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Education

- Ph.D. Political Science, University of Washington, *in progress*, expected June 2017
Field: Comparative Politics, Political Economy, and Research Methods
Advisors: Susan Whiting, Chris Adolph, Victor Menaldo, Joel Migdal
- M.A. East Asian Studies, Yale University, 2012
- B.A. Japanese Studies, Zhejiang University, 2011

Additional Training:

- Center for Statistics and the Social Sciences Certificate for Ph.D. Track in Political Methodology, University of Washington, June 2014
- ICPSR Summer Program: Advanced Game Theory and Causal Inference, University of Michigan, July-August 2014
- IPSA Summer Method School: Games Theory, National University of Singapore, July 2013
- Exchange Student (Political Science), Kyoto University, Japan, October 2009-September 2010

Research Interests

Authoritarian Politics, Political Economy of Development, Public Policy, Chinese Politics

Research

Peer Reviewed Publication:

2016. "Term Limits and Authoritarian Power Sharing: Theory and Evidence from China." *Journal of East Asian Studies* 16(1): 61-85.

Under Review:

"Keep Silent and Make a Big Fortune: Partially Free Media and an Authoritarian Intra-Elite Election (with Fengming Lu)
"How Autocratic Leaders Manipulate Nationalism: Evidence from China" (with Chuyu Liu)

Working Papers and Ongoing Projects:

"Race the Rail: Intragovernmental Bargaining and Policymaking in Authoritarian China" (a book-length dissertation project)
"Befriending the Authoritarian State: Local State Sector and Foreign Direct Investment in China"
"When Do People Seek Justice: Evidence from a Survey Experiment in Rural China" (with Susan Whiting).
"Making Reform Work: Evidence from a Quasi-Natural Experiment in Rural China" (with Shuo Chen)
"Income and Regime Support: Field-experimental Evidence from China's Stock Market" (with Jason Q. Guo and Erik H. Wang)

Data:

2014. A Complete Biographical Dataset of Chinese Communist Party Central Committee Members: From 1st to 18th Party Congress (with Fengming Lu).

Other Publication:

Forthcoming. "Book Review: Information for Autocrats: Representation in Chinese Local Congress." *The China Review*.

2013. "Book Review: Capital, Coercion, and Post-Communist States." *Comparative Political Studies*, 47(5).

Fellowships and Awards

China Times Young Scholar Award, 2016, China Times Cultural Foundation
China Studies Program Dissertation Writing Fellowship, 2016, UW Jackson School
Taraknath Das Prize for Best Graduate Paper in Comparative Politics, 2015, UW Political Science
Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship, 2015, Social Science Research Council
Clifford C. Clogg Scholarship, 2014, American Political Science Association
China Recruitment Fellowship, 2012-2015, University of Washington
University Fellowship, 2011-2012, Yale University
Best Undergraduate Thesis Prize, 2011, Zhejiang University
JASSO Fellowship, 2009-2010, Japan Student Service Organization
Asahi Kasei Scholarship, 2009, Asahi Kasei Foundation
Outstanding Undergraduate Student Prize, 2008, Zhejiang University

Research and Travel Grants

Graduate Research and Travel Grant (US\$ 1000), 2016, UW Center for Statistics and the Social Sciences
APSA Annual Meeting Travel Grant (US\$ 170), 2016, American Political Science Association
Chester Fritz Fellowship for International Research & Study (US\$ 6393), 2015, UW Graduate School
Richard B. Wesley Graduate Fellowship in Political Economy (US\$ 1000), 2015, UW Political Science
Mellon Research Grant in Developing World (US\$ 1000), 2015, UW Jackson School
University Service Center for China Studies Grant (HK\$ 5000), 2015, Chinese University of Hong Kong
Peter May Graduate Research Grant (US\$ 2000), 2015, UW Political Science
Graduate Research and Travel Grant (US\$ 1000), 2015, UW Center for Statistics and the Social Sciences
Dennis and Diana Durden Endowment Travel Grant (US\$ 650), 2014, UW Political Science

Conference Presentations and Invited Talks

APSA Annual Meeting (presenter), September 1st-3rd 2016
UW Severyns-Ravenholt Seminar in Comparative Politics, May 20th 2016
MPSA Annual Meeting (presenter), April 7-10th 2016
APSA Annual Meeting (presenter), September 3rd-6th 2015
Fudan University, July 3rd 2015
MPSA Annual Meeting (presenter), April 16-19th 2015
University of California, San Diego. February 6-7th 2015
Chinese University of Hong Kong, January 5-13th 2015

Research and Teaching Assistantships

Spring 2016, Teaching assistant for POLS 203 Introduction to International Relations.
Winter 2016, Teaching assistant for POLS 204 Introduction to Comparative Politics.
Summer 2015, Research assistant for Professor Susan Whiting on project "Land Taking and Electoral Quality in Rural China". Responsibility: data management.
Spring 2015, Research assistant for Professor Susan Whiting, Loren Brandt, and Linxiu Zhang on project "Impact of Land Taking on Household Welfare: A Panel Study". Responsibility: data management.
Summer 2014, Research assistant for Professor Susan Whiting on project "Legal Consciousness and Legal Mobilization in Rural China: A Field Experiment". Responsibility: data analysis.
Summer 2013, Research assistant for Professor Susan Whiting on project "Law, Land Rights, and Revenue". Responsibility: data analysis.

Academic Service

Reviewer:

American Journal of Political Science

Other:

- May 2015, Discussant for paper “Does the OECD Anti-Bribery Convention Reduce Bribery? An Empirical Analysis Using the Unmatched Count Technique” (by guest speaker Edmund J. Malesky) at the Severyns-Ravenholt Seminar in Comparative Politics, Department of Political Science, University of Washington.
- September 2014 - June 2015, Graduate Student Chair of the Severyns-Ravenholt Seminar in Comparative Politics, Department of Political Science, University of Washington.
- May 2014, Discussant for Cambridge University Press Cambridge Studies in Comparative Politics Seattle Book Seminar, book manuscript titled *Authoritarian Legality: Law, Workers, and the State in Contemporary China* (by Mary E. Gallagher).
- January 2016 to present, Guest Editor, *The China Review*.

Media Coverage

“The Party Rules: What lies behind the Chinese Communist Party elite’s foregrounding of the ‘rule of law’?” (with Susan Whiting), *openDemocracy.net*, 11/2/2014.

Computer/Programming Skills

R, STATA (basic), C (basic)

Language

Chinese (native), Japanese (fluent), English (fluent)

Professional Membership

American Political Science Association
Midwest Political Science Association
Association for Asian Studies

Reference

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