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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. “Crisis and Correction: Do Government Rectification Efforts Restore Citizen Trust After Governance Failure?” With Melanie Manion and Viola Rothschild.                  |                  |
|                    | – Accepted at <i>Political Behavior</i> .   |                  |
| UNDER REVIEW       | 2025. “Twisted Tongue: Limits of China’s Propaganda during Crises and Policy Changes” With Tony Zirui Yang.   |                  |
|                    | – Accepted at <i>Political Science Research and Methods</i> .   |                  |
|                    | 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.          |                  |
| WORKING PAPERS     | Community Policing and Political Participation in Contemporary China<br>With Viola Rothschild   |                  |
|                    | – Presented at APSA Chinese Politics Mini-Conference 2024   |                  |
|                    | Policy under Conflicting Mandates: Evidence from 1 Billion Cellphones during China’s COVID Lockdowns  |                  |
|                    | – Presented at APSA Chinese Politics Mini-Conference 2022   |                  |
|                    | “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, and Guo Xu.

## GRANTS & AWARDS

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| 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 | 2020–21 |
| Northwestern-Duke Causal Inference Workshop Fellowship       | 2019    |
| Summer Research Fellowship, Duke University                  | 2018–21 |
| Graduate Fellowship, Duke University                         | 2017–22 |
| Merit Scholarship, Economics Department, Duke University     | 2015    |

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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| <b>Instructor:</b>  |             |
| Introduction to Political Science, Lingnan University     | Spring 2025 |
| International Political Economy, Lingnan University       | Spring 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   |

## PRESENTATIONS

|   |                        |
|---|------------------------|
| School of Public Health, Hong Kong University               | February 2025          |
| Chinese Politics Mini-Conference (APSA)                     | 2022, 2024             |
| 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          |
| American Political Science Association Conference           | September 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 (CSCC Penn)      | October 2022           |
| American Political Science Association Conference           | September 2021         |
| New Faces in Chinese Politics Conference                    | August 2021            |
| Taiwan-American Conference on Contemporary China            | December 2020          |

## SERVICES

Journal Review: *American Political Science Review*, *Political Communication*, *Governance*, *China Quarterly*, *Policy Studies Journal*, *Social Movement Studies*, *Studies in Comparative International Development*, *Chinese Political Science Review*.

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

## REFERENCES

### Melanie Manion

Vor Broker Family Distinguished Professor of Political Science  
Duke University  
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### Edmund Malesky

Professor of Political Economy at  
Department of Political Science  
Director of the Duke CID

### Erik Wibbels

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Professor of Political Science  
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