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Appointment	Emory University Assistant Professor of Political Science Nuffield College, University of Oxford Postdoctoral Prize Research Fellow in Politics Associate, University of Oxford China Centre	Atlanta, Georgia August 2025 – Oxford, United Kingdom 2024 - 2025
Education	Washington University in St. Louis Ph.D., Political Science (<i>Chair: Margit Tavits</i>) A.M., Political Science Renmin University of China LL.B. (with Honor), Law University of California, Davis Exchange Student in Political Science	St. Louis, Missouri 2024 2021 Beijing, China 2018 Davis, California 2016 - 2017
Research Interests	Authoritarian Politics, Political Communication, Public Opinion, China, Conflicts, LGBTQ Politics, Computational Methods, Experiments, Survey Methods	
Publications	<p>[3] “Normalization of Censorship: Evidence from China.” <i>Accepted, The Journal of Politics</i>, [Paper] [Appendices]</p> <p>[2] Yang, Tony Zirui. 2024 (OnlineFirst). “Participatory Censorship in Authoritarian Regimes.” <i>Comparative Political Studies</i>, 0(0). [Paper][Appendices]</p> <p>[1] Aksoy, Deniz, Ted Enamorado, and Tony Zirui Yang. 2024. “Russian Invasion of Ukraine and Chinese Public Support for War.” <i>International Organization</i> 78(2): 341–60, [Paper] [Appendices]</p>	
Working Paper	<p>“Twisted Tongue: Limits of China’s Propaganda during Crises and Policy Changes” (with Hongshen Zhu) <i>Revise & Resubmit, Political Science Research and Methods</i>, [Paper]</p> <p>“Binary Gender Identity Strength and Prejudice toward LGBTQ Individuals” (with Margit Tavits) <i>Under Review</i></p>	

“Ideological Cues, Partisanship, and Prejudice Against LGBTQ Judges” (with Andrew Stone) *Under Review*

Work in Progress “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

DPIR Research Support Fund, University of Oxford	£2,500
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
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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

Annual Meetings of Professional Associations

American Political Science Association	2021, 2022, 2023, 2024
Midwest Political Science Association	2021, 2022, 2023, 2024
Western Political Science Association	2023, 2025
The Society for Political Methodology	2022, 2023
The Asian Political Methodology Meetings	2022, 2024, 2025
Elections, Public Opinion and Parties	2024
Peace Science Society (International)	2023

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

Service

Journal Reviewer:

American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, China Quarterly, Chinese Journal of Sociology, Comparative Political Studies, Environmental Politics, International Organization, 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

Workshop Coordinator:

New Frontiers in Authoritarian Politics, Nuffield College, Oxford	2025
Comparative Politics Annual Conference, Washington University	2022

Skills

Fieldwork: China (November 2022 to February 2023)

Programming: R, Python, Qualtrics, \LaTeX

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