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Employment

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

2021–Present

EDUCATION

Duke University
PhD in Political Science

2021

- 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
MPhil in Social Science

2016

Fudan University
LLB in Political Science

2014

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

2013

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Business-Government Relations, Corporate Governance, Comparative Public Policy, Political Economy of Development, China

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 Last Fight: Evaluating the Impact of Career Incentives on Fiscal Extraction in China.” With Arthur Zeyang Yu. R&R, *Studies in Comparative International Development*.

“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.

“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.

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| 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 | |

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| CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS | 2021: 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 |
| | 2014: Fudan University |

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| 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> | |

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| SERVICE | Reviewer for <i>American Political Science Review</i> , <i>Journal of Politics</i> , <i>Political Science Research Method</i> , <i>Political Research Quarterly</i> | |
| LANGUAGES AND 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 | |
| REFERENCES | Edmund Malesky (Co-chair) Duke University Professor of Political Science eddy.malesky@duke.edu | Melanie Manion (Co-chair) Duke University Vor Broker Family Distinguished Professor melanie.manion@duke.edu |
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