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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, Protest, China

International Relations: Public Opinion toward the Use of Force, Chinese Foreign Policy

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

Working Papers

Yang, Tony Zirui. “Normalization of Censorship: Evidence from China.” *Under Review*

Yang, Tony Zirui. “Participatory Censorship in Authoritarian Regimes” *Under Review*

Yang, Tony Zirui, Deniz Aksoy and Ted Enamorado. “Russian Invasion of Ukraine and Chinese Public Support for War.” *Under Review*

Chen, Haohan, Yiqiang Wang, and **Tony Zirui Yang**. “Listen to the Party! An Audio-as-Data Approach to Emotional Propaganda”

Work in Progress

Yang, Tony Zirui. “How Censoring Pro-Government Content Affects Public Support for Authoritarian Regimes”

Yang, Tony Zirui and Hongshen Zhu. “Doublespeak: China’s Hard and Soft Propaganda during Policy Changes”

Siow, Jeremy, Minh Trinh, and **Tony Zirui Yang**. “China’s Propaganda Influences Attitudes on Chinese Foreign Policy and Inter-group Relations Overseas”

Grants	<p>Research Grants</p> <p>Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship (\$20,000)</p> <p>APSA Summer Centennial Center Research Grant (\$2,500)</p> <p>Weidenbaum Center Small Grant (\$12,000, with Margit Tavits & Jeremy Siow)</p> <p>Weidenbaum Center Small Grant (\$9,000, with Deniz Aksoy)</p> <p>Graduate Research Seed Grant, Washington University in St. Louis (\$2,000)</p> <p>Travel Grants</p> <p>APSA Annual Meeting Travel Grant: 2021, 2022</p> <p>Political Methodology Society Annual Meeting Travel Award: 2022</p>
Presentations	<p>Invited Talks</p> <p>Indiana University Bloomington: 2022</p> <p>The University of Hong Kong: 2022</p> <p>Annual Conferences</p> <p>APSA: 2022, 2023 (Accepted)</p> <p>MPSA: 2021, 2022, 2023</p> <p>WPSA: 2023</p> <p>PolMeth: 2022</p> <p>Asian PolMeth: 2022</p> <p>NYU Experimental Political Science Conference: 2023</p> <p>UCSD Young Scholars Conference: 2022</p> <p>Comparative Politics Annual Conference (CPAC at WUSTL): 2022, 2023</p> <p>NYU Quantitative China Studies Seminar: 2021</p> <p>Harvard Experimental Political Science Conference: 2021</p>
Teaching	<p>Guest Lecturer</p> <p>Political Power in Contemporary China (Juan Qian, Wisconsin-Madison), Spring 2023</p> <p>Global Information Wars (Haohan Chen, HKU), Spring 2023</p> <p>Understanding Political Protest and Violence (Sunita Parikh, WUSTL), Spring 2020</p> <p>Assistant in Instruction, Washington University in St. Louis</p> <p><i>Graduate Level</i></p> <p>Game Theory I (Keith Schnakenberg), Fall 2020</p> <p><i>Undergraduate Level</i></p> <p>Quantitative Political Methodology (Ted Enamorado), Spring 2022</p> <p>Latin American Politics (Guillermo Rosas), Fall 2021</p> <p>Introduction to Political Theory (Clarissa Hayward), Spring 2021</p> <p>Introduction to Comparative Politics (Guillermo Rosas), Spring 2020</p> <p>Political Psychology (Taylor Carlson), Fall 2019</p>
Honors & Awards	<p>2018. Graduation with Honors, Renmin University of China</p> <p>2017. Scholarship for Academic Excellence, Renmin University of China</p> <p>2016. China Scholarship Council Oversea Study Award</p>

Additional Training	<p>Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, Missouri Causal Inference with Panel Data (Yiqing Xu), Summer 2021 Introduction to Python (Ryden Butler), Summer 2019</p> <p>University of Warwick, Coventry, United Kingdom Principles of Economics, Summer 2015</p>
Research Assistant	<p>Washington University in St. Louis, Department of Political Science William Nomikos, Summer 2020 James L. Gibson, Fall 2018</p>
Technical Skills	R, Python, Qualtrics, \LaTeX
Service	<p>Reviewer for <i>American Political Science Review</i>, <i>Journal of Quantitative Description: Digital Media</i></p> <p>Coordinator, Comparative Politics Annual Conference (CPAC) 2022</p>
Languages	<p>Mandarin Chinese (native), Cantonese (native) English (fluent), French (basic), Japanese (basic)</p>

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