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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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### American University

- Assistant Professor of Government, [School of Public Affairs](#), Fall 2024—
- Faculty Fellow, [Center for Data Science](#), Fall 2024—
- Faculty Affiliate, [Center for Security, Innovation and New Technology](#), Fall 2024—

### Stanford University

- Postdoctoral Fellow, [Cyber Policy Center](#), 2022—2024

## EDUCATION

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### 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

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

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

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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- “[Oppose Autocracy Without Support for Democracy: A Study of Non-democratic Critics in China](#),” with Haemin Jee. *Perspectives on Politics*, forthcoming.
- “[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.

## WORKING PAPERS

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

## SELECTED WORKS IN PROGRESS

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

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

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

## AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRANTS

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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
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	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

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### Invited Talks & Workshops

- New York University, Frontiers in Empirical Research on East Asia Seminar, 2025 (scheduled)
- Tsinghua University, Computational Social Science Workshop, 2024
- The Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, State Media Symposium, 2023
- Chinese Politics Research in Progress Workshop, 2023
- UC San Diego, Empirical Study of Gender Research Network (EGEN) Conference, 2023
- Online Political Science Speaker Series on China, 2021, 2025
- Asian Politics Online Seminar Series, 2023
- UC San Diego, Young Scholars Conference at the 21st Century China Center, 2022
- University of Minnesota Twin Cities, Department of Political Science, 2022
- University of Oxford, Blavatnik School of Government, 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
- The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Graduate Seminar on China, 2018
- Stanford University, Center on China’s Economy and Institutions (2024)
- Stanford University, Cyber Policy Center (2023, 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
- International Communication Association (ICA), 2023, 2025 (accepted)
- Society for Political Methodology (PolMeth), 2018 (poster), 2023 (poster)
- 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

## TEACHING

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### Instructor of Record

- Introduction to Political Research, American University, Fall 2024

### Guest Lecturer

- Political Economy of China, Economics Policy Academy, Georgetown University, 2024

### Teaching Assistant

- Political Economy of China (Andrew Walder), Stanford, 2021, 2022
- Data Science for Politics (Andrew Hall), Stanford, 2017
- 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

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### Service to the Profession

- Manuscript Reviewer: *American Political Science Review* (x2), *China Quarterly* (x3), *Journal of Experimental Political Science*, 2022 EMNLP Conference, 2023-25 ICA Conferences.
- Guest Editor, *Journal of Online Trust and Safety*, special issue “Online Harassment in Authoritarian and Semi-democratic States”.
- Member, 2024 Best Dissertation Award Committee, APSA Information Technology and Politics Section.
- Conference Discussant/Chair: APSA 2024, SPSA 2024, WPSA 2022, VWAR 2023.

### 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.

## 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).

## SKILLS

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