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- Academic Appointment** **University of Wisconsin, Madison** (starting from 2020 fall)
Assistant Professor of [Political Science](#) & [Public Affairs](#), 2020
Trice Faculty Fellow, [Department of Political Science](#), 2020-
- Education** **New York University**, New York, NY
Ph.D. in Politics, Department of Politics, May 2020 (expected)
Dissertation: “Essays on the Allocation of Public Resources in China”
Committee: Bruce Bueno de Mesquita (Chair), Daniel Mattingly, Julia Payson, Adam Przeworski, and Hye Young You
- University of Southern California**, Los Angeles, CA
Master of Arts in Economics, Department of Economics, May 2016
Master of Public Administration, Sol Price School of Public Policy, May 2016
- China Foreign Affairs University**, Beijing, China
Bachelor of Arts in English Language and Literature, June 2014
Bachelor of Economics in International Economics and Trade, June 2014
- Publication** **Zhenhuan Lei** and Jeffrey B. Nugent. 2018. “[Coordinating China’s Economic Growth Strategy via Its Government-Controlled Association for Private Firms.](#)” *Journal of Comparative Economics*, 46: 1273-1293.
- Working Papers** “Private Returns to Public Investment: Political Career Incentives and Infrastructure Investment in China,” with Junlong Zhou (NYU). Invited to revise and resubmit to *the Journal of Politics*.
- “Political Patronage, Infrastructure, and Economic Growth: Evidence from China.” Under review.
- “The Fiscal Logic of Government Responsiveness: Evidence from Rural China.” Under review.
- “Political Patronage and Firms: Evidence from China,” with Yishuang Li (NYU). Under review.
- Work in Progress** “Political Centralization and the Coordination Problem: Evidence from Judicial Reforms in China,” with Yishuang Li (NYU).
- Invited Talks & Workshops** New York University, Quantitative China Studies Seminar, February 28-29, 2020
New York University, International Relations Workshop, February 20, 2020
University of Wisconsin-Madison, Chinese Politics and Policy Seminar (job talk), October 22, 2019
Peking University, National School of Development, International Conference on Comparative Political Selection, June 4-5, 2019

Peking University, School of Government, Workshop on State Governance, May 18-19, 2019

New York University, Quantitative China Studies Seminar, April 26, 2019

Peking University, National School of Development, CCER Summer Institute, June 18-20, 2018

Fudan University, China-India Workshop on Development and Governance, June 8, 2018

Peking University, National School of Development, Rethinking the Economic Role of State, June 2-3, 2017

Conferences

American Political Science Association: 2019

Midwestern Political Science Association: 2018, 2019

Teaching

University of Wisconsin-Madison:

- Introduction to Chinese Politics (undergraduate, 2020 fall)
- Analytic Tools for Public Policy (undergraduate, 2020 fall)

Services

Reviewer for *Democratization*, *Economics & Politics* and *Journal of Politics*.

Co-organizer, Models and Data Workshop, Department of Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2020 fall.

Coordinator, Quantitative China Studies Seminar, New York University, 2017-2020.

Coordinator, Chinese Political Economy Working Group, New York University, 2019 Spring and 2019 Fall.

Awards & Grants

Doctoral Dissertation Research Fellowship, Center on U.S.-China Relations, New York University, December 2019.

Urban Doctoral Fellowship, New York University, 2019 - 2020.

Provost's Global Research Initiative Fellowship, New York University, 2019 summer.

George Downs Fellowship, Department of Politics, New York University, 2019 Summer and 2019 Fall.

MacCracken Fellowship, New York University, 2016 - 2021.

Chinese Government Scholarship, Ministry of Education, P.R.C., 2014 - 2016.

Best Honors Thesis, China Foreign Affairs University, 2014.

Personal

Born in February, 1992

Nationality: Chinese citizen