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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 Dissertation: “<i>Essays on Government Censorship and Public Opinion in Authoritarian Regimes</i>” (Chair: Margit Tavits)</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, Text-as-Data, Audio-as-Data, Experimental Methods
Publications	<p>“Normalization of Censorship: Evidence from China.” <i>Conditionally 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) <i>forthcoming, International Organization</i>, [Paper] [Appendices]</p>
Working Paper	<p>“Participatory Censorship in Authoritarian Regimes” <i>Under Review</i>, [Paper]</p> <p>“Doublespeak: Limits of China’s Hard and Soft Propaganda during Political Crises” (with Hongshen Zhu) <i>Under Review</i>, [Paper]</p> <p>“How Chinese Censorship Allows Public Discourse on Democracies but Not Their Institutions” [Available Upon Request]</p>

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

Work in Progress “Transnational Impact of Chinese Propaganda on Inter-group Relations Overseas” (with Jeremy Siow and Minh Trinh)

“Gender Identity and Reducing LGBTQ Prejudice” (with Margit Tavits)

“The American Public Penalizes LGBTQ Federal Judicial Nominees” (with Andrew Stone)

Grants

External Research Grants

Early Career Scheme, University Grants Committee, Hong Kong: 2023
(HK\$1,006,340 (\approx 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 (\$1,900 total)

APSA Committee on the Status of LGBT Travel Grant: 2022 (\$300)

APSA Annual Meeting Travel Grant: 2021 (\$300)

Presentations

Invited Talks

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.” November 2022

Conferences & Workshops

APSA: 2022, 2023

MPSA: 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 (Accepted)

WPSA: 2023

PolMeth: 2022, 2023

Asian PolMeth: 2022, 2024

Peace Science Society (International): 2023
 Authoritarian Political System Group Online Workshop: 2023
 The Southwest Workshop on Mixed Methods Research: 2023
 NYU Experimental Political Science Conference: 2023
 UCSD Young Scholars Conference: 2022
 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

Additional Training

Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, Missouri

Text Analysis (Brandon Stewart), Summer 2023
 Causal Inference with Panel Data (Yiqing Xu), Summer 2021
 Introduction to Python (Ryden Butler), Summer 2019

University of Warwick, Coventry, United Kingdom

Principles of Economics, Summer 2015

Skills & Languages

Programming: R, Python, Qualtrics, \LaTeX

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

Service

Reviewer for *American Political Science Review*, *Environmental Politics*, *Journal of Quantitative Description: Digital Media*
 Coordinator, Comparative Politics Annual Conference 2022

References

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