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Appointments

Penn State Erie, the Behrend College — Erie, PA
Assistant Professor of Political Science, School of Humanities and Social Sciences — 2022–Present

University of Notre Dame — Notre Dame, IN
Research and Program Associate, Global Policy Initiative, Keough School of Global Affairs — 2020–2022

University of Notre Dame — Notre Dame, IN
Postdoctoral Research Associate, Keough School of Global Affairs — 2018–2020

University of Notre Dame — Notre Dame, IN
Postdoctoral Teaching Scholar, Department of Political Science — 2018

Education

University of Notre Dame — Notre Dame, IN
Ph.D. in Political Science — 2018

- Dissertation: *The Politics of Policy Diffusion: Party Organization Versus Individual Motivations in the Diffusion of Participatory Budgeting in Brazil*

University of Notre Dame — Notre Dame, IN
M.A. in Political Science — 2014

New York University — New York, NY
M.A. in Politics — 2012

- Thesis: *Sustainability and Limitations of Participatory Budgeting: Evidence in Brazilian Cities*

Michgian State University — East Lansing, MI
B.A. in Political Science, B.A. in Communication — 2008

Publications

"Voice After Exit: The Prioritization of Homeland-Facing Foreign Policy among Hong Kong Diasporas" (with Eddy S.F. Yeung, Ka Ming Chan, Sanho Chung, Athena Tong, and Sam Yip)
Political Behavior, forthcoming.

"Agents of Resistance: Resolve and Repertoires against Autocratization in Asia" (with Nhu Truong and Elvin Ong)
Democratization, 31(3): 513-530, 2024.

"How Citizens Meet the State: Police Contact, Trust, and Civic Engagement" (with Jacob Turner)
Urban Affairs Review, 61(1), 3-37, 2024.

"PB Adoption Across Ideological Divides: Lessons from Brazil"
Local Development & Society, 5(3), 610–638, 2024.

"Transnational Activism during Movement Abeyance: Examining the International Front of Hong Kong's 2019

Anti-Extradition Bill Movement"
Journal of Asian and African Studies, 58(1): 144-66, 2023.

"When Voting Turnout Becomes Contentious Repertoire: How Anti-ELAB Protest Overtook the District Council Election in Hong Kong 2019"
Japanese Journal of Political Science, 22(4): 248–67, 2021.

"COVID Border Accountability Project, a hand-coded global database of border closures introduced during 2020" (with Mary Shiraef, Cora Hirst, Mark Weiss et al.)
Scientific Data, 8, 253, 2021.

Working Papers

"Resisting China, Supporting Trump? Mapping Political Identities Among Hong Kongers in the United States" (with Kennedy Wong Chi-pan).

"Clapping with One Hand: Impacts of Purging the Opposition on Pro-regime Legislators' Floor Performance" (with Stan Hok-Wui Wong and Sanho Chung).

"Affective Ideological Translation: From Authoritarian Legacies to Immigrant Political Alignment" (with Ka Ming Chan and Sanho Chung).

"Do Wedge Narratives Persuade? Experimental Evidence from the Hong Kong Diaspora in the United Kingdom" (with Eddy S.F. Yeung).

"Resistance from Afar: Evolution of Contentious Repertoires in Hong Kong Diaspora's Transnational Mobilization during the 2019 Anti-ELAB Movement"

Book Reviews (Solicited)

"Educating for Democracy: The Case for Participatory Budgeting for Schools"
International Review of Education, 71(5): 1039-1041, 2025.

"Democracy at Work: Pathways to Well-Being in Brazil"
The Developing Economies, 59, 111-114, 2021.

Grants / Awards / Fellowships

Mentored Faculty Fellow, Social Science Research Institute (SSRI), Penn State University | $10,875 2025

Research/Creative Activities Seed Grant Program, Penn State Erie | $8,500 2024
Research grant for *Voice After Exit: Hong Kong Diaspora's Transnational Mobilization and Community Building*

Lucy Regional Breakthrough Award, University of Notre Dame | $1,000 2023
Research grants for *Propaganda as Provocation*, *South Bend Project (with Jacob Turner)*

School of Humanities and Social Science Scholarly Funds, Penn State Erie | $1,500 2023

Collaborative Grant, American Political Science Association Asia Program | $6,000 2022
Research grants for Special issue workshop (with Nhu Truong and Elvin Ong)

Centennial Center Research Grants, American Political Science Association | $2,500 2021
Research grant for *Hong Kong Voices in the US" Project*

Small Research Grant, Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, Notre Dame | $2,500 2021
Research grant for *Hong Kong Voices in the US Project*

Current Research-Themed Grant, Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, Notre Dame | $5,000 2021
Research grant for *South Bend Project* with Jacob Turner

Outstanding TA Award, University of Notre Dame 2017

Graduate Research Grant, Kellogg Institute for International Studies, Notre Dame | $6,900 2016
Research grant for field research in Brazil

Summer Research Fund, Dean' s Advisory Council, Notre Dame | $2,200 2016
Research grant for language training (Portuguese) in Brazil

Dissertation Year Fellowship, KDepartment of Political Science, Notre Dame 2016

Graduate Research Grant, Kellogg Institute for International Studies, Notre Dame | $5,747 2015
Research grant for preliminary fieldwork in Brazil

Policy-Related Publications

"Featured Q&A: What Are Lula's Chances for Another Term in Brazil?"
Inter-American Dialogue's daily Latin America Advisor, 2025.

"在美離散港人：拼切中的版圖"
思想, 2025.

"Trump con vía libre"
La Tercera, 2024.

"Featured Q&A: Who Will Brazilians Choose for the Next Four Years?"
Inter-American Dialogue's daily Latin America Advisor, 2022.

"Brewing for democracy: digital activism & the #MilkTeaAlliance"
New Mandala, 2022.

"One year on, here's how China's national security law has changed Hong Kong"
Monkey Cage, 2021.

"In Hong Kong, dozens of arrests for pro-democracy activities will have a chilling effect"
Monkey Cage, 2021.

"Sobering lessons for American democracy and the road ahead"
Dignity and Development blog (Keough School of Global Affairs), 2021.

"Hong Kong Voices in American Politics" (with Victoria Hui
The Diplomat, 2020.

"Global experts are more likely to be worried about electoral violence in the presidential election than their US counterparts" (with Paul Friesen, Ilana Rothkopf, Luis Schenoni, and Romelia Solano)
LSE-USAPP blog, 2020.

"Four out of Five Electoral Experts are Concerned about a Peaceful Transfer of Power" (with Paul Friesen, Ilana Rothkopf, Luis Schenoni, and Romelia Solano)
Mischiefs of Faction, 2020.

"How China's new national security law will hobble Hong Kong's pro-democracy movement"
Monkey Cage, 2020.

"To Crack Down on Dissent in Hong Kong, Beijing is Sidelining Local Democratic Institutions"
Mischiefs of Faction, 2020.

"Coronavirus may have emptied Hong Kong's streets, but the pro-democracy protests continue"
Monkey Cage, 2020.

"Hong Kong's District Council elections take place on Nov. 24. Or not"
Monkey Cage, 2019.

Policy Reports

"Freedom in the World 2026: Hong Kong Report."
Freedom House, 2026, 2025, 2024, 2023, 2022.

"The Presidential Transition Index: Contemporaneous Assessments of the Trump-Biden Transition" with Paul Friesen, Rachel Gagnon, Shadwa Ibrahim, William Kakenmaster).
Global Policy Initiative Policy Report, Keough School of Global Affairs, 2021.

"American Democracy at Risk: A Global Comparative Perspective" with Paul Friesen, Ilana Rothkopf, Luis Schenoni, and Romelia Solano).
Global Policy Initiative Policy Report, Keough School of Global Affairs, 2020.

Events Organized

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting

- Roundtable: Diaspora Politics after Autocratization: Hong Kong in Comparative Perspective (2026)

APSA-National University of Singapore

- Workshop: Resistance and Opposition Repertoires under Authoritarianism in East and Southeast Asia (co-organized with Nhu Truong and Elvin Ong) (2022)

Selected Invited Talks and Events

"When Anti-Authoritarianism Aligns Rightward: Premigration Political Learning and Immigrant Partisan Alignment".
City University New York (CUNY) GC Public Policy Workshop, 2026.

"Under Threat, Not Defeated: How Democracies Fight to Endure Around the Globe".
Public Policy Initiative, Penn State Erie, 2025.

"Rethinking Hong Kong (Studies) as Method".
Hong Kong Studies Postgraduate Conference, 2025.

"PUBLIC Asian Studies: Vietnam, Hong Kong and Taiwan".
Center for the Humanities at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2025.

"Reimagine, Restructure, and Reconnect: the Hong Kong Diaspora and its Transnational Engagement".
Global Research Association of Politics in Hong Kong, 2024.

"Panel discussion on "Joshua: Teenager vs. Superpower.
Penn State Sustainability, 2024.

"Democracy in Tough Places: How Taiwan's Young Democracy Mature under the China Factor.
Jefferson Educational Society, 2024.

"Hong Kong Diaspora: Transnational Mobilization and Community Building Abroad".

Franklin & Marshall College, 2024.

"The Impact of Taiwan Election in 2024 and Beyond".
Public Policy Initiative, Penn State Erie, 2024.

"Challenges and Opportunities in Conducting Survey Research on Hongkongers at Home and Aboard".
Global Research Association of Politics in Hong Kong, 2023.

"Political Transformation in Southeast Asia".
The Channel, International Institute for Asian Studies (IIAS), 2022.

""Taiwan-Hong Kong (dis)connection: physical and digital social movements in HK and Taiwan".
Taiwan Studies Programme, University of Nottingham, 2022.

"Meet the Authors: Global Perspectives on Participatory Budgeting".
Centre for Democratic Futures, University of Southampton, 2022.

"Pro-democracy Movements in Asia".
V-dem East Asia Center, 2022.

"Contentious Politics and Democracy in Asia".
V-dem East Asia Center Workshop, 2021.

"Voice After Exit: How Transnational Ties Shape Hong Kong Americans' Political Engagement and Voting Behavior".
Hong Kong Studies Initiative, University of British Columbia, 2021.

"A Global Theory of Change for Participatory Budgeting: What We Know and What's Next".
People Powered webinar, 2021.

"Career in Political Science".
Hong Kong Collaborative Academic Network (HKCAN), 2021.

"People' s Power and Resistance in Northeast and Southeast Asia".
2021 Canadian Council for Southeast Asian Studies (CCSEAS) conference, 2021.

"Year of Cultures without Borders".
University of Kentucky' s College of Arts & Sciences, 2021.

Conference Participation

American Political Science Association (2026, 2025, 2024, 2023, 2021, 2015)
Midwestern Political Science Association (2026, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014)
Western Political Science Association (2025)
Latin American Studies Association (2019)
Academia Sinica (Taipei) (2025)
Hong Kong Studies Conference (2023, 2025)
Annual Conference of the Society for Hong Kong Studies (2022)

Teaching

Penn State Erie, the Behrend College

- American Politics: Principles, Processes and Powers (Undergraduate, Instructor, Fall 2022, 2023 & Spring 2023, 2024, 2025)
- Social Movement and Political Resistance (Undergraduate, Instructor, Spring 2024, 2026)
- Latin American Politics (Undergraduate, Instructor, Spring 2023 & Fall 2024)

- Government and Politics in East Asia (Undergraduate, Instructor, Fall 2023, 2025)
- Global Pathways (Undergraduate, Instructor, Fall 2022, 2024, 2026 & Spring 2025, 2026)

University of Notre Dame

- Contentious Politics, Parties and Change (Undergraduate, Instructor)
- Youth and Civic Engagement in Comparative Perspectives (Undergraduate, Instructor)
- How to Change the World (Undergraduate, Co-Instructor)
- Migration and Refugee Policy (Master, TA)
- Introduction to Global Affairs (Undergraduate, TA)
- Introduction to Political Economy (Undergraduate, TA)
- Introduction to Global Affairs (Undergraduate, TA)
- Introduction to Modern African Politics (Undergraduate, TA)
- Irish Politics (Undergraduate, TA)
- Introduction to World Politics (Undergraduate, TA)
- Political Economy and Globalization (Undergraduate, TA)

Service

To the discipline

- Reviewer (political science): Asian Survey, British Journal of Political Science, The China Journal, Comparative Political Studies, Comparative Politics, East Asian Forum, Ethnic and Racial Studies, Governance, Humanities and Social Sciences Communications, Journal of Asian and African Studies, Journal of Contemporary Asia, Journal of Current Chinese Affairs, Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties, Japanese Journal of Political Science, Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics, Latin American Politics and Society, Latin American Research Review, Perspective on Politics, Political Behavior, Political Studies, Social Movement Studies, Urban Studies, and World Politics

External services

- Deputy Coordinator: Global Research Association of Political in Hong Kong (GRAPH) (2024–present)
- Global Participatory Budgeting Research Board Member: People Powered (2020–2025)
- Committee member for scholarship: Hong Kong Professional Network (2024–2026)

Media Appearance

"委內瑞拉的左右為難：民主崩解與民粹崛起"
For Example **一個政治不正確的香港** *DEI Podcast*, 2026.

"Hong Kong Democratic Party's plan to disband marks 'end of an era'
Voice of America (VOA), 2025.

"美國大選／白宮新主人將揭曉在美港人憂移民政策
Radio Taiwan International, 2024.

"What Next for Hong Kong's Pro-democracy Movement?
Deutsche Welle, 2024.

"Hong Kong To Hold 'Patriots Only' Election Amid Efforts To Tighten Control
Voice of America (VOA), 2023.

"Have China's security laws changed Hong Kong forever?
Deutsche Welle, 2023.

"Why is Hong Kong imprisoning more activists?
Deutsche Welle, 2022.

"How has Beijing's crackdown on civil society changed Hong Kong?
Deutsche Welle, 2022.

"O caos visto de longe
Extramuros, 2021.

"Despite imprisonment, Hong Kong democracy activists urge continued resistance
America Magazine, 2020.

"Hong Kong: Bajo el riesgo del fin de " un país, dos sistemas"
La Tercera, 2020.

"'Their stories should be told right': how museums are documenting the protests
The Guardian, 2020.

"China: una nueva guerra fría con EE.UU. por Hong Kong
La Tercera, 2020.

"Experts: Protests reflect world frustration with inequality, corruption
Crux, 2019.

"Michiana Woman Describes Experience Protesting in Pro-democracy Protests in Hong Kong
ABC57, 2019.

Other

Fieldwork: Hong Kong, Brazil, the United Kingdom
Languages: Cantonese (native), Mandarin Chinese (fluent), Portuguese (intermediate), Spanish (intermediate)
Software Proficiency: R, LaTeX, Qualtrics

References

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