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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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### Stanford University, Cyber Policy Center

- Postdoctoral Fellow at Stanford Internet Observatory, 2022–

## EDUCATION

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### Stanford University

- Candidate for Ph.D. in Political Science, expected 2022
- Fields: Comparative Politics, Political Methodology, International Relations
- Dissertation Committee: Jean Oi (chair), Lisa Blaydes, Jennifer Pan

### Columbia University

- M.A. in International Affairs (School of International and Public Affairs), 2014

### Peking University

- LL.B. in International Relations, 2011
- B.A. in Economics, 2011

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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**Substantive:** Authoritarian Institutions, Political Communication, Political Economy of Development, Governance, Political Behavior

**Methodological:** Experiments, Causal Inference, Machine Learning

## DISSERTATION

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*Whose Voice Matters? Loyalists, Dissidents, and Responsiveness in China.* A book-length project that asks why authoritarian governments invest in deliberative institutions designed to respond to citizen grievances and how these deliberative institutions shape citizen preference and political participation.

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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- “Does Ideology Influence Hiring in China? Evidence from Two Randomized Experiments,” with Jennifer Pan. Forthcoming at *Political Science Research and Methods*.

## WORKING PAPERS

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- “Oppose Autocracy without Support for Democracy: A Study of Non-democratic Critics in China,” with Haemin Jee.
- “How the Chinese Government Prescribes Objectives to Obtain Political Obedience,” with Yingjie Fan and Jennifer Pan.
- “Selective Responsiveness for Political Control.”
- “How Public Opinion Shapes Policy Outcomes in China: The Policy Feeler Mechanism.”

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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- “How Socialist Rhetoric in Appeals Increases Government Responsiveness in China.”
- “Rightful Sabotage: How Local Officials Encourage People to Violate the One Child Policy.”
- “How Deliberative Institutions Substitute for Co-optation and Repression: A Cross-Country Analysis.”
- “Citizen Petition and Accountability under Hu Jintao and Xi Jinping.”

## HONORS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRANTS

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2022-2025	Oxford University Postdoctoral Research Fellowship in Public Policy (declined)
2022	University of Michigan LRCCS Postdoctoral Fellow in Chinese Studies Finalist (withdrawn)
2022	Princeton University Center on Contemporary China Postdoctoral Fellow Finalist (withdrawn)
2022	University of Pennsylvania CSCC Postdoctoral Fellow in China Studies Finalist (withdrawn)
2020-2022	Stanford Data Science Scholar Award (\$55,280)
2021-2022	Pre-doctoral Fellowship (\$46,670), Stanford Asia-Pacific Research Center
2020-2021	Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship (\$20,000), Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation
2020-2021	Graduate Student Fellowship (\$14,980), Stanford Center on Global Poverty and Development
2019-2020	Dissertation Fellowship (\$10,000), Stanford Institute for Research in the Social Sciences (IRiSS)
2018-2019	Graduate Student Research Fund (\$7,000), Stanford Center on Global Poverty and Development
2018	Graduate Research Opportunity Award (\$5,000), Stanford University
2018	Freeman Spogli Institute Research Grant (\$9,000), Stanford University
2018	National Science Foundation PolMeth Annual Meeting Supplement (\$1,300)
2017	Research Grant (\$2,500), Stanford Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society
2015	Summer Research Grant (\$1,500), Freeman Spogli Institute at Stanford University
2015	Computational Social Science Fellowship (\$10,000), IRiSS Center for Computational Social Science
2013-2014	Teaching Fellowship (\$25,000), School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University
2008-2011	Undergraduate Academic Merit Scholarship, Peking University

## PRESENTATIONS

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### Invited Talks

- Oxford University, Blavatnik School of Government, 2022 (online)
- Political Science Speaker Series on China, 2021 (online)
- Stanford University, Data Science Scholar Workshop, 2020, 2021
- Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing, Doctoral Consortium, 2016

### Other Seminars and Conferences

- American Political Science Association Annual Conference, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2021, 2022 (accepted)
- Duke University, Workshop on Comparative Political Communication, 2022
- Mini-conference on “Politics of Authoritarian Regimes”, Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) Annual Conference, 2019, 2020, 2022 (online)
- Mini-conference on “Autocratic Politics”, Western Political Science Association (WPSA) Annual Conference, 2019, 2022
- California Workshop in Empirical Political Science, 2021 (online)
- Stanford University, Political Science Departmental Workshop, 2021
- Duke University, New Faces in Chinese Politics Conference, 2021
- Stanford University, China Social Science Workshop, 2017, 2021

- New York University Center for Experimental Social Science, Annual Conference, 2020
- Midwest Political Science Association, Annual Conference, 2016, 2018, 2019
- The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Graduate Seminar on China, 2018
- Society for Political Methodology (PolMeth), Annual Conference (poster), 2018

## TEACHING

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### Primary Instructor

- “Introduction to R” workshop, Institute for Research in the Social Sciences (IRiSS), Stanford, September 2017

### Teaching Assistant

- Political Economy of China (Andrew Walder), Stanford, 2021, 2022
- Machine Learning for Social Scientists (Rochelle Terman), Stanford, 2018
- Data Science for Politics (Andrew Hall), Stanford, 2017
- Machine Learning for Social Scientists (Justin Grimmer), Stanford, 2016
- Political Methodology II, Causal Inference (Jens Hainmueller), Stanford, 2016
- Political Methodology I, Linear Regression (Jens Hainmueller), Stanford, 2015
- Quantitative Analysis for Public Affairs (Cristian Pop-Eleches), Columbia, 2014

## FIELDWORK

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- In China: Henan and Shaanxi (2015 summer), Guangxi (2017 summer and 2018 spring), Beijing (2017 summer and 2018 summer), Jiangxi (2019 winter and spring).

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND EXPERIENCE

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- Reviewer for *American Political Science Review*, *Journal of Experimental Political Science*
- Chair and discussant for the panel “Mass Support and Resistance”, Mini-conference on Autocratic Politics at WPSA 2022
- Research assistant to Jean Oi (Stanford, 2017, 2019)
  - Researched quasi-democratic institutions in China for the memo “Reflections on Accountability and Chinese Politics”, presented at the Chinese Politics Workshop, Harvard University, Dec. 2017
  - Edited the Chinese translation of *Zouping Revisited: Adaptive Governance in a Chinese County* (Stanford University Press, 2018)
- Graduate student affiliate, Stanford Immigration Policy Lab (Stanford, 2016–2018)
  - Researched the causal impact of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and NaturalizeNY
- Research assistant to Yotam Margalit (Columbia, 2013–2014)
  - Conducted statistical analysis on the determinants of immigration policies in Western Europe

## OTHER SKILLS

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- Programming: R, Python, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Qualtrics survey tools, Stata, JavaScript, ArcGIS (basic)
- Languages: Mandarin Chinese (native), English (fluent)

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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### IBM Corporation, Beijing, China (2010–2012)

- *Asia-Pacific Investigator of Trust and Compliance*, Internal Audit
- Led 12 compliance investigations of business misconduct in IBM China Corporation. Received distinct reviews from the management highlighting skills in research and communications.

## REFERENCES

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### **Jean Oi**

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