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Education

Penn State University

Dual-title Ph.D., Political Science and Social Data Analytics, 2021-2026 (Expected)

Field: Comparative Politics

Dissertation: Contentious Unity: Networks of Public Grievances in China
M.A., Political Science, 2021-2023

McGill University

B.A. (First Class Honours), Political Science, 2020.

Publication

“Thirst Traps and Quick Cuts: The Effects of TikTok ‘Edits’ on Evaluations of Politicians”

With Kevin Munger

Forthcoming at *Social Media + Society*

Working Papers

“Performing Loyalty: Does Adopting State Rhetoric Make Citizen’s Demands-making More Successful?”

Under Review

“Rethinking Collective Action: Cohesive Networks of Public Complaints in Authoritarian China”

“Learning Protest: How National Protest Contexts Influence Adolescents’ Views of Unconventional Political Participation”

With Lee Ann Banaszak, Shan-Jan Sarah Liu, Burcin Tamer

Under Review

“Framing Conflict: Shifting Conflict Narratives during the Troubles in Northern Ireland”

With Cyanne Loyle

Work in Progress

“Drivers of Connective Actions: Evidence from Two Survey Experiments”

Conference Presentations

Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference, 2023

Online Peace Science Colloquium, 2023

Junior Scholars in Quantitative Conflict, 2024

Annual Southern Political Science Association Conference, 2024, 2025

Conference-within-a-Conference: “The Politics of Authoritarian Regimes”

Annual American Political Science Association Conference, Fall 2025 (scheduled)

Chinese Politics Research in Progress, Fall 2025 (scheduled)

Teaching Experience	Political Science Department, Penn State University Guest Lecturer, GLIS 102 Global Pathways, Spring 2025 Course Teaching Assistant, PLSC 498 Text-As-Data, Fall 2022 Graduate Advisor, Political Science Horizons at Penn State, Fall 2022
Work Experience	Shanghai Sunshine Community Youth Affairs Centre Social Worker, 2020-2021 Youth community outreach and case management
Service	Profession Referee ($\times 2$), <i>Journal of Quantitative Description: Digital Media</i> Political Science Department, Penn State University Graduate Representative, Recruitment Committee, 2022-23, 2023-24 Graduate Representative, Climate Committee, 2022-23
Awards and Honors	The McCourtney Institute for Democracy, Penn State University Eleanor Roosevelt Fellowship, \$30,000, 2024-2025 Research in Democracy Support Grant, \$4000, 2024 Office of Research and Graduate Studies, Penn State University Dissertation Support Grant, \$2000 Department of Political Science, Penn State University Outstanding Political Science Graduate Student Award, \$1500, 2024-2025 Department Research Support, \$3600, Spring 2025 Program in Comparative Politics Research Award, \$670, Summer 2024 Miller-LaVigne Graduate Fellowship Semester Release, Spring 2024 Program in Comparative Politics Semester Release, Fall 2023 Program in Comparative Politics Research Award, \$2710, Summer 2023 Department Research Support, \$2160, Fall 2022 Peter Schallmoser Award, \$2500, Fall 2021 McGill University Research Group in Constitutional Studies Student Fellowship, 2019-2020 Arts Research Internship Award, 2018-2019 Li Ka Shing Liberal Arts Initiative Award, 2017-2018
Languages and Fieldwork	Language: English (fluent), Chinese (native), French (elementary) Skills: R, Python, Stata Fieldwork: China (2023)

References

Cyanne E. Loyle

Professor of Political Science

Political Science Board of Visitors Early Career Professor of Political Science

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Bruce Desmarais

Professor of Political Science and Social Data Analytics

Director, Center for Social Data Analytics [C-SoDA]

Head, Program in Social Data Analytics [SoDA]

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