

# Curriculum Vitae

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### Academic Position

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of California, San Diego.  
July 2016–present.

### Education

Ph.D. in Political Science, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2016.

**Dissertation:** “Causal Inference with Time-Series Cross-Sectional Data with Applications to Positive Political Economy,” *Winner of John T. Williams Dissertation Prize by Society for Political Methodology*.

**Dissertation Committee:** Jens Hainmueller, Jim Snyder, Lily Tsai, Teppei Yamamoto (Chair).

Pre-doctoral Fellow, Department of Political Science, Stanford University, 2014-2015.

M.A. in Economics, China Center for Economic Research (CCER), Peking University, 2010.

B.A. in Economics (with Distinction, Rank 1/107), Fudan University, 2007.

### Research Interests

Political Methodology, Comparative Politics, Political Economy

### Peer Reviewed Articles

9. “Outspoken Insiders: Political Connections and Citizen Participation in Authoritarian China?” (with Lily L. Tsai). *Political Behavior* (forthcoming).
8. “China’s Ideological Spectrum” (with Jennifer Pan). *The Journal of Politics* (forthcoming).
7. “Incremental Democracy: The Policy Effects of the Partisan Composition of State Government” (with Devin Caughey and Chris Warshaw). *The Journal of Politics* (forthcoming).
6. “Why Do Authoritarian Regimes Allow Citizens to Voice Opinions Publicly?” (with Jidong Chen), *The Journal of Politics* (forthcoming).

5. “Generalized Synthetic Control Method: Causal Inference with Interactive Fixed Effects Models,” *Political Analysis*, Vol. 25, Iss. 1, January 2017, pp. 57–76.
  - Winner of the John T. Williams Dissertation Prize for 2014.
  - Winner of *Political Analysis* Editors’ Choice Award, 2017.
4. “Information Manipulation and Reform in Authoritarian Regimes” (with Jidong Chen). *Political Science Research and Methods*, Vol. 5, Iss. 1, January 2017, pp. 163–178.
3. “Sources of Authoritarian Responsiveness: A Field Experiment in China” (with Jidong Chen and Jennifer Pan). *American Journal of Political Science*, Vol. 60, Iss. 2, April 2016, pp. 383–400.
  - Winner of *AJPS Best Article Award for 2016*.
2. “Informal Institutions, Collective Action, and Public Investment in Rural China” (with Yang Yao). *American Political Science Review*, Vol. 109, No. 2, May 2015, pp. 371–91.
1. **ebalance**: A Stata Package for Entropy Balancing” (with Jens Hainmueller). *Journal of Statistical Software*, August 2013, Vol. 54, Iss. 7.

## Working Papers

### \* *Political Methodology*

“How Much Should We Trust Estimates from Multiplicative Interaction Models? Simple Tools to Improve Empirical Practice” (with Jens Hainmueller and Jonathan Mummolo).

“Estimating Poverty Rates in Target Populations: An Assessment of the Simple Poverty Scorecard and Alternative Approaches” (with Alexis Diamond, Michael Gill, Miguel Rebolledo Dellepiane, Emmanuel Skoufias, and Katja Vinha), World Bank Technical Report.

### \* *Comparative Politics*

“Awakening Leviathan: the Effect of Democracy on State Capacity, 1960-2009” (with Erik H. Wang)

– Winner of the 2015 *Malcolm Jewell Award*, the Best Graduate Student Paper Presented at the SPSA Annual Meeting.

“Making Democracy Work: The Effect of Social Capital on Elections and Public Goods in China” (with Gerard Padró-i-Miquel, Nancy Qian and Yang Yao).

## Teaching Experience

Causal Inference (Graduate), UCSD, Spring 2017 /Instructor

Making Policy with Data (Undergraduate), UCSD, Spring 2017 /Instructor

Quantitative Research Method IV: Advanced Topics (Graduate), MIT, Spring 2016 /TA

Math Prefresher for Second Year PhD students, MIT, Summer 2014, 2015 /Instructor  
 Quantitative Research Method II: Causal Inference (Graduate), MIT, Spring 2014 /TA  
 Quantitative Research Method I: Foundation (Graduate), MIT Fall 2013 /TA  
 Chinese Economy (MBA, EMBA), Peking University, Spring and Fall 2010 /TA  
 Advanced Econometrics II (Graduate), Peking University, Fall 2009 /TA  
 Intermediate Econometrics (Undergraduate), Peking University, Spring 2008 /TA

## Honors, Awards and Fellowships

Political Analysis 2017 *Editors' Choice* Award (“Editors see as providing an important contribution to political methodology”), Society for Political Methodology, 2017.

American Journal of Political Science *Best Article Award for 2016*, with Jidong Chen and Jennifer Pan, Midwest Political Science Association, 2016.

*Malcolm Jewell Award* (for “the best graduate student paper presented at the SPSA annual meeting”), with Erik H. Wang, Southern Political Science Association, 2015.

*John T. Williams Dissertation Prize* (“for the best dissertation proposal in the area of political methodology”), Society for Political Methodology, 2014.

First Place, Doctoral Fellowship for Chinese Studies, Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation, 2014-2015.  
 MIT Presidential Fellowship, 2010-2011.

## Service

### Manuscript Referee

American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, The Journal of Politics, British Journal of Political Science, Comparative Political Studies, Journal of Comparative Economics, China Economic Review, Journal of Public Policy, Econometric Reviews, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Journal of Causal Inference, Econometrics, Journal of Development Economics, Scientific Data, Political Analysis, Journal of Applied Econometrics

### Departmental

Chair Advisory Committee, Department of Political Science, UC San Diego, 2016-2017  
 Coordinator, MIT Political Methodology Seminar Series, Spring 2014  
 Co-organizer, MIT Political Methodology Workshop, Spring 2014  
 Committee Member, MIT Political Science Methods Faculty Search, October 2013  
 Co-organizer, MIT Positive Political Economy Breakfast, 2012-2013

### Outside

Consultant, the International Finance Corporation of the World Bank, developing new tools for forecasting regional poverty rates. 2014-2015.

Principal member, Harvard China Health Policy Group led by Professor William Hsiao, drafting *A Report on Public Hospital Reform to the State Council of China*. 2013.

## Professional Memberships

American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, Southern Political Science Association, Society for Political Methodology

## Presentations

### Conferences

APSA: 2016, 2015; MPSA: 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013; SPSA: 2015

PolMeth 2016, 2015, 2014

Southern California Methods Conference 2016

HKUST-HSC Conference on Governance in China and Russia, Hong Kong, September 2015

ISNIE Annual Conference, Harvard University, June 2015

UCSD-Tsinghua Conference, San Diego, October 2014

Biennial International Conference of China Development Studies, Shanghai, 2013

### Seminars/Invited Talks

LRCCS Noon Lecture, University of Michigan, December 2016

Methods Seminar, Stanford University, March 2015

Invited Seminars in China: Tongji University, Shanghai, 2015; Fudan University, Shanghai, 2013, 2014; Sun Yat-Sen University, Guangzhou, 2013; Beijing Normal University, Beijing, 2010.

### Workshops

Harvard Political Economy Lunch: 2016, 2014

MIT Positive Political Economy Breakfast: 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012

Harvard-MIT-BU China Workshop: 2014, 2013, 2012