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## Academic Positions

*University of Chicago*

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, 2019–  
Faculty Member, Ph.D. Program in Political Economy, 2021–

## Education

*New York University*

Ph.D. in Politics, 2014–2019

*New York University*

M.A. in Politics, 2012–2014

*University of International Business and Economics*

B.A. in Politics, 2008–2012

## Research Interests

Political Economy, Comparative Politics, Formal Theory

## Publications

6. “Ruling the Ruling Coalition: Information Control and Authoritarian Power-Sharing.” *Quarterly Journal of Political Science* Forthcoming. (with Arturas Rozenas)
5. “Democracy and Its Vulnerabilities: Dynamics of Democratic Backsliding.” *Quarterly Journal of Political Science* Forthcoming. (with Adam Przeworski)
4. “Leadership Styles and Survival Strategies of Chinese Communist Party Elites.” *Journal of Politics* 83, no. 2 (2021): 125–139. (with Junyan Jiang)
3. “Why Are the Fastest Growing Countries Autocracies?” *Journal of Politics* 81, no. 2 (2019): 663–669. (with Adam Przeworski)
2. “Strategies of Election Rigging: Tradeoffs, Determinants, and Consequences.” *Quarterly Journal of Political Science* 13, no. 1 (2018): 1–28. (with Arturas Rozenas)

1. “**The Election Monitor’s Curse.**” *American Journal of Political Science* 62, no. 1 (2018): 148–160. (with Arturas Rozenas)

## **Working Papers**

6. “**Goading Fire Alarms: How Politicians Evade Accountability.**” (with Robert Gulotty)
5. “**Lying in Persuasion.**” (with Arturas Rozenas, under review)
4. “One-Party State.” (with Adam Przeworski, under review)
3. “A Model of Censorship, Propaganda, and Repression.” (with Scott Gehlbach, Anton Shirikov, and Dmitriy Vorobyev)
2. “Politics and Information in Economic Reforms.” (with Shuo Chen and Tianyang Xi)
1. “Discriminatory Persuasion.”

## **Conferences and Invited Talks**

American Political Science Association Annual Conference (2015–2021)

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference (2018–2021)

CP/PE Seminar, Columbia University (2022)

Political Economy Lunch, UChicago Harris (2022)

Comparative Politics Workshop, UChicago Political Science (2022)

Political Economy Conference in the Chicago Area (2020, 2021)

Virtual Workshop on Authoritarian Regimes (remote, 2021)

Models, Experiments, and Data Workshop, UW Madison (remote, 2021)

USC Marshall China Workshop (remote, 2020)

Virtual Formal Theory Seminar (remote, 2020)

NYU Political Economy Seminar (2020)

Quantitative China Studies Seminar, NYU (2020)

New Faces in China Studies Conference, Duke (2018)

China Center for Economic Research Summer Institute (2017–2018)

Yale Conference on “Democratic Backsliding and Electoral Authoritarianism” (2018)

## **Teaching Experience**

*University of Chicago*

Game Theory 1

Game Theory 2

New Directions of Formal Theory

Politics of Authoritarian Regimes

Social Science Inquiry: Formal Theory

*New York University*

Game Theory, Teaching Assistant for Steven Brams (2017)

Political Economy: Models, Teaching Assistant for Adam Przeworski (2015–2017)

Comparative Politics: Regimes, Teaching Assistant for Adam Przeworski (2015–2016)

## **Professional Service**

Journal referee for *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *Political Science Research and Method*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Politics and Economics*, *Reviews of Economics Studies*, *Games and Economic Behavior*

PhD Admission Committee, UChicago Political Science (2022)

PhD Placement Committee, UChicago Political Science (2020–2021)

Co-organizer, Political Science Speaker Series (2020–)

Co-organizer, Quantitative China Studies Seminar, NYU (2017–2019)