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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 Associate, University of Oxford China Centre

Oxford, United Kingdom 2024 - 2025

Education

Washington University in St. Louis

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

St. Louis, Missouri 2024

A.M., Political Science 2021

**Renmin University of China** LL.B. (with Honor), Law

Beijing, China 2018

**University of California, Davis** 

Exchange Student in Political Science

Davis, California 2016 - 2017

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

**Publications** 

- [3] "Normalization of Censorship: Evidence from China." Accepted, The Journal of Politics, [Paper] [Appendices]
- [2] Yang, Tony Zirui. 2024 (OnlineFirst). "Participatory Censorship in Authoritarian Regimes." Comparative Political Studies, 0(0). [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]

"Binary Gender Identity Strength and Prejudice toward LGBTQ Individuals" (with Margit Tavits) Under Review

"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

UT Austin Elections, Public Policy, and Media Paper UCSD Young Scholars Conference Authoritarian Political System Group Online Works The Southwest Workshop on Mixed Methods Resea NYU Experimental Political Science Conference WUSTL Comparative Politics Annual Conference NYU Quantitative China Studies Seminar	2022, hop	2024 2024 2023 2023 2023 2023 2021
Harvard Experimental Political Science Conference		2021
Annual Meetings of Professional Associations American Political Science Association Midwest Political Science Association Western Political Science Association The Society for Political Methodology The Asian Political Methodology Meetings Elections, Public Opinion and Parties Peace Science Society (International)	2021, 2022, 2023, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2023, 2022, 2022, 2024,	<ul><li>2024</li><li>2025</li><li>2023</li></ul>
Guest Lecturer Institutions under Authoritarianism (University of Opolitical Power in Contemporary China (Juan Qian Global Information Wars (Haohan Chen, HKU) Understanding Political Protest & Violence (Sunita	, UW-Madison)	2024 2023 2023 2020

#### Service

Teaching

#### 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, LTFX

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