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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. "[Information Politics and Propaganda in Authoritarian Societies.](#)" *Annual Review of Political Science*. (with Bryn Rosenfeld)

Forthcoming. "[International Relations and Commerce: Evidence from Boycott and Consumer Spending in China.](#)" *Journal of East Asian Studies*. (with Panle Jia Barwick, Shanjun Li, and Jessica Chen Weiss).

2023. "[What's Not Trending on Weibo: China's Missing Climate Change Discourse.](#)" *Environmental Research Communications*. 5(1)011002. (with Chuxuan Liu).

2021. "[A Plague on Politics? The COVID Crisis, Expertise, and the Future of Legitimation.](#)" *American Political Science Review*. 115(4): 1524-1529. (with Michael A. Neblo).

2021. "[Domestic Politics, China's Rise, and Challenges to the Liberal International Order.](#)" *International Organization*. 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*. 236: 1131-1153. (with Kevin Foley and Jessica Weiss).

2017. [“Seeing Ghosts: Parsing China’s “Ghost City” Controversy.”](#) *Urban Geography*. 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](#); [Washington Post](#).
2015. [“The Political Geography of Nationalist Protest in China: Cities and the 2012 Anti-Japanese Demonstrations.”](#) *China Quarterly*. 222: 403–429. (with Jessica Chen Weiss).
2014. [“Central vs. Local States: Which Matters More for China’s Urban Growth?”](#) *Land Use Policy*. 38: 487–496. (with Qian Zhang, Karen Seto, & Xiangzheng Deng).
2013. [“Cities, Redistribution, and Authoritarian Regime Survival.”](#) *The Journal of Politics*. 75(3): 632–645. Mentions: [Foreign Policy](#); [Wall Street Journal](#).
2013. [“Who Uses the Clean Development Mechanism? An Empirical Analysis of Projects in Chinese Provinces.”](#) *Global Environmental Change*. 23(2): 512–521. (with Patrick Bayer & Johannes Urpelainen).

Chapters, Reports, Short Pieces, and Reviews

2023. “Why Does China Remain Locked On Growth Targets?” [Noema](#).
2023. “The Carbon Triangle.” [Phenomenal World](#).
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

- “Competitive Decarbonization” (with Jonas Nahm)
“China’s Carbon Triangle: Climate Change and the Unwinding of the Land-Finance-Property Development Model”
“Rallying and Dividing: Nationalism and China’s Urban-Rural Gap” (with R. Lincoln Hines)
“Political Incentives and Data Falsification: Evidence from China” (with Jiang Junyan)

Other Writing and Selected Media Appearances

- 2024.01.29. [“More Clean Energy Is Good, Even If It Comes from China.”](#) *Heatmap*.
2024.01.10. [“Good to Know: The US Commitment to Taiwan.”](#) *Good Authority*.
2023.12.14. [“Was the COP28 climate meeting a cop-out – or something bigger?”](#) *Good Authority*.
2023.11.21. [“What the clean energy boom means for fossil fuel communities.”](#) *Good Authority*.
2023.11.16. [“Back to face-to-face: What you need to know about the Biden-Xi summit.”](#) *Good Authority*.
2023.10.19. [“Are US-China relations on the mend?”](#) *Good Authority*.
2023.09.20. [“What China’s Economic Slowdown Means for the World.”](#) *Good Authority*.
2023.08.24. [“China’s Old Economic Model is Breaking. Its Replacement Might Be Green.”](#) *Heatmap*.
2023.05.26. [“China’s Solar Boom Is Big, Fast, and Unstable.”](#) *Heatmap*.
2023.04.20. [“What China’s Economic Resurgence Means for the Planet.”](#) *Heatmap*.
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.
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*. TMC.
- 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](#)

Fellowships and Awards

Wilson Center China Fellowship, 2023-24

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 2294: Politics of Climate Change

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: Brown University, May 2023; Harvard University, June 2022

Getting China Right: 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

Cornell Library, November 2023; NIU, March 2023; UCSD, January 2023; Peterson Institute for International Economics, December 2022; CSIS, November 2022; Princeton University, October 2022; National University of Singapore, October 2022; Johns Hopkins SAIS, April 2022; University of Maryland, April 2022; Columbia University, November 2021; Notre Dame University, October 2021; Syracuse University, October 2020; University of Toronto, November 2016

Political Economy of Greening China

Cornell University Climate Change Seminar, February 2023.

Advising

Cornell University

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

Completed: Lin Le '23

In progress: Adoree Kim; Jiwon Baik; Aura Gonzalez; 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–'19
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–'20

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, Harvard University Press, Stanford 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, Policy Sciences, Problems of Post-Communism, 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