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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)
Postdoctoral Fellow in Political Science and Public Policy, 2023–

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Comparative Politics; Political Economy; Authoritarian Regimes; Quantitative and Computational Methods; Formal Theory; Contemporary China.

EDUCATION

University of California, Los Angeles
Ph.D., Political Science, 2023
Committee: Barbara Geddes (Chair), Michael Chwe, Jeffrey B. Lewis, Victor Shih, & James Tong (In Memoriam)

University of Chicago
M.A., Social Sciences, 2014

The New School
B.A., Politics & Sociology, 2010

PAPERS

“Destabilizing to Stabilize: Interstate Dispute Escalation & Leadership Transitions in China.” Revise and resubmit. [OSF preprint]

“Logic of Political Survival Revisited: Consequences of Elite Uncertainty Under Authoritarian Rule.” Under review. [arXiv]

“Dirty Beakers, Disappearing Government Data, and the Limits of Experimental Inference.” Working paper.

“Measuring Political Uncertainty with Evidence from Contemporary China.” Working paper.

“Investing with ‘Known Unknowns’ in Low-Information Environments: How Firms, Political Uncertainty, and Autocracy Interact and Influence Contemporary China.” Book manuscript.

“Garbage In, Garbage Out? Systematic Error and Data Driven Policymaking in China.” Working paper.

CONFERENCES & PRESENTATIONS

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2017, 2019, 2020, 2022–2025
Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology, 2022[†], 2024[†]

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2023

Western Political Science Association Conference on Authoritarian Politics, 2020[‡], 2023

New Faces in Chinese Politics, University of Wisconsin–Madison, May 2022

Experimental Mathematics Speaker Series, Rutgers University, May 2022

Comparative Politics Association Meeting, UCLA, November 2015

Program on International Politics, Economics, and Security, University of Chicago, January 2015

[†] Poster presentation [‡] Canceled due to COVID-19

GRANTS & AWARDS		
	Political Methodology Society Travel and Participation Award	2022
	Visiting Dissertation Fellowship, Mercatus Center	2021–2022
	Humane Studies Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies	2021–2022
	Oskar Morgenstern Fellowship (Research Track), Mercatus Center	2020–2021
	Humane Studies Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies	2019–2020
	Adam Smith Fellowship, Mercatus Center	2019–2020
	EITM Summer Institute, National Science Foundation	2019
	Oskar Morgenstern Fellowship, Mercatus Center	2018–2019
	Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Fellowship, UCLA	2018
	Graduate Research Mentorship Fellowship, UCLA	2017–2018
	Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Fellowship, UCLA	2017
	University Fellowship, UCLA	2015–2016
	Department of Political Science Graduate Fellowship, UCLA	2015–2016
	University Unendowed Scholarship, University of Chicago	2013–2014
	Dean's Scholarship, The New School	2007–2010

TEACHING	
	<i>London School of Economics (Graduate Instruction)</i>
	Seminar Instructor, Political Science for Public Policy, 2023–2024, 2024–2025, 2025–2026
	Dissertation and Policy Paper Supervisor (MPA and MPA–Data Science), 2023–2024, 2024–2025, 2025–2026
	Academic Advisor (MPA and MPA–Data Science programs), 2024–2025, 2025–2026
	<i>UCLA (Graduate Instruction)</i>
	Instructor, Math Camp (Introduction to Mathematics in the Social Sciences for incoming Ph.D. students in Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, Geography, Anthropology, Urban Planning, and Environmental Studies), Summer 2020
	Teaching Assistant, Game Theory in Politics I (Winter 2021 with Barry O'Neill; Winter 2020 with Michael Chwe)
	Math Maven (Quantitative Methods & Formal Theory Consultant for Ph.D. students

in Political Science), 2018–2019, 2019–2020

UCLA (Undergraduate Instruction)

Instructor, Introduction to Data Analysis, Summer 2021

Teaching Assistant, Politics & Strategy (Introduction to Formal Theory) (Fall 2016, 2018; Winter 2022 with Michael Chwe; Winter 2019 with Barry O'Neill; Spring 2017, 2019 with Kathleen Bawn)

Teaching Assistant, Government & Politics in Latin America (Winter 2017 with Barbara Geddes)

FIELDWORK China (Shanghai, Beijing, & Tianjin), August–September 2018

ADDITIONAL TRAINING EITM (Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models) Summer Institute, Emory University, July 2019

SERVICE Referee, *American Political Science Review*

Organizer, SPP Research & Policy Seminar, LSE, 2025–2026

Organizer, Comparative Politics Dissertation Biweekly Workshop, UCLA, 2021–2022

Grants & Fellowships Workshop for Incoming PhD Students, UCLA, 2019

Discussant, Graduate Student Conference in Comparative Politics (COMPASS), UCLA, 2018

Organizer, Graduate Student Meeting for the Comparative Politics Speaker Series, UCLA, 2016

RELEVANT NON-ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE SXL Group (Shanghai, China) Research on market entry and compliance for Shanghai-based consulting firm, 2012

LANGUAGES English, Mandarin Chinese

Computer: R, Python, Selenium, Stata, Maple, Mathematica, L^AT_EX

REFERENCES Available upon request