

# Tony Zirui Yang

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Appointment	<p><b>Emory University</b>, Atlanta, Georgia Assistant Professor of Political Science, August 2025 –</p> <p><b>Nuffield College, University of Oxford</b>, Oxford, United Kingdom Postdoctoral Prize Research Fellow in Politics, 2024 - 2025</p>
Education	<p><b>Washington University in St. Louis</b>, St. Louis, Missouri Ph.D., Political Science, 2024 A.M., Political Science, 2021</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	<p>“Normalization of Censorship: Evidence from China.” <i>Conditionally Accepted, The Journal of Politics</i>, <a href="#">[Paper]</a> <a href="#">[Appendices]</a></p> <p>“Russian Invasion of Ukraine and Chinese Public Support for War.” (with Deniz Aksoy and Ted Enamorado) <i>forthcoming, International Organization</i>, <a href="#">[Paper]</a> <a href="#">[Appendices]</a></p>
Working Paper	<p>“Participatory Censorship in Authoritarian Regimes” <i>Revise &amp; Resubmit, Comparative Political Studies</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” [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]

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

## 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, ~~ETX~~  $\text{\LaTeX}$

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

## Service

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

References

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