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ACADEMIC APOINTMENT

Brown University

Postdoctoral Fellow, Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, August 2023-

University of Chicago

Teaching Fellow, MA Program in the Social Sciences and the College, September 2021-July 2023

EDUCATION

University of Chicago

Ph.D., Political Science, 2021

- Dissertation Committee: Gary Herrigel (Co-Chair), Dali Yang (Co-Chair), Dan Slater
- Comprehensive Exams: Comparative Politics, International Relations

M.A., Political Science, 2015

Tsinghua University

M.A., International Relations, 2011

B.A., International Relations (with honors), 2009

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Comparative and International Political Economy; Industrial Development; Technology; State-Business Relations; Chinese Politics

RESEARCH

Book Manuscript

Experimenting with Entrepreneurship: Government, Globalization, and the Rise of Tech Startups in China

Peer-Reviewed Articles

“Fragile Fortune: State Power and Concentrated Wealth in China,” *Politics & Society*, Forthcoming, <https://doi.org/10.1177/00323292221124408>

“Harnessing Venture Capital in China,” *Socio-Economic Review*, Forthcoming, <https://doi.org/10.1093/ser/mwad037>

Working papers

“Between Development and Autonomy: China’s Fraught Progress in the Semiconductor Industry”

“Ruling Chips: U.S. Dominance of the Global Semiconductor Industry”

OTHER WRITINGS

Book Review of Ling Chen, *Manipulating Globalization: The Influence of Bureaucrats on Businesses in China*, in *Journal of East Asian Studies* 19:3 (2019): 404-5.

“Popularity and Power: The Political Logic of Anticorruption in Authoritarian Regimes” (with Junyan Jiang), 2017, available at https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2641567

“The Central Government” (with Dali L. Yang), in David S.G. Goodman (ed.), *Handbook of the Politics of China*. Edward Elgar, 2015.

“Corruption and Anticorruption” (with Dali L. Yang), in David S.G. Goodman (ed.), *Handbook of the Politics of China*. Edward Elgar, 2015.

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND HONORS

- 2023 Stanford University Shorenstein Postdoctoral Fellow on Contemporary Asia (declined)
- 2019 University of Chicago Social Sciences Dissertation Completion Fellowship
- 2019 University of Chicago Kei-on Chan Dissertation Prize in Modern Chinese Studies
- 2019 University of Chicago Graduate Council Travel Fund
- 2018 University of Chicago Center for East Asian Studies Dissertation Fellowship
- 2018 University of Chicago Graduate Student Research Residency at the Center in Beijing Award
- 2018 University of Chicago Division of the Social Sciences Overseas Dissertation Research Grant
- 2017 University of Chicago Stigler Center PhD Dissertation Award
- 2015 University of Chicago Center for East Asian Studies Pre-Dissertation Grant
- 2008 Tsinghua University First-Class Scholarship
- 2007 Goldman Sachs Global Leader Scholarship
- 2006 Tsinghua University First-Class Scholarship

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Talks

- 2022 Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
- 2022 Renmin University of China

Conferences

- 2023 Midwest Political Science Association
- 2022 Social Science History Association
- 2022 Midwest Political Science Association
- 2022 International Studies Association
- 2021 Social Science History Association
- 2021 Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics
- 2021 Midwest Political Science Association
- 2020 American Political Science Association (Chinese Politics Mini-Conference)
- 2019 Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics
- 2019 Fudan-UC Center Young Scholars Conference
- 2019 Midwest Political Science Association
- 2017 Fudan-UC Center Young Scholars Conference

Workshops

2023 University of Chicago History and Theory of Capitalism Workshop
 2022 University of Chicago Workshop on International Politics
 2022 Polisci Workshop China
 2020 Polisci Workshop China
 2020 University of Chicago Comparative Politics Workshop (Fall)
 2020 University of Chicago Comparative Politics Workshop (Winter)
 2019 University of Chicago East Asia Workshop
 2018 University of Chicago Stigler Lunch Workshop
 2015 University of Chicago East Asia Workshop

TEACHING

University of Chicago

Instructor, The Politics of Industrial Transformation, Winter 2022, Spring 2023

Preceptor, Perspectives in Social Science Analysis, Fall 2020, Fall 2021, Fall 2022

Teaching Assistant

- Politics and Public Policy in China (Dali Yang), 2017, 2018
- International Political Economy (Robert Gulotty), 2017
- Introduction to Comparative Politics (Dan Slater), 2016
- War and the Nation State (John Mearsheimer), 2016

ADVISING

University of Chicago

Advised ~50 students at the MA Program in the Social Sciences

SERVICE

Reviewer, *Comparative Political Studies*, *British Journal of Political Science*

Coordinator, East Asia Workshop, University of Chicago, 2015-16

MEMBERSHIP

American Political Science Association
 International Studies Association
 Midwest Political Science Association
 Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics

SKILLS

Languages: English (fluent), Chinese (native)
 Software: R

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Researcher, *The New York Times*, Shanghai Bureau, 2011-13

REFERENCES

Gary Herrigel
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Dan Slater
Ronald and Eileen Weiser Professor of Emerging Democracies
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