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Positions

Professor, Government, Cornell University	January 2023—Present
Associate Professor, Government, Cornell University	July 2015—Dec. 2022
Assistant Professor, Political Science, The Ohio State University	Sept. 2008—June 2015
Visiting Assistant Professor, Political Science, Yale University	Sept. 2012—June 2014

Education

Ph.D. Political Science, Stanford University, 2009
B.A. Economics and Political Science, Indiana University, 2002

Books

Seeking Truth and Hiding Facts: Information, Ideology, and Authoritarianism in China
New York: Oxford University Press. 2022.

Cities and Stability: Urbanization, Redistribution, and Regime Survival in China
New York: Oxford University Press. 2014.

Journal Articles

- Forthcoming. "What's Not Trending on Weibo: China's Missing Climate Change Discourse." *Environmental Research Communications*. (with Victoria Liu)
2021. "[A Plague on Politics? The COVID Crisis, Expertise, and the Future of Legitimation.](#)" *American Political Science Review*. (with Michael A. Neblo)
2021. "[Domestic Politics, China's Rise, and Challenges to the Liberal International Order.](#)" *International Organization*. Vol. 75(2): pp. 635-664. (with Jessica Chen Weiss)
2021. "[Slums amidst Ghost Cities: Incentive and Information Problems in China's Urbanization.](#)" *Problems of Post-Communism*. (with Jiwon Baik)
2018. "The Political and Economic Consequences of Nationalist Protest in China: Repercussions of the 2012 Anti-Japanese Demonstrations." *China Quarterly*. Vol. 236, 1131-1153. (with Kevin Foley and Jessica Weiss).
2017. "Seeing Ghosts: Parsing China's "Ghost City" Controversy." *Urban Geography*. Vol. 38(8): 1270-1281. (with Max Woodworth).
2016. "Juking the Stats? Authoritarian Information Problems in China." *British Journal of Political Science*. 46(1): 11-29. Mentions: [Marginal Revolution, 16 May 2014](#); [Washington Post Monkey Cage, 30 April 2014](#).

2015. "The Political Geography of Nationalist Protest in China: Cities and the 2012 Anti-Japanese Demonstrations." *China Quarterly*. Vol. 222, 403–429. (with Jessica Chen Weiss).
2014. "Central vs. Local States: Which Matters More for China's Urban Growth?" *Land Use Policy*. Vol. 38: 487–496. (with Qian Zhang, Karen Seto, & Xiangzheng Deng).
2013. "Cities, Redistribution, and Authoritarian Regime Survival." *The Journal of Politics*. Vol. 75(3): 632–645. Mentions: [Foreign Policy](#). 15 July 2013; [Wall Street Journal](#). 9 May 2013.
2013. "Who Uses the Clean Development Mechanism? An Empirical Analysis of Projects in Chinese Provinces." *Global Environmental Change*. Vol. 23(2): 512–521. (with Patrick Bayer & Johannes Urpelainen).

Chapters, Reports, Short Pieces, and Reviews

2022. "Why China Aims Too High." [Foreign Affairs](#).
2022. "Xi's First Steps in Power Signaled His Political Turn." [Foreign Policy](#).
2022. "Is China Losing GDP Religion?" [The China Project](#).
2022. "Spirals of Delusion: How AI Distorts Decision-Making and Makes Dictators More Dangerous." [Foreign Affairs](#). (with Henry Farrell and Abraham Newman)
2022. "Review of *Making It Count: Statistics and Statecraft in the Early People's Republic of China* by Arunabh Ghosh." [Journal of Development Studies](#).
2022. "Review of *Governing the Urban in China and India: Land Grabs, Slum Clearance, and the War on Air Pollution* by Xuefei Ren." [Journal of Chinese Political Science](#).
2022. "Cities for Whom? The 2017 Beijing Demolitions in Context." In *China Urbanizing*, edited by Weiping Wu and Qin Gao, 38–60. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press. (with Shiqi Ma)
2021. "[Gatekeepers of the Transition: How Provinces Are Adapting to China's National Decarbonization Pledges](#)." Columbia Center on Global Energy Policy. (with Ned Downie)
2020. "The New Normal: A Neopolitical Turn in China's Reform Era." in Koesel et al (ed). *Citizens and the State in Authoritarian Regimes: Comparing China and Russia*. New York: Oxford University Press.
2019. "Authoritarian Turnover and Change in Comparative Perspective." *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics*.
2018. "Dearth and Distortion in Dictators' Data." *Comparative Politics Newsletter* Vol. 28(2): 70-74. <http://comparativenewsletter.com/>
2018. "Review of *Mobilizing Without the Masses: Control and Contention in China* by Diana Fu." *Journal of Chinese Political Science*.
2015. "Information Politics in Dictatorships." in *Emerging Trends in the Social and Behavioral Sciences*. (eds.) Robert Scott and Stephen Kosslyn. John Wiley and Sons.

Working Papers

- "Rallying and Dividing: Nationalism and China's Urban-Rural Gap" (with Jessica Chen Weiss and R. Lincoln Hines) (*under review*)
- "International Relations and Commerce: Evidence from Boycott and Consumer Spending in China" (with Panle Jia Barwick, Shanjun Li, and Jessica Weiss) (*under review*)

- “China, Climate Change, and the Challenge of Overlapping Orders” (with Jessica Chen Weiss and Christina Pan)
- “Political Incentives and Data Falsification: Evidence from China” (with Jiang Junyan)
- “Competitive Decarbonization” (with Jonas Nahm)
- “China’s Carbon Triangle: Climate Change and the Unwinding of the Land-Finance-Property Development Model”

Other Writing and Selected Media Appearances

- 2022.12.21. [“Seeking Truth and Hiding Facts, with Jeremy Wallace.”](#) *China Corner Office*. (podcast)
- 2022.12.18. [“Seeking Truth and Hiding Facts.”](#) *New Books Network*. (podcast)
- 2022.12.13. [“Interview: Jeremy Wallace on The Chinese State’s ‘Limited, Quantified Vision.’”](#) *China Digital Times*.
- 2022.11.30. [Why protesters are targeting Xi Jinping for China’s ‘zero covid’ failures.](#) *Washington Post*. TMC.
- 2022.11.29. [“Seeking Truth and Hiding Facts.”](#) *Departures Podcast with Robert Amsterdam*.
- 2022.05.26. [The Ukraine War’s Shadow on China’s Road to Decarbonization.](#) *New Security Beat*.
- 2022.05.21. [Op-Ed: The Catastrophic Success of China’s zero-COVID policy.](#) *LA Times*.
- 2022.01.24. [Political Science, Authoritarianism, and Climate Change.](#) *Substack*.
- 2021.10.22. [Why Xi’s Common Prosperity Drive Matters.](#) *Washington Post*. TMC.
- 2020.12.11. [Numbers Aren’t Reality, but You Can’t Govern Without Them.](#) *Foreign Policy*.
- 2020.04.09. [Op-Ed: China’s coronavirus statistics aren’t the real problem.](#) *LA Times*. (with Jessica Chen Weiss)
- 2020.03.23. [China is reporting big successes in the coronavirus fight. Should we trust the numbers?](#) *Washington Post*. TMC. Top 3 Monkey Cage post in 2020.
- 2018.02.27. [Xi Jinping’s Third Term.](#) *Washington Post*. TMC.
- 2016.11.10. [Chinese Mogul Buys Dick Clark Productions, His Latest U.S. Purchase.](#) *NPR Morning Edition*.
- 2016.10.22. [China’s Antigraft Enforcers Take On a New Role: Policing Loyalty](#) *NYT*.
- 2015.12.28. [Here’s why it matters that China is admitting that its statistics are ‘unreliable’.](#) *Washington Post*. TMC.
- 2015.08.26. [The Political Implications of China’s Stock Market Crisis.](#) *Washington Post*.
- 2015.07.21. [Is China’s Reform Era Over and, If So, What’s Next?](#) *ChinaFile*.
- 2015.03.15. [CDT Bookshelf: Interview with Jeremy Wallace.](#) *China Digital Times*.
- 2015.01.04. [“Q & A: Jeremy Wallace on China’s Rush to Urbanize.”](#) *NYT*.
- 2014.12.17. [“Urbanization, Redistribution, and Regime Survival.”](#) *NCUSCR Podcast*.
- 2014.10.15. [“The Protests in Hong Kong”](#) *All Sides with Ann Fisher*.
- 2014.09.02. [“Cities and Stability”](#) *ChinaFile* book video.

[ChinaLab Newsletter](#)

[ChinaLab Podcast](#), Host [on hiatus]

Fellowships and Awards

Cornell China Center – East Asia Program (\$7000), 2020-21
Cornell Institute for the Social Sciences, Collaborative Project Grant (\$150,000), PI, 2016-2019
Public Intellectuals Program, National Committee on US-China Relations (NCUSCR), 2014-2016
Strategy and Policy Fellowship Grant (\$60,000), Smith Richardson Foundation, 2014-2016
Fellow, MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies, Yale University, 2012-2014
NASA Land Cover/Land Use Change Grant (Collaborator / Karen Seto (Yale) PI), 2011–2014
OSU Initiative in Population Research Seed Grant, 2010–11
Mershon Center for International Security Studies Faculty Grant, 2009–2010 and 2010–2011
TIE-Population & Health Startup Funds, Initiative in Population Research, OSU, 2008–2010
Walter H. Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center (APARC) Fellowship, 2007–2008
Phi Beta Kappa, 2002

Teaching

Cornell University

GOVT 3044: China's Next Economy
GOVT 4000.101: Authoritarianism
GOVT 4293/6293: Comparative Urbanization
GOVT 4949: Honors Thesis Seminar
GOVT 6353: Field Seminar in Comparative Politics (with Pepinsky)
GOVT 6483: Authoritarianism and Democracy

Other Universities

The Ohio State University (OSU): PS 1200 (100): Introduction to Comparative Politics;
PS 4230 (537): Chinese Political System; PS 597.02: Political Problems of the
Contemporary World; PS 7230 (734): Readings on Chinese Politics;
PS 7205 (744): Democratic Transitions
Yale: EAST 421: Politics of China; PLSC 433: Contemporary Nondemocratic Regimes

Conferences and Talks

Selected Conferences

American Political Science Association (APSA): '07, '09, '11, ('12), '13-'16, '19-'22
Association for Asian Studies (AAS): '09, '11, '13, '15
Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA): '08-10, '12-'16, '19
International Political Economy Society (IPES): '10, '11, '13
Southern Political Science Association (SPSA): '14, '16
International Studies Association (ISA): '10

Climate Pipeline Project
Harvard University, June 2022

Getting China Right: China in the World
Duke University, December 2019
University of Michigan, June 2022

State of the Field in Chinese Politics
Stanford University, December 2018

Citizens and the State in Authoritarian Regimes
Notre Dame, March 2017

Recent Invited Talks

Seeking Truth and Hiding Facts: Information, Ideology, and Authoritarianism in China
Peterson Institute for International Economics, December 2022

Seeking Truth and Hiding Facts: Information, Ideology, and Authoritarianism in China
CSIS, November 2022

Seeking Truth and Hiding Facts: Information, Ideology, and Authoritarianism in China
National University of Singapore, October 2022

Seeking Truth and Hiding Facts: Information, Ideology, and Authoritarianism in China
Johns Hopkins SAIS, April 2022

Seeking Truth and Hiding Facts: Information, Ideology, and Authoritarianism in China
University of Maryland, April 2022

Seeking Truth and Hiding Facts: Ideology, Information, and Authoritarianism in China
Columbia University, November 2021

Seeking Truth and Hiding Facts: Ideology, Information, and Authoritarianism in China
Notre Dame University, October 2021

Seeking Truth and Hiding Facts: Information, Ideology, and Authoritarianism in China
Syracuse University, October 2020

“30 Years after Tiananmen”
Maxwell School of Citizenship & Public Affairs, Syracuse University, April 2019

“China’s Cities: Divisions and Plans”
Cornell Contemporary China Initiative, November 2018

Seeking Truth and Hiding Facts: Information, Ideology, and Authoritarian Rule in China
University of Toronto, November 2016

“Slums amidst Ghost Cities: Incentive and Information Problems in China’s Urbanization”
Tsinghua University & China Development Institute, June 2016

“The New Normal: Information and Transformation in Chinese Politics”
Nankai University, Jan. 2016

Field Research

Hong Kong
Beijing; Dalian; Shanghai; Taipei; Shenzhen

April 2017
Summer 2016

Shanghai; Tianjin; Guangzhou	January 2016
Beijing; Yinchuan	May 2014
Beijing	June 2013
Hong Kong; Guangzhou	January 2010
Hong Kong; Beijing; Jiangsu; Heilongjiang	January—July 2007
Beijing; Shandong	Summer 2005; February—November 2006

Advising

Cornell University

Government. Chair/Co-Chair, PhD Dissertation Committees.

Adoree Kim; Jiwon Baik; Aura Gonzalez; Lin Le; Shiqi Ma; Christina Pan

Government. Member, PhD Dissertation Committees

M. Van Tran, '20; Jessica Zarkin, '22; Alex Dyzenhaus '22; Amelia Arsenault; Kevin Foley; Yufan Huang; Kanika Khanna; Brian O'Keefe

City and Regional Planning. Member, PhD Dissertation Committees

Christine Wen, '19; Yuanshuo Xu, '19; Lu Liao, '21

OSU Political Science, PhD Dissertation Committee Member

Yoon-Ah Oh, '11; Lan Hu, '11; Miryam Chandler, '13; Kursat Cinar, '15

Service

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Cornell University

Director, East Asia Program	'22–Current
Associate Chair, Government Department	'18–'21
Faculty Advisory Board, Cornell University Press	'21–Current
A.D. White Professors-at-Large Selection Committee	'20–Current
CAPS Advisory Committee	'15–Current
EAP Fellowship Committee	'18–Current
Graduate Committee, Government Department	'16–'17
Search Committee (Chair), Government Department	'16–'17
MA Committee, Government Department	'15–'16
ISS Small and Collaborative Grant Reviews	'15–Current

The Ohio State University

Financial Aid Committee, Dept. of Political Science	'14–'15
Graduate Studies Committee, Dept. of Political Science	'09–'11, '14–'15
Undergraduate Studies Committee, Dept. of Political Science	'11–'12
Chinese Politics Reading Group, Organizer	'09–'12
East Asian Studies Center—FLAS Fellowship Selection Committee	'09; '15

Reviewer

Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, World Politics, Journal of Politics, China Quarterly, Comparative Politics, Comparative Political Studies, International Organization, British Journal of Political Science, Journal of East Asian Studies, Studies in Comparative International Development, American Sociological Review, Journal of Peasant Studies, Political Research Quarterly, Public Administration, China Journal, Modern China, Economics & Politics, Urban Geography, Political Studies, Journal of Conflict Resolution, International Studies Quarterly, Governance, Hong Kong Research Grants Council, Journal of Contemporary China, Social Science and Humanities Research Council (Canada)

National & International

APSA Short Course on Urban Politics in Developing Countries, Panelist, Aug. 2014
NCUSCR–Scholar Escort for Congressional Staff Delegation; Beijing, May 2014