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Research Interests	Comparative politics with a regional focus on China and East Asia; state-society interaction, political communication, performative citizenship
Education	University of California, Berkeley <i>Committee: Kevin O'Brien (chair), Alison Post, Jennifer Bussell, Andrew Little</i> Cornell University (Sociology PhD program) Macalester College (Political Science and Sociology) Leiden University College The Hague
	Ph.D. May 2024 M.A. Dec. 2020 2016-2018 B.A. May 2016 Study abroad, Fall 2014
Publications	"Contacting, Petitioning, and Satisfaction with Government Responsiveness: Nationwide Survey Evidence from China." <i>Asian Survey</i> . Accepted 2024. "Constructive Citizenship in Urban China." In <i>The Routledge Handbook of Chinese Citizenship</i> , ed. Zhonghua Guo, pp. 191-205. London: Routledge. 2021. "Development and Citizenship in the Chinese 'Mayor's Mailbox' System." <i>Asian Survey</i> 61(3): 443-472. 2021.
Working Papers	"When Responses Are Not Responsive: Explanatory Responsiveness as Performative Governance." 2024. "Law as a Shield: How Chinese Local Governments Use Legality to Deflect Public Pressure." 2024.
Conferences	"The 'Human Element' Behind AI: A Guided Brainstorming Activity." Presentation at "Education in the Age of GenAI: Back to Basics," NYU Shanghai, 2025. "When Responses are Not Responsive: Explanatory Responsiveness as Performative Governance." Presentation at Mobilization-SDSU Conference, 2024. "The Global South Perspective, from a Chinese Perspective." Presentation at APSA 2024 Teaching & Learning Symposium. "Do Chinese Bureaucrats Reward Contentious Petitioners?" iPoster at APSA 2022. "Repression, Mobilization, and Protest Under Autocracy." Discussant at APSA 2021. "Battle for the Soul of the Working Class: Trajectories and Dynamics of Class Politics in the United States and France." Roundtable paper at the Midwest Sociological Society annual meeting, 2016.

Honors, Scholarships, and Awards	BELS Fellow (Berkeley Empirical Legal Studies)	Fall 2022-Spring 2023
	at the UC Berkeley Center for the Study of Law and Society	
	Gan-Aston Fellowship Award	Spring 2021, Spring 2023
	CSAD Small Research Grant	Spring 2022
	Student Staff Member Of-The-Month (Pacific region)	November 2023
	(National Residence Hall Honorary, Student-Nominated)	
	Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award	Spring 2021
	Pi Sigma Alpha (Political Science Honors Society)	Spring 2016
	Phi Beta Kappa	Spring 2016
Teaching Experience (Faculty)	Berry-Rinder-Swain prize for outstanding writing in Sociology	Spring 2016
	Alpha Kappa Delta (Sociology Int'l Honors Society)	Fall 2015
	Visiting Assistant Professor, Duke Kunshan University:	
	International Development	Fall 2024, <i>Fall 2025, Spring 2026</i>
	International Political Economy	Spring 2025
Teaching Experience (Graduate)	Political Economy of Institutions	Spring 2025, <i>Spring 2026</i>
	Common Core 1: China in the World	<i>Spring 2026</i>
	Head Graduate Student Instructor, UC Berkeley:	
	Introduction to International Relations	Fall 2023
	Introduction to Comparative Politics	Spring 2021
	Graduate Student Instructor, UC Berkeley:	
	Reconciliation after Mass Atrocities	Spring 2024
	Russian Politics	Fall 2022
	Dictatorship and Its Discontents	Spring 2022
	Urban and Subnational Politics in	Fall 2021
	Low- and Middle-Income Countries	
	Varieties of Capitalism	Fall 2020
	Japanese Politics	Fall 2019, Spring 2020
	Teaching Assistant, Cornell University:	
	Introduction to Sociology	Spring 2018
	Controversies about Inequality	Fall 2017
	Graduate Guest Lectures, UC Berkeley:	
	“China’s Economic Miracle.”	Fall 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020
	“China’s Great-Power Trajectory.”	Fall 2023
	“Authoritarian Resilience: China as a Case Study?”	Spring 2022
	“Warming the Chilly Classroom: Strategies for Improving	Fall 2019
	Gender Equity in Section Participation.”	
	ORIAS Guest Lecture, prepared for SF Bay Area public schools	
	“China’s Social Credit System: A Case Study in Misinformation.”	2023-2024

Mentoring Experience	Lumiere Premium Research Program	Summer 2024
	<i>advised a high-school student on a research paper for publication</i>	
	Mentored Signature Work projects (DKU undergraduate capstone):	
	Kamila Mejia Ley	Class of 2026
	Mentored Research Assistants:	
	Anonymous due to sensitive topic (1)	Spring-Fall 2025
	Anonymous due to sensitive topic (3)	Summer 2024
	Anonymous due to sensitive topic (2)	Spring 2022-Spring 2023
Additional Experience	DKU-CTL Learning Innovation Fellowship	Summer 2024
	Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) Summer Institute	2022
	Graduate Student Researcher	Fall 2021-Spring 2022
	<i>Supervisor: Kevin O'Brien; project: "Neither Withdrawal nor Resistance: Adapting to Increased Repression in China"</i>	
Peer Reviews Completed	The China Quarterly	2 reviews
	Journal of Chinese Governance	6 reviews
	Asian Survey	7 reviews
	Palgrave Macmillan	1 review
References	Kevin O'Brien, Professor of Political Science, UC Berkeley	kobrien@berkeley.edu
	Alison Post, Associate Professor of Political Science, UC Berkeley	aepost@berkeley.edu
	Steven Vogel, Professor of Political Science, UC Berkeley	svogel@berkeley.edu
	Sean Gailmard, Professor of Political Science, UC Berkeley	gailmard@berkeley.edu