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Education

Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, Missouri
– *Dissertation: How Entertainment Fosters Political Compliance in China*
Ph.D., Political Science, expected in 2026
M.A., Political Science, 2023

Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan
B.A., Economics, 2020

The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Hong Kong SAR, China
B.Sc. (First-Class Honors), Global China Studies, 2020

Research Interests

Comparative Politics: Authoritarian Politics, Political Communication, State Building, China
International Relations: Public Diplomacy, International Cooperation, U.S-China relations
Methodology: Computational Methods (Text-As-Data), Surveys, Experiments

Working Papers

“Screened Realities: How Entertainment Fosters Political Compliance in Autocracies.”
(Job Market Paper)

[\[Manuscript\]](#) [\[Appendix\]](#)

- *Rebecca Morton Poster Award*, 2025 Rebecca B. Morton Conference on Experimental Political Science
- *Timothy E. Cook Best Graduate Student Paper Award*, APSA 2024

“Weaponizing Democracy’s Woes: Negative Propaganda and Regime Evaluations in Autocracies.” Revise and Resubmit, *The Journal of Politics*.

[\[Manuscript\]](#) [\[Appendix\]](#)

“Exploiting Extremism: Strategic Responses of Radical Right Parties to Right-Wing Violence in Europe” (with Taishi Muraoka and Margit Tavits). Under review.

[\[Manuscript & Appendix\]](#)

“How Do State-Led Infrastructure Projects Affect Trust in Historically Hard-to-Reach Places?” (with David Carter). Under review.

[\[Manuscript\]](#) [\[Appendix\]](#)

“Softening the Crisis: How Cultural Diplomacy Fosters Interstate Reconciliation.”
[Available Upon Request]

“Can Leaders Shape Public Opinion During a Foreign Policy Crisis? Evidence from U.S. Withdrawal from Afghanistan (with Amaan Charaniya, Dahjin Kim, Gechun Lin, William Nomikos, and İpek Ece Şener). Under review.

[Available Upon Request]

- *Best Paper for the Foreign Policy Section*, APSA 2022

Work in Progress

“The Blessing and Curse of Cute Propaganda” (with Haifeng Huang).

“Turning Crisis into Opportunities: How Authoritarian Regime Appeal to Mass Emotions in Crisis Communication” (with Xiaoxiao Shen).

Honors & Grants

Research Grant

Juniors Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies (\$6,000)	2025
Humane Studies Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies (\$6,200)	2024
Graduate Research Dissertation Grant, Washington University (\$1,000)	2024
Small Research Grant, Weidenbaum Center on the Economy, Government, and Public Policy, Washington University (\$15,000)	2024
• Co-PI: Margit Tavits and Taishi Muraoka	
Small Research Grant, Weidenbaum Center on the Economy, Government, and Public Policy, Washington University (\$12,000)	2024
• Co-PI: Ted Enamorado	
Legislative Studies Quarterly Research Award, Washington University (\$5,000)	2020

Travel Grant

PolMeth Travel Award (\$1,000)	2025
ISA Travel Grant (\$600)	2025
APSA Political Psychology Section Distinguished Junior Scholar Award (\$600)	2024
APSA Travel Grant (\$200)	2023
APSA Travel Grant (\$200); APSA Foreign Policy Section Travel Grant (\$500)	2022

Other Awards

School of Political Science and Economics Award, Waseda University	2019
• Awarded for the first Waseda Data Science Competition	
• Theme: Predict results of Japan’s Upper House Election in 2019	
• With Wenhao (Brian) Jiang, Yuji Mizushima, and Siyuan Shang	
Dean’s List, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology	2016–2018

Scholarships

Asian Future Leadership Scholarship, Bai Xian Asia Institute (≈ \$28,680)	2018
• Full tuition and living expenses for study at Waseda	
Ho & Ho Foundation Scholarship, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (≈ \$76,000)	2015
• Full tuition and living expenses for study at HKUST	

Presentations

Annual Meetings of Professional Associations

American Political Science Association (APSA)	2022–2025
International Studies Association (ISA)	2025
The Society for Political Methodology (PolMeth)	2025
Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)	2022–2023, 2025
Western Political Science Association (WPSA)	2023, 2025
Southern Political Science Association (SPSA)	2025
Peace Science Society (International)	2024
ISA-Midwest	2022

Workshops and Seminars

Authoritarian Political System Group Online Workshop (Accepted)	2025
Frontiers in Political Methodology (WashU)	2025
Virtual Workshops on Authoritarian Regimes (VWAR)	2025
Rebecca B. Morton Conference on Experimental Political Science (NYU)	2025
Comparative Politics Annual Conference (CPAC; WashU)	2023–2025
State Capacity Conference (Yale)	2022
The Politics of State Authority and Insecurity Workshop (Rutgers University)	2022

Teaching

Washington University in St. Louis, Department of Political Science *Undergraduate Level*

Introduction to Comparative Politics (Guillermo Rosas)	Spring 2024
Psychology of War (Carly Wayne)	Fall 2023
Introduction to International Politics (David Carter)	Fall 2022, 2023
Quantitative Political Methodology (Ted Enamorado)	Spring 2022
Data Science for Politics (Jacob Montgomery)	Fall 2021

Additional Training

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

Spatial Statistics (Scott Cook)	Summer 2024
Text-As-Data (Brandon Stewart)	Summer 2023
Time Series Analysis (Clayton Webb)	Summer 2022
Python camp (Benjamin Noble)	Summer 2021
Math camp (Jacob Montgomery)	Summer 2020

East China University of Political Science and Law, Shanghai, China

Training Camp of Political Methodology and Chinese Political Institution	Summer 2020
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Service

Journal Reviewer: <i>Conflict Management of Peace Science</i> , <i>Journal of Chinese Political Science</i>	
Coordinator, Comparative Politics Annual Conference 2025	
Manager, WashU Political Data Science Lab, Fall 2022 – Fall 2023	

Technical Skills

R, Python, Stata, ArcGIS, Qualtrics, Tableau, \LaTeX

Languages

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

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