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Appointment	Emory University Assistant Professor of Political Science Nuffield College, University of Oxford Postdoctoral Prize Research Fellow in Politics Associates, 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	[3] “Participatory Censorship in Authoritarian Regimes” <i>Accepted, Comparative Political Studies</i> , [Paper] [2] “Normalization of Censorship: Evidence from China.” <i>Accepted, The Journal of Politics</i> , [Paper] [Appendices] [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]	
Working Paper	“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] “Ideology, Partisan Rhetoric, and Prejudice against LGBTQ Supreme Court Nominees” (with Andrew Stone)	

Work in Progress	<p>“Binary Gender Identity Strength Increases Prejudice toward LGBTQ Individuals” (with Margit Tavits)</p> <p>“Listen to the Party! An Audio-as-Data Approach to Emotional Propaganda” (with Haohan Chen and Yiqiang Wang)</p> <p>“How Chinese Censorship Allows Public Discourse on Democracies but Not Their Institutions”</p> <p>“Transnational Impact of Chinese Propaganda on Inter-group Relations Overseas” (with Jeremy Siow and Minh Trinh)</p>
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Grants	<p>External Research Grants</p> <p>Early Career Scheme, University Grants Committee, Hong Kong (with Haohan Chen & Yiqiang Wang) HK\$1,006,340</p> <p>Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship \$20,000</p> <p>APSA Centennial Center Research Grant \$2,500</p> <p>Institute for Humane Studies \$23,000</p> <p>Institute for Humane Studies (with Minh Trinh & Jeremy Siow) \$5,000</p> <p>Internal Research Grants</p> <p>Global Futures Small Grants (with Jeremy Siow) \$2,000</p> <p>Weidenbaum Center Small Grant (with Margit Tavits & Jeremy Siow) \$12,000</p> <p>Weidenbaum Center Small Grant (with Deniz Aksoy) \$9,000</p> <p>Legislative Studies Quarterly Research Fund, Washington University \$5,000</p> <p>Graduate Research Seed Grant, Washington University \$2,000</p> <p>Travel Grants</p> <p>Asian/MENA PolMeth Annual Meeting Travel Grant 2024</p> <p>NSF Grant for PolMeth Annual Meeting 2022, 2023</p> <p>APSA Committee on the Status of LGBT Travel Grant 2022</p> <p>APSA Annual Meeting Travel Grant 2021</p>
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Presentations	<p>Invited Talks</p> <p>London School of Economics, China and the World Seminar Series Jan. 2025</p> <p>Max Planck Institute for Tax Law and Public Finance in Munich Dec. 2024</p> <p>University of Manchester, Manchester China Institute Dec. 2024</p> <p>University of Oxford, Nuffield Political Science Seminar Series Nov. 2024</p> <p>The University of Hong Kong, Methods Hub Talk Series Nov. 2022</p> <p>Indiana University Bloomington, World Politics Speaker Series Nov. 2022</p> <p>Seminars & Workshops</p> <p>Max Planck Institute, The Logic of Sanctions Workshop 2024</p> <p>UT Austin Elections, Public Policy, and Media Papers Workshop 2024</p>
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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, 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:

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

Skills

Fieldwork: China (November 2022 to February 2023)

Programming: R, Python, Qualtrics, \LaTeX

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