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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

Research Interests

Authoritarian Politics, Political Communication, Public Opinion, China
Computational Social Science, Test-as-data, Audio-as-data, Survey Methods

Under Review

“Normalization of Censorship: Evidence from China.” (Job Market Paper)

Revise & Resubmit, *The Journal of Politics*, [\[Paper\]](#) [\[Appendices\]](#)

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

“Participatory Censorship in Authoritarian Regimes” (Dissertation Chapter)
Under Review, [\[Paper\]](#)

Working Paper

“Listen to the Party! An Audio-as-Data Approach to Emotional Propaganda” (with Haohan Chen and Yiqiang Wang) [Available Upon Request]

Work in Progress

“How Chinese Censorship Allows Public Discourse on Democracies but Not Their Institutions” (Dissertation Chapter) [Available by September 2023]

“Transnational Impact of Chinese Propaganda on Inter-group Relations Overseas” (with Jeremy Siow and Minh Trinh)

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

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

“Doublespeak: China’s Hard and Soft Propaganda during Policy Changes” (with Hongshen Zhu) [Available by August 2023]

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: 2022 (\$20,000)

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

Institute for Humane Studies: 2022, 2023 (\$10,000 total)

Institute for Humane Studies: 2023 (\$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

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

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 <i>Graduate Level</i> Game Theory I (Keith Schnakenberg), Fall 2020 <i>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	
Fieldwork	China: November 2022 to February 2023	
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	
Skills & Languages	Programming: R, Python, Qualtrics, \LaTeX Languages: Mandarin & Cantonese (native), English (fluent), French (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	Margit Tavits Dr. William Taussig Professor, WUSTL Email: tavits@wustl.edu	Deniz Aksoy Associate Professor, WUSTL Email: denizaksoy@wustl.edu
	Ted Enamorado Assistant Professor, WUSTL Email: ted@wustl.edu	Carly Wayne Assistant Professor, WUSTL Email: carlywayne@wustl.edu
	Haifeng Huang Associate Professor, Ohio State Email: hhuang28@gmail.com	Taylor Carlson Associate Professor, WUSTL Email: tncarlson@wustl.edu