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Education

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

Ph.D., Political Science (Expected in 2024)

A.M., Political Science, 2021

Subfields: Comparative Politics (Major), Political Methodology (Minor)

Dissertation: “*Normalization: Explaining Public Support for Government Censorship in Authoritarian Regimes*” (Committee Chair: Margit Tavits)

Renmin University of China, Beijing, China

LL.B. (with Honor), Law, 2018

University of California, Davis, Davis, California

Exchange Student in Political Science, 2016 - 2017

Research Interests

Comparative Politics: Authoritarian Politics, Censorship, Propaganda, China

International Relations: Public Opinion toward Conflicts, Chinese Foreign Policy

Political Methodology: Test-as-data, Audio-as-data, Randomized Experiments

Under Review

“Russian Invasion of Ukraine and Chinese Public Support for War.”(with Deniz Aksoy and Ted Enamorado) *Revise & Resubmit at International Organization*

“Normalization of Censorship: Evidence from China.” *Under Review*

“Participatory Censorship in Authoritarian Regimes” *Under Review*

Working Paper

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

“Doublespeak: China’s Hard and Soft Propaganda during Policy Changes” (with Hongshen Zhu)

Work in Progress

“China’s Propaganda Influences Attitudes on Chinese Foreign Policy and Inter-group Relations Overseas” (with Jeremy Siow and Minh Trinh)

“Gender Identity and Mass Opinion toward LGBT Equality” (with Margit Tavits)

“How Censoring Pro-Government Content Affects Public Support for Authoritarian Regimes”

Grants

Research Grants

Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship (\$20,000)

APSA Summer Centennial Center Research Grant (\$2,500)

Weidenbaum Center Small Grant (\$12,000, with Margit Tavits & Jeremy Siow)

Weidenbaum Center Small Grant (\$9,000, with Deniz Aksoy)

Graduate Research Seed Grant, Washington University in St. Louis (\$2,000)

Travel Grants

APSA Annual Meeting Travel Grant: 2021, 2022

Political Methodology Society Annual Meeting Travel Award: 2022

Presentations

Invited Talks

Indiana University Bloomington: 2022

The University of Hong Kong: 2022

Annual Conferences

APSA: 2022, 2023 (Accepted)

MPSA: 2021, 2022, 2023

WPSA: 2023

PolMeth: 2022

Asian PolMeth: 2022

NYU Experimental Political Science Conference: 2023

UCSD Young Scholars Conference: 2022

Comparative Politics Annual Conference (CPAC at WUSTL): 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 and Violence (Sunita Parikh, WUSTL), 2020

Assistant in Instruction, 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
Honors & Awards	2018. Graduation with Honors, Renmin University of China 2017. Scholarship for Academic Excellence, Renmin University of China 2016. China Scholarship Council Oversea Study Award
Additional Training	Washington University in St. Louis , St. Louis, Missouri 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
Research Assistant	Washington University in St. Louis , Department of Political Science William Nomikos, Summer 2020 James L. Gibson, Fall 2018
Technical Skills	R, Python, Qualtrics, \LaTeX
Service	Reviewer for <i>American Political Science Review</i> , <i>Journal of Quantitative Description: Digital Media</i> Coordinator, Comparative Politics Annual Conference (CPAC) 2022
Languages	Mandarin Chinese (native), Cantonese (native) English (fluent), French (basic), Japanese (basic)

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