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PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2019- Present Associate Professor, Department of International Affairs, University of Georgia
- 2013 - 2019 Assistant Professor, Department of International Affairs, University of Georgia

EDUCATION

- 2012 Ph.D. in Political Science (University of California, Berkeley)
Committee: Kevin O'Brien (Chair), David Collier, Chris Ansell, Thomas Gold, Rachel Stern
Fields: Comparative Politics, East Asian Studies, Research Methods
- 2007 M.A. in Political Science (University of California, Berkeley)
- 2006 Master of Social Sciences in Political Science (University of Singapore, Singapore)
- 2003 Bachelor of Law in International Studies (Peking University, Beijing, China)

PUBLICATIONS

Book

2018. *Contesting Cyberspace in China: Online Expression and Authoritarian Resilience*, Columbia University Press.
Reviewed in *Perspectives on Politics*, *Chinese Journal of Communication*, *Journalism & Mass Communication Quarterly*, *Journal of Chinese Political Science*, *Journal of Cyberspace Studies*.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles and Book Chapters

2019. "Patriotism without state blessing: Chinese cyber nationalists in predicament," in Teresa Wright (ed.) *Handbook of Protest and Resistance in China* (Edward Elgar Publishing): 346-360.
2019. "Rescuing Authoritarian Rule: The Anti-Gongzhi Discourse in Chinese Cyberspace" (with Linan Jia), in Chris Shei (ed.) *Routledge Handbook of Chinese Discourse Analysis* (Routledge): 415-427.
2018. "Withering Gongzhi: Cyber Criticism of Chinese Public Intellectuals." *The International Journal of Communication* 12: 1966-1987.
2018. "Governing by the Internet: Local Governance in the Digital Age" (with Linan Jia). *Journal of Chinese Governance* 3(1): 67-85. DOI: 10.1080/23812346.2018.1429175.
- * The article has also been included in Jianxing Yu and Sujian Guo (eds.) *The Palgrave Handbook of Local Governance in Contemporary China* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2019): 421-440.

2017. "Supervising Authoritarian Rule Online: Citizen Participation and State Responses in China." *The Journal of Comparative Law* 12 (2): 397-416.
2016. "Challenging, But Not Trouble-Making: Cultural Elites in China's Heritage Preservation" (with Yao Yuan). *Journal of Contemporary China* 25(98): 292-306. DOI:10.1080/10670564.2015.1075720
2015. "Cyber Activism in China: Empowerment, Control, and Beyond." In Axel Bruns, Eli Skogerbø, Christian Christensen, Anders Olof Larsson, and Gunn Sara Enli (eds.) *The Routledge Companion to Social Media and Politics* (Routledge): 268-280.
2015. "Defending the Authoritarian Regime Online: China's 'Voluntary Fifty-Cent Army'." *China Quarterly*, 224: 1006-1025. DOI: 10.1017/S0305741015001216
2015. "College Education and Attitudes toward Democracy in China: An Empirical Study" (with Gang Wang and Liyun Wu). *Asia Pacific Education Review* 16(3): 399-412.
2015. "Manufacturing Consent in Cyberspace: China's 'Fifty-Cent Army'." *Journal of Current Chinese Affairs* 44(2): 105-134.
2009. "Path to Democracy? Assessing Village Elections in China" (with Kevin J. O'Brien). *Journal of Contemporary China* 18(60): 359-378.
- * The article receives the 2018 John and Vivian Sabel Award of the best article published in the *Journal of Contemporary China*.
- * The article has been reprinted in Kevin O'Brien and Zhao Suisheng (eds.), *Grassroots Elections in China* (London: Routledge, 2011) and in Anthony Saich (ed.), *Political Governance in China* (Elgar, 2015). It is also translated in *Guowai Lilun Dongtai (Foreign Theoretical Trends)*, 7 (2011): 59-70.

Translation

2006. Chinese Translation of W. Phillips Shively, *The Craft of Political Research (6th Edition)* (Prentice Hall Press, 2006) (with Jiguang Guo, Hengfu Ruan, Yuanyuan Wang, and Dan Li). (政治科学研究方法, 上海人民出版社, 2006).

Book Reviews

- Review of *China's Digital Nationalism* by Florian Schneider, *The International Journal of Press/Politics* 24:3 (2019), 391-393, <https://doi.org/10.1177/1940161219842835>
- Review of *Media Politics in China: Improvising Power under Authoritarianism* by Maria Repnikova, *Chinese Journal of Communication* 12:2 (2019), 244-246, <https://doi.org/10.1080/17544750.2019.1584473>
- Review of *Censored: Distraction and Diversion Inside China's Great Firewall* by Margaret E. Roberts, *Perspectives on Politics* 16:4 (2018), 1134-1135.
- Review of *China's Contested Internet*, edited by Guobin Yang, *The China Quarterly*, 225 (March 2016): 258-259.
- Review of *The Internet, Social Media, and a Changing China*, edited by Jacques deLisle, Avery Goldstein, and Guobin Yang, *The China Quarterly* 228(2016): 1127-1128.

Internet Publications

- China's Media in Cross Currents: Implications for Critical Journalism*. China Policy Institute: Analysis (June 29, 2015). Retrieved from <https://cpianalysis.org/2015/06/29/chinas-media-in-cross-currents-implications-for-critical-journalism/>

- The 'Voluntary Fifty-Cent Army' in Chinese Cyberspace*. China Policy Institute: Analysis (February 29, 2016). Retrieved from <https://cpianalysis.org/2016/02/29/the-voluntary-fifty-cent-army-in-chinese-cyberspace/>
- New (and Not So New) Trends in China's Online Censorship under Xi Jinping*. China Policy Institute: Analysis (November 7, 2017). Retrieved from <https://cpianalysis.org/2017/11/07/new-and-not-so-new-trends-in-chinas-online-censorship/>

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- “Unlawful Bargaining: Negotiating Distribution in China,” paper accepted to be presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Washington DC, August 30, 2019.
- “Cyber Nationalism under Xi,” paper presented at the International Conference on the Xi Jinping Effect, Banff, AB, Canada, June 28, 2019.
- “Making China Great Again: Authoritarian Legitimation through Internet Novels,” paper presented at the Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Denver, March 24, 2019.
- “Central and Local Preferences for Information Control in China” (with Ashely Esarey, Xiao Qiang, and Ivor Cribben), paper presented at the American Political Science Association Mini-Conference on Chinese Politics, Boston, August 30-September 2, 2018.
- “Making China Great Again: Authoritarian Legitimation through Internet Novels,” paper presented at the American Political Science Association Mini-Conference on Political Communication, Boston, August 29, 2018.
- “Networking Information Flows: Weibo Celebrities in Online Expression” (with Linan Jia), paper accepted to be presented at the 16th China Internet Research Conference, Leiden University, Netherlands, May 22-23, 2018.
- “Dancing with Shackles On: State Control over Internet Novels in China,” paper presented at Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., March 22-25, 2018.
- “Make China Great Again: The Quest for Chinese Dream in Online Time-Travelling Novels,” paper presented at the 59th Annual Conference of American Association for Chinese Studies, Columbia, SC October 21, 2017
- “Managing Information Wars in Autocracies: China’s Winning Digital Strategy” (with Jason Gainous and Andrew McDonald), paper presented at the 2017 APSA Annual Meeting in the Featured Paper Panel: 30-minute Paper Presentations: Featured Papers in Information Technology and Politics.
- “Harmonizing the Web: State Control over Online Complaints in China,” paper presented at the 15th China Internet Research Conference, Texas A&M, June 5-6, 2017.
- “Patriotism Stonewalled: You Love the Nation, the State Does Not Like You,” paper presented at *Mediating the Nation: China’s Contested National Identity*, Georgia State University, March 21, 2017.
- “Nationalism and Trade: Diba Expedition and Cross-Strait Relations,” International Workshop on China and the World, sponsored by Princeton-Harvard China and the World Program and Georgia Tech, Atlanta, GA, March 9, 2017.

- “Patriotism without state blessing: Chinese cyber nationalists in predicament,” paper presented at the International Studies Association Annual Conference, Baltimore, MD, February 24, 2017.
- “Making Critical Citizens: The impact of micro-blogging experience on Chinese college students,” paper presented at *The Everyday Politics of Digital Life in China*, University of Pittsburgh, October 9, 2016.
- “Censorship Comes, Censorship Goes: How the State Controls Online Complaints in China,” paper presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, September 2, 2016.
- “Supervising Authoritarian Rule Online: Citizen Participation and State Responses in China,” invited presentation at the Transparency Matters Conference at University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, June 24-25, 2016.
- “Beyond Hidden Transcripts: Deciphering Political Expression in Chinese Cyberspace,” paper presented at Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Seattle, March 31, 2016.
- “Party, Faction, and the Anti-Corruption Campaign in China” (with Robert Grafstein and Luyan Xie), paper presented at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Juan, Puerto Rico, January 7-9, 2016.
- “Combating Corruption Online: Citizen Participation and State Responses in China,” Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, September 5, 2015.
- “Three Images of ‘Public Intellectuals’ Contesting Online Expression in China,” paper presented at the 13th China Internet Research Conference, University of Alberta, Canada, May 27-28, 2015.
- “Paying Lip Service or Taking It Seriously? How Chinese Government Respond to Online Complaints” (with Yuan Wang), paper presented at the 13th China Internet Research Conference, University of Alberta, Canada, May 27-28, 2015.
- “Roundtable Discussion: Chinese Internet or Internet in China?” Panelist at the 13th China Internet Research Conference, University of Alberta, Canada, May 27-28, 2015.
- “Imagined Enemies: Political Critics and the Backlash in Chinese Cyberspace,” paper presented at Midwest Political Science Association 2015 Conference, Chicago, April 16, 2015.
- “Manufacturing ‘China Dream’: State Censorship and Political Astroturfing in Chinese Cyberspace,” paper presented at Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Chicago, March 27, 2015.
- “Not Organized, But Linked: Networked Activism in China’s Land Expropriation,” paper presented at AAS-in-Asia Conference, Singapore, July 17-19, 2014.
- “Contesting Heritage Preservation in China: The Critical Role of Cultural Elites” (with Yuan Yao), paper presented at Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, March 28, 2014.
- “Contesting Authoritarian Rule: Pop Activism in Chinese Cyberspace,” Comedy and Satire as Protest in Asia Workshop, Center for Asian Democracy, University of Louisville, October 18, 2013.
- “Adaptive Persuasion in Cyberspace: The ‘Fifty Cents Army’ in China,” Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, September 1, 2013.

- “When Playful Netizens Meet the Authoritarian State: Pop Activism in Chinese Cyberspace,” The Ninth Annual Graduate Seminar on China, Chinese University of Hong Kong, January 9-12, 2013.
- “Defending the Authoritarian Regime Online: The Rise of Voluntary Fifty Centers in Chinese Cyberspace,” The 10th China Internet Research Conference, University of Southern California, May 22, 2012.
- “The Invisible Border of Cyberspace: Online Communities and Public Sphericules,” “Placing East Asia: A Graduate Student Conference on Urbanism and the Production of Space,” Haas Junior Scholars Program and Institute of East Asian Studies, U.C. Berkeley, March 2, 2012.
- “Irony, Pop Contention and Its Discontents: Dynamics of Public Discussion in Chinese Cyberspace,” “The Art and Politics of Irony,” Institute for the Public Life of Arts and Ideas, McGill University, April 13, 2012.
- “Weak Weapons vs. Organized Resistance in Rural China,” Harvard Project for Asian and International Relations 2005 Conference “Futuring Asia: Contemporary Challenges and Emerging Realities,” Tokyo, Japan, Aug 22-25 2005.

OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

Conference Panels Organizing and Chair

- Co-organizer of “The International Conference on the Xi Jinping Effect,” Banff, AB, Canada, June 27-29, 2019.
- Chairing the panel “Politics, Protests, and the Future of Democracy in Ukraine,” MPSA 2015 Annual Conference, Chicago, April 16th.
- “Adaptive Authoritarianism in Cyber China,” AAS Annual Conference 2015, Chicago, March 27-29.
- “Society and State in Motion: Contentious Politics in China” (with H. Christoph Steinhart), AAS-in-Asia Conference 2014, Singapore, July 17-19.

Invited Talks and Activities

- Invited book talk at Franklin & Marshall College, April 4, 2019.
- Invited panelist of Digital Media and Press Freedom in the Era of Big Tech: A case Study on China, Columbia Journalism School, New York, February 1, 2019.
- Invited talk at the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations, New York, November 26, 2018.
- Invited book talk at University of Pennsylvania, November 16, 2018.
- “Contesting Cyberspace in China: Online Expression and Authoritarian Resilience,” invited book talk at the University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada, October 16, 2018.
- “Making China Great Again: Internet Alter-History Novels and Authoritarian Legitimation,” China Research Center, Atlanta, September 22, 2018.
- “Contesting Cyberspace: Online Expression and Authoritarian Resilience in China,” keynote speech for the John and Vivian Sabel Best Article Award, Denver University, May 2nd, 2018.
- “Chinese Nationalism in the Internet Age,” Carl Vinson Institute of Government, University of Georgia, October 31, 2017.
- “Cyber Politics in China,” Undergraduate Lecture, University of California, Berkeley, April 4, 2017.

- “The Path Can Be Complicated, but the Future Is Bright,” Graduate Student Professionalization Workshop,” Center for Chinese Studies, University of California, Berkeley, April 3, 2017.
- “Combating Corruption Online: Citizen Participation and State Responses in China,” Center for Asian Studies, University of Georgia, September 23, 2015.
- “Discourse Competition in the Internet Age,” Presented at School of Government, Nanjing University, China, June 12, 2014.
- “Defending the Authoritarian Regime Online: The Voluntary Fifty Cents Army in China,” Presented at Department of Political Science, Georgia State University, April 4, 2014.
- “Social Resistance in Chinese Cyberspace,” Talk at Chinese Youth University for Political Sciences, Beijing, China, May 20, 2010.

GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND AWARDS

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| 2018 | The SPIA Online Course Development Grant (\$5,000) |
| 2018 | John and Vivian Sabel Award of the best article published in the <i>Journal of Contemporary China</i> (\$1,000 for the article) |
| 2015-2016 | SPIA Seed Grant (with Robert Grafstein): \$4,000 |
| 2014 | SPIA Internal Research Grant (\$5,000), University of Georgia. |
| 2013-2014 | New Faculty Research Grant, University of Georgia |
| 2011-2012 | Finishing Fellowship, Department of Political Science, UC Berkeley |
| 2011-2012 | Haas Junior Scholars Program Grant |
| 2011 | Graduate Division Summer Grant, UC Berkeley |
| 2010 | Elvera Kwang Siam Lim Fellowship in Chinese Studies, Center for Chinese Studies, UC Berkeley |
| 2009-2010 | Dean’s Normative Fellowship, UC Berkeley |
| 2007-2009 | Non-Resident Tuition Fellowship, UC Berkeley |
| 2008 | Center for Chinese Studies Summer Research Grant, UC Berkeley |
| 2006-2007 | Department Fellowship, Dept. of Political Science, UC Berkeley |
| 2005 | National University of Singapore Travel Grant |
| 2003-2005 | National University of Singapore Research Scholarship |
| 2004 | Asia Research Institute Fieldwork Funding for National University of Singapore Graduate Students |
| 2003 | Excellent Graduate Award of Beijing Municipality |
| 2003 | Excellent Graduate Award of Peking University |
| 2000-2003 | Yingcai Scholarship of Peking University |
| 2002 | Excellence Award for fieldwork paper competition (<i>China Reform Magazine</i>) |
| 2001 | Danish government sponsored Exchange Student at Denmark’s International Study Program (affiliated to Copenhagen University) |

TEACHING

Graduate Courses Taught

Contemporary Chinese Politics (Fall 2013, Spring 2016, Spring 2018)
Comparative Politics and Digital Media (Spring 2015, Fall 2017)

Undergraduate Courses Taught

Chinese Politics (Spring 2018)
Global Politics and Digital Media (Fall 2014, Fall 2015, Summer 2016, Fall 2016)
East Asian Political Systems (Fall 2013, Fall 2014, Fall 2015, Spring 2016, Fall 2017)
Introduction to Comparative Politics (Spring 2014, Spring 2015, Fall 2016)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Member

International Studies Association, American Political Science Association, Association of Asian Studies, Midwest Political Science Association, American Association for Chinese Studies, American Sociological Association, Association of Internet Researchers.