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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, Political Violence

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*

Chen, Haohan, Yiqiang Wang, and **Tony Zirui Yang.** “Listen to the Party! Understanding Emotional Propaganda in Authoritarian China with Audio Data”

Work in Progress

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

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

Grants

2022. APSA Summer Centennial Center Research Grant (\$2,500)

2022. Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship (\$20,000)

2022. Political Methodology Society Annual Meeting Travel Award (\$250)

2022. Weidenbaum Center Small Grant (\$12,000, with Margit Tavits & Jeremy Siow)

2021. Weidenbaum Center Small Grant (\$9,000, with Deniz Aksoy)

2021. APSA Annual Conference Travel Grant (\$300)

2021. Graduate Research Seed Grant, Washington University in St. Louis (\$2,000)

2016. China Scholarship Council Oversea Study Grant (\$15,000)

Presentations

Annual Conferences

APSA: 2022 (Accepted)

MPSA: 2021, 2022

PolMeth: 2022

Asian PolMeth: 2022

UCSD Young Scholars Conference: 2022

Comparative Politics Annual Conference (CPAC at WUSTL): 2022

Quantitative China Studies Seminar (QCSS at NYU): 2021

Harvard Experimental Political Science Conference: 2021

Honors & Awards

2018. Graduation with Honors, Renmin University of China

2017. Scholarship for Academic Excellence, Renmin University of China

Research Assistant

Washington University in St. Louis, Department of Political Science

William Nomikos, Summer 2020

James L. Gibson, Fall 2018

Teaching

Washington University in St. Louis, Department of Political Science

Assistant in Instruction - Graduate Level

Game Theory, Ph.D. (Keith Schnakenberg), Fall 2020

Assistant in Instruction - 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

Guest Lecturer

Understanding Political Protest and Violence (Sunita Parikh), Spring 2020

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

Technical Skills

R, Python, Qualtrics, \LaTeX

Service

Reviewer for *American Political Science Review*, *Journal of Quantitative Description: Digital Media*

Coordinator, Comparative Politics Annual Conference (CPAC) 2022

Languages Mandarin Chinese (native), Cantonese (native)
English (fluent), French (basic), Japanese (basic)

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