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CONTACT INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

- Duke University** 2016–present
PhD Candidate in Political Science
- Fields: Political Economy (major), Political Methodology (minor)
 - Dissertation: *Institutionalized Rent-seeking: The Political-Business Revolving-Door in China*
 - Committee: Melanie Manion and Edmund Malesky (co-chairs), Daniel Stegmueller, Yasheng Huang (MIT Sloan)
 - Award: NSF-APSA Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant
- Hong Kong University of Science and Technology** 2016
MPhil in Social Science
- Fudan University** 2014
LLB in Political Science
- University of California, Los Angeles** 2013
Exchange student, coursework in political science

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Business-Government Relations, Bureaucracy, Good Governance, Authoritarianism, Chinese Politics

WORKING PAPERS

- “Subsidies for Sale: Postgovernment Career Concern, Revolving-Door Channels, and Public Resource Allocation in China.” Under review.
- “Connections as Liabilities: The Cost of the Politics-Business Revolving Door in China.” Under review.
- “Why do Firms Hire Politicians: Evidence from Chinese Revolving-Door Officials.”
- “The Decline of Factions: The Impact of Purge on Political Appointments in China.” With Melanie Manion. Under review.
- “The Last Fight: Evaluating the Impact of Career Incentives on Fiscal Extraction in China.” With Arthur Zeyang Yu.
- “Legislators as Lobbyists: Analyzing the Legislative Process in an Authoritarian Congress.”
- “History from the Grassroots: Estimating the Size of Illicit Business in Maoist China.” With Adam Frost and Yasheng Huang.

PUBLICATION

An Introduction to Procedural Rule in China’s Provincial People’s Congress, Chinese Law & Government, vol.49, 2017.

GRANTS & AWARDS

- NSF-APSA Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant 2020
- Chiang Ching-Kuo Foundation Dissertation Fellowship 2020
- Duke Asian-Pacific Studies Institute Summer Research Fellowships 2020
- Google Cloud Platform Academic Research Grant 2019
- China Times Cultural Foundation Young Scholar Award 2019

Hayek Fund for Scholars, Institute for Humane Studies	2019
Alona E. Evans Research Grant, Duke University	2018, 2019
Dissertation Improvement Grant, Duke University	2019
Graduate School Fellowship, Duke University	2016–2020
Graduate School Summer Fellowship, Duke University	2016–2018, 2020
Duke Asian-Pacific Studies Institute Travel Grant	2017, 2018
Ronald Coase Institute Fellowship	2015
APSA Travel Grant	2015, 2018
Hong Kong University of Science & Technology Research Travel Grant	2015
UCLA Cross-Disciplinary Scholars in Science and Technology Scholarship	2013
Hong Kong University of Science & Technology Postgraduate Fellowship	2014–2016

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2021: University College London (scheduled); NYU Shanghai (scheduled)

2020: University of Washington, Seattle; NYU Quantitative Chinese Studies Seminar; Fudan University; East China University of Political Science and Law

2019: Peking University

2018: American Political Science Association Annual Meeting; Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting

2017: Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting

2015: American Political Science Association Annual Meeting; Ronald Coase Institute Workshop on Institutional Analysis

2014: Fudan University

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate courses

Unifying Data Science (Data Science Program), Duke University, *Teaching Assistant*

Probability and Linear Regression, Duke University *Lab Instructor*

Quantitative Analysis in Social Science, Hong Kong University of Science & Technology, *Lab Instructor*

Undergraduate courses

Prisoner’s Dilemma and Distributive Justice, Duke University, *Teaching Assistant*

Global Corruption, Duke University, *Teaching Assistant*

Introduction to Economics, Hong Kong University of Science & Technology, *Teaching Assistant*

World of Politics, Hong Kong University of Science & Technology, *Teaching Assistant*

LANGUAGES & SOFTWARE

Mandarin Chinese: Native

Programming Language: R, Python, git, TensorFlow, SQL

Software: Stata, QGIS, Gephi, L^AT_EX

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association

Midwest Political Science Association

REFERENCES

Edmund Malesky (Co-chair)	Melanie Manion (Co-chair)
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Professor of Political Science	Vor Broker Family Distinguished Professor
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