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Education	<p>Washington University in St. Louis, 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>Renmin University of China, Beijing, China LL.B. (with Honor), Law, 2018</p> <p>University of California, Davis, Davis, California Exchange Student in Political Science, 2016 - 2017</p>
Research Interests	<p><i>Comparative Politics</i>: Authoritarian Politics, Political Communication, China <i>International Relations</i>: Public Opinion toward Conflicts, East/Southeast Asia <i>Methodology</i>: Computational Methods (Text & Audio), Surveys, Experiments</p>
Under Review	<p>“Normalization of Censorship: Evidence from China.” (Job Market Paper) Revise & Resubmit, <i>The Journal of Politics</i>, [Paper] [Appendices]</p> <p>“Russian Invasion of Ukraine and Chinese Public Support for War.” (with Deniz Aksoy and Ted Enamorado) Revise & Resubmit, <i>International Organization</i>, [Paper] [Appendices]</p> <p>“Participatory Censorship in Authoritarian Regimes” (Dissertation Chapter) <i>Under Review</i>, [Paper]</p> <p>“Doublespeak: Limits of China’s Hard and Soft Propaganda during Political Crises” (with Hongshen Zhu) <i>Under Review</i>, [Paper]</p>
Working Paper	<p>“How Chinese Censorship Allows Public Discourse on Democracies but Not Their Institutions” (Dissertation Chapter) [Available Upon Request]</p> <p>“Listen to the Party! An Audio-as-Data Approach to Emotional Propaganda” (with Haohan Chen and Yiqiang Wang) [Available Upon Request]</p>
Work in Progress	<p>“Transnational Impact of Chinese Propaganda on Inter-group Relations Overseas” (with Jeremy Siow and Minh Trinh)</p>

“Gender Identity and Reducing LGBTQ Prejudice” (with Margit Tavits)

“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

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
WPSA: 2023
PolMeth: 2022, 2023
Asian PolMeth: 2022, 2024 (Accepted)
Peace Science Society (International): 2023 (Accepted)
Authoritarian Political System Group Online Workshop: 2023 (Accepted)
The Southwest Workshop on Mixed Methods Research: 2023 (Accepted)
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, ~~W~~TeX
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

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