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Emory University Appointment

Assistant Professor of Political Science

Atlanta, Georgia August 2025 -

Nuffield College, University of Oxford

Postdoctoral Prize Research Fellow in Politics

Oxford, United Kingdom 2024 - 2025

Education

Washington University in St. Louis

Ph.D., Political Science (Chair: Margit Tavits)

2021

2024

Renmin University of China

A.M., Political Science

LL.B. (with Honor), Law

Beijing, China 2018

2016 - 2017

St. Louis, Missouri

Davis, California **University of California, Davis** Exchange Student in Political Science

Research Interests Authoritarian Politics, Political Communication, Public Opinion, China, Conflicts, LGBTQ Politics, Computational Methods, Experiments, Survey Methods

Publications

[3]"Participatory Censorship in Authoritarian Regimes" Accepted, Comparative Political Studies, [Paper]

[2] "Normalization of Censorship: Evidence from China." Accepted, The Journal of Politics, [Paper] [Appendices]

[1] Aksoy, Deniz, Ted Enamorado, and Tony Zirui Yang. 2024. "Russian Invasion of Ukraine and Chinese Public Support for War." International Organization 78(2): 341–60, [Paper] [Appendices]

Working Paper

"Twisted Tongue: Limits of China's Propaganda during Crises and Policy Changes" (with Hongshen Zhu) Revise & Resubmit, Political Science Research and *Methods*, [Paper]

"Ideology, Partisan Rhetoric, and Prejudice against LGBTO Supreme Court Nominees" (with Andrew Stone)

Work in Progress

"Binary Gender Identity Strength Increases Prejudice toward LGBTQ Individuals" (with Margit Tavits)

"Listen to the Party! An Audio-as-Data Approach to Emotional Propaganda" (with Haohan Chen and Yiqiang Wang)

"How Chinese Censorship Allows Public Discourse on Democracies but Not Their Institutions"

"Transnational Impact of Chinese Propaganda on Inter-group Relations Overseas" (with Jeremy Siow and Minh Trinh)

Grants

External Research Grants

Early Career Scheme, University Grants Committee, Hong Kong	
(with Haohan Chen & Yiqiang Wang)	HK\$1,006,340
Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship	\$20,000
APSA Centennial Center Research Grant	\$2,500
Institute for Humane Studies	\$23,000
Institute for Humane Studies (with Minh Trinh & Jeremy Siow)	\$5,000

Internal Research Grants

Global Futures Small Grants (with Jeremy Siow)	\$2,000
Weidenbaum Center Small Grant (with Margit Tavits & Jeremy Siow)	\$12,000
Weidenbaum Center Small Grant (with Deniz Aksoy)	\$9,000
Legislative Studies Quarterly Research Fund, Washington University	\$5,000
Graduate Research Seed Grant, Washington University	\$2,000

Travel Grants

Asian/MENA PolMeth Annual Meeting Travel Grant	2024
NSF Grant for PolMeth Annual Meeting	2022, 2023
APSA Committee on the Status of LGBT Travel Grant	2022
APSA Annual Meeting Travel Grant	2021

Presentations

Invited Talks

London School of Economics, China and the World Seminar Series	Jan. 2025
Max Planck Institute for Tax Law and Public Finance in Munich	Dec. 2024
University of Manchester, Manchester China Institute	Dec. 2024
University of Oxford, Nuffield Political Science Seminar Series	Nov. 2024
The University of Hong Kong, Methods Hub Talk Series	Nov. 2022
Indiana University Bloomington, World Politics Speaker Series	Nov. 2022

Seminars & Workshops

Max Planck Institute, The Logic of Sanctions Workshop	2024
UT Austin Elections, Public Policy, and Media Papers Workshop	2024
UCSD Young Scholars Conference	2022, 2024

Authoritarian Political System Group Online Workshop	2023
The Southwest Workshop on Mixed Methods Research	2023
NYU Experimental Political Science Conference	2023
WUSTL Comparative Politics Annual Conference	2022, 2023
NYU Quantitative China Studies Seminar	2021
Harvard Experimental Political Science Conference	2021
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Teaching

Guest Lecturer

Institutions under Authoritarianism (University of Oxford)	2024
Political Power in Contemporary China (Juan Qian, UW-Madison)	2023
Global Information Wars (Haohan Chen, HKU)	2023
Understanding Political Protest & Violence (Sunita Parikh, WUSTL)	2020

Teaching Assistant, Washington University in St. Louis

Quantitative Political Methodology (Ted Enamorado)	Spring 2022
Latin American Politics (Guillermo Rosas)	Fall 2021
Introduction to Political Theory (Clarissa Hayward)	Spring 2021
Graduate Game Theory Seminar (Keith Schnakenberg)	Fall 2020
Introduction to Comparative Politics (Guillermo Rosas)	Spring 2020
Political Psychology (Taylor Carlson)	Fall 2019

Service

Journal Reviewer: American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, China Quarterly, Chinese Journal of Sociology, Comparative Political Studies, Environmental Politics, Journal of Quantitative Description: Digital Media, Political Communication, Political Science Research and Methods, Political Studies Review, Research and Politics, World Politics

Grant Reviewer: APSA Centennial Center Summer Research Grant

Coordinator, Comparative Politics Annual Conference 2022

Skills

Fieldwork: China (November 2022 to February 2023)

Programming: R, Python, Qualtrics, LTFX

Languages: Mandarin & Cantonese (native), English (fluent), French (basic)