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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
- Advisors: Lisa Blaydes, Justin Grimmer, Jean Oi (Chair), Jennifer Pan

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 PUBLICATION

- “Does Ideology Influence Hiring in China? Evidence from Two Randomized Experiments,” with Jennifer Pan. *Political Science Research and Methods* 11(1): 63-79. 2022.

UNDER REVIEW

- “Oppose Autocracy Without Support for Democracy: A Study of Non-democratic Critics in China,” with Haemin Jee. (R & R)
- “Gender and Political Compliance under Authoritarian Rule,” with Yingjie Fan and Jennifer Pan.

SELECT WORKS IN PROGRESS

- *Whose Voice Matters? Conformists, Non-conformists, and Authoritarian Responsiveness* (Book Project)
- “Economic Source of Authoritarian Overseas Propaganda.” With Shelby Grossman.
- “The Network of China’s Covert Digital Influence Operations.” With Amy Dunphy and Yong Xiong.
- “How Public Opinion Shapes Policy Outcomes in China: The Policy Feeler Mechanism.”
- “Petition Strategy and Rights Consciousness under Authoritarian Rule.” With Matt DeButts.

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRANTS

2023	Best Dissertation Award, APSA Information Technology and Politics Section
2023	Best Faculty Poster Award, PolMeth 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)
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 Seminars

- The Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, State Media Symposium, 2023
- University of Oxford, Blavatnik School of Government, 2022
- Political Science Speaker Series on China, 2021
- Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing, Doctoral Consortium, 2016

Conferences and Workshops

- American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Conference, 2016-2018, 2021-2023
- International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Conference, 2024 (scheduled)
- Chinese Politics Research in Progress (CPRP) Workshop, 2023 (scheduled)
- International Communication Association (ICA) Annual Conference, 2023
- Association for Asian Studies (AAS) Annual Conference, 2023
- UC San Diego, Empirical Study of Gender Research Network (EGEN) Conference, 2023
- Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) Annual Conference, 2019, 2020, 2022, 2024 (scheduled)
- Society for Political Methodology (PolMeth) Annual Conference (poster), 2018, 2023
- Asian Politics Online Seminar Series (APOSS), 2023
- Mini-conference on “Autocratic Politics”, Western Political Science Association (WPSA) Annual Conference, 2019, 2022, 2023
- UC San Diego, Young Scholars Conference at the 21st Century China Center, 2022
- Duke University, Workshop on Comparative Political Communication, 2022
- California Workshop in Empirical Political Science, 2021
- Duke University, New Faces in Chinese Politics Conference, 2021

- New York University Center for Experimental Social Science, Annual Conference, 2020
- Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Conference, 2016, 2018, 2019
- The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Graduate Seminar on China, 2018
- Stanford University: China Social Science Workshop, 2017, 2021, 2022; Political Science Departmental Workshop (2021, 2022); Cyber Policy Center Seminar (2023)

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

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

SERVICE

- **Reviewer:** *American Political Science Review*, *Journal of Experimental Political Science*, 2022 EMNLP Conference (Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing), 2023 International Communication Association Annual Conference.
- **Discussant:** Mini-conference on Autocratic Politics at WPSA 2022, Virtual Workshop on Authoritarian Regimes (February 2023).
- **Guest Editor:** *Journal of Online Trust and Safety*, Special Issue on *Authoritarian Regimes and Online Safety* (scheduled to publish in April 2024).

COMPUTER AND LANGUAGE SKILLS

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

OTHER EXPERIENCE

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.

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