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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

Computational Social Science; Quantitative Methodology; Mathematical Modeling and
Formal Theory; Inference from Observational Data; Authoritarian Politics; 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

RESEARCH

"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 U.S. Federal Data, and the Limits of Experimental Inference." Working paper.

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

"Measuring Political Uncertainty in Autocracies with Evidence from China." Working
paper.

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

"The 'Benefits' of Clientelism: Electoral Support as an Insurance Premium with Evidence from Brazilian Municipalities." Resting paper.

| CONFERENCES & PRESENTATIONS | American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2017, 2019, 2020, 2022–2025 |
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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**

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| 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**

*London School of Economics (Graduate Instruction)*

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), 2024–2025, 2025–2026

*UCLA (Graduate Instruction)*

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)

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| 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 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: Python, R, SQL, Stata, Maple, Mathematica, Selenium, LaTeX |
| REFERENCES | Available upon request |