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Education

Dual-title Ph.D, Political Science & Asian Studies (expected 2019), Pennsylvania State University.

Dissertation: Populism and Authoritarian Survival.

Committee: [Matt Golder](#) (chair), [Boliang Zhu](#) (co-chair), [Sona Golder](#), [Jonathan Abel](#) (Asian Studies), [Wenfang Tang](#) (University of Iowa).

Fields: Comparative Politics, Asian Studies, Political Methodology.

M.A. Political Science, Pennsylvania State University, 2016.

M.A. Political Science, Duke University, 2014.

B.A. International Relations, Renmin University of China, 2012.

Additional Training

Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) Institute (2018).

Certificate for Online Teaching, Pennsylvania State University (2017).

Automated Content Analysis, Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis (2016).

Research Interests

Comparative Politics: Authoritarianism, populism, information manipulation.

Methodology: Field and survey experiments, causal inference, automated text analysis, computational science.

Publications

Peer-reviewed Articles

Yaoyao Dai, Zijie Shao, and Xianglin Xu. 2016. "Agenda-Setting and International News Coverage: A Quantitative Text Analysis on China Central TV News Reports" (In Chinese). *Journal of Chinese Academy of Governance* 4: 29-34.

Yaoyao Dai, Chenyuan Ji, and Zijie Shao. Forthcoming. "Media Framing Effects in Public Opinion: A Survey Experiment in China" (In Chinese). *Journal of Public Management*.

Editor-reviewed Articles

Yaoyao Dai and Luwei Luqiu. 2018. "International Propaganda." To be published at *CP: Newsletter of the Comparative Politics Organized Section of the American Political Science Association*.

Yaoyao Dai and Zijie Shao. 2016. "[Populism as a Strategy of Authoritarian Survival in China: Concept and Measurement](#)." *CP: Newsletter of the Comparative Politics Organized Section of the American Political Science Association* 26(2): 31-40.

Other Publications

Yaoyao Dai. 2018. "[Populism and Abuse of Populism](#)" (In Chinese). [Tencent Dajia](#) (Most influential self-media in China. Article has been viewed over 260,000 times).

Working Papers

Yaoyao Dai. "Anti-corruption Campaigns and Popular Support for Authoritarian Governments."

Yaoyao Dai. "Measuring Populism in Context: Introducing A Supervised Approach with Word Embedding Models."

Yaoyao Dai. "Self-censorship in Authoritarian Regimes: A List Experiment in China."

Yaoyao Dai and Luwei Luqiu. "Soft Propaganda, Misinformed Citizens, and Source Credibility: A Survey Experiment on Foreign Political Advertising."

Works in Progress

Yaoyao Dai and Benjamin Radford. "Improving Multilingual Comparability with Transfer Learning."

Yaoyao Dai and Chiedo Nwankwor. "Anti-corruption Campaigns and Popular Support for the Government: A Survey Experiment in Nigeria."

Yaoyao Dai and Matt Golder. "Identifying Party Families with Cluster Analysis."

Conference Presentations

Panel presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (2018, 2017, 2016).

Panel presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (2018, 2015).

Panel presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association (2018).

Poster presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology (2017).

Invited panel presentation at the University of Pennsylvania Symposium on Contemporary China (2016).

Research Experience

Research Assistant

Boliang Zhu, Pennsylvania State University (Summer 2015).

Elizabeth Carlson, Pennsylvania State University (Spring 2015, Fall 2014).

Kyle Beardsley, Duke University (Fall 2013 - Fall 2014).

Jonathan Stromseth, The Asia Foundation (Summer 2013).

Principal Investigator

“A Study of Christianity in Rural China” (June 2010-May 2012), funded by the Ministry of Education of the People’s Republic of China.

Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistant

Quantitative Political Analysis (Suzanna Linn, Pennsylvania State University, Fall 2017).

Introduction to Comparative Politics (Matt Golder, Pennsylvania State University, Fall 2016).

Guest Lectures

Quantitative Political Analysis (Suzanna Linn, Pennsylvania State University, Fall 2017).

(Gave three lectures on hypothesis testing, data manipulation in R, and research ethics).

Instructor

Introduction to Political Philosophy, TopU International Education, Beijing, China (2011, 2012).

Volunteer Teacher

Dongfanghong Primary School for the Children of Migrant Workers, Beijing, China (Spring 2009).

Grants

Conference Travel Grants (MPSA), Pennsylvania State University, 2018 (\$600).

Conference Travel Grants (SPSA), Pennsylvania State University, 2018 (\$400).

Conference Travel Grants (Polmeth), National Science Foundation, 2017 (\$850).

Conference Travel Grants (APSA), Pennsylvania State University, 2017 (\$1000).

Conference Travel Grants (APSA), Pennsylvania State University, 2016 (\$500).

Keith Karako Funding for Summer Research Support, Pennsylvania State University, 2016 (\$2,600).

Keith Karako Funding for Field Work, Pennsylvania State University, 2015 (\$4,000).

Conference Travel Grants (MPSA), Pennsylvania State University, 2015 (\$700).

National Undergraduate Research Funding, Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China, 2010-2012 (RMB 20,000/\$3,171).

Awards and Fellowships

Graduate Student International Research Award, The Graduate School, Pennsylvania State University (nominated for 2018).

Summer Graduate Research Award, Pennsylvania State University (2017).

Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Student of Renmin University (2009, 2010, 2011).

Award for Excellent Volunteer of Renmin University (2009, 2011).

Award for Excellent Student Leader of Renmin University (2010).

Honor of the Best Debater in the Debate Among Sixteen Universities in Beijing (2010).

Professional Activities and Services

Invited Attendee, Visions in Methodology (VIM) Conference (2018).

Judge, The 2018 Undergraduate Exhibition, Pennsylvania State University.

Editorial Assistant, APSA's Comparative Politics Newsletter (2015-2017).

Editorial Board for APSA's Comparative Politics Newsletter (2014-).

Panel Organizer and Discussant, "Global Populism," Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 5-8, 2018.

Panel Discussant, Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, January, 2018.

Reviewer, *American Political Science Review*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Comparative Political Studies*.

Field Work

Interviews and data collection, Shanghai & Beijing, China, May 2015, May - June 2016.

Survey experiments, Beijing, China, December 2013 - January 2014.

Interviews, Jiangsu Province, China, July 2011.

Interviews, Henan Province, China, January 2011.

Affiliations

Member, [Team Populism](#) (2018 - present).

Member, [CP Group](#) (2015 - present).

Professional memberships: *American Political Science Association*, *Midwest Political Science Association*, *Visions in Methodology*.

Skills

Statistics and Visualization: R, Stata, Gephi.

Programing and Analysis: ArcGIS (beginner), Python, Qualtrics.

Language: Chinese (native), English (fluent).

Other: Highest level certification for Guzheng performance (traditional Chinese musical instrument).

References

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