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Emory University Appointment

Assistant Professor of Political Science

Atlanta, Georgia August 2025 -

St. Louis, Missouri

Nuffield College, University of Oxford

Postdoctoral Prize Research Fellow in Politics

Oxford, United Kingdom 2024 - 2025

Education

Washington University in St. Louis

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

2024 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, LGBTQ Politics, Computational Methods, Experiments, Survey Methods

Publications

[2] "Normalization of Censorship: Evidence from China." Accepted, The Journal of Politics, [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

"Participatory Censorship in Authoritarian Regimes" Revise & Resubmit, Comparative Political Studies, [Paper]

"Twisted Tongue: Limits of China's Propaganda during Crises and Policy Changes" (with Hongshen Zhu) Revise & Resubmit, Political Science Research and Methods, [Paper]

"Ideology, Partisan Rhetoric, and Prejudice against LGBTO Supreme Court Nominees" (with Andrew Stone)

Work in Progress

"Binary Gender Identity Strength Increases Prejudice toward LGBTQ Individuals" (with Margit Tavits)

"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

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

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
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Seminars & Workshops

Max Planck Institute, The Logic of Sanctions Workshop	2024
UT Austin Elections, Public Policy, and Media Papers Workshop	2024
UCSD Young Scholars Conference	2022, 2024
Authoritarian Political System Group Online Workshop	2023

The Southwest Workshop on Mixed Methods Resear NYU Experimental Political Science Conference WUSTL Comparative Politics Annual Conference NYU Quantitative China Studies Seminar Harvard Experimental Political Science Conference	2023 2023 2022, 2023 2021 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, 2024 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 2023 2022, 2023 2022, 2024 2024 2023	
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Guest Lecturer Institutions in Autocracies (University of Oxford) Political Power in Contemporary China (Juan Qian, Global Information Wars (Haohan Chen, HKU) Understanding Political Protest & Violence (Sunita F	2023	
Teaching Assistant, Washington University in St.	Louis	
Quantitative Political Methodology (Ted Enamorado		
Latin American Politics (Guillermo Rosas)	Fall 2021	
Introduction to Political Theory (Clarissa Hayward)	Spring 2021	
Graduate Game Theory Seminar (Keith Schnakenbe	6.	
Introduction to Comparative Politics (Guillermo Ros Political Psychology (Taylor Carlson)	as) Spring 2020 Fall 2019	
Tollifear Esychology (Taylor Garlson)	Tun 2017	
Reviewer: APSA Centennial Center Research Grant, American Political Science Review, Chinese Journal of Sociology, Comparative Political Studies, Environmental Politics, Journal of Quantitative Description: Digital Media, Political Communication, Political Science Research and Methods, The China Quarterly		
Coordinator, Comparative Politics Annual Conference 2022		
Fieldwork: China (November 2022 to February 2023)		

Skills

Service

Teaching

Programming: R, Python, Qualtrics, MTEX

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