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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*
- Committee: Melanie Manion and Edmund Malesky (co-chairs), Daniel Stegmueller, Yasheng Huang (MIT Sloan)
- 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

University of California, Los Angeles 2013
Exchange student, coursework in political science

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Business-Government Relations, Bureaucracy, Good Governance, Authoritarianism, Chinese Politics

WORKING PAPERS

“Subsidies for Sale: Post-government Career Concern, Revolving-Door Channels, and Public Resource Allocation in China.” (Job Market Paper).

“Connections as Liabilities: The Cost of the Politics-Business Revolving Door in China.” R&R, *British Journal of Political Science*.

“The Decline of Factions: The Impact of Purge on Political Appointments in China.” With Melanie Manion. Under review.

“Downward Power Consolidation and Public Investment: Theory and Evidence from China.” With Daniel Z. Li and Qi Zhang. Under review.

“The Last Fight: Evaluating the Impact of Career Incentives on Fiscal Extraction in China.” With Arthur Zeyang Yu. Under Review.

“Cadre Rejuvenation, Age at Entry, and Economic Performance in China.” With Arthur Zeyang Yu. Under Review.

“Judicial Recentralization as Political Control: A Difference-in-Differences Analysis of Judicial Leader Rotation in China.” With Zeyuan Wang. Under Review.

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

“History from the Grassroots: Estimating the Size of Illicit Business in Maoist China.” With Adam Frost and Yasheng Huang.

“Why do Firms Hire Politicians: Evidence from Chinese Revolving-Door Officials.”

PUBLICATION *An Introduction to Procedural Rule in China’s Provincial People’s Congress, Chinese Law & Government*, vol.49, 2017.

GRANTS & 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

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS	2021: University College London; NYU Shanghai; Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting; Society for Institutional & Organizational Economics Annual Conference; American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (scheduled); Asian Online Political Science Seminar Series (scheduled)
	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
	2014: Fudan University

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^AT_EX

PROFESSIONAL
MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association
Midwest Political Science Association

REFERENCES

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