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EDUCATION:

- 2011: *Ph.D.*, University of Washington, Political Science. Dissertation Title: Responsive Authoritarianism: Protest and Policy Change in Rural and Urban China. Dissertation committee: Susan Whiting (chair), Margaret Levi, and Aseem Prakash.
- 2006: *M.A.*, University of Washington, Political Science. Thesis: “Dilemmas of Domination: The Role of Constitutional Interpretation in Hong Kong-China Relations.” Thesis advisors: Susan Whiting (chair), Joel Migdal and Rachel Cichowski.
- 2002: *B.A.*, cum laude, Carleton College, International Relations. Essay with distinction: “The Determinants of East German Industrial Bargaining Strategy in Reunified Germany.”

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

- 2018-present Associate Professor, Bowdoin College, Government and Legal Studies Department and Asian Studies Program
- 2011-2018 Assistant Professor, Bowdoin College, Government and Legal Studies Department and Asian Studies Program
- 2009-2010 Visiting Instructor, Carleton College, Political Science Department
- 2009 Visiting Instructor, Zhejiang Gongshang University, Public Affairs Department
- 2008 Graduate Student Instructor, University of Washington, Political Science Department

PUBLICATIONS:

Responsive Authoritarianism: Protest and Policymaking in China. (Cambridge University Press, 2016) (225 pages)

“Fighting for Every Inch of Land: Greed and Grievance in Petition Mobilization in Zhejiang” *Modern China*, (forthcoming). (43 pages).

“Land Protests in Rural China” in Teresa Wright’s *Handbook of Dissent and Protest in China*, Edward Elgar Publishing (under contract). Note: unlike most “Handbook”-type series which consist primarily of literature reviews, the *Handbook of Dissent and Protest in China* is comprised entirely of original research. (28 pages).

“(Dis)Trusting NGOs in China” in Reza Hasmath and Jennifer Hsu (eds.) *NGO Management and Governance in China*, (Routledge, 2015). (18 pages)

“Power and Rule by Law in Rural China: State-Initiated Mediation in Land Disputes,” Co-authored with Changdong Zhang in Fu Hualing and John Gillespie (eds.) *Resolving Land Disputes in East Asia*. (Cambridge University Press, 2014) (25 pages).

“Old Laws, New Citizens: Confidence in Legal Institutions in the Former East Germany” *German Politics* (2012) 21 (4), pg. 411-428 (18 pages).

“Governing Civil Society: The Political Logic of NGO-State Relations Under Dictatorship,” *VOLUNTAS: International Journal of Voluntary and Nonprofit Organizations* (2010), 21 (2), pg. 220-239 (20 pages).

UNDER REVIEW

“Beyond Precarious: The Rise of Unemployment among Landless Farmers in China” (Revise and Resubmit at *Journal of Contemporary China*) (34 pages).

“Authoritarian Aid and Regime Resilience: Donor-Recipient Institutional Complementarity and Soviet Aid during the Cold War” (34 pages).

HONORS AND FELLOWSHIPS:

2016	Bowdoin College Faculty Research Grant
2015	Bowdoin College Faculty Research Grant
2014	Bowdoin College Faculty Research Grant
2010	Stuart Scheingold Prize for Best Paper in Public Law from the Political Science Department of the University of Washington for “Information and Contentious Mobilization: Land Rights Activism in Rural and Urban China”
2009-2010	National Science Foundation Law and Social Sciences Division Grant (\$12,000)
2008	Commendation Letter from Dean for Excellence in Undergraduate Learning, University of Washington
2008	Jackson School China Studies Fellowship for Field Research (\$10,000)
2007	Invited Participant, 2007 Postgraduate Research Summer School: China, Globalization and Social Stratification. White Rose East Asia Centre, University of Leeds, July 24-27, Leeds, UK.
2006-2007	Foreign Language Areas Studies Fellowship for Chinese language study
2004-2006	Jackson Fellowship for China Studies

- 2006 Invited participant, Society for Comparative Research Graduate Student Retreat, Yale University, May 5-7.
- 2005: Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship for Chinese language study in Hangzhou, China.
- 2001: Carleton Class of 1967 Research Fellowship for fieldwork in Berlin, Germany

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY:

“Strong Parties but Weak States: Aid and Resource Wealth in the Resilience of Asian Communist Regimes” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, April 7, 2017

“Beyond Precarious: The Rise of Unemployment among Landless Farmers in China” Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference, Toronto, March 13, 2017

“Fighting for Every Inch of Land: The Political Economy of Land Petitions in China” presented at the Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference, Seattle, April 1, 2016.

“Markets and Contention: The Political Economy of Land Petitions in China” presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago April 9, 2016.

“Spending Money to Buy Stability: Shifting Tactics in Protests Against Land Takings and Demolitions,” Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA, March 29, 2014

“(Dis)Trust in NGOs in China” Forum on NGO Governance and Management in China, University of Alberta, Edmonton, August 16, 2013.

“Petitions, Representation and Policymaking: The Impact of Venues on Policy Responsiveness to Land Takings and Demolitions,” Midwest Political Science Association Conference in Chicago, April 11, 2013.

“Petitions and Policy Change: Provincial responses to Rural Resistance to Land Takings,” Accepted for presentation at American Political Science Association conference in New Orleans, August 30, 2012 (conference cancelled due to weather)

“As Soon as the Land Moves the Farmers Riot: Social Networks, Grievances and Protest in Contemporary China” Midwest Political Science Association conference in Chicago, April 15, 2012.

“Protests and Policy Change: Provincial Responses to Rural Resistance to Land Takings” Association of Asian Studies conference in Toronto, March 18, 2012.

“Personnel Control, Protest and Regime Resilience: Provincial Policy Responses to Land Rights Activism” Center for China Studies 50th anniversary Conference at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, October 21, 2011.

“Information and Contentious Mobilization: Property Rights Activism in China” American Political Science Association Annual Conference, September 3-5, 2010.

“Protesters, Petitioners and Plaintiffs: Disputing Property Rights in China,” International Studies Association Annual Conference, New Orleans, February 17-20, 2010.

“Becoming a Nail: Information Problems and Participation in Contentious Action,” West Coast Law and Society Retreat. Stanford University, Stanford, California, October 16-17, 2009.

Discussant, “Rethinking Advocacy Organizations: A Collective Action Perspective,” Workshop, Seattle, Washington, May 23, 2008.

Discussant, “Nonprofit Accountability Clubs: Voluntary Regulation of Nongovernmental and Nonprofit Organizations,” Workshop, Seattle, Washington, April 25, 2008.

“Land Takings and Popular Resistance in Rural China,” Southwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Las Vegas, March 11, 2008.

Panel organizer, “Governance at the Grassroots: Political Participation and Contention in China,” for the American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, August 30-September 2, 2007.

“Villagers Against the State: The Politics of Land Seizures in Rural China,” presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, August 30-September 2, 2007.

“Old Laws, New Citizens: Institutions, Legitimacy and the Rule of Law,” presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, August 30-September 2, 2007.

“Ruling the Chinese Countryside: Rights Consciousness, Property Rights and Collective Action,” presented at the Society for Comparative Research Graduate Student Retreat, Yale University, May 5-7, 2006.

“Knowledge is Power: Legal Knowledge and Political Mobilization in an Authoritarian State,” presented at University of Washington Graduate Conference for

Interdisciplinary Studies: Faith, Knowledge and the Interface of Epistemologies, May 4, 2006.

“The Nuclear Option: The Role of Constitutional Interpretation in Hong Kong-China Relations,” presented at the Western Political Science Association Annual Conference, March 16-18, 2006.

“Lustration and Legitimacy: The Case of East Germany” Presented at the University of British Columbia. 10th Annual Interdisciplinary Legal Studies Graduate Student Conference “Rights & Wrongs: Reflections on Global Connectivity” APRIL 28-29, 2005.

“Old Laws, New Citizens: Building Judicial Legitimacy in the former East Germany” Presented at Princeton University for the Conference “Bridging Disciplines, Spanning the World.” PIIRS Graduate Student Conference, April 8-9, 2005.

INVITED TALKS:

“Responsive Authoritarianism in China” Invited talk at the Political Science Department at Tufts University, March 31, 2017.

“Property Rights Activism in Rural and Urban China.” May 18, 2009, Department of Political Science, Shanghai University of Finance and Economics.

“Buying Stability: Protest Policing in China.” October 27, 2016, Chinese & American Friendship Association of Maine.

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION:

Manuscript Reviewer for: *American Political Science Review*, *China Quarterly*, *Comparative Politics*, *Political Studies*, *Environmental Politics*, *Governance*, *Problems of Post-Communism*, *Modern China*, *Issues and Studies*, *Journal of Chinese Political Science*, *Asian Studies Review*, *Journal of Contemporary China* and *Journal of Current Chinese Affairs*.

SERVICE TO THE COLLEGE:

Computational Studies Summer Working Group (2012), Lectures and Concerts Committee (2013-2014), Student Fellowships Committee (2016-2017), Working Group on Faculty Mentoring (2017-2018), Earth and Oceanographic Sciences Ad-hoc Committee (for hire of Michele LaVigne), Mathematics Ad-hoc Committee (for 2017 hire).

COURSES TAUGHT:

Contemporary Chinese Politics (Fall 2011, Fall 2012, Spring 2014, Spring 2016)
Dictatorship and Democratization (Fall 2012, Spring 2014, Fall 2016)
Contentious Politics (Fall 2011, Fall 2013, Spring 2017)
US-China Relations (Spring 2012, Spring 2013)
Asian Communism (Fall 2013, Fall 2016)
Seminar on Capitalism and State Power in China (Spring 2013, Spring 2016, Spring 2017)
Introduction to Comparative Politics (Spring 2012)

LANGUAGES:

German (fluent)

Chinese (proficient)