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Education

Ph.D./ M.A., Political Science, Boston University, Boston, MA, expected May 2021

Comprehensive Exams: Comparative Politics, American Politics (September 2017)

B.A. Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, May 2012

Magna Cum Laude with departmental honors in Development Studies

Associated Colleges in China, Beijing, China, Summer 2011

Intensive Mandarin language program

Research Experience

Pre-Doctoral Research Fellow, Global Development Policy Center at Boston University

Worked on a variety of projects relating to development finance, national development banks, and China's role in the international political economy, 2016-2018

Research Fellow, Boston University, Department of Political Science, 2017

Assisted Professors David Glick, Maxwell Palmer, and Katherine Einstein with research on zoning laws and community development.

Directed teams of research assistants on various projects

B.A. Honors Thesis: Macroeconomics with Chinese Characteristics, Brown University, 2012

Performed content analysis on Chinese economics journals to determine basic economic beliefs held by Chinese economists. Found that Chinese economists largely agree with neoliberal economic policies.

Distributed a survey to Chinese graduate students in economics and interviewed students in Mandarin on their economic beliefs.

Research Assistant, Brown University department of Education, 2009-2015

Assisted Professor Jin Li with research on the differences in cultural perceptions of learning, speaking and parenting in China and America. Duties include survey development, data collection, data entry, and statistical analysis of results using SPSS and Excel in both Mandarin and English. Led content analysis teams on multiple projects to create codes for quantitative survey analysis.

Teaching Experience

Lecturer, Boston University, Department of Political Science, Summer 2017, 2018

Developed course syllabus and taught Introduction to American Politics (PO 111)

Graduate Teaching Fellow, Boston University, Department of Political Science, 2016-2018

Assisted in teaching the following courses by grading and leading discussion sections:
Introduction to American Politics (PO 111): Fall 2016, Fall 2017
Introduction to International Politics (IR230): Fall 2018

Grading Assistant, Boston University, Spring 2018

Graded assignments for Public Opinion and Electoral Politics (PO 307)

Certifications

Mental Health First Aid USA, 8-hour training, awarded by the National Council for Behavioral Health State Associations of Addiction Services

Presentations

China Global Research Colloquium “What Global Financial Markets can tell us about the BRI”
February 2018, Boston University Global Development Policy Center

11th Annual Political Networks Workshops & Conference. June 6-9, 2018, George Mason University Arlington, Virginia

Works in Progress

“Indirect Governance in China: Yunnan and the Belt and Road Initiative” *Dissertation*

“Global Economic Networks and China’s Belt and Road Initiative”

“Chinese Economic Statecraft: Fragmented or Flexible?”

“Trade Treaties and Global Governace”

“Economic Relations between Taiwan and China: The Beginning of a New Era?”

Fellowships and Awards

National Science Foundation Fellowship to attend the 11th Annual Political Networks Conference and Workshop, 2018
Graduate Teaching Fellowship, Boston University, 2016 – 2018
Doctoral Research Fellowship, Boston University, 2017
Dean's Fellowship, Boston University, 2015 – 2016
Brown University Department of Music Rostropovich Prize for Excellence in Music, 2012
Brown University Department of Music Buxtehude Premium for Excellence in Music, 2011

Skills and Miscellaneous

Languages: English (native), Chinese (proficient, written and oral)

International Fieldwork: Beijing, China

Computing: R, Stata, SPSS, Excel, LaTeX, Ucinet, Pajek, Net Draw, Epidata, MS Office, Wordpress,

Graduate Level Methodology and Statistics Coursework:

Social Network Analysis, *Department of Sociology*, 2016

Advanced Techniques in Political Analysis: Maximum-Likelihood Estimation, 2016

Political Analysis, *Department of Political Science*, 2015

Quantitative Research, *Department of Political Science*, 2015

Professional Experience

Cambridge Community Foundation, Executive Assistant, Summer 2015 and 2016

Assisted with all duties regarding grant distribution and foundation audit

Part of a team organizing fundraisers bringing in \$220,000 for Cambridge programs

China Exchange Initiative, Program Officer, 2012 –2015

Work closely with the director in all aspects of program recruitment, management, implementation and grant writing

Webmaster, manage and update website, designed and built online resource center for school exchange programs

Newton-Beijing Jingshan Exchange Program, Intern, Interim Program Director, 2009-2012

Developed a curriculum focusing on Chinese history and literature in the 20th century

Oversaw the program's summer language institute, coordinated marketing and recruitment efforts, ensured program compliance with government standards