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PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

2013 - Present Assistant Professor, Department of International Affairs, University of Georgia.

EDUCATION

2012 Ph.D. in Political Science (University of California, Berkeley)

Dissertation: *Challenging the Regime, Defending the Regime: Contesting Cyberspace in China*

Committee: Kevin O'Brien (Chair), David Collier, Chris Ansell, Thomas Gold, Rachel Stern

Fields: Comparative Politics, East Asian Studies, Research Methods

2007 M.A. in Political Science (University of California, Berkeley)

2006 Master of Social Sciences in Political Science (University of Singapore, Singapore)

2003 Bachelor of Law in International Studies (Peking University, Beijing, China)

RESEARCH

Publications

"Cyber Activism in China: Empowerment, Control, and Beyond," in Axel Bruns, Eli Skogerbø, Christian Christensen, Anders Olof Larsson, and Gunn Sara Enli (eds.) *The Routledge Companion to Social Media and Politics* (Routledge, forthcoming).

"Defending the Authoritarian Regime Online: The 'Voluntary Fifty Cents Army'," forthcoming in *China Quarterly*.

"Challenging, But Not Trouble-Making: Cultural Elites in China's Heritage Preservation" (with Yao Yuan), forthcoming in *Journal of Contemporary China*.

"College Education and Attitudes toward Democracy in China: An Empirical Study" (with Gang Wang and Liyun Wu), *Asia Pacific Education Review*, August 2015.

"Manufacturing Consent in Cyberspace: China's 'Fifty-Cent Army'," *Journal of Current Chinese Affairs*, 44: 2(2015), 105-134.

"Path to Democracy? Assessing Village Elections in China" (with Kevin J. O'Brien), *Journal of Contemporary China* 18:60 (2009), 359-378. Reprinted in Kevin O'Brien and Zhao Suisheng (eds.), *Grassroots Elections in China* (London: Routledge, 2011), 1-20. Also reprinted in Anthony Saich

(ed.), *The Politics and Governance of China* (Elgar, 2015). Translated in *Guowai Lilun Dongtai (Foreign Theoretical Trends)*, 7 (2011), 59-70.

Chinese Translation of W. Phillips Shively, *The Craft of Political Research (6th Edition)* (Prentice Hall Press, 2006) (with Jiguang Guo, Hengfu Ruan, Yuanyuan Wang, and Dan Li), (政治科学研究方法, W. Phillips Shively 著, 新知译, 上海人民出版社, 2006.)

Works in Progress

“Not Organized, But Linked: Networked Activism in China’s Land Expropriation,” under review.

“Corruption as Protection: Investment and Political Risk in China” (With Robert Grafstein and Weiqi Zhang), under review.

“Three Images of Public Intellectuals: Contesting Public Expression in Chinese Cyberspace,” to be submitted.

“Hidden Transcripts, Open Interpretations: Deciphering Political Expression in Chinese Cyberspace”

“The Making of Critical Citizens? Micro-blogging and Political Orientations of Chinese College Students” (with Linjun Fan and Xue Deng).

“Preserving Heritage in Turmoil: Cultural Heritage Protection in Pre-Reform China” (With Yuan Yao).

Conference Presentations

“Combating Corruption Online: Citizen Participation and State Responses in China,” Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, September 5, 2015.

“Three Images of ‘Public Intellectuals’ Contesting Online Expression in China,” paper presented at the 13th China Internet Research Conference, University of Alberta, Canada, May 27-28, 2015.

“Paying Lip Service or Taking It Seriously? How Chinese Government Respond to Online Complaints” (with Yuan Wang), paper presented at the 13th China Internet Research Conference, University of Alberta, Canada, May 27-28, 2015.

“Imagined Enemies: Political Critics and the Backlash in Chinese Cyberspace,” paper presented at Midwest Political Science Association 2015 Conference, Chicago, April 16, 2015.

“Manufacturing ‘China Dream’: State Censorship and Political Astroturfing in Chinese Cyberspace,” paper presented at Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Chicago, March 27, 2015.

“Not Organized, But Linked: Networked Activism in China’s Land Expropriation,” paper presented at AAS-in-Asia Conference, Singapore, July 17-19, 2014.

“Contesting Heritage Preservation in China: The Critical Role of Cultural Elites” (with Yuan Yao), paper presented at Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, March 28, 2014.

“Contesting Authoritarian Rule: Pop Activism in Chinese Cyberspace,” Comedy and Satire as Protest in Asia Workshop, Center for Asian Democracy, University of Louisville, October 18, 2013.

“Adaptive Persuasion in Cyberspace: The 'Fifty Cents Army' in China,” Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, September 1, 2013.

“When Playful Netizens Meet the Authoritarian State: Pop Activism in Chinese Cyberspace,” The Ninth Annual Graduate Seminar on China, Chinese University of Hong Kong, January 9-12, 2013.

“Defending the Authoritarian Regime Online: The Rise of Voluntary Fifty Centers in Chinese Cyberspace,” The 10th Chinese Internet Research Conference, University of Southern California, May 22, 2012.

“The Invisible Border of Cyberspace: Online Communities and Public Sphericules,” “Placing East Asia: A Graduate Student Conference on Urbanism and the Production of Space,” Haas Junior Scholars Program and Institute of East Asian Studies, U.C. Berkeley, March 2, 2012.

“Irony, Pop Contention and Its Discontents: Dynamics of Public Discussion in Chinese Cyberspace,” “The Art and Politics of Irony,” Institute for the Public Life of Arts and Ideas, McGill University, April 13, 2012.

“Social Resistance in Chinese Cyberspace,” Talk at Chinese Youth University for Political Sciences, Beijing, China, May 20, 2010.

“Weak Weapons vs. Organized Resistance in Rural China,” Harvard Project for Asian and International Relations 2005 Conference “Futuring Asia: Contemporary Challenges and Emerging Realities,” Tokyo, Japan, Aug 22-25 2005.

Conference Panels Organizing and Chair

Chairing the panel “Politics, Protests, and the Future of Democracy in Ukraine,” MPSA 2015 Annual Conference, Chicago, April 16th.

“Adaptive Authoritarianism in Cyber China,” AAS Annual Conference 2015, Chicago, March 27-29.

“Society and State in Motion: Contentious Politics in China” (with H. Christoph Steinhart), AAS-in-Asia Conference 2014, Singapore, July 17-19.

Invited Talks

“Discourse Competition in the Internet Age,” Presented at School of Government, Nanjing University, China, June 12, 2014.

“Defending the Authoritarian Regime Online: The Voluntary Fifty Cents Army in China,” Presented at Department of Political Science, Georgia State University, April 4, 2014.

“Contesting Authoritarian Rule: Pop Activism in Chinese Cyberspace,” Presented at Comedy and Satire as Protest in Asia Workshop, Center for Asian Democracy, University of Louisville, on October 18, 2013

Grant

Co-researcher, “Exploring the Mechanism of Urban Heritage Preservation from the Perspective of Urban Politics,” The National Social Science Fund of China (14CZZ042) (With Yuan Yao, Yuzhong Ren, and Yi Qi)

OTHER RESEARCH AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Spring 2012 Research Assistant for Professor Peter L. Lorentzen on various projects

Fall 2009 Graduate Student Researcher, Project titled “In Safety’s Shadow: Suing Polluters in China”, Principal Investigator: Rachel Stern

Spring 2007 Graduate Student Researcher, Freedom House Project “Countries at the Crossroads 2007: Country Report-China”, Principle Investigator: Professor Thomas Gold

2012 Conference Organizer of Haas Junior Scholar Program Conference: “Redrawing Boundaries: Multi-disciplinary Interrogations of State and Society in China,” Institute of East Asian Studies, UC Berkeley, Fall 2012.

2011-2012 Co-Convener: Haas Junior Scholar Program, Institute of East Asian Studies, UC Berkeley

Spring/Fall 2012 Conference Organizer: “Redrawing Boundaries: Multi-disciplinary Interrogations of State and Society in China”, Haas Junior Scholars Program, Institute of East Asian Studies, UC Berkeley, Oct. 6-7, 2012.

Spring 2011 Rapporteur of Faculty Working Group: *Managing Uncertainty in Contemporary China*, Institute of East Asian Studies, UC Berkeley

TEACHING

Courses Taught

Spring 2015 INTL 8405: Digital Media and Comparative Politics (graduate), UGA

Fall 2014/2015 INTL 4665: Digital Media and Global Politics (undergraduate), UGA

Fall 2013/2014/2015 INTL 4360: East Asian Political Systems (undergraduate), UGA

Spring 2014/2015 INTL 3300: Introduction to Comparative Politics (undergraduate), UGA

Fall 2013 INTL 8300: Chinese Politics (graduate seminar), UGA

Other Courses Prepared to Teach

Chinese Politics (Undergraduate); East Asian Politics (Graduate); Southeast Asian Politics

Independent Study and Committee Services

- Internship Academic Directed Study (undergraduate, Fall 2015)
- Honors Thesis Research (undergraduate: Michael Logan Campbell)
- Directed Study (undergraduate, research on Chinese cyber politics, summer 2015)
- Independent Study (graduate, Cyber Politics in China, Spring 2014/Fall 2015)
- Independent Study (graduate, Contentious Politics in Contemporary China, Fall 2014)
- Dissertation Committees Served: Weiqi Zhang
- MA thesis Committees served: Emma Ambrose
- Ph.D. Comparative Politics Comp Committees served: Jennifer Inglett

Teaching Assistantships

Spring 2012	Graduate Student Instructor, <i>Introduction to Sociology</i> , Professor Thomas Gold, University of California, Berkeley
Spring 2008/2009/2011	Graduate Student Instructor, <i>Politics in Northeast Asia</i> , Professor Lowell Dittmer, University of California, Berkeley
Fall 2010	Graduate Student Instructor, <i>Introduction to Empirical Analysis and Quantitative Methods</i> , Professor Laura Stoker, University of California, Berkeley
Fall 2008/2007	Graduate Student Instructor, <i>Comparative Politics</i> , Professor Robert Price, University of California, Berkeley
Spring 2007	Reader for East Asian Languages and Cultures Program, Instructor Liu Li, University of California, Berkeley
2004 Fall	Teaching Assistant, <i>European Politics</i> , Professor Benjamin Goldsmith, National University of Singapore

SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

2014	SPIA Internal Research Grant (\$5,000), University of Georgia.
2013-2014	New Faculty Research Grant, University of Georgia
2011-2012	Finishing Fellowship, Department of Political Science, UC Berkeley
2011-2012	Haas Junior Scholars Program Grant
2011	Graduate Division Summer Grant, UC Berkeley
2010	Elvera Kwang Siam Lim Fellowship in Chinese Studies, Center for Chinese Studies, UC Berkeley
2009-2010	Dean's Normative Fellowship, UC Berkeley
2007-2009	Non-Resident Tuition Fellowship, UC Berkeley
2008	Center for Chinese Studies Summer Research Grant, UC Berkeley

2006-2007	Department Fellowship, Department of Political Science, UC Berkeley
2005	National University of Singapore Travel Grant
2003-2005	National University of Singapore Research Scholarship
2004	Asia Research Institute Fieldwork Funding for National University of Singapore Graduate Students
2003	Excellent Graduate Award of Beijing Municipality
2003	Excellent Graduate Award of Peking University
2000-2003	Yingcai Scholarship of Peking University
2002	Excellence Award for fieldwork paper competition (<i>China Reform Magazine</i>)
2001	Danish government stipend for Exchange Student at Denmark's International Study Program (DIS) affiliated to Copenhagen University

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

Member

American Political Science Association, Association of Asian Studies, Midwest Political Science Association.