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EDUCATION	Duke University PhD Candidate in Political Science	2016–present
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	Hong Kong University of Science and Technology MPhil in Social Science	2016
	Fudan University LLB in Political Science	2014
	University of California, Los Angeles <i>Exchange student, coursework in political science</i>	2013
RESEARCH INTERESTS	Business-Government Relations, Bureaucracy, Good Governance, Authoritarianism, Chinese Politics	
WORKING PAPERS	“Subsidies for Sale: Postgovernment Career Concern and Public Resource Allocation in China.”	
	“Why do Firms Hire Politicians: Evidence from Chinese Revolving-Door Officials.”	
	“Political Connections as Liabilities: Analyzing the Effect of Political Risk on Firm Performance.” Under review.	
	“The Decline of Factions: The Impact of Purge on Political Appointments in China.” With Melanie Manion. Under review.	
	“The Last Fight: Evaluating the Impact of Career Incentives on Fiscal Extraction in China.” With Arthur Zeyang Yu.	
	“Information Gathering within Bounds: Analyzing the Legislative Process in an Authoritarian Congress.”	
PUBLICATION	<i>An Introduction to Procedural Rule in China’s Provincial People’s Congress, Chinese Law & Government</i> , vol.49, 2017.	
GRANTS & AWARDS	NSF-APSA Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant	2020
	Chiang Ching-Kuo Foundation Dissertation Fellowship	2020
	Duke Asian-Pacific Studies Institute Summer Research Fellowships	2020
	Google Cloud Platform Academic Research Grant	2019
	China Times Cultural Foundation Young Scholar Award	2019
	Hayek Fund for Scholars, Institute for Humane Studies	2019
	Alona E. Evans Research Grant, Duke University	2018, 2019
	Dissertation Improvement Grant, Duke University	2019

	Graduate School Fellowship, Duke University	2016–2020
	Graduate School Summer Fellowship, Duke University	2016–2018, 2020
	Duke Asian-Pacific Studies Institute Travel Grant	2017, 2018
	Ronald Coase Institute Fellowship	2015
	APSA Travel Grant	2015, 2018
	Hong Kong University of Science & Technology Research Travel Grant	2015
	UCLA Cross-Disciplinary Scholars in Science and Technology Scholarship	2013
	Hong Kong University of Science & Technology Postgraduate Fellowship	2014–2016
CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS	NYU Quantitative Chinese Studies Seminar, 2020	
	Modern Economics Workshop, Fudan University, 2020	
	Political Science Workshop, East China University of Political Science and Law, 2020	
	Comparative Political Selection Workshop, Peking University, 2019	
	Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2016, 2017, 2018	
	American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2015, 2018, 2020	
	Ronald Coase Institute Workshop on Institutional Analysis, Tel Aviv University, 2015	
	Workshop on Chinese Political Science and Methodology, Fudan University, 2014	
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	<i>Graduate courses</i>	
	Unifying Data Science (Data Science Program), Duke University, <i>Teaching Assistant</i>	
	Probability and Linear Regression, Duke University <i>Lab Instructor</i>	
	Quantitative Analysis in Social Science, Hong Kong University of Science & Technology, <i>Lab Instructor</i>	
	<i>Undergraduate courses</i>	
	Prisoner’s Dilemma and Distributive Justice, Duke University, <i>Teaching Assistant</i>	
	Global Corruption, Duke University, <i>Teaching Assistant</i>	
	Introduction to Economics, Hong Kong University of Science & Technology, <i>Teaching Assistant</i>	
	World of Politics, Hong Kong University of Science & Technology, <i>Teaching Assistant</i>	
LANGUAGES & SOFTWARE	Mandarin Chinese: Native	
	Programming Language: R, Python, git, TensorFlow, SQL	
	Software: Stata, QGIS, Gephi, L ^A T _E X	
PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS	American Political Science Association	
	Midwest Political Science Association	
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