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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

**University of Texas at Austin** Austin, TX  
Associate Professor, Department of Government (2018 –)  
Assistant Professor, Department of Government (2014 – 2018)  
  
**Texas A&M University (2011 – 2014)** College Station, TX  
Assistant Professor, Bush School of Government and Public Service  
  
**Hoover Institution, Stanford University (2019-2020)** Stanford, CA  
W. Glenn Campbell and Rita Ricardo-Campbell National Fellow and Edward Teller  
National Fellow

## EDUCATION

**Yale University** New Haven, CT  
Ph.D. in Political Science 2005 - 2011 (with Distinction)  
  
M. Phil. in Political Science 2008  
M.A. in Political Science 2007  
  
**University of Michigan** Ann Arbor, MI  
M.P.P. Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy 2003 – 2005  
M.S.I. School of Information 2000 – 2002  
  
**Huazhong University of Science and Technology** Wuhan, Hubei, China  
B.S. in Electronics and Information Engineering 1996 – 2000

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Distributive Politics, Authoritarian Regimes, Chinese Politics, Comparative and  
International Political Economy

## PUBLICATIONS

### *Refereed Journals*

(Forthcoming) “Disgruntled Cadres: How Tax Reduction Undermines Rural Governance”  
(with Mingxing Liu and Linke Hou) *Governance*.

(Forthcoming) “Do Gains in Political Representation Sweeten Tax Reform in China? It  
Depends on Who You Ask” (with Jay Kao and Didac Queralt) *Political Science Research and  
Methods*.

(2020) "Policy Coalition Building in an Authoritarian Legislature: Evidence from China's National Assemblies (1983–2007)" (with Mingxing Liu and Feiyue Li) *Comparative Political Studies*, 53(9): 1380-1416.

(2019) "The Sources of De Facto Power and Education Provision: Understanding Local Government Incentive in China" (with Mingxing Liu) *Publius: The Journal of Federalism*, 49 (2): 325-51.

(2018) "Does Performance Matter? Evaluating the Institution of Political Selection along the Chinese Administrative Ladder" (with Pierre Landry and Haiyan Duan) *Comparative Political Studies*, 51(8): 1074 – 1105.

(2016) "Self-Centered Inequity Aversion and the Mass Politics of Taxation" (with Kenneth Scheve) *Comparative Political Studies*, 49 (14): 1965-97.

(2015) "Intergovernmental Transfers and Local Education Provision – Evaluating China's 8-7 National Plan for Poverty Reduction" *China Economics Review*, 33: 200-211.

(2014) "Show Me the Money: Interjurisdiction Political Competition and Fiscal Extraction in China" (with Pierre Landry) *American Political Science Review*, 108(3): 706-722.

(2014) "Social Policy and Regime Legitimacy: The Effects of Education Reform in China" *American Political Science Review*, 108(2): 423-437.

(2014) "Does Changing Economic Well-being Shape Opinion about Inequality in China?" *Studies in Comparative International Development*, 49(3): 300-320.

(2013) "Equality of Educational Opportunity and Attitudes toward Income Inequality: Evidence from China" *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*, 8(3): 271-303.

(2012) "Inequity Aversion and the International Distribution of Trade Protection" (with Kenneth Scheve and Matthew J. Slaughter). *American Journal of Political Science*, 56(3): 638-654.

#### **Refereed Book Chapter**

(2016) "China: Ethical Challenges in Comparative Politics Experiments." In *Ethics and Experiments: Problems and Solutions for Social Scientists and Policy Professionals*, ed. Scott Desposato. London: Routledge.

#### **Book Review**

(2019) Book Review, Daniel Koss. *Where the Party Rules: The Rank and File of China's Communist State*. (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2018), *The China Journal*, 82 (July): 151-153.

(2017) Book review, Rory Truex. *Making autocracy work: representation and responsiveness in modern China*. (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2016), *The China Quarterly*, 232 (December): 1118-1119.

(2012) Book review, Andrew B. Kipnis. *Governing Educational Desire: Culture, Politics, and Schooling in China* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2011), *Comparative Political Studies*, 45(5): 667-670.

WORK IN  
PROGRESS

The Origins of Strong Authoritarian Parties (Book manuscript in preparation)

Mobilized Compliance: How Political Parties Facilitate Fiscal Extraction during Wartime.

A Mirage of Harmonious Society? Reassessing the Impact of China's Expansion of Public Service on Trust in Local Officials (with Ding Li, Shuang Ma, Wenhui Yang)

The Fiscal Impact of Land Resources on Social Contention: Evidence from China (with Lynette Ong and Wenhui Yang)

Do "Responsive Officials" or "Sanctioning Officials" Enhance Tax Compliance? Experimental Evidence from China (with Lily Tsai, Minh Trinh, and Ping Zhang)

SELECTED  
HONORS AND  
AWARDS

2022. Center for East Asian Studies Faculty Grant, UT-Austin

2022. Provost's Authors Fellowship, UT-Austin

2022. Littlefield Faculty Fellows, College of Liberal Arts, UT-Austin

2021. VPR Research & Creative Grant, UT-Austin

2021. Research Reboot Award, Provost Office, UT-Austin

2020. Provost's Authors Fellowship Travel Award, UT-Austin

2019. Humanities Research Award, UT-Austin

2019. W. Glenn Campbell and Rita Ricardo-Campbell National Fellow, Hoover Institution

2019. Faculty Research Assignment (FRA), UT-Austin

2018. Josefina Paredes Endowed Teaching Award, College of Liberal Arts, UT-Austin

2017. Independent Inquiry Flag Course Development Award, the Center for the Skills & Experience Flags, UT-Austin

2017. Professional Development Award, School of Undergraduate Studies Writing Flag Faculty Retreat, UT-Austin

2016. Center for East Asian Studies Faculty Grant, UT-Austin

2016. Center for East Asian Studies Course Development Grant, UT-Austin

2015. Center for East Asian Studies Course Development Grant, UT-Austin

2015. The Samuel Tak Lee MIT Real Estate Entrepreneurship Laboratory Faculty Research Grant (Co-PI with Lily L. Tsai)

2015. The Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange Junior Scholar Grant

2015. College Research Fellowship (CRF), UT-Austin

2015. Summer Research Award (SRA), UT-Austin

2014. Research Grants (RG) from the Office of the Vice President for Research UT-Austin

2014. Program for the Enhancement of Scholarly and Creative Activities Grant, Texas A&M University (Declined)

2014. Scowcroft Institute of International Affairs Faculty Research Grant, Texas A&M University (Declined)

2013. Scowcroft Institute of International Affairs Korean Grant for East Asia Research, Texas A&M University

2012. Mancur Olson Award. Given by the American Political Science Association for the best dissertation in political economy, for a Ph.D. completed in the previous two years

2012. Program for the Enhancement of Scholarly and Creative Activities Grant, Texas A&M University

2012. Scowcroft Institute of International Affairs Faculty Research Grant, Texas A&M University

- 2010. Honorable Mention for the best paper in Political Economy presented at the previous year's APSA Annual Meeting for "Envy, Altruism and the International Distribution of Trade Protection" (with Kenneth Scheve and Matthew Slaughter)
- 2010. The Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship
- 2008. NSF Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (SES-0819263)
- 2008. The MacMillan Center Dissertation Research Grant, Yale University
- 2008. East Asian Studies Dissertation Research Grant, Yale University
- 2007, 2011. Georg Walter Leitner Program in International and Comparative Political Economy Summer Grant, Yale University
- 2005-2009. Kwok Foundation Fellowship, Yale University

PROFESSIONAL  
TALKS AND  
CONFERENCE  
SINCE 2011

- 2023. Harvard University (Workshop on "State Building in Contemporary China: Taxation & Information")
- 2023. Columbia University (Comparative Politics Seminar)
- 2023. Georgetown University (Georgetown Initiative for US-China Dialogue)
- 2021. SAIS (Comparative/International Political Economy Speaker Series)
- 2021. Center for East Asian Studies, University of Texas at Austin
- 2020. Stanford University (Cancelled due to COVID)
- 2020. Stanford University (China Social Science Workshop)
- 2020. Rice University (Texas Comparative Politics Circle Workshop)
- 2019. Duke University (Getting China Right: China In The World Conference)
- 2019. Chinese University of Hong Kong (USC-OXFAM Symposium on China's Education System)
- 2019. Peking University (Conference on Comparative Politics of Taxation and Fiscal Capacity)
- 2019. New York University (Quantitative China Studies Seminar III)
- 2018. Stanford University (State of the Field in Chinese Politics Conference)
- 2018. Rice University (Baker Institute Panel on Political Reform in China)
- 2018. Fato Research Foundation, Oslo, Norway (Conference on Towards a new Chinese welfare state - perceptions about distributive justice in China)
- 2018. National Taiwan University (Conference on Political Methodology and China Study: Challenges and Innovations)
- 2017. Harvard University (Workshop on Chinese Politics in Comparative Perspective)
- 2017. Peking University (International Conference of Comparative Political Selection: Theory, History, and Challenges)
- 2017. National Chengchi University (Graduate Institute of East Asian Studies)
- 2017. National Taiwan University (Center for East Asia Democratic Studies)
- 2017. Southwest University of Finance and Economics (Institute of Development Studies)
- 2017. University of British Columbia (Centre for Asian Legal Studies)
- 2017. University of Nottingham (Nottingham Interdisciplinary Centre for Economic and Political Research seminar series)
- 2017. Nuffield College, University of Oxford (Conference on the New Politics of Authoritarianism)
- 2017. Nuffield College, University of Oxford (Nuffield Political Science Seminar)
- 2017. University of Washington (Severyns Ravenholt Seminar in Comparative Politics)
- 2016. Columbia University (Comparative Politics Seminar)
- 2016. University of California at Berkeley (Comparative Politics Colloquium)
- 2016. Hoover Institution (Workshop on Authoritarian Regimes)
- 2016. University of Michigan (Comparative Politics Workshop)
- 2015. Academia Sinica (Institute of Political Science Seminar)
- 2015. National Taiwan University (Center for East Asia Democratic Studies)
- 2015. National Taiwan University (Department of Political Science)

2015. Peking University (Conference on The Political Causes and Consequences of Fiscal Policies in Comparative Context)  
 2015. Duke University (Political Economy Workshop)  
 2015. Princeton University (Princeton-Pittsburgh Conference on the Political Economy of Government Revenues)  
 2015. Tsinghua University (School of Public Policy and Management)  
 2015. Southwest University of Finance and Economics (Department of Public Finance)  
 2015. Fudan University (School of International Relations and Public Affairs)  
 2015. Shanghai University of Finance and Economics (School of Public Economics and Administration)  
 2015. MIT (Comparative Politics Workshop)  
 2015. University of California at San Diego (Conference on Quantitative Studies of the Chinese Elite)  
 2015. Chinese University of Hong Kong (Conference Ideology, power and transition in China)  
 2013. University of California at San Diego (Conference on Ethics in Comparative Politics Experiments)  
 2013. National Taiwan University (Center for East Asia Democratic Studies)  
 2013. Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (China Economics Summer Institute)  
 2013. University of Iowa (Conference on The Rise of Public Opinion in China)  
 2012. Duke University (Conference on New Faces in China Studies)  
 2012. Texas A&M (Program on International Conflict and Cooperation Workshop)  
 2012. University of Pittsburgh (Conference on Local Governance in Contemporary China)  
 2011. Peking University (China Institute for Educational Finance Research)  
 2011. Chinese University of Hong Kong (Universities Service Centre for China Studies)

APSA: 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023

MPSA: 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015

IPES: 2010, 2017

PolMeth: 2022

TexMeth: 2022

AAS: 2023

TEACHING  
EXPERIENCE

**University of Texas at Austin**

*Graduate-Level*

Comparative Political Economy

*Undergraduate-Level*

Politics in China

State Building in China and Taiwan

Chinese Politics & Society in Films & Documentaries

Politics of Development Policies

Institutions and Comparative Political & Economic Development

**Texas A&M University**

*Graduate-Level*

Political Consequences of Development

Politics of Development Policies

Quantitative Methods I

Quantitative Methods II

PHD STUDENT FIRST PLACEMENT	<p>2023. Siyun Jiang (Tenure-track at IE University), Dissertation Committee Chair</p> <p>2022. Mike Denly (Postdoc at Institute for Advanced Study in Toulouse), Dissertation Committee Member</p> <p>2021. Jay C. Kao (Tenure-track at Loyola University Chicago), Dissertation Committee Chair</p> <p>2021. Wenhui Yang (Tenure-track at Peking University), Dissertation Committee Chair</p> <p>2017. Shuai Jin (Tenure-track at University of Massachusetts at Boston), External Dissertation Committee Member</p>
SERVICE	<p><i>Discipline:</i></p> <p>Co-organizer: 2023 APSA Mini-Conference on Asian Political History</p> <p>Associate Editor, <i>Research and Politics</i> (2022-present)</p> <p>Editorial Board, <i>American Journal of Political Science</i> (2016-2018)</p> <p>Section Head for Comparative Politics: Developing Areas, 2019 Southern Political Science Association (SPSA)</p> <p>Selection Committee, American Political Science Association Political Economy Section's Mancus Olson Award (2014)</p> <p><i>University of Texas at Austin:</i></p> <p>Comparative Politics Field Chair (2023-Present)</p> <p>Executive Committee, Department of Government (2020-2021; 2023-2024)</p> <p>Executive Committee, Center for East Asian Studies (2022-2024)</p> <p>Fulbright U.S. Student Program Campus Selection Committee, UT-Austin (2021; 2023)</p> <p>South Asian Politics Search Committee, Department of Government (2021-2022; 2022-2023)</p> <p>Advisory Committee of the Center for Taiwan Studies, Department of Asian Studies (2021)</p> <p>Graduate Fellowship Committee, Department of Government (2018-2019; 2020-2021)</p> <p>Undergraduate Teaching Committee, Department of Government (2017-2018; 2018-2019)</p> <p>Graduate students' Annual Review Committee, Department of Government (2015 – 2016)</p> <p>VPR Research Grant Reviewer, UT Austin Vice President for Research (2015, 2022)</p> <p><i>Texas A&amp;M University:</i></p> <p>Bush School Faculty Search Committee (2011, 2012)</p> <p>Bush School MPIA Curriculum Committee (2012)</p>
REIVEWER FOR	<p><i>American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, British Journal of Political Science, Cambridge University Press, China Economics Review, China Journal, China Quarterly, China Sociological Review, Comparative Political Studies, Economics &amp; Politics, Governance, International Journal of Comparative Sociology, International Organization, International Studies Quarterly, Issues &amp; Studies, Journal of Contemporary China, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Development Studies, Journal of East Asian Studies, Journal of Legal Studies, Journal of Politics, Journal of Public Policy, Journal of Social Policy, National Science Foundation, Palgrave Macmillan, PNAS, Political Behavior, Political Research Quarterly, Political Science Research and Methods, Political Studies, Problems of Post-Communism, Public Administration, Publius: The Journal of Federalism, Public Opinion Quarterly, Studies in Comparative International Development, World Development, and World Politics.</i></p>

PROFESSIONAL American Political Science Association  
ASSOCIATIONS Association of Asian Studies