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### APPOINTMENTS

#### University of California, Irvine

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, July 2017-present

#### Stanford University

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center, 2017-2018

### EDUCATION

#### University of Wisconsin–Madison

Ph.D. in Political Science, 2017

M.A. in Political Science, 2011

#### University of Chicago

M.A. in International Relations (with Honors), 2010

A.M. in Public Policy (with Honors), 2010

#### University of Richmond

B.A. in International Studies, German (magna cum laude), 2007

### PUBLICATIONS

#### Book

In Press. *Manipulating Authoritarian Citizenship: Security, Development, and Local Membership in China*. Palo Alto: Stanford University Press.

#### Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Forthcoming. “Political Risk and Firm Exit: Evidence from the US-China Trade War.” With Jiakun Jack Zhang. *Review of International Political Economy*.

2023. “Dividing the People: The authoritarian bargain, development, and authoritarian citizenship.” *Comparative Politics*. 56(1):95-119.

2022. “*Hukou* as Benefits: Demand for *hukou* and wages in China.” With Gordon G. Liu. *Urban Studies*. 59(15):3167–3183.

2022. “In the Middle: American Multinationals in China and Trade War Politics.” With Rigao Liu and Jiakun Jack Zhang. *Business and Politics*. 24(4): 348–376.  
- Nominated for the David P. Baron Award for the best article published in BAP in 2022.

2022. “Rural population’s preferences matter: a value set for the EQ-5D-3L health states for China’s rural population.” With Gordon G. Liu, Haijing Guan, Xuejing Jin, Han Zhang, and Hongyan Wu. *Health and Quality of Life Outcomes*. 20(1):14.

2021. “Personnel Power: Governing State-Owned Enterprises.” With Wendy Leutert. *Business and Politics*. 23(2):419–437.  
- Nominated for the David P. Baron Award for the best article published in BAP in 2021.

2019. “China’s Missing Children: Political Barriers to Citizenship through the Household Registration System.” *The China Quarterly*. 238:309–330.
2019. “Disaggregating China’s Local Political Budget Cycles: ‘Righting’ the U.” *World Development*. 114:95–109.
2017. “China’s Health Reform Update: A Review of Policies, Evidence, and Outlooks.” With Gordon G. Liu and Xuezhi Hong. *Annual Review of Public Health*. 38:431–48.
2016. “The impact of health insurance cost-sharing method on healthcare utilisation in China.” With Qin Zhou, Gordon G. Liu, and Yankun Sun. *China Journal of Social Work*. 9(1):38–61.

### **Book Chapters**

2022. “Practicing Effective Time Management.” With Coyle Neal. In Julia Marin Hellwege, Kevin Lorentz, Dan Mallinson, Davin Phoenix and Cherie Strachan, eds., *Strategies for Navigating Graduate School and Beyond*. 107-112.
2022. “Building a Supportive Mentoring Network.” With Mary Anne Mendoza. In Julia Marin Hellwege, Kevin Lorentz, Dan Mallinson, Davin Phoenix and Cherie Strachan, eds., *Strategies for Navigating Graduate School and Beyond*. 41-46.
2021. “*Hukou* as a Case of Multi-level Citizenship.” in Zhonghua Guo, ed., *The Routledge Handbook of Chinese Citizenship*. London: Routledge. 132-142.
2015. “Localized Citizenships: Household Registration as an Internal Citizenship Institution.” In Zhonghua Guo and Sujian Guo, eds., *Theorizing Chinese Citizenship*. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, Rowman and Littlefield. 85-110.

### **Book Reviews**

2023. “Social protection under authoritarianism: Health politics and policy in China By Xian Huang, Oxford: Oxford University Press. 2020.” *Governance*. 36(2):675-677.
2022. “Book Review: *Welfare for Autocrats: How Social Assistance in China Cares for its Rulers* by Jennifer Pan.” *The China Journal*. 87:119-120.

### **UNDER REVIEW**

“FDI and Internal Migration: Skill-dependence and labor market management in China.” [Revise and Resubmit]

### **GRANTS AND AWARDS**

Faculty Early Career Development Program (CAREER) Award, National Science Foundation (#2238897), 2023-2028

UCI Center for Asian Studies Faculty Grant, 2022, 2021

Interim Covid-19 Research Recovery Program, UCI Office of the Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor, 2021-2022

UCI School of Social Science Travel and Research Award (CORCL), 2024, 2022, 2021, 2020

Hellman Fellowship, University of California, Irvine, 2019-2020

UCI ADVANCE Career Development Award, Support for Participation in the National Center for Faculty Development & Diversity (NCFDD) Faculty Success Program, University of California, Irvine, 2019

Best Dissertation in Comparative Politics, Department of Political Science, University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2017

Mellon–Wisconsin Fellowship, University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2016

Ronald Coase Institute Workshop Fellowship, 2015

China Medical Board Research Grant (as a Young Collaborating Investigator, Professor Gordon G. Liu PI), 2014–2016

Institute for Humane Studies Fellowship, 2016-2017, 2015-2016, 2014-2015, 2013-2014

Graduate Student Research Travel Award, University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2015

New Generation China Scholars, Ford Foundation and University of Chicago, 2014-2015

Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship, 2014-2015

National Science Foundation, Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant, 2014-2015

Scott Kloeck-Jenson International Field Research Fellowship, 2013

Social Science Research Council, Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship, 2012

Early Excellence in Teaching Award, Department of Political Science Nominee, University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2012

Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, U.S. Department of Education, 2012-2013, 2012, 2011,

University of Chicago, University Scholarship, 2008-2009

University of Richmond, Weinstein Travel Grant for Travel to Taiwan, 2006

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

American Political Science Association, 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020 [virtual], 2018, 2016

International Studies Association, 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021 [virtual], 2020 [cancelled], 2019, 2017

SoCal Political Economy Workshop, 2023

*Journal of Public Policy* Political Economy of Development Virtual Workshop, 2022

International Political Economy Society, 2021

Midwest Political Science Association 2021 [virtual], 2018, 2014

Association of Chinese Political Studies, 2020 [virtual], 2019 [cancelled]

ISA Midwest 2020 [virtual]

Association of Asian Studies, 2020 [cancelled], 2019

Southern Political Science Association, 2017

International Symposium on Human Capital and Labor Markets, 2017, 2014

Ronald Coase Workshop on Institutional Analysis, 2015

11th Graduate Seminar on China, Chinese University of Hong Kong, 2015

## **INVITED TALKS**

2023–2024

Comparative Politics Workshop, University of California, San Diego, (Rescheduled); 21<sup>st</sup> Century China Center Public Lecture Series, University of California, San Diego, (Rescheduled)

2022–2023

Study of International Migration, University of California, Los Angeles

2021–2022

Association for the Study of Nationalities

2020–2021

Chinese Politics and Economy Research Seminar, Georgetown University; Center for International Development and Conflict Management/International Relations Workshop, University of Maryland; Penn China Center. University of Pennsylvania; China's Economic Statecraft Workshop, University of California, San Diego; University of Kansas

2019–2020

Marshall China Research Group. University of Southern California; Long Institute, University of California, Irvine; Shanghai Jiaotong University

2018–2019

Harvard Kennedy School, Ash Center for Democratic Governance & Innovation; Urban China Workshop, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Harvard University, China Working Group

2017–2018

China Program Lecture, Stanford University; University of California, San Diego; Chinese Social Science Workshop, Stanford University; New York University–Shanghai; Fudan University, Shanghai, China

2013–2016

Peking University; South China Normal University; Sun Yat-sen University; Peking University; Nanjing Normal University; University of Wisconsin–Madison

## **TEACHING**

### **Teaching Awards**

2022 Fall Quarter Outstanding Teaching Award

2022 Winter Quarter Outstanding Teaching Award

2019 Spring Quarter Outstanding Teaching Award

2016 Teaching Fellow Award (University of Wisconsin–Madison, declined)

### **University of California, Irvine**

Undergraduate

Politics Around the World

Introduction to Chinese Politics

Rich States, Poor States: PE of Development

Honors Thesis Supervision

Independent Research

China Data Lab

China, Environment, and Trade Lab

## Graduate

Comparative Politics Field Seminar

Political Economy of Development

Survey Research Methods

Directed Studies (Questionnaire Design; East Asian Citizenship; Comparative Institutions: Elections; China, Environment, and Trade)

## Lecturer: University of Wisconsin–Madison

Political Power in Contemporary China, Spring 2017

Introduction to Survey Research, Spring 2014

## Current and Former Students

### Past PhD Committees:

Sargis Karavardanyan (Data Analyst at US Department of Defense); Benjamin Raynor (Senior Country Risk Analyst, USB London); Zayda Sorrell Medina (Urban Planning and Public Policy, Assistant Professor, California State University Northridge); Lev Nachman (Harvard University Postdoc, Assistant Professor National Chengchi University)

### Current PhD Committees:

Melisa Perut (2023-present); William Kidd (2022-present); Sridipta Ghatak (Urban Planning and Public Policy 2022-present); Tauhid S. Bin Kashem (2021-present); N. Uras Demir (2020-present)

### Ph.D. Comprehensive Exam Committee Member

Melisa Perut (2023); William Kidd (2022); Sebastian Rivera (2021); Kyle Wagner (2020); Tauhid S. Bin Kashem (2020); Sargis Karavardanyan (2020); Benjamin Raynor (2020); N. Uras Demir (2020)

### Reader for PhD. Qualifying Papers

John Deacon (2024); Eric D'Angelo (2023); Melisa Perut (2023); Boyun Kim (2021); Steven Tarango (2020, 2021); Steven Linder (2020); Benjamin Raynor (2020); N. Uras Demir (2020); Sargis Karavardanyan (2019)

### Undergraduate Honors:

Andrew Ma (2024-2025); David Mkrtchyan (2023-2024); Jiaqi Li (2022-2023); Yanan Zhong (2022-2023); Spencer Towne (2021-2022); Haotian Chen (2019-2020); Sitong Chen (2019-2020)

## SERVICE

### Department

Graduate Reform Committee, 2024

Graduate Student Admissions Committee, 2022, 2020, 2019

Womxn's Caucus Faculty Co-advisor, 2019-2021

Panelist: Alternative Approaches to Graduate School, Womxn's Caucus, 2020

Panelist: Fieldwork Roundtable, Womxn's Caucus, 2018

### Campus

Affiliate Faculty, Long US-China Institute, 2018-present

Affiliate Faculty, Masters Program in Philosophy, Political Science, and Economics, 2019-present

UCI Summer Teaching Apprenticeship Program Faculty Mentor, 2022

Division of Teaching Excellence and Innovation (DTEI) Summer Graduate Fellow Mentor Program, 2021, 2020

Long Institute Executive Board, 2019-2020  
UCI History Project Faculty Presenter, 2019  
Panel Chair, Living Well in China Conference, Long Institute, UCI, 2018

### **University System**

Non-resident Scholar, 21<sup>st</sup> Century China Center, University of California, San Diego,  
2020-present

### **Discipline**

Reviewer

*American Journal of Political Science, International Organization, World Development, The China Quarterly, Journal of Chinese Political Science, International Journal of Communication, Growth and Change, Modern China, Pacific Affairs, Problems of Post-Communism, Electoral Studies*

## **RESEARCH AFFILIATIONS**

**University of California, Irvine**, 2018-present

Affiliate Faculty, Long U.S.-China Institute  
Affiliate Faculty, Philosophy, Political Science, and Economics Program  
Affiliate Faculty, Center for the Study of Democracy

**University of California, San Diego**, 2020-present

Non-resident Scholar, 21<sup>st</sup> Century China Center

**Peking University**, Beijing, China, 2014-2016

Visiting Scholar, National School of Development, China Center for Health Economics  
Research

**Sun Yat-Sen University**, Guangzhou, China, 2014–2015

Visiting Scholar, School of Government

## **FOREIGN LANGUAGES**

Mandarin (Advanced), German (Advanced)