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CURRENT APPOINTMENT	Assistant Professor of Political Science, Boston College Faculty Affiliate, Asian Studies Program	2025 - Present
PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENTS	Earl S. Johnson Lecturer of Political Science, University of Chicago Associate in Research, Duke-Margolis Center, Duke University	2023 - 25 2016 - 18
EDUCATION	University of Wisconsin , Madison, WI Ph.D. Political Science <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Committee</i>: Yoshiko M. Herrera (chair), Andrew Kydd, Scott Gehlbach, Yuhua Wang, and Scott Straus• <i>Dissertation</i>: “Regime Consolidation, Bureaucratic Compliance, and Political Control in Modern China” (Best Dissertation Award in Comparative Politics, UW-Madison) Georgetown University , Washington, DC Master of Public Policy Macalester College , St. Paul, MN B.A. Political Science and History, magna cum laude	2018 - 23 2014 - 16 2010 - 14
BOOK PROJECT	<i>Statebuilding by Campaign: The Making and Shaking of the Modern Chinese Bureaucracy</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Book manuscript near completion; seminar held at the Centre for Asian Studies, Trinity College Dublin in November 2024	
REFEREED ARTICLES	<ol style="list-style-type: none">4. Jingyuan Qian and Feng Tang. 2025. “Tackling Corruption through Top-Down Politicized Campaigns: Assessing China’s Anti-Corruption Crackdown,” in <i>The Routledge Handbook of Anti-Corruption Research and Practice</i>, Routledge, 613-627.3. Jingyuan Qian and Steve Bai. 2024. “Loyalty Signaling, Bureaucratic Compliance, and Variation in Repression in Autocracies.” <i>Comparative Politics</i> 56(4): 423-447.<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Winner of the Pi Sigma Alpha Award at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting 20242. Jingyuan Qian and Feng Tang. 2023. “Campaign-Style Personnel Management: Task Responsiveness and Selective Delocalization during China’s Anti-Corruption Crackdown.” <i>The China Quarterly</i> 256: 919-938.1. Jingyuan Qian. 2023. “Historical Ethnic Conflicts and the Rise of Islamophobia in Modern China.” <i>Ethnopolitics</i> 22(1): 43-68.	

BOOK REVIEW

1. **Jingyuan Qian.** 2024. [Review of Steven P. Feldman, *Xi Jinping's Anti-Corruption Campaign: The Politics of Revenge*. *Contemporary Sociology: A Journal of Reviews* 53\(5\): 422-424.](#)

WORKING PAPERS

On the Elite Politics of Contemporary China:

8. [“The Anxiety of Embedded Officials: Local Ties and Bureaucratic Responsiveness during China’s Anti-Gang Crackdown \(2018-20\),”](#) with Feng Tang. (Revise and Resubmit, *Journal of Contemporary China*)
7. “Insulated Cooptation: The Selection of Non-Communist Party Members into Local Government Leadership in China.” with Feng Tang.
6. “The Managerial Shift in Chinese Officials’ Educational Backgrounds.” with Feng Tang.

On the Historical Political Economy of China:

5. “The First Taste of Leviathan: Historical Conflicts, Intrusive State, and Regime Consolidation in 1950s China” with Kevin W. Luo.
4. “Statebuilding in the Early People’s Republic of China: a Comprehensive Dataset,” with Kevin W. Luo.
3. “Radicalization by Design: Factional Cleavages and Bureaucratic Compliance during China’s Land Reform Campaign.”
2. “Coercion, Capital, and Warlord Proto-States: Fiscal Dependence and Variation in Warmaking Propensity among Chinese Warlords, 1916–28,” with Siying Fu.
1. “The Loyalty-Compliance Tradeoff: The Paradox of Bureaucratic Incentives in Authoritarian Regimes”

TEACHING

Boston College

Instructor, *POLI241901: Chinese Politics*

Fall 2025

University of Chicago

Instructor, *MAPS31906: The Search for Modern China*

Spring 2025

Instructor, *MAPS31803: Game Theory for Political Science*

Spring 2024

Instructor, *PLSC31903: Chinese Politics*

Winter 2024

Instructor, *MAPS30000: Perspectives in Social Sciences*

Fall 2023, 2024

Instructor, *SOSC13110: Social Science Inquiry: Formal Theory I*

Fall 2023, 2024

University of Wisconsin

Instructor, *PS324: Chinese Politics*

Spring 2023

TA, *PS324: Chinese Politics*

Fall 2021

TA, *PS348: Analysis of International Relations*

Fall 2021, Fall 2022

TA, *PS240: Political Data Analysis*

Spring 2020, Spring 2021

TA, *PS120: Intro to Comparative Politics*

Fall 2018, Spring & Fall 2019

Macalester College

TA, *ASIA378: War Crimes and Memory in East Asia*

Spring 2013

CONFERENCE
PRESENTATIONS

Annual Meetings

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting	2021, 22, 23, 24
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting	2021, 22, 23, 24, 25
Chinese Community of Political Science Annual Meeting	2022, 24
American Sociology Association Annual Meeting	2023
Asian Studies on the Pacific Coast (ASPAC) Conference	2019

Specialized Seminars

UC-Fudan Center Young Scholars Conference	05/2025
Johnson Lecturer Work-in-Progress Workshop	03/2025
MPSA Organized Panel: State-building in East Asia	04/2024
APSA Democracy and Autocracy Graduate Student Workshop	09/2023
APSA Mini-Conference in Asian Political History	09/2023
Politics, Culture, and Society Brownbag, UW-Madison Sociology	03/2023
Virtual Workshop on Historical Political Economy	10/2022
APSA Political Violence Graduate Student Workshop	09/2022
Chinese Politics Research in Progress (CPRP) Workshop	04/2022
Cambridge Chinese Politics Research Workshop (CCPRW)	04/2021
Political Science Speaker Series for Chinese Scholars	03/2021, 12/2023
UW-Madison Comparative Politics Working Group	12/2020, 11/2021
UW-Madison Comparative Politics Colloquium	03/20, 02/21, 03/21, 03/23

Recent Invited Talks

- Discussant, “Transnational Relations and Twentieth-Century China,” The 10th Annual MA Interdisciplinary Research Conference, University of Chicago, June 3, 2025.
- “Who Runs China? A Brief Overview of China’s Political Elite Class,” Guest Lecture, Department of Political Science, Montana State University, March 5, 2025.
- “The Loyalty-Compliance Tradeoff: The Paradox of Bureaucratic Control in Modern China,” Department of Political Science, Boston College, Dec. 2, 2024.
- “Statebuilding by Campaign: The Making of Bureaucracy in Modern China,” Book Project Seminar, Trinity Centre for Asian Studies (TCAS), Trinity College Dublin, Nov. 27, 2024.
- Guest Lecturer, *HIST 213: Peoples and Cultures of Asia*, Department of History, Politics, and Geography, SUNY-Farmingdale, Aug. 28, 2024.
- “Loyalty Signaling and Bureaucratic Compliance in China,” Department of Political Science, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland, May 9, 2024.
- “Loyalty Signaling and Bureaucratic Compliance in China,” Department of Political Science, Case Western Reserve University, March 20, 2024.
- “The Toolbox of Political Control in Modern China,” Department of Political Science, SOAS University of London, Dec. 7, 2023.
- “Local Ties and Bureaucratic Compliance during China’s Anti-Gang Crackdown (2018-20),” Department of Political Science, Tsinghua University, Nov. 25, 2023.

AWARDS &
GRANTS

National & International Awards

MPSA Pi Sigma Alpha Best Graduate Student Paper Award (\$250)	2023
NSF-APSA Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant (\$10,500)	2021-22
Young Scholar Award (\$7,000), <i>China Times</i> Cultural Foundation, Taiwan	2021
APSA Centennial Center Research Grant (\$2,500)	2021
Oskar Morgenstern Fellowship, Mercatus Center (\$2,500)	2021

Institutional Awards

Professional Development Fund (\$5,000 per annum), Univ. of Chicago	2024-25
Best Dissertation Prize in Comparative Politics (\$250), UW–Madison	2023
Scott A. Harris Graduate Writing Scholarship (\$3,000), UW–Madison	2022
Political Science Summer Research Grant (\$3,000), UW–Madison	2020
Political Science Summer Initiative (\$2,500), UW–Madison	2019
Graduate Merit Scholarship (\$50,000), Georgetown University	2014-16
Yahya Armajani Prize for Global History, Macalester College	2013-14
Elmer Smith & Bruce Fisher Fund for Field Research, Macalester College	2013-14
Dean’s List, Macalester College	2010-14
Kofi Annan Scholarship (\$126,513, 4 years), Macalester College	2010-14

SERVICE

Professional Service

Journal referee: *British Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *Comparative Politics*, *Modern Asian Studies*, *Contemporary Sociology*, *Frontiers in Public Health*, etc.

Grant reviewer: APSA Centennial Center Summer Research Grants, 2024

Departmental Service

Award committee member: [Johnson Best Thesis Prize](#), MA Program in Social Sciences, University of Chicago, 2023-24

Coordinator: [Political Science Graduate Workshop](#), UW-Madison, 2019-20

OTHER

EMPLOYMENT

Research Intern, American Enterprise Institute	01/2016 - 06/2016
Summer Associate, then Project Consultant, Navigant Consulting	06/2015 - 12/2015
Government Affairs Assistant, E.U. Chamber of Commerce in China	05/2014 - 08/2014
Communications Intern for Minnesota Governor Mark Dayton	06/2013 - 08/2013
Legislative Staff for Senator Foung Hawj , Minnesota Senate	12/2012 - 06/2013

MEDIA

COVERAGE

Op-ed on <i>The Beijing News Book Review</i> 新京报书评周刊	11/2020, 06/2025
Interview by <i>South China Morning Post</i>	03/2025
Interview by <i>Bloomberg: The China Show</i>	12/2024
Interview by <i>The Initium Media</i> 端传媒	03/2020
Interview by <i>Wen Hui Daily</i> 文汇读书周报	03/2019
Interview by <i>The Atlantic</i>	04/2013

REFERENCES

Available upon request.