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Employment

Yale University 2021–Present
Postdoctoral Associate
Leitner Program in International and Comparative Political Economy

EDUCATION

Duke University 2021
PhD in Political Science
- Fields: Political Economy (major), Political Methodology (minor)
- Dissertation: *Institutionalized Rent-seeking: The Political-Business Revolving-Door in China*
- Award: NSF-APSA Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant

Hong Kong University of Science and Technology 2016
MPhil in Social Science

Fudan University 2014
LLB in Political Science

RESEARCH INTERESTS

State-Business Relations, Bureaucracy, Corruption, Authoritarianism, China, Data Sciences

PUBLICATIONS

"The Decline of Factions: The Impact of Purge on Political Appointments in China." With Melanie Manion, *British Journal of Political Science*, accepted.

"Connections as Liabilities: The Cost of the Politics-Business Revolving Door in China.", *British Journal of Political Science*, forthcoming.

"Within-Party Mobility and Economic Performance in Authoritarian Regimes: Evidence from China." With Arthur Zeyang Yu, *Party Politics*, 2022.

"The Last Strike: Age, Career Incentives and Taxation in China." With Arthur Zeyang Yu. 2022, *Studies in Comparative International Development*.

"An Introduction to Procedural Rule in China's Provincial People's Congress", *Chinese Law & Government*, Vol.49 No.1, (2017): 1-4.

BOOK PROJECT

Quid Pro Quo: The Political-Business Revolving Door in China, under review.

WORKING PAPERS

"Subsidies for Sale: Post-government Career Concern, Revolving-Door Channels, and Public Resource Allocation in China.", *Journal of Politics*, revise and resubmit.

"Downward Power Consolidation and Public Investment: Theory and Evidence from China ." With Daniel Z. Li and Qi Zhang, *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, revise and resubmit.

"Markets Under Mao: The Persistence of Market Activity in Maoist China." With Adam Frost, *China Quarterly*, revise and resubmit.

"Judicial Recentralization as Political Control: A Difference-in-Differences Analysis of Judicial Leader Rotation in China." With Zeyuan Wang. under review.

WORK IN PROGRESS Why Do Firms Hire Politicians: Evidence from Chinese Revolving-Door Officials.

Legislators as Lobbyists: Analyzing the Legislative Process in an Authoritarian Congress.

GRANTS AND AWARDS		
NSF-APSA Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (SPS 257910)	2020
Chiang Ching-Kuo Foundation Dissertation Fellowship	2020
Duke Asian-Pacific Studies Institute Summer Research Fellowship	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, 2021
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

PRESENTATIONS
2022: City University of Hong Kong; Nanyang Technology University; Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting; NYU Quantitative Chinese Studies Seminar
2021: Massachusetts Institute of Technology; University College London; NYU Shanghai; Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting; Society for Institutional & Organizational Economics Annual Conference; Northeast Workshop of Empirical Political Science; American Political Science Association Annual Meeting; Asian Online Political Science Seminar Series
2020: University of Washington, Seattle; NYU Quantitative Chinese Studies Seminar; Fudan University; East China University of Political Science and Law
2019: Peking University
2018: American Political Science Association Annual Meeting; Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting
2017: Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting
2015: American Political Science Association Annual Meeting; Ronald Coase Institute Workshop on Institutional Analysis

TEACHING EXPERIENCE
Undergraduate courses
Business and Politics, Yale University, *Instructor, Overall Evaluation, 4.5/5*
Prisoner's Dilemma and Distributive Justice, Duke University, *Teaching Assistant*
Global Corruption, Duke University, *Teaching Assistant*
Introduction to Economics, Hong Kong University of Science&Technology, *Teaching Assistant*
World of Politics, Hong Kong University of Science&Technology, *Teaching Assistant*

Graduate courses
Unifying Data Science (Data Science Program), Duke University, *Teaching Assistant*
Probability and Linear Regression, Duke University *Lab Instructor*
Quantitative Analysis in Social Science, Hong Kong University of Science & Technology, *Lab Instructor*

SERVICE Reviewer for *American Political Science Review, British Journal of Political Science, Governance, Journal of Politics, Political Science Research Method, Political Research Quarterly.*

LANGUAGES AND SOFTWARE Mandarin Chinese: Native
Programming Language: R, Python, git, TensorFlow, SQL
Software: Stata, ArcGIS, QGIS, Gephi, LaTeX

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS American Political Science Association
Academy of Mangement
Midwest Political Science Association

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