

Curriculum Vitae

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Academic Positions

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Stanford University. July 2019–present.
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of California, San Diego. July 2016–June 2019.

Education

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

[Google Scholar](#)

14. “How Government-Controlled Media Shifts Policy Attitudes through Framing” (with Jennifer Pan and Zijie Shao). *Political Science Research and Methods*, forthcoming.
13. “A Bayesian Alternative to Synthetic Control for Comparative Case Studies” (with Xun Pang and Licheng Liu). *Political Analysis*, forthcoming.
12. “Public Sentiment on Chinese Social Media during the Emergence of COVID-19” (with Yingdan Lu and Jennifer Pan). *Journal of Quantitative Description: Digital Media*, Vol. 1, 2021, pp. 1-33.
11. “How Much Should We Trust Estimates from Multiplicative Interaction Models? Simple Tools to Improve Empirical Practice” (with Jens Hainmueller and Jonathan Mummolo). *Political Analysis*, Vol. 27, Iss. 2, April 2019, pp. 163-192.

- Winner of *The Miller Prize (PA Best Article Award)*, 2020.
- 10. “Awakening Leviathan: the Effect of Democracy on State Capacity, 1960-2009” (with Erik H. Wang). *Research and Politics*, Vol. 5, Iss. 2, April-June 2018, pp. 1-7.
 - Winner of the 2015 *Malcolm Jewell Award*, the Best Graduate Student Paper Presented at the SPSA Annual Meeting.
- 9. “Outspoken Insiders: Political Connections and Citizen Participation in Authoritarian China?” (with Lily L. Tsai). *Political Behavior*, Vol.40, Iss. 3, September 2018, pp. 629–657.
- 8. “China’s Ideological Spectrum” (with Jennifer Pan). *The Journal of Politics*, Vol. 80, No. 1, January 2018, pp. 254–273.
- 7. “Incremental Democracy: The Policy Effects of the Partisan Composition of State Government” (with Devin Caughey and Chris Warshaw). *The Journal of Politics*, Vol. 79, No. 4, October 2017, pp. 1342–1358.
- 6. “Why Do Authoritarian Regimes Allow Citizens to Voice Opinions Publicly?” (with Jidong Chen), *The Journal of Politics*, Vol. 79, No. 3, July 2017, pp. 792–803.
- 5. “Generalized Synthetic Control Method: Causal Inference with Interactive Fixed Effects Models,” *Political Analysis*, Vol. 25, Iss. 1, January 2017, pp. 57–76.
 - Winner of *The John T. Williams Prize (Best Dissertation Proposal Award)*, 2014.
 - Winner of *Political Analysis Editors’ Choice Award*, 2017.
 - Winner of *The Miller Prize (PA Best Article Award)*, 2018.
- 4. “Information Manipulation and Reform in Authoritarian Regimes” (with Jidong Chen). *Political Science Research and Methods*, Vol. 5, Iss. 1, January 2017, pp. 163–178.
- 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, April 2016, pp. 383–400.
 - Winner of *AJPS Best Article Award for 2016*.
- 2. “Informal Institutions, Collective Action, and Public Investment in Rural China” (with Yang Yao). *American Political Science Review*, Vol. 109, No. 2, May 2015, pp. 371–91.
- 1. “**ebalance**: A Stata Package for Entropy Balancing” (with Jens Hainmueller). *Journal of Statistical Software*, August 2013, Vol. 54, Iss. 7.

Other Publications

- * Introduction to Virtual Issue on Panel Data Analysis and Regression Discontinuity, *Political Analysis*, May 2020.

- * “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), Policy Research working paper; no. WPS 7793. Washington, D.C.: World Bank Group. <https://goo.gl/tFPZxh>

Working Papers

- * *Political Methodology*

“How Much Should We Trust Instrumental Variable Estimates in Political Science? Practical Advice based on Over 60 Replicated Studies” (with Apoorva Lal, Mac Lockhart, and Ziwen Zu)

“Hierarchically Regularized Entropy Balancing” (with Eddie Yang)

“Bayesian Rule Set: A Quantitative Alternative to Qualitative Comparative Analysis” (with Albert Chiu)

“A Practical Guide to Counterfactual Estimators for Causal Inference with Time-Series Cross-Sectional Data” (with Licheng Liu and Ye Wang)

“Trajectory Balancing: A General Reweighting Approach to Causal Inference with Time-Series Cross-Sectional Data” (with Chad Hazlett).

- * *Comparative Politics*

“Does Legality Produce Political Legitimacy? An Experimental Approach” (with Yiqin Fu and Taisu Zhang)

“The Strength of Issues under Authoritarian Rule: Gauging Preference Stability and Ideological Constraint in China Using Multiple Survey Items” (with Jennifer Pan)

“How Discrimination Increases Chinese Overseas Students’ Support for Authoritarian Rule” (with Yingjie Fan, Jennifer Pan, Zijie Shao)

“Clans and Calamity: How Social Capital Saves Lives during China’s Great Famine” (with Jiarui Cao and Chuanchuan Zhang).

“Rotating to the Top: How Career Tracks Matter in the Chinese Communist Regime” (with Ruixue Jia).

“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). Revise and Resubmit, *Journal of the European Economic Association*.

Honors, Awards and Fellowships

- The Miller Prize 2020 (“for the best work appearing in *Political Analysis* the preceding year”), Society for Political Methodology, 2020.

- The Miller Prize 2018 (“for the best work appearing in *Political Analysis* the preceding year”), Society for Political Methodology, 2018.
- Political Analysis 2017 *Editors’ Choice Award* (“Editors see as providing an important contribution to political methodology”), Society for Political Methodology, 2017.
- American Journal of Political Science *Best Article Award for 2016*, with Jidong Chen and Jennifer Pan, Midwest Political Science Association, 2016.
- *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.
- MIT Presidential Fellowship, 2010-2011.

Teaching Experience

Undergraduate

Data Science of Politics, Stanford, Fall 2019, 2020 /Instructor
 Introduction to Social Data Analytics, UCSD, Winter 2017 /Instructor
 Politics of People’s Republic of China, UCSD, Fall 2017 /Instructor
 Making Policy with Data, UCSD, Spring 2017 /Instructor
 Behavioral Economics, Peking University, Fall 2008 /TA
 Intermediate Econometrics, Peking University, Spring 2008 /TA

Graduate

Political Methodology I, Stanford, Fall 2019, 2020 /Instructor
 Quantitative Chinese Politics, UCSD, Spring 2018 /Instructor
 Causal Inference, UCSD, Winter 2017 /Instructor
 Causal Inference, UCSD, Spring 2017 /Instructor
 Quantitative Research Method IV: Advanced Topics, MIT, Spring 2016 /TA
 Math Prefresher for Second Year PhD students, MIT, Summer 2014, 2015 /Instructor
 Quantitative Research Method II: Causal Inference, MIT, Spring 2014 /TA
 Quantitative Research Method I: Foundation, MIT Fall 2013 /TA
 Chinese Economy (MBA, EMBA), Peking University, Spring and Fall 2010 /TA
 Advanced Econometrics II, Peking University, Fall 2009 /TA

Service

Manuscript Referee

- * American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, The Journal of Politics, British Journal of Political Science, Comparative Political Studies, Political Science Research and Methods, Political Behavior, Legislative Studies Quarterly

- * Quarterly Journal of Economics, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Comparative Economics, Economic Development and Cultural Change, American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, Labor Economics, China Economic Review, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization
- * Political Analysis, Journal of Econometrics, Econometric Reviews, Journal of Applied Econometrics, Journal of Causal Inference, Econometrics, Scientific Data, Statistical Science, Journal of Econometrics, Biometrika, Journal of the Royal Statistical Society, Journal of American Statistical Association, Stat—An ISI Journal, Econometrica
- * Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, American Sociology Review, Journal of Public Policy, European Union Politics, Governance, Policy Studies Journal, Journal of Public Health Policy

Departmental

Undergraduate Teaching Committee, UCSD Political Science, Winter 2018

Comparative Politics Faculty Search Committee, UCSD Political Science, Fall 2018

Methodology Faculty Search Committee, UCSD Political Science, Spring 2018

PhD Admission Committee, UCSD Political Science, Spring 2018

Chair Advisory Committee, UCSD Political Science, 2016-2017

Coordinator, MIT Political Methodology Seminar Series, Spring 2014

Co-organizer, MIT Political Methodology Workshop, Spring 2014

Methods Faculty Search Committee, MIT Political Science, Fall 2013

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

Political Science

Methods Section Chair, MPSA Organization Committee, 2020

Miller Prize Award Committee, Society for Political Methodology, 2018, 2019.

Outside Political Science

Lecturer, Political Economy Lecture, Palomar College, San Diego CA, 2018.

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

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

Advising

Dissertation Committee Member

Matt Tyler, Stanford, 2021

Yang Wang, UCSD, 2020

Yunkyu Sohn, UCSD, 2017

Professional Memberships

American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, Southern Political Science Association, Society for Political Methodology

Presentations

Annual Conferences

APSA: 2015–2020

MPSA: 2013–2020

SPSA: 2015

PolMeth: 2014–2021

Asian PolMeth: 2020

Southern California Methods Conference: 2016–2018

ISNIE Annual Conference, Harvard University, June 2015

Seminars/Invited Talks

XiangZhang Summer School (remotely), July 2021

School of International Relations, Remin University (remotely), May 2021

Causal Inference Seminar, UCLA, May 2021

Chinese Politics and Economy Research Seminar, Georgetown, April 2021

21st Century China Program, UCSD, January 2021

Seminar at Hoover Institute, Stanford, November 2020

China's Development and Economic Transition Seminar, Stanford, October 2020

Virtual Workshop on Authoritarian Regimes, October 2020

Harvard-MIT-BU China Workshop, September 2020

USC Marshal China Workshop, USC, July 2020

Online Causal Inference Seminar, Stanford, July 2020

Political Methodology Seminar, UCLA, February 2020

China Seminar Series, MIT Sloan School of Management, December 2019

Conference on "Getting China Right", Duke University, December 2019

Finance Department, Miami Business School, November 2019

Conference on Contemporary China, Princeton University, August 2019

Instructor, Duke Causal Inference Workshop, August 2019

Invited Seminars at Fudan University and Peking University, May-June 2019

Historical Legacies Conference, University of Michigan, April 2019

Comparative Politics Annual Conference, Washington University in St. Louis, April 2019

Quantitative Methods Seminar, Columbia University, November 2018
Quantitative Methods Seminar, Stanford University, November 2018
Quantitative Methods Seminar (Katz) and Comparative Seminar (PoliSci), University of Pittsburgh, September 2018
Quantitative Methods Seminar, Yale University, September 2018
Quantitative China Studies Seminar, New York University, September 2018
Instructor, Northwestern Causal Inference Workshop, June 2018
Conference on Political Selection, Peking University, June 2018
Invited Seminars at Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Sun Yat-sen University (Guangzhou), Fudan University, Shanghai University of Finance and Economics, June 2018
Invited Seminars at National Taiwan University, National Chengchi University, National Sun Yat-sen University, Taiwan, May–June 2018
Conference on Political Methodology and China Study, National Taiwan University, May 2018
University of Southern California China Conference, March 2018
Harvard China Workshop, Harvard University, December 2017
Comparative Politics Workshop, University of Pennsylvania, December 2017
LRCCS Noon Lecture, University of Michigan, December 2016
HKUST-HSC Conference on Governance in China and Russia, Hong Kong, September 2015
Quantitative Methods Seminar, UCSD, March 2015
Quantitative Methods Seminar, Stanford University, March 2015
UCSD-Tsinghua Conference, San Diego, October 2014
Invited Seminars at Tongji University, Shanghai, 2015; Fudan University, Shanghai, 2013, 2014; Sun Yat-Sen University, Guangzhou, 2013; Beijing Normal University, Beijing, 2010.

Workshops

“Causal Inference Meets Machine Learning” Reading Group, Faculty Organizer, 2018
UCSD Human Nature Group, 2017, 2018, 2019
Harvard Political Economy Lunch: 2014, 2016
MIT Positive Political Economy Breakfast: 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015
Harvard-MIT-BU China Workshop: 2012, 2013, 2014