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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Purdue University, Department of Political Science
Assistant Professor   08/2022 - present

Harvard University, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs
Postdoctoral Fellow   07/2022 - 07/2023

EDUCATION

Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Ph.D., Political Science   05/2022

Harvard University
M.A., Statistics   05/2015
B.A., Government   05/2015

PUBLICATIONS

"Tea Leaf Elections: Inferring Purpose for Authoritarian Elections from Post-election Responses to Local Defeats." *Journal of Politics*, 84.4 (2022).

"What Makes Anticorruption Punishment Popular? Individual-Level Evidence from China." *Journal of Politics* 84.1: 602-606 (2022) (with Lily Tsai and Shiyao Liu).

"How Electoral Integrity Affects Voter Turnout in Democracies." *Australian Journal of Political Science* 52.1 (2017): 53-74 (with Fernando Martínez i Coma).

WORKS IN PROGRESS

"A Warning from Above: Why Authoritarian Anti-protest Propaganda Works." Revise & Resubmit (with Mai Truong).

- Best Graduate Student Paper Award, Asian Politics Online Seminar Series

"Authoritarian Elections in the Goldilocks Zone: How Managing the Information-Certainty Trade-off Generates Unforeseen Problems." Under Review (with Jason Todd).

"How Dictators Can Have Their Cake and Eat It Too: Ballot Order Manipulation in Russia, Vietnam, and China." Under Review (with Jason Todd).

"Institutional Ambiguity Enables Successful Centralization: Evidence from China and Vietnam." Working paper (with Warren Wenzhi Lu).

"Intercalibrating Nightlight Data from VIIRS-DNB and DMSP-OLS for Social Science Research." Working paper.

"Statistical Misreporting from Below, as Seen from (Very High) Above." Working paper.

"Statistical Misreporting Debilitates Authoritarian Governance." Working paper.

"Do Responsive Officials or Sanctioning Officials Enhance Tax Compliance? Experimental Evidence from China." Working paper (with Xiaobo Lü, Lily Tsai, and Ping Zhang).

"Clans of Compatriots: Collusion and Competition in an Autocracy." (with Quoc-Anh Do, Edmund Malesky, and Kieu-Trang Nguyen).

"Transnational Impact of Chinese Propaganda on Inter-group Relations Overseas." (with Jeremy Siow and Tony Zirui Yang).

"Countering Local Data Misreport." (with Handi Li and Shengqiao Lin).

SOFTWARE **mediation**: an R package for causal mediation analysis (with Dustin Tingley, Teppei Yamamoto, Kentaro Hirose, Luke Keele, Kosuke Imai, and Weihuang Wong).

paths: an R package for estimating path-specific causal effects (with Teppei Yamamoto, and Xiang Zhou).

TEACHING *Purdue*

Political Science Methodology   Fall 2023
(Graduate)

MIT

Intro to International Relations   Spring 2022
(Teaching Assistant, Undergraduate)

Quantitative Research Methods II   Spring 2021
(Teaching Assistant, Graduate: Causal Inference)

Political Science Scope and Methods   Fall 2020
(Teaching Assistant, Undergraduate: Honors Thesis Research)

MIT Political Methodology Lab   Fall 2018 (Workshop Leader, Graduate)

Quantitative Research Methods III   Fall 2017
(Teaching Assistant, Graduate: Generalized Linear Models, Bayesian Statistics)

PRIOR RESEARCH **Research Assistant** *(Melissa Dell)*
EXPERIENCE Harvard University   06/2014 - 09/2015

Research Intern *(Pippa Norris)*
The Electoral Integrity Project at the   10/2013 - 05/2014
University of Sydney

Research Assistant *(Matthew Kraft)*
Harvard University   10/2012 - 05/2013

HONORS & GRANTS

Awards

Lucian Pye Award for Outstanding Thesis	2022
MIT Department of Political Science	
Best Graduate Student Paper Award	2011
Asian Politics Online Seminar Series	

External Grants

Institute for Humane Studies	2022
	$5,000
Southeast Asia Research Group (SEAREG) Fellowship	2021
Mercatus Center Oskar Morgenstern Fellowship	2021-2022
	$7,000
Mercatus Center Don Lavoie Fellowship	2020-2021
	$1,250
SEAREG Pre-Dissertation Fellowship	2018

Internal Grants

Purdue ASPIRE Travel Grant	2022
MIT Political Science Research Grant	2018, 2019, 2020, 2021
MIT Political Methodology Lab Research Grant	2019
MIT GOV/LAB Dissertation Grant	2019
MIT Center for International Studies Summer Study Grant	2018

CONFERENCES & INVITED TALKS

Conferences

FEREA (Frontiers in Empirical Research on East Asia)	2023
MPSA (Midwest Political Science Association)	2023, 2022, 2021, 2019, 2017, 2016
WPSA (Western Political Science Association)	2023
APSA (American Political Science Association)	2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017
IPSA (International Political Science Association)	2021
SEAREG (Southeast Asia Research Group)	2021
AOPSSS (Asian Online Political Science Seminar Series)	2020
PolMeth (Society for Political Methodology)	2019

| Innovations in Political Methodology and China Study | 2018 |
| QCSS (Quantitative China Studies Seminar) | 2017 |

Invited Talks

| Syracuse University
East Asia Program | 2024 |

| **SKILLS &
LANGUAGES** | **Programming**: R, STATA, Python, C, C++, PHP, JavaScript, VBA, Pascal, LaTeX
Languages: Vietnamese (native), French (conversational) |

| **CONSULTING &
OTHER WORKS** | World Bank; Polish Ministry of Labor and Social Policy; Council of Europe |