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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Northeastern University, United States 2025 - present
Assistant Research Professor, Department of Political Science

Yale University, United States 2023 - 2025
Postdoctoral Associate, CEAS at the Whitney and Betty MacMillan Center
Lecturer, Department of Political Science

EDUCATION

Princeton University, United States 2017 - 2023
Ph.D. in Politics
Committee Members: Rory Truex (Chair), Grigore Pop-Eleches, Andrew Guess, Christopher Achen

M.A. in Politics 2017 - 2019
Graduate Certificate in Statistics and Machine Learning 2018 - 2023
Teaching Transcript 2020 - 2022

Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Hong Kong 2013 - 2015
M.Phil. in Social Science (Field: Political Science)
Advisor: Kellee Tsai

Imperial College London, United Kingdom
M.Sc. in Environmental Technology (Field: Environmental Economics and Policy) 2012 - 2013
B.Sc. in Mathematics with Statistics for Finance 2009 - 2012

PUBLICATIONS

8. Chen, Xing, and Xiaoxiao Shen. "Silent Suffering: Depression and Political Trust Under Authoritarianism" *Accepted at Research and Politics*.
7. Shen, Xiaoxiao. "The Effects of Forced Versus Selective Propaganda Exposure in China." *Forthcoming at Political Science Research and Methods*.
6. Baik, Jongyoon, and Xiaoxiao Shen. "Retrieving True Preference under Authoritarianism." *Forthcoming at Survey Research Methods*.
5. Shen, Xiaoxiao, and Will Schulz. "Introducing ReChat: A Tool for Studying Online Interpersonal Communication." *Journal of Experimental Political Science* (2024): 1-17.
4. Chen, Xing, Xiaoxiao Shen, and Andong Zhuge. "Pollution Matters: The Political Impact of Information Disclosure." *Governance* (2023): 1-21.
 - China Public Administration Academic Annual Conference 2023 Third Prize for Excellent Papers
 - CPSG (APPAM) Runner-up for 2024 Best Policy Research Article Award
3. Yang, Wenhui, and Xiaoxiao Shen. "Can Social Welfare Buy Mass Loyalty? Evidence from China." *Governance* (2020): 1-21.
 - CPSG (APPAM) 2021 Best Policy Journal Article Award
 - CAAPA 2022 Wang Wen Best Young Scholar Award¹

¹<http://www.china-uspublicaffairs.org/index.php>

- Featured in “Authoritarian regimes’ social programs do little to win public support” at *The Academic Times*

2. Shen, Xiaoxiao, and Rory Truex. “In Search of Self-Censorship.” *British Journal of Political Science* (2020): 1-13.
1. Shen, Xiaoxiao, and Kellee S. Tsai. “Institutional Adaptability in China: Local Developmental Models under Changing Economic Conditions.” *World Development* 87 (2016): 107-127.

INVITED CONTRIBUTION

1. Shen, Xiaoxiao, and Eddy S. F. Yeung. “Preference Falsification”. Forthcoming in the *Encyclopedia of Political Communication*, edited by Alessandro Nai, Max Grömping, and Dominique Wirz. Edward Elgar Publishing.

BOOK PROJECT

1. Shen, Xiaoxiao. *When Propaganda Resonates*. Book Conference hosted at Yale University, Sep 26th 2024.

WORKING PAPERS

10. Shen, Xiaoxiao. “When Propaganda Resonates.” *Dissertation Book Project in Progress/Job Market Paper, Under Review*.
9. Shen, Xiaoxiao. “The Characteristics of Chinese Psychological Needs and Their Correlations to Political Attitudes.”
8. Chen, Xing, and Xiaoxiao Shen. “Old Boys’ Power Illusion: Hometown Elites’ Promotion and Political Trust.” *Under Review*.
7. Zhihang Ruan, and Xiaoxiao Shen. “Pay It Forward: Upstream Reciprocity and Support for Foreign Aid Among Chinese Nationals.”
6. Shen, Xiaoxiao, and Rex Weiye Deng. “Turning Crisis into Opportunity: How Propaganda Appeals to Mass Emotion in Crisis Communication.”
5. Shen, Xiaoxiao, and Dongshu Liu. “When Does Self-Interest Trump Ideology in Authoritarian Regimes?”
4. Liu, Jiehan and Xiaoxiao, Shen. “Measuring Populism: Evidence from China.”
3. Liu, Jiehan, and Xiaoxiao Shen. “Political Knowledge as a Moderator of Partisan Motivated Reasoning: A Meta-Analysis.”
2. Shen, Xiaoxiao, and Jiehan Liu. “Chinese Propaganda System and Strategies.”
1. Shen, Xiaoxiao, and Qingyan Wang. “Evaluating the Effectiveness of Singapore Government’s Anti-Misinformation Strategies.”

PATENT OF SOFTWARE

- Xiaoxiao Shen. “ReChat - An Integrated and Interactive Chat Suite for Online Survey Experiments.” *Permanent U.S. Patent US11843470B2*. [Link](#).

TEACHINGS

- Yale University, United States
Course Instructor
Undergraduate course: Political Psychology in Comparative Politics

Fall 2023

- Princeton University, United States *Summer 2023*
Teaching Assistant
Junior Summer Institute: Introduction to Microeconomics
- Princeton University, United States *Spring 2021*
Head Preceptor, Teaching Assistant
Undergraduate course: Chinese Politics
- Princeton University, United States *Fall 2020, Spring 2020*
Head Preceptor, Teaching Assistant
Undergraduate course: Introduction to Quantitative Social Science
- Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Hong Kong *Spring 2014, Spring 2015*
Teaching Assistant
Undergraduate course: Understanding Comparative Politics

TRANSLATIONS

- *Zhengzhi Jingjixue Gailun (A Treatise on Political Economy*, by Jean Baptiste Say), 2016, Zhejiang Renmin Press
- *Diguo Zhuyi Yu Fazhanzhong Guojia: Yingguo he Meiguo Ruhe Suzao Quanqiu Waiwei (Imperialism and the Developing World: How Britain and the United States Shaped the Global Periphery*, by Atul Kohli), *Forthcoming*, Tsinghua University Press

AWARDS

- Faculty New Ventures Assistance Fund, Princeton University, \$35,000, 2023, 2024
- Dean's Fund for Scholarly Travel, Princeton University, \$800, 2023
- Bobst Graduate Travel Grants, Princeton University, \$350, 2023
- Stafford Fund for Conference Travel, Princeton University, \$700, 2022
- National Science Foundation I-CORPs Northeast Region, \$3,000, 2022
- Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation Doctoral Fellowship, \$20,000, 2021
- Bobst Center for Peace and Justice Dissertation Grant, Princeton University, \$10,000, 2020,2021
- Social Science Data Initiative Dissertation Grant, Princeton University, \$9,940, 2020,2021

INVITED TALKS

- 2025 Georgia Institute of Technology, University of Toronto
- 2024 Boston College, Case Western Reserve University
- 2023 Northwestern University, University of Texas at Austin, University of California, Berkeley, Dartmouth College, Columbia University, United States Military Academy
- 2022 Princeton University, University of California, San Diego

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

- Women of Color in Political Science, 2024
- Rebecca B. Morton Conference on Experimental Political Science, NYU, Mar 2023
- Authoritarian Political Systems Group, Virtual, Mar 2023
- Chinese Politics Research in Progress, Virtual, Feb 2023

- Fudan-UC Young Scholars Conference, UCSD, July 2022
- ISPP Academy, 2018
- APSA, 2022, 2023, 2024
- MPSA, 2021, 2022, 2025
- SPSA, 2021

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

- Referee for *American Journal of Political Science*; *Journal of Politics*; *British Journal of Political Science* (3); *World Development*; *Political Behavior* (3); *Governance* (2); *Social Problems*; *Comparative Political Studies* (2); *Palgrave Macmillan*; *International Journal of Communication* (2); *Research & Politics* (2); *Asian Journal of Political Science*; *Perspectives on Politics* (2); *International Journal of Public Administration*; *Political Science Research and Methods* (2); *Political Studies*; *The Journal of Asian Studies*; *Political Communication*; *BMC Psychology*

ADVISING

- Devon Rall-Taguchi (Senior thesis, Yale University)

SKILLS

- Language: Mandarin Chinese (native), English (fluent), German (beginner)
- Software: Stata, Maple, Matlab, R, Python, L^AT_EX

REFERENCES

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