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Appointment	<p>Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia Assistant Professor of Political Science, August 2025 –</p> <p>Nuffield College, University of Oxford, Oxford, United Kingdom Postdoctoral Prize Research Fellow in Politics, 2024 - 2025</p>
Education	<p>Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, Missouri Ph.D., Political Science, 2024 A.M., Political Science, 2021</p> <p>Renmin University of China, Beijing, China LL.B. (with Honor), Law, 2018</p> <p>University of California, Davis, Davis, California Exchange Student in Political Science, 2016 - 2017</p>
Research Interests	Authoritarian Politics, Political Communication, Chinese Politics, Public Opinion toward Conflicts, LGBTQ Politics, Text-as-Data, Audio-as-Data, Experiments
Publications	<p>“Normalization of Censorship: Evidence from China.” <i>Accepted, The Journal of Politics</i>, [Paper] [Appendices]</p> <p>“Russian Invasion of Ukraine and Chinese Public Support for War.” (with Deniz Aksoy and Ted Enamorado) 2024. <i>International Organization</i>: 1–20, [Paper] [Appendices]</p>
Working Paper	<p>“Participatory Censorship in Authoritarian Regimes” <i>Revise & Resubmit, Comparative Political Studies</i>, [Paper]</p> <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 Increases Prejudice toward LGBTQ Individuals” (with Margit Tavits)</p>

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

“The American Public Penalizes LGBTQ Supreme Court Nominees” (with Andrew Stone)

Work in Progress “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: 2023
(HK\$1,006,340 (≈ US\$128,400), with Haohan Chen & Yiqiang Wang)

Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship (\$20,000)

APSA Centennial Center Research Grant (\$2,500)

Institute for Humane Studies: 2022, 2023 (\$15,000 total)

Institute for Humane Studies (\$5,000, with Minh Trinh & Jeremy Siow)

Internal Research Grants

Global Futures Small Grants (\$2,000, with Jeremy Siow)

Weidenbaum Center Small Grant (\$12,000, with Margit Tavits & Jeremy Siow)

Weidenbaum Center Small Grant (\$9,000, with Deniz Aksoy)

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

June 2024. The University of Texas at Austin, Elections, Public Policy, and Media Papers Workshop, “How Chinese Censorship Allows Public Discourse on Democracies but Not Their Institutions.”

November 2022. Indiana University Bloomington, World Politics Speaker Series, “Normalization of Censorship: Evidence from China.”

November 2022. The University of Hong Kong, Methods Hub Talk Series, “Conducting Survey Experiments on Politics in China.”

Conferences & Workshops

APSA: 2022, 2023, 2024 (Accepted)
 MPSA: 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024
 WPSA: 2023
 PolMeth: 2022, 2023
 Asian PolMeth: 2022, 2024
 Peace Science Society (International): 2023
 EPOP: 2024 (Accepted)
 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

Teaching

Guest Lecturer

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

Graduate Level

Game Theory I (Keith Schnakenberg), Fall 2020

Undergraduate Level

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

Fieldwork

China: November 2022 to February 2023

Skills & Languages

Programming: R, Python, Qualtrics, \LaTeX
Languages: Mandarin & Cantonese (native), English (fluent), French (basic)

Service

Reviewer: *APSA Centennial Center Research Grant*, *American Political Science Review*, *Chinese Journal of Sociology*, *Environmental Politics*, *Journal of Quantitative Description*, *Digital Media*, *Political Communication*, *Political Science Research and Methods*, *The China Quarterly*

Coordinator, Comparative Politics Annual Conference 2022