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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

Dissertation: “*Normalization: Understanding Government Censorship and Public Opinion in Authoritarian Regimes*” (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

## Under Review

“Normalization of Censorship: Evidence from China.” (Job Market Paper)  
Revise & Resubmit, *The Journal of Politics*

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

“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

“How Chinese Censorship Allows Public Discourse on Democracies but Not Their Institutions”

“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)

“LGBT Judicial Nominees and the Federal Court Legitimacy” (with Andrew Stone)

## Grants

### **Research Grants**

Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship (\$20,000)  
APSA Centennial Center Research Grant (\$2,500)  
Institute for Humane Studies (\$10,000)  
Institute for Humane Studies (\$5,000, with Minh Trinh & Jeremy Siow)  
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**

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, “Normalization of Censorship: Evidence from China.” November 2022  
The University of Hong Kong, “Conducting Survey Experiments on Politics in China.” November 2022

### **Conferences & Workshops**

APSA: 2022, 2023 (Accepted)  
MPSA: 2021, 2022, 2023  
WPSA: 2023  
PolMeth: 2022, 2023  
Asian PolMeth: 2022  
Authoritarian Political System Group Online Workshop: 2023 (Accepted)  
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 & 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	<b>Washington University in St. Louis</b> , St. Louis, Missouri Causal Inference with Panel Data (Yiqing Xu), Summer 2021 Introduction to Python (Ryden Butler), Summer 2019  <b>University of Warwick</b> , Coventry, United Kingdom Principles of Economics, Summer 2015	
Research Assistant	<b>Washington University in St. Louis</b> , Department of Political Science William Nomikos, Summer 2020 James L. Gibson, Fall 2018	
Skills & Languages	<b>Programming:</b> R, Python, Qualtrics, $\text{\LaTeX}$ <b>Languages:</b> Mandarin Chinese (native), Cantonese (native) English (fluent), French (basic), Japanese (basic)	
Service	Reviewer for <i>American Political Science Review</i> , <i>Journal of Quantitative Description: Digital Media</i> Coordinator, Comparative Politics Annual Conference (CPAC) 2022	
References	<b>Margit Tavits</b> Dr. William Taussig Professor in Arts & Sciences Washington University in St. Louis Email: tavits@wustl.edu	<b>Deniz Aksoy</b> Associate Professor of Political Science Washington University in St. Louis Email: denizaksoy@wustl.edu
	<b>Haifeng Huang</b> Associate Professor of Political Science Ohio State University Email: hhuang28@gmail.com	<b>Taylor Carlson</b> Associate Professor of Political Science Washington University in St. Louis Email: tncarlson@wustl.edu
	<b>Ted Enamorado</b> (teaching & methods) Assistant Professor of Political Science Washington University in St. Louis Email: ted@wustl.edu	<b>Carly Wayne</b> Assistant Professor of Political Science Washington University in St. Louis Email: carlywayne@wustl.edu

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