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PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

GeoQuant, New York, United States
Political Risk Analyst   April 2021 -

Randolph-Macon College, Virgina, United States
Adjunct Assistant Professor   Jan 2021 - Feb 2021
Course: Chinese Politics (Online)

EDUCATION

Stanford University, Stanford, United States
Ph.D. Political Science   June 2020
Fields: Comparative Politics, International Relations, Methodology
M.A. Political Science   2015

Korea University, Seoul, South Korea
B.A. Political Science & Economics (*Double Major*)   2011

School of Oriental and African Studies, London, United Kingdom
Full-year exchange student at *Department of Politics & International Studies*   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)

DISSERTATION PROJECT

NGOs, the State, and Legitimacy in Contemporary China
My dissertation addresses three interrelated questions regarding the proliferation of NGOs in the recent decades. In contrary to existing literature that focuses on the agency, I draw attention to state incentives in promoting the growth of the civic sector. The state initiatives that led to the increase emerge during the two periods: the early 2000s, when NGOs were used as vehicles of bureaucratic streamlining, and the post-2011 period, when NGOs are promoted as service deliverers at the grassroots level with the ultimate goal of minimizing social instability. Three questions addressed in the dissertation are: (1) why has the party-state created institutional space for NGOs? (2) what explains the variation in the success of bureaucratic streamlining that involves the use of NGOs to downsize the bureaucracy in the early 2000s? (3) How is the party-state promoting the growth of service-oriented NGOs in the post-2011 period, and what are the effects of these services on citizens' perception of the state? Drawing on theories of public sector reform, authoritarian politics, and non-state service provision, and

evidence from fieldwork, text analyses, government statistical data and an original survey conducted in the field, my project comprehensively demonstrate how an authoritarian state such as China can counterintuitively utilize non-governmental organizations and civil society to serve its interests.
Committee: Jean Oi (chair), David Laitin, Jonathan Rodden

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

WORKING PAPERS

· "Building Trust at the Grassroots: Evidence from Social Service Organizations in Shanghai" (*under review*)
· "Understanding the Expansion of the NGO Sector in China: Through the Lense of Adaptive Corporatist Governance"(*under review*)
· "The Political Origins of NGO Sector Expansion: Cases of Three Post-Communist States"(*preparing for submission*)
· "Long-term Effects of State Repression on Political Trust: Findings from Gwangju Massacre in South Korea 1980"(*under revision for resubmission*)

WORKS IN PROGRESS

· "Media Framing, Pollution, and Support for Foreign Policy"
· "Personnel Management in a Single Party Authoritarian State: Findings from North Korea, 1994-2014"(with Jacob Reidhead)

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

· "Building Trust at the Grassroots: Evidence from Social Service Organizations in Shanghai "

  • Bay Area Comparative Urban Politics Workshop, University of California, Berkeley, March 2019

  • China Social Science Workshop, Stanford University, Stanford, April 2019

  • Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago IL, April 2019

  • Practice Job Talk, Department of Political Science, Stanford University, October 2019

· "Media Framing, Pollution, and Support for Foreign Policy"

- American Political Science Association, Washington D.C, August 2019
· "Personnel Management in a Single Party Authoritarian State: Findings from North Korea, 1994-2014"
  - Stanford Network Forum, Stanford University, April 2014
  - Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago IL, April 2016

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.

· 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

· **Data Science Fellow**, **Insight Data Science**, San Francisco (January 2020 - May 2020). Data consultant at a mental healthcare startup, **Elin.Ai**.
· **Data Scientist**, **Kiwi Insurance**, Remote (June 2020 - August 2020).
· **Data Scientist**, **EL Education**, Remote (November 2020)

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

LANGUAGES AND SKILLS

Languages	Mandarin Chinese(advanced), Korean(fluent)
Statistical Software	R, STATA
Programming Language	Python, SQL
Others	ArcGIS, LaTeX

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