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AREAS OF INTEREST

ideology, culture, organization

METHODOLOGICAL EXPERTISE

content analysis, time-dependent data, multivariate analysis, network analysis, causal inference

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center, Stanford University

Shorenstein Postdoctoral Fellow on Contemporary Asia	2024/09 - 2025/06

- Faculty sponsor: Dr. Gi-Wook Shin

Division of the Social Sciences, University of Chicago

Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow in Computational Social Science	2022/09 - 2024/08

- Faculty sponsor: Dr. James Evans

EDUCATION

University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois USA

Ph.D., Sociology	2022/08

- Thesis committee: John Levi Martin (sociology), James Evans (sociology), John Brehm (political science), Junyan Jiang (Columbia, political science)

National Chengchi University, Taipei, Taiwan

M.A., Sociology	2014/08

University of California at Berkeley, Berkeley, California USA

B.A., Philosophy (Minor: Mathematics)	2009/08

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

Vacancy Chains as Strategy: Inter-Administration Mobility of Political Elites in Reform China (with Benjamin Rhor)

- Honorable Mention for the 2023 ASA Comparative Historical section Best Student Paper Award
- under review at **Social Forces**

New Wine in Old Bottles: Ideological Transformation and Rhetorical Creation of Market in China's People's Daily, 1946 - 2003 (with Linzhuo Li).

- 2017 RCC Mind Bytes Judge's Choice Award.

Nations in Our Minds: Historical Representations of Countries in Google Books (with Rochelle Terman and James Evans).

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

Henderson Research Grants, University of Chicago, 2021 - 2022
Social Science Fellowship, University of Chicago, 2014 - 2019
Pan Siyuan Scholarship, National Chengchi University, 2011 - 2013

HONORS AND AWARDS	Honors Special Field Essay, University of Chicago, 2019
	RCC Mind Bytes Judge's Choice Award, University of Chicago, 2017
	Ralph Hallman Scholarship in Philosophy, Pasadena City College, 2007
	Honors Extraordinary in Physics, Pasadena City College, 2007
	Physics Freshman Scholarship: For excellent academic performance in Physics, Pasadena City College, 2006

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Cao, J., J. Evans, S. Jia, R. Terman, and Y. Zhu. The Nations in Our Minds: Historical Representations of Countries in Google Books. The 66th Annual Convention of International Studies Association, Chicago, IL, March, 2025.

Jia, S.. Inferring the Chinese State's Personnel Strategy from Vacancy Chains, 1978 - 2012. Social Science History Association 2023 Annual Meeting, Washington D.C., November, 2023.

Jia, S.. Mapping International Culture: Perception of Identities in a Hundred Years of Google Books. The 118th Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, refereed roundtable, Sociology of Culture section, Philadelphia, PA, August, 2023.

Jia, S., and B. Rohr. Vacancy Chains as Strategy: Inter-Administration Mobility of Political Elites in Reform China. The 117th Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, regular session, Organizations, Occupations, and Work section, Los Angeles, CA, August, 2022.

Jia, S., and L. Li. New Wine in Old Bottles: Ideological Transformation and Rhetorical Creation of the Market in China's People's Daily, 1946-2003.
  - The 117th Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, "Formal Models of Culture," Sociology of Culture and Mathematical Sociology joint session, Los Angeles, CA, August, 2022.
  - 2020 International Conference of Social Computing, Tsinghua University, Beijing, China, December, 2020.
  - The 3rd Annual International Conference on Computational Social Science, GESIS - Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences, Cologne, Germany, July, 2017.

Jia, S.. Divide and Connect: Inter-organizational Mobility of Political Elites in CCP China, 1977-2012. The 113th Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, August, 2018.

Jia, S.. Nationalism as Fetishism of the Nation: A Study of the Rise of the Modern Chinese National Identity. The 9th Graduate Student Conference of the Department of Sociology at NCCU, National Chengchi University, Taipei, May, 2013 (in Chinese).

Jia, S.. Conceptualizing the 'New Sociology of Art': From the Platonic Schema toward an Aristotelian Understanding. Annual Meeting of the Taiwanese Sociological Association, Tunghai Univerisity, Taichung, Nov, 2012.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Master's Program in Computational Social Science, University of Chicago

Instructor
Perspectives of Computational Analysis   Fall 2022 and 2023

Instructor
Perspectives of Computational Research   Spring 2022 and 2023

Instructor

Exploring Cultural Space		Winter 2022 and Spring 2023

Preceptor   2019 - 2024

Teaching assistant

Perspectives of Computational Analysis (Professor: Jon Clindaniel)	Fall 2019
Perspectives of Computational Analysis (Professor: Benjamin Soltoff)	Fall 2020 and 2021
Computational Content Analysis (Professor: James Evans)	Winter 2017

Department of Sociology, University of Chicago

Teaching assistant

Statistical Methods of Research II (Professor: Xi Song)	Spring 2017 and 2018
Statistical Methods of Research I (Professor: Stephen Raudenbush)	Winter 2017 and 2018

Booth School of Business, University of Chicago

Teaching assistant

Strategic Leadership (Professor: Patrick Bergemann)	Spring 2018

SERVICE	*Occasional reviewer* for **American Journal of Sociology** and **Social Forces**	2016 -
	Manuscript board member of **American Journal of Sociology**	2017

OTHER EXPERIENCE **News Center, Modern Media Group**, Beijing, China

Reporter	2009 - 2011

Conducted interviews and wrote articles for the *Modern Weekly Magazine*.

Graduate School of Journalism, UC Berkeley

Student Editor	2008 - 2009

Gathered information and edited and translated articles for *China Digital Times*.

LANGUAGES AND SKILLS
- Human languages: Chinese (native), English (fluent), Turkish (intermediate, 3 years)
- Programming skills: Python, R, SQL, LaTeX, PyTorch
- Statistical Software: EViews, ℓEM, SPSS, Stata

REFERENCES

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Max Palevsky Professor, Sociology
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