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Education

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

Ph.D., Political Science (Expected)

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. “How Public Participation Justifies Government Censorship in Authoritarian Regimes”

Chen, Haohan, Yiqiang Wang, and **Tony Zirui Yang.** “Emotional Propaganda: Detecting Authoritarian Affective Manipulation with Machine-Assisted Audio Data Analysis.”

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. “Determinants of Public Support for the Use of Force in Authoritarian Regimes: Evidence from China.”

Grants

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) PolMeth: 2022 (Accepted) UCSD Young Scholars Conference: 2022 MPSA: 2021, 2022 Comparative Politics Annual Conference (CPAC at WUSTL): 2022 Asian PolMeth: 2022 NYU QCSS (Quantitative China Studies Seminar): 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 <i>Assistant in Instruction - Graduate Level</i> Game Theory, Ph.D. (Keith Schnakenberg), Fall 2020 <i>Assistant in Instruction - Undergraduate Level</i> 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 <i>Guest Lecturer</i> 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 <i>American Political Science Review</i> Coordinator, Comparative Politics Annual Conference (CPAC) 2022

Languages

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

Last updated May 24, 2022