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APPOINTMENTS	University of Virginia Global China Postdoctoral Fellow, East Asia Center	2023–2024
	University of Pennsylvania Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for the Study of Contemporary China	2022–2023
EDUCATION	Duke University Ph.D., Political Science	2022
	Dissertation: “Agents with Agency: How Subnational Officials Exercise their Autonomy Under Authoritarianism”	
	Committee: Melanie Manion (Chair), Edmund Malesky, Daniel Stegmueller, Erik Wibbels	
	Graduate training in methods: Econometrics, Machine Learning, Advanced Statistical Programming, Advanced Political Methodology, Causal Inference, Real Analysis, Advanced Regression.	
	M.A., Political Science	2020
	M.A., Economics	2017
RESEARCH INTERESTS	University of Warwick, UK B.Sc., Philosophy, Politics and Economics	2015
	Major: Economics	
	Authoritarian political institutions	
	Bureaucracy and governance	
	Comparative political economy	
PUBLICATION	Chinese politics	
	2022. “Dual Mandates in Chinese Congresses: Information and Cooptation.” With Melanie Manion and Viola Rothschild. <i>Issues and Studies</i> . Vol. 58, No. 1: 1-20.	
UNDER REVIEW	“Policy under Conflicting Mandates: Evidence from 1 Billion Cellphones during China’s COVID Lockdowns”	
	– Presented at APSA Chinese Politics Mini-Conference 2022	
	“Contentious Origins of the Autocratic Welfare State: China’s “Demand-driven” Strategy to Manage Collective Action.”	
	“Crisis and Correction: Do Government Rectification Efforts Restore Citizen Trust After Governance Failure?” With Melanie Manion and Viola Rothschild.	
	“Community Policing and Political Participation in Contemporary China.” With Viola Rothschild.	
	“Applying Insights from China: A Typology for Subnational Comparative Politics.” With Viola Rothschild.	
	“Doublespeak: Limits of China’s Hard and Soft Propaganda during Political Crises.” With Tony Zirui Yang.	

WORKING PAPERS	<p>“How Adaptive Propaganda Works: Evidence from China.” With Xinzhuo Huang and Haibing Yan. – Presented at UCSD/Carter Center Young Scholars Conference.</p>	
	<p>“Bureaucrat Selection under Weak State Capacity: Evidence from the Democratic Republic of Congo.” With Dongil Lee, Eric Mvukiyehe, Christelle Tchoup, and Guo Xu.</p>	
GRANTS & AWARDS	The Hayek Fund	2022
	American Political Science Association Travel Grant	2022
	Wilson Endowment Research Grant	2022
	Graduate School Conference Travel Reward	2022
	Political Science Department Research Grant, Duke University	2020,2021
	Northwestern-Duke Causal Inference Workshop Fellowship	2019
	Summer Research Fellowship, Duke University	2018–2021
	Graduate Fellowship, Duke University	2017–2022
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	Merit Scholarship, Economics Department, Duke University	2015
	Instructor:	
	Political Economy of Global China, University of Virginia	Fall 2023
	Teaching Assistant:	
	Institutions and Self-governance, Duke University	Fall 2021
	Political Risk Analysis, Duke University	Spring 2020
	Democracy and Social Choice, Duke University	Fall 2019, Fall 2020
RESEARCH EXPERIENCE	Research Assistant for Professor Eric Mvukiyehe	Spring 2022–Summer 2022
	Research Assistant for Professor Melanie Manion	Fall 2017–Fall 2021
PRESENTATIONS	American Political Science Association Conference	September 2023
	UCSD/Carter Center Young Scholars Conference	August 2023
	East China University of Political Science and Law Workshop	June 2023
	Midwest Political Science Association Conference	April 2023
	Carter Center China Focus Webinar	December 2022
	Center for the Study of Contemporary China (Penn)	October 2022
	Chinese Politics Mini-Conference (APSA)	September 2022
	Midwest Political Science Association Conference	April 2022
	American Political Science Association Conference	September 2021
	New Faces in Chinese Politics Conference	August 2021
	Midwest Political Science Association Conference	May 2021
	Taiwan-American Conference on Contemporary China	December 2020
	East China University of Political Science and Law Workshop	January 2020
SERVICES	State Capacity: Concepts, Causes, Consequences Workshop (Duke)	April 2019
	Reviewer: <i>American Political Science Review</i> , <i>Political Communication</i> , <i>Governance</i> , <i>China Quarterly</i>	
	Media interviews: <i>Wall Street Journal</i> , <i>Associated Press</i> , <i>Bloomberg</i> , <i>Toronto Star</i> , <i>Mainichi</i> 每日新闻, <i>Initium Media</i> 端传媒	