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EDUCATION	<b>Massachusetts Institute of Technology</b> Ph.D. in Political Science	2026 (expected)
	<b>Columbia University</b> M.A. in Quantitative Methods in the Social Sciences	2020
	<b>The Chinese University of Hong Kong</b> M.S.S. in Government and Politics (Greater China)	2015
	<b>The Education University of Hong Kong</b> B.S.Sc.Ed. in Greater China Studies	2014
RESEARCH INTERESTS	Comparative Political Economy; State-Business Relations; Social Policy; Chinese Politics; Corporate Political Activity; Non-Market Strategy; Mixed Methods	
PUBLICATIONS	“Strong State, Weak Enforcement: Bureaucratic Forbearance of China’s Social Insurance Policies” (with Hao Zhang). <i>Political Science Research and Methods</i> .	
WORKING PAPERS	“Political Control in the Workplace: How Autocracies Discipline Workers Without Distorting Firm Behavior” (Job Market Paper) — <i>Best Paper Designation</i> , Academy of Management Annual Meeting, 2026	
	“Who Gets Politicized? Infrastructural Firms and Authoritarian State Reach”	
	“Patronage in Plagues: Government Intervention and Essential Business Selection in the COVID-19 Lockdown” (with Zeren Li)	
WORK IN PROGRESS	“The Evolution of Party-Building in China”	
	“Feminization of State Power: The Gendered Practices of Party Cells”	
	“Coordination and Collective Action in Chinese Workplaces”	

GRANTS & AWARDS	Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation	2025
	APSA Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant	2023
	World Politics and Statecraft Fellowship, Smith Richardson Foundation	2023
	Political Methodology Research Grant, MIT	2021
	Dean's List, The Chinese University of Hong Kong	2015
	Honour Student List, The Education University of Hong Kong	2014
	Outstanding Performance Scholarship, Hong Kong Education Bureau	2014
TEACHING	Political Science Laboratory (Undergraduate), TA, MIT	Spring 2026
	Quantitative Research Methods II – Causal Inference (Graduate), TA, MIT	Spring 2024
	Math Camp for Incoming Graduate Students, Co-Instructor, MIT	Fall 2024
	Kaufman Teaching Certificate Program, MIT	Spring 2026
CONFERENCES & TALKS	APSA (2024, 2025), MPSA (2022, 2023, 2026 scheduled), SPSA (2020, 2021)	
	Copenhagen Money in Politics Conference	2026 scheduled
	Academy of Management Annual Meeting	2026 scheduled
	APSA Comparative Labor Politics Workshop	2026
	Authoritarian Political Systems Group Workshops	2026
	Chinese Politics Research in Progress	2025
	New Faces in Chinese Politics	2025
	Harvard Political Economy of Business and Government Conference	2025
UCSD Young Scholars Conference	2023	
OTHER EXPERIENCE	ChinaFile Research Fellow, Asia Society, New York	2020
	Research Assistant, Chinese University of Hong Kong & Oxfam	2016 – 2017
	Research Journalist, The Initium Media, Hong Kong	2015 – 2016
SERVICE	Coordinator, Cambridge Chinese Politics Research Workshop	2023 – 2025
	Co-President, MIT Political Science Graduate Student Council	2022 – 2023
SKILLS	<b>Programming &amp; Software:</b> R, Python, Stata, $\LaTeX$ , QGIS, Git <b>Languages:</b> Mandarin Chinese (native), Cantonese (fluent), English (fluent)	

REFERENCES

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