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Academic Appointment

The University of Massachusetts Amherst

Lecturer, Data Analytics and Computational Social Science(DACSS)

Amherst, MA

September 2023 -

Previous Appointment

Grinnell College

Lecturer, Department of Political Science

Grinnell, IA

August 2022 - December 2022

Education

The University of Iowa

Ph.D., Political Science

Iowa City, IA

Dec 2023

- Comparative Politics (major field), American Politics (minor field)
- Dissertation. "Obedience of Unjust Laws: Institutions, Individuals, and Judicial Legitimacy"
- Committee Members: Caroline Tolbert, Elise Pizzi, William Reisinger, Frederick Solt(Co-Chair), Wenfang Tang (Co-Chair)

The University of Iowa

Graduate Certificate, College Teaching,

Iowa City, IA

Dec 2020

The University of Pittsburgh

M.A., Public and International Affairs

Pittsburgh, PA

May 2012

The Sun Yat-sen University

B.A., Law

Guangzhou, China

June 2010

Research Interests

- Substantive: *comparative politics, judicial politics, public opinion*
- Methodological: *quantitative methods, survey methods, experiment, image/audio analysis*

Current Job Responsibility

1. *Teaching Graduate and Undergraduate Courses;*
 - LEGAL-393E "Empirical Legal Studies" (in person, Spring 2025)
 - DACSS-602 "Research Design" (multimodal, Spring 2025)
 - DACSS-604 "Advanced Data-driven Storytelling" (multimodal, Fall 2023 & 2024; Winter 2024)
 - DACSS-603 "Intro to Quantitative Analysis" (multimodal, Spring 2024)
 - DACSS-601 "Data Science Fundamentals" (multimodal, Fall 2023)
2. *Advising Students;*
3. *University and Departmental Service*
 - Organizing committee for the UMASS Computational Social Science Poster Session
 - Inviting Guest Speakers

Academic Service

Publications

- Solt, Frederick, Yue Hu, Kevan Hudson, Jungmin Song, Dong “Erico” Yu, “Economic Inequality and Class Consciousness,” *The Journal of Politics*, 79, no. 3 (July 2017): 1079-1083
- Solt, Frederick, Yue Hu, Kevan Hudson, Jungmin Song, Dong “Erico” Yu, “Economic Inequality and Belief in Meritocracy in the United States,” *Research and Politics*, 3-4 (2016):1-7
- Tang, Wenfang and Dong “Erico” Yu. “Public Policy Satisfaction in Urban China,” *East Asian Policy*, vol. 7, no. 2 (2015), 63-77
- Yu, Dong, “The Hovering Dragon: China’s Involvement in Afghanistan.” *Pittsburgh Policy Journal*, Spring 2012/Volume 4

Working Papers

- Rosemary Pang and Dong “Erico” Yu. “Towards Personalistic Rule: Evidence from Textbooks in China”
- Rosemary Pang, Dong “Erico” Yu, and Yuehong “Cassandra” Tai. “How anti-corruption campaigns influence the perception of corruption: A Case Study of Mexico”
- Dong “Erico” Yu. “Sounding Like Lady Justice? A Survey Experiment on Oral Speech and Court Legitimacy”
- Dong “Erico” Yu and Yuehong “Cassandra” Tai. “Judge’s Gender and Oral Language Skills: An Empirical Analysis of Courtroom Video” (*Politics and Gender*, under review)
- Dong “Erico” Yu. “Strategic Transparency: What Drives the Chinese Courts in Releasing Courtroom Video” (*China Review*, under review)

Conference Presentations

Towards Personalistic Rule: Evidence from Textbooks in China

- co-author with Rosemary Pang
- Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) Annual Meeting, San Juan, Puerto Rico, Jan 10, 2025
- American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, Sep 6, 2024
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Sounding Like Lady Justice? A Survey Experiment on Oral Speech and Court Legitimacy

- American Political Science Association (SPSA) Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA, Sep 2, 2023
- Comparative Judicial Politics Mini-Conference, Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) Annual Meeting, St. Pete Beach, Florida, Jan 12, 2023
- New Directions in Law and Society Conference, University of Massachusetts Amherst, Amherst, Oct 8, 2022

Trial “Better than Men”: Gender Variation in Presentation Styles in Courts

- co-author with Yuehong “Cassandra” Tai
- American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting, Seattle, Oct 3, 2021
- Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Meeting, Chicago, Apr 17, 2021

Strategic Transparency: Courtroom Video Release in China

- Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Meeting, Chicago, Apr 16, 2021
- Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) Annual Meeting, San Jose, Jan 7, 2020

A Survey Experiment on Court Transparency and Its Effects on Judicial Legitimacy

- Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) Annual Meeting, Austin, Jan 6, 2019
- European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) Annual Conference, Hamburg, Aug 24, 2018
- Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Meeting, Chicago, Apr 8, 2018

How Perception of Justice Affects Support for Democracy

- Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Jan 4, 2018

How Ethnic Identity Affects Perception of Social Status and Mobility in China

- co-author with Wenfang Tang and Elise Pizzi
- Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Meeting, Chicago, Apr 7, 2017

Participation of Contentious Politics: Network Embeddedness and Social Pressure

- Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Meeting, Chicago, Apr 18, 2015

Previous Teaching Experience

At Grinnell College:

Instructor of courses

- POL-101-03 “Introduction to Political Science” (in person, Fall 2022)
- POL-295-03 “Politics of China” (in person, Fall 2022)

At the University of Iowa:

Instructor of courses

Guest lecturer of special sessions

- POLI:1400 “Introduction to Comparative Politics” (in person, Spring 2019)
- PSQF:1075 “Educational Psychology and Measurement” (in person, Spring 2018)

Teaching assistant of discussion sessions

- POLI:1100 “Introduction to American Politics” (in person, Spring 2018)
- POLI:1200 “Introduction to Political Behavior” (in person, Fall 2016)
- POLI:1501 “Introduction to American Foreign Policy” (in person, Fall 2020; Fall 2019; Spring 2016; Spring 2015, Fall 2014)
- POLI:1400 “Introduction to Comparative Politics” (online, Summer and Spring 2019)
- POLI:1100 “Introduction to International Relations” (in person, Spring 2019)
- POLI:1445 “Introduction to Asian Politics: China” (in person, Fall 2017)
- POLI:3408 “Chinese Politics and Society” (in person, Spring 2017)

Invited Talks

- POLS: Contemporary China and East Asia: National Identity and Hong Kong (Gonzaga University, online, Spring 2024)
- PLSC:498 Political Survey Design Analysis: Survey Experiment (The Pennsylvania State University, in person, Spring 2022)
- Research Methods in Political Science: Experimental Methods (East China Normal University, online, Fall 2020)

Previous University and Department Service

Graduate Student Senate, the University of Iowa

2016-2018

- Co-chair of Travel Fund Committee

Government of Graduate Students, The Political Science Department

2015-2018

- Department Representative to the University Graduate Student Senate

Previous Academic Experience and Training

Research Assistant for Elise Pizzi

Summer 2017

Research Assistant for Frederick Solt

Fall 2015

Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR)

Jul 2014

MLE for Regression, Time Series Analysis
European Union Center of Excellence
Certificate of European Union Studies

The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
Aug 2011
The University of Washington, Seattle