democracy, Development, and Rule of Law, **Stanford University** (January 2013)
- Research assistant for Professor Andrew Yeo. Compiled Korean media reports on anti-base protests at Jeju island, **Korea University** (June 2012)
Project published in *European Journal of International Security* (June 2018)

INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

- **Geopolitical Risk Analyst**, **GeoQuant**, Remote (April 2021 - December 2021)
- **Data Scientist**, **Pilotbird**, Remote (June 2020 - November 2020).
- **Data Science Fellow**, **Insight Data Science**, San Francisco (January 2020 - May 2020). Data consultant at a mental healthcare startup, **Elin.Ai**.

SOFTWARE

- **Naver News Crawler**
- Created a python package **navernewscrawler** that scrapes news query results on the largest web portal in South Korea, Naver

MEMBERSHIP & SERVICES

- **Member:** American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, Association for Asian Studies, International Political Science Association
- **Rapporteur:** State of the Field in Chinese Politics Conference (Stanford University, 2018)

LANGUAGES AND SKILLS

Languages	Mandarin Chinese(advanced), Korean(fluent), German(beginner)
Statistical Software	R, STATA
Programming Language	Python, SQL
Others	ArcGIS, L ^A T _E X

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