

Curriculum Vitae

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Academic Position

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of California, San Diego.
June 2016–present.

Education

Ph.D. in Political Science, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2016.

Dissertation: “Causal Inference with Time-Series Cross-Sectional Data with Applications to Positive Political Economy,” *Winner of John T. Williams Dissertation Prize by Society for Political Methodology*.

Dissertation Committee: Jens Hainmueller, Jim Snyder, Lily Tsai, Teppei Yamamoto (Chair).

Pre-doctoral Fellow, Department of Political Science, Stanford University, 2014-2015.

M.A. in Economics, China Center for Economic Research (CCER), Peking University, 2010.

B.A. in Economics (with Distinction, Rank 1/107), Fudan University, 2007.

Research Interests

Political Methodology, Comparative Politics, Political Economy

Peer Reviewed Articles

4. “Information Manipulation and Reform in Authoritarian Regimes” (with Jidong Chen). *Political Science Research and Methods* (forthcoming).
3. “Sources of Authoritarian Responsiveness: A Field Experiment in China” (with Jidong Chen and Jennifer Pan). *American Journal of Political Science*, Vol. 60, Iss. 2, pp. 383–400, April 2016.
2. “Informal Institutions, Collective Action, and Public Investment in Rural China” (with Yang Yao). *American Political Science Review*, Vol. 109, No. 2, pp. 371-91, May 2015.

1. **ebalance**: A Stata Package for Entropy Balancing” (with Jens Hainmueller). *Journal of Statistical Software* August 2013, Vol. 54, Iss. 7.

Working Papers

* *Political Methodology*

“Generalized Synthetic Control Method for Causal Inference with Time-Series Cross-Sectional Data,” *Revise and Resubmit*.

“How Much Should We Trust Estimates from Multiplicative Interaction Models? Simple Tools to Improve Empirical Practice” (with Jens Hainmueller and Jonathan Mummolo).

“The Policy Effects of the Partisan Composition of State Government” (with Devin Caughey and Chris Warshaw).

“Estimating Poverty Rates in Target Populations: An Assessment of the Simple Poverty Scorecard and Alternative Approaches” (with Alexis Diamond, Michael Gill, Miguel Rebolledo Dellepiane, Emmanuel Skoufias, and Katja Vinha), World Bank Technical Report.

* *Comparative Politics*

“Why Do Authoritarian Regimes Allow Citizens to Speak Publicly?” (with Jidong Chen), *Revise and Resubmit*.

“Awakening Leviathan: the Effect of Democracy on State Capacity, 1960-2009” (with Erik H. Wang) – winner of the 2015 *Malcolm Jewell Award*, the best graduate student paper presented at the SPSA annual meeting.

“China’s Ideological Spectrum” (with Jennifer Pan).

“Making Democracy Work: The Effect of Social Capital on Elections and Public Goods in China” (with Gerard Padró-i-Miquel, Nancy Qian and Yang Yao).

“Outspoken Insiders: Political Connections and Citizen Participation in Authoritarian China?” (with Lily L. Tsai).

Teaching Experience

Quantitative Research Method IV: Advanced Topics (Graduate), MIT, Spring 2016 /TA

Math Prefresher for Second Year PhD students, MIT, Summer 2014, 2015 /Instructor

Quantitative Research Method II: Causal Inference (Graduate), MIT, Spring 2014 /TA

Quantitative Research Method I: Foundation (Graduate), MIT Fall 2013 /TA

Chinese Economy (MBA, EMBA), Peking University, Spring and Fall 2010 /TA

Advanced Econometrics II (Graduate), Peking University, Fall 2009 /TA

Intermediate Econometrics (Undergraduate), Peking University, Spring 2008 /TA

Honors, Awards and Fellowships

Malcolm Jewell Award (for “the best graduate student paper presented at the SPSA annual meeting”), with Erik H. Wang, Southern Political Science Association, 2015.

John T. Williams Dissertation Prize (“for the best dissertation proposal in the area of political methodology”), Society for Political Methodology, 2014.

First Place, Doctoral Fellowship for Chinese Studies, Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation, 2014-2015.
MIT Presidential Fellowship, 2010-2011.

Service

Manuscript Referee

American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, Journal of Politics, British Journal of Political Science, Journal of Comparative Economics, China Economic Review, Journal of Public Policy, Econometric Reviews, Economic Development and Cultural Change

Departmental

Coordinator, MIT Political Methodology Seminar Series, Spring 2014

Co-organizer, MIT Political Methodology Workshop, Spring 2014

Committee Member, MIT Political Science Methods Faculty Search, October 2013

Co-organizer, MIT Positive Political Economy Breakfast, 2012-2013

Outside

Consultant, the International Finance Corporation of the World Bank, developing new tools for forecasting regional poverty rates. 2014-2015.

Principal member, Harvard China Health Policy Group led by Professor William Hsiao, drafting *A Report on Public Hospital Reform to the State Council of China*. 2013.

Professional Memberships

American Political Science Association; Midwest Political Science Association; Southern Political Science Association

Presentations

MPSA: 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016

Harvard Political Economy Lunch: 2014, 2016

HKUST-HSC Conference on Governance in China and Russia, Hong Kong, September 2015

PolMeth'15, Graduate Student Poster, University of Rochester, Rochester, August 2015

ISNIE Annual Conference, Harvard University, June 2015

Methods Seminar, Stanford University, March 2015

MIT Positive Political Economy Breakfast: 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015

Harvard-MIT-BU China Workshop: 2012, 2013, 2014

APSA: 2015; SPSA: 2015

UCSD-Tsinghua Conference, San Diego, October 2014

PolMeth'14, Graduate Student Poster, University of Georgia, Athens, August 2014

Biennial International Conference of China Development Studies, Shanghai, 2013

Invited Seminars in China: Fudan University, Shanghai, 2013, 2014; Sun Yat-Sen University University, Guangzhou, 2013; Beijing Normal University, Beijing, 2010.

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