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Education

Exp. 2025	PhD Politics, Princeton University
	Fields: Political Economy, Comparative Politics, Formal Theory & Quantitative Methods
	Committee: Matias Iaryczower (chair), Germán Gieczewski, Carles Boix
2021	MA Politics, Princeton University
2017	AB Economics, University of Chicago *(General and departmental honors)*

Research

Peer-reviewed articles

Mattingly, Daniel, and Elaine Yao. "How Soft Propaganda Persuades." *Comparative Political Studies* 55.9 (2022): 1569-1594.

Wei, Lai, Elaine Yao, Han Zhang. "Authoritarian Responsiveness and Political Attitudes during COVID-19: Evidence from Weibo and a Survey Experiment." *Chinese Sociological Review* (2021): 1-37.

Working Papers

"Brook no compromise: How to negotiate a united front." Revise and resubmit at *American Journal of Political Science*.

Work in Progress

"Organizational structure and protest tactics"

Conferences, workshops, talks

Conference & Invited Presentations

2024	Conference for Early Career Scholars in Theoretical Political Economy (WUSTL); MPSA, APSA
2023	Kellogg Center Workshop on Formal Models of Politics (Virginia Tech); Comparative Politics and Formal Theory (Rochester); MPSA, SPSA
2021	NYU Quantitative China Studies Seminar
2020	Chinese Political Economy Workshop (NYU); Virtual Workshop on Authoritarian Regimes

Workshops

2024	EITM Summer Institute (Emory University)
2022	Graduate Workshop in Computational Social Science (Santa Fe Institute)

2022–24	Political Economy Research Seminar (joint between Politics & Economics departments)
2022–24	Comparative Politics Graduate Research Seminar (Politics)
2024	American Politics Graduate Research Seminar (Politics)
2023	Microeconomic Theory Student Lunch (Economics)

Teaching

Fall 2024	SPI340: The Psychology of Decision Making and Judgment (U)	*TA for Eldar Shafir*
Fall 2023	POL576: Formal Political Analysis II (G)	*TA for Germán Gieczewski*
Fall 2022	POL362: Chinese Politics (U)	*TA for Rory Truex*
Spring 2022	POL346: Applied Quantitative Analysis (U)	*TA for John Londregan*
Fall 2021	POL345: Introduction to Quantitative Social Science (U)	*TA for Marc Ratkovic*
	POL 571: Quantitative Analysis I (G)	*Tutor*

Professional Activities

Refereeing

American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, Comparative Political Studies, British Journal of Political Science, International Studies Quarterly, Political Science Research and Methods, Chinese Journal of Communication, Social Media + Society

Conference paper referee: NYU Quantitative China Studies Seminar

Service to department

2023–24	Co-coordinator, Political Economy Research Seminar
2022–24	Q-APS consultant (assistance with quantitative research design and methodology)
2023	Graduate climate survey committee member

Other

Fellowships, Awards, Grants

2021–24	Quantitative and Analytical Political Science (Q-APS) Fellowship
2024	APSA Formal Theory section travel grant
2023, 2024	Stafford Fund (department conference travel award)
2020	Data-Driven Social Science Initiative, Small-Scale Grant (with Lai Wei)

Relevant Employment

2017–19	Research Analyst, Federal Reserve Bank of New York (Research & Statistics Group, Financial Intermediation function)

Skills

Languages: English (native), Mandarin Chinese (fluent), French (basic)
Software and computing: R, Stata, Python, MATLAB; Qualtrics, LaTeX

References

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