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### Academic Appointment

#### University of Wisconsin-Madison

Assistant Professor of Political Science and Public Policy, 2020–present

- Trice Family Faculty Fellow, 2020–2022

- Jerry and Mary Cotter Faculty Fellow, 2021–2022

Faculty Affiliate, Center for East Asian Studies, 2020–present

Faculty Affiliate, East Asian Legal Studies Center, 2021–present

#### Peking University (北京大学)

Visiting Scholar, National School of Development, 2022–2023

### Education

#### New York University

Ph.D., Political Science, 2020

- Dissertation: Essays on the Allocation of Public Resources in China

- Committee: Bruce Bueno de Mesquita (chair), Daniel Mattingly, Julia Payson, Adam Prezworski

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

“The Fiscal Logic of Political Responsiveness: Public Finance, Elections, and Public Goods Provision in Rural China.” (2023)

Forthcoming in *Studies in Comparative International Development*.

“The Political Resource Blessing or Curse? Patronage Networks, Infrastructure Investment, and Economic Development in China.” (2023)

*Comparative Political Studies*, 56(8), 1156–1188.

“Political Alignment and the Allocation of Stock Market Resources in China.” (2023)

*Journal of Political Institutions and Political Economy*, 4(1), 51–80, with Yishuang Li.

“Private Returns to Public Investment: Political Career Incentives and Infrastructure Investment in China.” (2022)

*The Journal of Politics*, 84(1), 455–469, with Junlong Aaron Zhou.

“Coordinating China’s Economic Growth Strategy via Its Government-Controlled Association for Private Firms.” (2018)

*Journal of Comparative Economics*, 46, 1273–1293, with Jeff Nugent.

### Working Papers

“Making Local Courts Work: The Judicial Recentralization Reform and Local Protectionism in China.”

Conditionally accepted at *the Journal of Politics*, with Yishuang Li

- Work in Progress** *The Political Logic of Public Investment: Demystifying the Bureaucratic Incentives for Infrastructure Investment in China* (book manuscript in preparation)
- “Making Decentralization Work: The Party-State System and China’s Economic Reforms and Development.”
- “Why Bother with Laws? The Bureaucratic Logic of Legislation in China,” with Nanyu Jiang (PKU).
- “The Personnel Foundation of a Single-Party Legislature: The Political Selection and Legislative Performance in China’s National People’s Congress Standing Committee (2003–2020),” with Chuan Liu (UW-Madison).
- “Making Diplomacy Work: Ambassadorial Types and Diplomatic Performance of U.S. Ambassadors,” with Frederick R. Chen (OSU) and Yishuang Li (PKU).
- “Democracy, Autocracy, and Political Dynasties,” with Junda Li (UW-Madison).
- “Turning the Blade Inward: Deregulation to Discipline the Bureaucracy,” with Lizhi Liu (Georgetown).
- “Environment and Law: Evidence from China,” with Yuanning Liang (PKU) and Jianwei Xing (PKU).
- “Matriarch for the Patriarch: Female Regency and Political Stability in Historical Regimes,” with Yuxin Chen (RUC) and Xiuyu Li (NYU).
- “The Political Economy of Procuratorate-Police Relationship in China,” with Yishuang Li (PKU) and Tianyang Xi (PKU).
- “Government Turnovers and Policy Transmissions: Evidence from China,” with Jiayin Hu (PKU) and Yingguang Zhang (PKU).

**Presentations**

Workshops:

- Nanyang Technological University, S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, July 28, 2023
- Fudan University, School of Economics, May 25, 2023
- University of Hong Kong, Contemporary China Lecture Series, January 17, 2023
- Peking University, National School of Development, Development Economics Seminar, November 10, 2022
- Peking University, School of Government, October 25, 2022
- Peking University, National School of Development, “Workshop on Political Economy and Political Selection,” August 23, 2022
- Peking University, School of Government, December 18, 2021
- University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of Agricultural & Applied Economics, Development Economics Workshop, 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

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, 2023 (scheduled)

Midwestern Political Science Association: 2018, 2019

China Economic Association: 2023

CCER Summer Institute: 2018, 2023

**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:

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

Undergraduate thesis: Yumeng Chen, Annie King, Jui Lin Lu

**Grants**

Kohl Research Competition Award, La Follette School of Public Affairs, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2023–2024, \$10,000.

Fall Research Competition Grant, Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Education, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2023–2024, \$43,924.

Research Grant, East Asian Legal Studies Center, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2022, \$7,500.

Fall Research Competition Grant, Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Education, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2022-2023, \$47,132.

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

Jerry and Mary 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.

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.

## Service

### Disciplinary Service:

Reviewer for English journals: *American Journal of Political Science*; *American Political Science Review*; *British Journal of Political Science*; *China Economic Quarterly International*; *Chinese Political Science Review*; *Comparative Politics*; *Comparative Political Studies*; *Democratization*; *Economics & Politics*; *Governance*; *Information, Communication and Society*; *the Journal of Politics*; *Policy Studies*; *Political Research Quarterly*; *Political Science Research and Methods*; *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*; *Regulation & Governance*; and *Studies in Comparative International Development*.

Reviewer for Chinese journals: *经济学(季刊)*

Co-organizer, "New Faces in Chinese Politics" (with Taylor Fravel, Yue Hou, Melanie Manion, Dan Mattingly, and Yuhua Wang), University of Pennsylvania, August 9–10, 2023.

Co-organizer, Workshop on Judicial Political Economy, Peking University, June 27, 2023.

Co-organizer, "New Faces in Chinese Politics" (with Yue Hou, Melanie Manion, Dan Mattingly, and Yuhua Wang), University of Wisconsin-Madison, May 6–7, 2022.

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 and 2022.

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:

Coordinator, Comparative Politics Colloquium, Department of Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2023–2024.

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, 2023-2024.

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, 2022 spring, 2023-2024.

**Personal**

Born in 1992

Nationality: China