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APPOINTMENTS	<b>Lingnan University, Hong Kong</b>	
	Assistant Professor	From August 2024
	Department of Government and International Affairs	
	<b>University of Virginia</b>	
	Global China Postdoctoral Fellow, East Asia Center	2023–2024
EDUCATION	<b>University of Pennsylvania</b>	
	Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for the Study of Contemporary China	2022–2023
	<b>Duke University</b>	
	Ph.D., Political Science	2022
	Dissertation: “Agents with Agency: How Subnational Officials Exercise their Autonomy Under Authoritarianism”	
RESEARCH INTERESTS	M.A., Political Science	2020
	M.A., Economics	2017
	<b>University of Warwick, UK</b>	
	B.Sc., Philosophy, Politics, and Economics	2015
	Major: Economics	
PUBLICATION	Bureaucracy and governance	
	Comparative political economy	
	Chinese politics	
	2025. “Twisted Tongue: Limits of China’s Propaganda during Crises and Policy Changes” With Tony Zirui Yang. <i>Political Science Research and Methods</i> .	
	2025. “Crisis and Correction: Do Government Rectification Efforts Restore Citizen Trust After Governance Failure?” With Melanie Manion and Viola Rothschild. <i>Political Behavior</i> .	
UNDER REVIEW	2024. “Applying Insights from China: A Typology for Subnational Comparative Politics” With Viola Rothschild. <i>Chinese Political Science Review</i> .	
	2024. “Contentious Origins of Authoritarian Social Protection: China’s “Threat-driven” Strategy in Redistribution” <i>Studies in Comparative International Development</i> .	
	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.	
	“Short-term Pain, Long-term Stain: Political Trust after Privatization of State-owned Enterprises in China” With Xingchen Lan. R&R at <i>Political Behavior</i> .	
	“Bureaucratic Favoritism, Local Lobbying, and Renewable Energy Development in China” With Zeren Li and Chitao Yu.	
WORKING PAPERS	– Presented at APSA Green Industrial Policy Mini-Conference 2025.	
	“How Petitions Impact Grassroots Propaganda in China” With Xinzhuo Huang and Haibing Yan.	
	– Presented at UCSD/Carter Center Young Scholars Conference.	
	“Bureaucrat Selection under Weak State Capacity: Evidence from the Democratic Republic of Congo” With Dongil Lee, Eric Mvukiyehe, Christelle Tchoup.	
	– Presented at North East Universities Development Consortium (Tufts).	

“Policy under Conflicting Mandates: Evidence China’s 2020 COVID Lockdowns”  
– Presented at APSA Chinese Politics Mini-Conference 2022.

“Community Policing and Political Participation in Contemporary China” With Viola Rothschild.  
– Presented at APSA Chinese Politics Mini-Conference 2024.

<b>GRANTS &amp; AWARDS</b>	Lingnan University Faculty Research Grant	2025
	Lingnan University Conference Grant	2025
	Lingnan University Start-up Grant	2024
	American Political Science Association Travel Grant	2024
	UVA East Asia Center Research Grant	2023
	Ellen Bayard Weedon Travel Grant	2023
	Penn CSCC Research Grant	2022
	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

<b>TEACHING EXPERIENCE</b>	<b>Instructor:</b>	
	Introduction to Political Science, Lingnan University	Spring 2025
	International Political Economy, Lingnan University	Spring 2025, Fall 2025
	Political Economy of Development, Lingnan University	Fall 2024
	Chinese Politics, University of Virginia	Spring 2024
	Political Economy of Global China, University of Virginia	Fall 2023

<b>PRESENTATIONS</b>	Empirical Political Science in Hong Kong Workshop, HKU	May 2025
	Asia-Pacific Politics and Public Administration Conference, HKU	May 2025
	Un-Democratic Politics Mini-Conference (WPSA), Seattle	April 2025
	Guest Lecture, City University of Hong Kong	March 2025
	Guest Lecture, New York University Washington, DC	February 2025
	School of Public Health, Hong Kong University (HKU)	February 2025
	Chinese Politics Mini-Conference (APSA)	2022, 2024
	American Political Science Association (APSA) Conference	2021, 2023
	Conference on Policy Process Research, Syracuse	May 2024
	Midwest Political Science Association Conference	2021, 2022, 2023, 2024
	East Asia Center (University of Virginia)	Nov 2023, Mar 2024
	Guest Lecture, Tsinghua-Schwarzman College	January 2024
	Guest Lecture, Washington and Lee University	November 2023
	UCSD/Carter Center Young Scholars Conference	August 2023
	East China University of Political Science and Law Workshop	Jan 2020, Jun 2023
	Carter Center China Focus Webinar	December 2022
	Center for the Study of Contemporary China (Penn)	October 2022
	New Faces in Chinese Politics Conference (Duke)	August 2021
	Taiwan-American Conference on Contemporary China	December 2020

**SERVICES** Journal Review: *American Political Science Review*, *Political Science Research and Methods*, *Political Communication*, *Political Behavior*, *Governance*, *China Quarterly*, *Policy Studies Journal*, *Humanities and Social Science Communications*, *Social Movement Studies*, *Studies in Comparative International Development*, *Policy Studies*, *Chinese Political Science Review*.

Media interviews: *New York Times*, *The Economist*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Associated Press*, *Bloomberg*, *NBC News*, *Toronto Star*, *Mainichi* 毎日新聞, *Initium Media* 端传媒

## REFERENCES

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