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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

**University of California, Berkeley** Berkeley, CA
Jack M. Forcey Associate Professor of Political Science (2026 – present)
Associate Professor, Department of Political Science (2025—2026)

**University of Texas at Austin** Austin, TX
Associate Professor, Department of Government (2018—2025)
Assistant Professor, Department of Government (2014—2018)

**Texas A&M University** College Station, TX
Assistant Professor, Bush School of Government and Public Service (2011 – 2014)

**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

PUBLICATIONS

***Books***

(2025) *Domination and Mobilization: The Rise and Fall of Political Parties in China's Republican Era* (Cambridge University Press).

- Honorable Mention, 2026 J. David Greenstone Book Prize (American Political Science Association, Politics and History Section)

(2026) *Taxation and Governance in Contemporary China* (with Changdong Zhang) (Cambridge Elements in Chinese Economy and Governance, Cambridge University Press).

***Refereed Journals***

(Forthcoming) "The Shadow of Social Desirability Bias: Evidence from Reassessing the Sources of Political Trust in China" (with Ding Li, Shuang Ma, Wenhui Yang) *Political Science Research Methods*.

(2025) "Do Procedural Justice and Retributive Justice Enhance Support for Property Taxes? Experimental Evidence from China" (with Lily Tsai, Minh Trinh, and Ping Zhang) *World Development*, 194.

(2024) "Disgruntled Cadres: How Tax Reduction Undermines Rural Governance" (with Mingxing Liu and Linke Hou) *Governance*, 37(3): 751-769.

(2024) "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*, 12(1): 146-165.

(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 Logic of De Facto Power and Local Education Spending: Evidence from 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 Legislative Battlefield: Bureaucratic Influence and Coalition Building in China's National Assemblies (with Mingxing Liu and Dong Zhang) (Under contract with *Cambridge Elements in Politics and Society in East Asia*)

Electronic Auditing, Tax Compliance, and Political Engagement (with Robin Yajie Wang)

Have Studies of Chinese Politics Developed Blind Spots over the Past Decade?

(Dormant) Mobilized Compliance: When Do Political Parties Facilitate Wartime Fiscal Extraction?

SELECTED HONORS AND AWARDS

2026. Honorable Mention for the J. David Greenstone Book Prize of the Politics and History Section of the American Political Science Association
2024. Center for East Asian Studies Faculty Grant, UT-Austin
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

2027. (scheduled) Tulane University (Political Science Seminar)
2027. (scheduled) *Domination and Mobilization* Book Talk (Princeton University)
2026. (scheduled) *Domination and Mobilization* Book Talk (Hong Kong University of Science and Technology)
2026. (scheduled) *Domination and Mobilization* Book Talk (Harvard University)
2026. (scheduled) *Domination and Mobilization* Book Talk (Yale University)
2026. Renmin University (Ye Chenghai Forum)
2026. Fudan University (Comparative Political Studies in a Changing World Conference)
2026. *Domination and Mobilization* Book Talk (Renmin University)
2026. *Domination and Mobilization* Book Talk (Fudan University)
2026. *Domination and Mobilization* Book Talk (University of Michigan)
2026. *Domination and Mobilization* Book Talk (Stanford University)
2026. *Domination and Mobilization* Book Talk (University of California, Berkeley)
2025. *Domination and Mobilization* Book Talk (Chinese University of Hong Kong)
2025. *Domination and Mobilization* Book Talk (University of Hong Kong)
2025. *Domination and Mobilization* Book Talk (Lingnan University)
2025. *Domination and Mobilization* Book Talk (University of California, San Diego)
2025. University of Barcelona (Yale-UB Historical Political Economy Workshop)

2024. Renmin University (Ye Chenghai Forum: Chinese Governance in Comparative Perspectives)
2024. Tsinghua University (School of Public Policy and Management)
2024. Peking University (Department of Political Science at School of Government)
2024. Political Economy Seminars co-organized by the National University of Singapore, Hong Kong Baptist University, National Taiwan University, and the China Europe International Business School.
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, 2024, 2025
MPSA: 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015
IPES: 2010, 2017
PolMeth: 2022
TexMeth: 2022
AAS: 2023

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**University of California, Berkeley**
*Graduate-Level*
Chinese Politics

*Undergraduate-Level*
Politics in Contemporary China
State Building in China and Taiwan

**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

*Dissertation Committee Chair:*
2024. Shengqiao Lin (An Wang Postdoc and Industrial Policy Postdoc Fellowships at Harvard University, Tenure-track at University of Toronto Mississauga)
2023. Siyun Jiang (Tenure-track at IE University)
2021. Jay C. Kao (Tenure-track at Loyola University Chicago)
2021. Wenhui Yang (Tenure-track at Peking University)

*Dissertation Committee Member:*
2024. Xin Nong (Tenure-track at Hitotsubashi University)
2022. Mike Denly (Postdoc at Institute for Advanced Study in Toulouse, Tenure-track at Texas A&M University)
2017. Shuai Jin (Tenure-track at University of Massachusetts at Boston), External Dissertation Committee Member

SERVICE

*Discipline:*
Associate Editor, *American Political Science Review* (2026-present)
Associate Editor, *Research and Politics* (2022-present)
Editorial Board, *Journal of East Asian Studies* (2026-Present)
Editorial Board, *British Journal of Political Science* (2024-Present)
Editorial Board, *Comparative Political Studies* (2024-Present)
Editorial Board, *Asian Review of Political Economy* (2023-Present)
Editorial Board, *American Journal of Political Science* (2016-2018)
Co-organizer: Chinese Politics Research in Progress (CPRP) Virtual Workshop (with Yuhua Wang and Jessica Teets)
Co-organizer: 2023, 2024 APSA Mini-Conference on Asian Political History & 2026, 2027 Asian Political History Workshop (with Jean Hong, Dan Slater, and Yuhua Wang)
Section Head for Comparative Politics: Developing Areas, 2019 Southern Political Science Association (SPSA)
Selection Committee, American Political Science Association Political Economy Section's Mancus Olson Award (2014)

*University of California, Berkeley:*
Mid-Career Ad-Hoc Review Committee (2026-2027)
Graduate Admission Committee, Department of Political Science (2025-2026; 2026-2027)

*University of Texas at Austin:*
Comparative Politics Field Chair, Department of Government (2023-2025)
Executive Committee, Department of Government (2020-2021; 2023-2024)
Executive Committee, Center for East Asian Studies (2022-2024)
Fulbright U.S. Student Program Campus Selection Committee, UT-Austin (2021; 2023)
Comparative Politics Search Committee, Department of Government (2024-2025)
South Asian Politics Search Committee, Department of Government (2021-2022; 2022-2023)
Advisory Committee of the Center for Taiwan Studies, Department of Asian Studies (2021)
Graduate Fellowship Committee, Department of Government (2018-2019; 2020-2021)
Undergraduate Teaching Committee, Department of Government (2017-2018; 2018-2019)
Graduate students' Annual Review Committee, Department of Government (2015 – 2016)
VPR Research Grant Reviewer, UT Austin Vice President for Research (2015, 2022, 2023)

*Texas A&M University:*
Bush School Faculty Search Committee (2011, 2012)
Bush School MPIA Curriculum Committee (2012)

REVIEWER FOR *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 & Politics, Governance, International Journal of Comparative Sociology, International Organization, International Studies Quarterly, Issues & 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*, Princeton University Press, *Problems of Post-Communism, Public Administration, Publius: The Journal of Federalism, Public Opinion Quarterly, Studies in Comparative International Development, World Development,* and *World Politics.*

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS
The National Committee on United States-China Relations
American Political Science Association
Association of Asian Studies