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Positions

Assistant Professor, Wilf Family Department of Politics, New York University, August 2025 -
Postdoctoral Research Associate, Niehaus Center, Princeton University, 2024 - 2025

Education

Ph.D. Political Science, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2024
M.A. International Economics and China Studies, Johns Hopkins SAIS, 2018
Master's Degree in Political Science, Tsinghua University, Beijing, China, 2018
Bachelor's Degree in International Politics, Renmin University of China, Beijing, China, 2015
Visiting Student, University of California at Berkeley, 2013

Fields of Interest

International Political Economy, Chinese Political Economy, Political Methodology

Refereed Journal Publications

1. [Commerce, Coalitions, and Global Value Chains: Coordinated and Collective Lobbying on Trade](#). *Forthcoming, American Journal of Political Science*.
 - Winner of the Best Paper in International Relations, Midwest Political Science Association.
 - Winner of the Best Paper in Political Economy, American Political Science Association.
2. [Strategic Authoritarianism: The Political Cycles and Selectivity of China's Tax-Break Policy](#). *American Journal of Political Science* 64(5), 2021: 845-861 (with Ling Chen).
 - Top Cited AJPS Article ([link](#)).
 - Wiley Certificate of Top Downloaded Article.
3. [Projecting Political Power: China's Changing Maritime Strategy](#). *The Chinese Journal of International Politics* 12(2), 2019: 229-261 (with Kejin Zhao).

Papers in Progress

1. [The Political Origins of Rules of Origin](#) (with In Song Kim).
2. [Strong State, Weak Enforcement: Bureaucratic Forbearance of China's Social Insurance Policies](#) (with Ye Zhang).

3. U.S.-China Supply Chains Under Stress: Trade Policy Uncertainty and Production Reallocation (with Ka Zeng).
4. Accounting for Unobserved Social Confounders by Matching on Network Codegree Distance.
5. The Political Economy of Courier Station Networks in Ming Dynasty China (with Arturas Rozenas and Yuhua Wang)

Statistical Software

1. Steven Liao, In Song Kim, Sayumi Miyano, and Hao Zhang. [concordance: Concordance Utilities for International Trade Research](#), available through the Comprehensive R Archive Network and GitHub Repository.
2. Hao Zhang. [matchnet: Matching Methods for Causal Inference with Endogenous Network Influence](#), under construction.

Invited Talks

2025 Princeton University (International Relations Faculty Colloquium, Scheduled)

2024 Washington University in St. Louis (Department of Political Science), University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (Department of Political Science), University of Texas at Austin (Department of Government), Cornell University (Department of Government), Yale University (Department of Political Science), Princeton University (Department of Politics), New York University (Department of Politics), Texas A&M University (Department of Political Science)

2023 University of Michigan (Department of Political Science), Emory University (Department of Political Science), New York University Shanghai (Social Sciences, Zoom), University of Pennsylvania (New Faces in Chinese Politics Conference)

2022 Tsinghua University (International Relations Data and Computing Lab, Zoom)

Conference Presentations

APSA: 2022, 2023, 2024; **MPSA:** 2022, 2023; **IPES:** 2022, 2023; **PolMeth:** 2023, 2024

Teaching Experience

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Undergraduate Political Science Laboratory (7.0/7.0), Co-Instructor, Spring 2024

Political Methodology Workshop Series - Network Analysis, Instructor, Spring 2024 & 2023 & 2022

Math Camp for Incoming Graduate Students, Co-Instructor, Fall 2023 & 2022 & 2021

Quantitative Research Methods IV (Graduate, 6.8/7.0), Teaching Assistant, Spring 2022

Quantitative Research Methods III (Graduate, 6.3/7.0), Teaching Assistant, Fall 2020

Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program, Graduate Supervisor, 2019-2023

Johns Hopkins SAIS

Applied Econometrics (Graduate, 5.0/5.0), Teaching Assistant, Fall 2017

Econometrics - Math Intensive (Graduate, 4.0/5.0), Teaching Assistant, Spring 2017

Selected Honors and Awards

1. *Best Paper in Political Economy Award*, American Political Science Association (2024).
2. *Travel Grant*, Society for Political Methodology (2024). \$1,000.
3. *Best Paper in International Relations Award*, Midwest Political Science Association (2023).
4. *Travel Grant*, National Science Foundation (2023). \$1,600.
5. *Travel Grant*, American Political Science Association (2022-2023). \$300.
6. *Research Fellowship*, Institute for Humane Studies (2022-2023). \$7,250.
7. *Summer Research Grant*, MIT Center for International Studies (2022-2023). \$7,500.
8. *Graduate Community Fellowship*, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (2019-2020). \$16,200.
9. *A. Doak Barnett Award*, Johns Hopkins SAIS - China Studies Program (2018). \$1,000.
10. *Christian A. Herter Award (Highest Academic Distinction)*, Johns Hopkins SAIS (2018).
11. *Second Year Fellowship*, Johns Hopkins SAIS (2017-2018). \$12,000.

Professional Services

1. Research Data Center at US Census Bureau, Project Co-Principal Investigator (2024-2029).
2. Graduate Students in International Political Economy, Co-Organizer (2023-2024).
3. Harvard-MIT-BU Research Workshop on Chinese Politics, MIT Coordinator (2021-2023).
4. MIT Political Methodology Lab, Workshop Coordinator (2021-2022).
5. MIT International Student Office, Event and Programming Coordinator (2019-2021).
6. Graduate Student Work-In-Progress Workshop at MIT Political Science, Co-Chair (2018-2019).

Manuscript Referee: *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Review of International Organizations*, *Political Science Research and Methods*, *International Interaction*, *Business & Politics*, *The Pacific Review*, *China Economic Review*, *Environmental Politics*

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