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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

American University, School of Public Affairs

- Assistant Professor of Government, August 2024—

Stanford University, Cyber Policy Center

- Postdoctoral Fellow at Stanford Internet Observatory, September 2022—July 2024

EDUCATION

Stanford University

- Ph.D. in Political Science, 2022

Columbia University

- Master of International Affairs, 2014

Peking University

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

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Substantive: Authoritarian Institutions, Political Communication, Political Economy of Development

Methodological: Machine Learning, Causal Inference, Experiments

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- “[Oppose Autocracy Without Support for Democracy: A Study of Non-democratic Critics in China](#),” with Haemin Jee. *Perspectives on Politics*, conditionally accepted.
- “[Gender and Political Compliance under Authoritarian Rule](#),” with Yingjie Fan and Jennifer Pan. *Comparative Political Studies*, forthcoming.
- “[Does Ideology Influence Hiring in China? Evidence from Two Randomized Experiments](#),” with Jennifer Pan. *Political Science Research and Methods* 11(1): 63-79. 2023.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- “[Online Harassment in Authoritarian and Semi-democratic States](#).” *Journal of Online Trust and Safety* 2(3): pp.1-5. 2024.

WORKING PAPERS

- “The Double-edged Effect of Government Responsiveness on Authoritarian Stability.”
- “Is Rights Consciousness Rising in China? Evidence from Ten Years of Citizen Complaints,” with Matt DeButts.
- “When Rising Powers Act Friendly to Their Rival,” with Shelby Grossman.

SELECTED WORKS IN PROGRESS

- *Whose Voice Matters? Conformists, Non-conformists, and Authoritarian Responsiveness* (Book Project)
- “Censorship Outside the Great Firewall,” with Amy Dunphy.

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRANTS

2024	Best Dissertation, Western Political Science Association
2023	Best Dissertation, American Political Science Association, Information Technology and Politics Section
2023	Best Faculty Poster, Society for Political Methodology XL Summer Meeting
2022-2025	University of Oxford Postdoctoral Research Fellowship in Public Policy (declined)
2020-2022	Stanford Data Science Scholar Award (\$55,280)
2021-2022	Pre-doctoral Fellowship (\$46,670), Stanford Asia-Pacific Research Center
2022-2023	APSA Annual Conference Travel Grants (\$1,150 in total)
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)
2018	IRiSS Small Grant for Survey Experiments (\$1,000), Stanford University
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

Invited Talks & Workshops

- The Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, State Media Symposium, 2023
- Chinese Politics Research in Progress (CPRP) Workshop, 2023
- UC San Diego, Empirical Study of Gender Research Network (EGEN) Conference, 2023
- Asian Politics Online Seminar Series (APOSS), 2023
- University of Oxford, Blavatnik School of Government, 2022
- UC San Diego, Young Scholars Conference at the 21st Century China Center, 2022
- Duke University, Workshop on Comparative Political Communication, 2022
- Duke University, New Faces in Chinese Politics Conference, 2021
- California Workshop in Empirical Political Science, 2021
- Political Science Speaker Series on China, 2021
- The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Graduate Seminar on China, 2018
- At Stanford: Cyber Policy Center (2023-4); Center on China’s Economy and Institutions (2024)

Annual Conferences

- American Political Science Association (APSA), 2016-2018, 2021-2024
- International Studies Association (ISA), 2024
- Southern Political Science Association (SPSA), 2019, 2020, 2022, 2024

- Society for Political Methodology (PolMeth), 2018 (poster), 2023 (poster)
- International Communication Association (ICA), 2023
- Western Political Science Association (WPSA), 2019, 2022, 2023
- Association for Asian Studies (AAS), 2023
- New York University Center for Experimental Social Science, 2020
- Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), 2016, 2018, 2019

FIELDWORK

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

TEACHING

Instructor of Record

- Introduction to Political Research, American University, Fall 2024

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

SERVICE

Service to the Profession

- Manuscript Reviewer: *American Political Science Review* (x2), *China Quarterly* (x2), *Journal of Experimental Political Science*, 2022 EMNLP Conference, 2023 ICA Conference.
- Conference Discussant/Chair: APSA 2024, SPSA 2024, WPSA 2022, Virtual Workshop on Authoritarian Regimes 2023.
- Member, 2024 Best Dissertation Award Committee, APSA Information Technology and Politics Section.
- Guest Editor, *Journal of Online Trust and Safety*, special issue on online safety in authoritarian regimes.

Departmental Service

- Co-organizer, External and Internal Speaker Series (2024-2025), Department of Government, American University.
- Member, Gill Family Foundation Scholarship Selection Committee (2024), American University.

SKILLS

- Programming: R, Python, L^AT_EX, Qualtrics survey tools, Stata, JavaScript, ArcGIS (basic)
- Languages: Mandarin Chinese (native), English (fluent)

Updated: August 2024