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Education	<p><b>Washington University in St. Louis</b>, St. Louis, Missouri Ph.D., Political Science (Expected in 2024) A.M., Political Science, 2021 Dissertation: “<i>Normalization: Understanding Government Censorship and Public Opinion in Authoritarian Regimes</i>” (Chair: Margit Tavits)</p> <p><b>Renmin University of China</b>, Beijing, China LL.B. (with Honor), Law, 2018</p> <p><b>University of California, Davis</b>, 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	“Normalization of Censorship: Evidence from China.” (Job Market Paper) Conditionally Accepted, <i>The Journal of Politics</i> , <a href="#">[Paper]</a> <a href="#">[Appendices]</a>
Working Paper	<p>“Russian Invasion of Ukraine and Chinese Public Support for War.” (with Deniz Aksoy and Ted Enamorado) Revise &amp; Resubmit, <i>International Organization</i>, <a href="#">[Paper]</a> <a href="#">[Appendices]</a></p> <p>“Participatory Censorship in Authoritarian Regimes” <i>Under Review</i>, <a href="#">[Paper]</a></p> <p>“Doublespeak: Limits of China’s Hard and Soft Propaganda during Political Crises” (with Hongshen Zhu) <i>Under Review</i>, <a href="#">[Paper]</a></p> <p>“How Chinese Censorship Allows Public Discourse on Democracies but Not Their Institutions” <a href="#">[Available Upon Request]</a></p> <p>“Listen to the Party! An Audio-as-Data Approach to Emotional Propaganda” (with Haohan Chen and Yiqiang Wang) <a href="#">[Available Upon Request]</a></p>
Work in Progress	<p>“Transnational Impact of Chinese Propaganda on Inter-group Relations Overseas” (with Jeremy Siow and Minh Trinh)</p> <p>“Gender Identity and Reducing LGBTQ Prejudice” (with Margit Tavits)</p>

“LGBTQ Judicial Nominees and Federal Court Legitimacy” (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,  $\text{\LaTeX}$   
**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	<b>Margit Tavits</b> Dr. William Taussig Professor Washington University in St. Louis Email: tavits@wustl.edu	<b>Deniz Aksoy</b> Associate Professor Washington University in St. Louis Email: denizaksoy@wustl.edu
	<b>Ted Enamorado</b> Assistant Professor Washington University in St. Louis Email: ted@wustl.edu	<b>Carly Wayne</b> Assistant Professor Washington University in St. Louis Email: carlywayne@wustl.edu
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