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- Academic Appointment** **University of Wisconsin-Madison**
Assistant Professor of Political Science and Public Affairs, 08/2020–present
Faculty Affiliate, Center for East Asian Studies, 08/2020–present
Faculty Affiliate, East Asian Legal Studies Center, 03/2021–present
- Education** **New York University**
Ph.D., Political Science, 2020
 • Dissertation: Essays on the Allocation of Public Resources in China
 • Dissertation Committee: Bruce Bueno de Mesquita (Chair), Daniel Mattingly, Julia Payson, Adam Przeworski, and Hye Young You
M.Phil., Political Science, 2020
M.A., Political Science, 2018
University of Southern California
Master of Public Administration, 2016
Master of Arts, Economics, 2016
China Foreign Affairs University (外交学院)
Bachelor of Arts, English Language and Literature, 2014
Bachelor of Economics, International Economics and Trade, 2014
- Publication** “Private Returns to Public Investment: Political Career Incentives and Infrastructure Investment in China.” (Forthcoming in January 2022)
The Journal of Politics, 84(1), with Junlong Aaron Zhou (NYU)
“Coordinating China’s Economic Growth Strategy via Its Government-Controlled Association for Private Firms.” (2018)
Journal of Comparative Economics, 46, with Jeff Nugent (USC)
- Working Papers** “The Rule of Law through Centralization? The Judicial Centralization Reform and Local Protectionism in China.”
Under review, with Yishuang Li (NYU)
“The Political Resource Blessing or Curse? Patronage Networks, Infrastructure Investment, and the Varieties of Economic Development Strategies in China.”
Under review
“Local Influence in the Central Government: Political Alignment and the Allocation of Stock Market Resources in China.”
Under review, with Yishuang Li (NYU)
“The Fiscal Logic of Political Responsiveness: Public Finance, Elections, and Public Goods Provision in Rural China.”
Under review
- Work in Progress** *The Political Logic of Public Investment: Political Institutions and Infrastructure Projects in China and the United States* (book manuscript in preparation)

“Policy Influence through a ‘Rubber-Stamp Parliament’: Evidence from China,” with Junda Li (UW-Madison) and Junlong Zhou (NYU).

“Making Decentralization Work: Central Mandates, Local Preferences, and the Party-State System in China.”

“Why Bother with Laws? The Bureaucratic Logic of Legislation in China,” with Chuan Liu (UW-Madison).

“Who Become Lawmakers in China?” with Chuan Liu (UW-Madison).

“The Bureaucratic Logic of Diplomacy: Theory and Evidence from the US Ambassadors,” with Yishuang Li (NYU).

“Democracy, Autocracy, and Political Dynasties,” with Junda Li (UW-Madison).

“Generals in the Government: The Civil-Military Relationship and State Building in China,” with Jingyuan Qian (UW-Madison)

“Deregulation, Chinese Style,” with Lizhi Liu (Georgetown)

Presentations

Workshops:

Peking University, School of Government, December 18, 2021 (scheduled)

University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, April 8, 2021

University of Southern California, Marshall School of Business, April 6, 2021

Fudan University, “Zooming in China” Webinar Series, November 17, 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

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:

- POLI SCI 840: Comparative Political Economy (Graduate)
- POLI SCI 324: Chinese Politics (Undergraduate)
- PUB AFFR 974: China’s Policymaking and Global Influence (Graduate)
- PUB AFFR 380: Analytic Tools for Public Policy (Undergraduate)

Advising

Ph.D. students at the University of Wisconsin-Madison:

- Chuan Liu, Communication (dissertation committee member)
- Priyadarshi Amar, Political Science and Agricultural & Applied Economics (dissertation committee member)
- Junda Li, Political Science (first-year advisor)

Awards & Grants

Pandemic-Affected Research Continuation Initiative Grant, Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Education, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2022, \$39,100.

Cotter Faculty Fellow Award (for research on Legislative Politics), La Follette School of Public Affairs, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2021-2022, \$10,000.

Fall Research Competition Grant, Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Education, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2021-2022, \$41,616.

Trice Faculty Fellow Award, Department of Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2020-2022, \$30,000.

Doctoral Dissertation Research Fellowship, Center on U.S.-China Relations, New York University, 2019, \$5,000.

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.

Best Undergraduate Thesis, China Foreign Affairs University, 2014.

Services

Disciplinary Service:

Reviewer for *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Democratization*, *Economics & Politics*, *Governance*, *the Journal of Politics*, *Policy Studies*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Political Science Research and Methods*, *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*, and *Regulation & Governance*.

Co-organizer, Midwest Workshop in Empirical Political Science (MWEPS-VII) (with Rikhil Bhavnani), University of Wisconsin-Madison, November 19, 2021.

Co-organizer, "New Faces in Chinese Politics" (with Yue Hou, Melanie Manion, Dan Mattingly, and Yuhua Wang), Duke University, August 27-28, 2021.

Co-organizer, Zoom Webinar on "Doing Fieldwork in China: Conversation with Practitioners" (with Yue Hou, Melanie Manion, Dan Mattingly, and Yuhua Wang), March 23, 2021.

Program Committee, China Research Group Doctoral Symposium, Marshall School of Business, University of Southern California, 2021.

Co-organizer, Zoom Webinar on "The Job Market For PhD Students in Chinese Politics 2020 and after" (with Yue Hou, Melanie Manion, Dan Mattingly, and Yuhua Wang), October 20, 2020.

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

University and Departmental Service:

Graduate Curriculum and Fellowship Committee, La Follette School of Public Affairs,

University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2021-2022.

Coordinator, Political Economy Colloquium, Department of Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2021-2022.

Steering Committee, Center for East Asian Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison, starting from 2021-present.

Co-organizer, Models, Experiments, and Data Workshop, Department of Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2020-2022.

Graduate Appeal Committee, Department of Political Science, University of Wisconsin, Madison, 2020-2022.

Senator, Faculty Senate, University of Wisconsin, Madison, 2020-2021.