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Research Interests	Comparative politics with a regional focus on China and East Asia; state-society interaction, citizenship, political psychology, socio-legal studies	
Education	University of California, Berkeley	Ph.D. May 2024
	<i>Committee: Kevin O'Brien (chair), Alison Post, Jennifer Bussell, Andrew Little</i>	M.A. Dec. 2020
	Cornell University (Sociology PhD program)	2016-2018
	Macalester College (Political Science and Sociology)	B.A. May 2016
	Leiden University College The Hague (semester abroad)	Fall 2014
Teaching Experience (Faculty)	Visiting Assistant Professor, Duke Kunshan University:	
	International Development	2024, 2025, 2026
	International Political Economy	2025, 2026
	Political Economy of Institutions	2025, 2026, 2027
	Common Core 1: China in the World	2026, 2027 (x2)
	Mini-term (1-week intensive) courses, Duke Kunshan University:	
	Three Turning Points in Modern Japanese History, 1853-1953	2026
Teaching Experience (Graduate)	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 & Subnational Politics in Low- & Middle-Income Countries	Fall 2021
	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
	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 Research Scholar Program	Summer 2024
	<i>advised a high-school student on a publishable research paper</i>	Summer 2025
	<i>(2026: on a volunteer basis for a student in financial need)</i>	Summer 2026
		Fall 2026
	Mentored Signature Work projects (DKU undergraduate capstone):	
	Kamila Mejia Ley*	Class of 2026
	Cecile Divoux	Class of 2027
	Khanh Minh Tong	Class of 2027
	*Graduated with Distinction (top 10% of Signature Works)	
	Mentored Research Assistants:	
	Joy (Jiayi) Wei	Spring-Fall 2025
	Anonymous due to sensitive topic (3)	Summer 2024
	Anonymous due to sensitive topic (2)	Spring 2022-Spring 2023
Additional Experience	DKU Certificate in Innovative Curriculum Design and Pedagogy	Spring 2026
	DKU 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>	
Publications	"Contacting, Petitioning, and Satisfaction with Government Responsiveness: Nationwide Survey Evidence from China." <i>Asian Survey</i> 65(3): 369-402. 2025.	
	"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	"Authoritarian Legality at the Grassroots: How Chinese Local Governments Use the Law as a Shield to Justify State (In)action." R&R at <i>Law & Society Review</i> .	
	"Do Chinese Netizens with Authoritarian Personality Traits Prefer Rigid or Flexible Enforcement of Laws?" Survey data received 2026-07-28, analysis in progress.	
Conferences	"Law as a Shield: How Chinese Local Governments Use Legality to Deflect Public Pressure." Presentation at APSA 2025.	
	"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.	

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
	Berry-Rinder-Swain prize for outstanding writing in Sociology	Spring 2016
Other Talks and Lectures	Alpha Kappa Delta (Sociology Int'l Honors Society)	Fall 2015
	“Orientation Assignments: Getting to Know Your Students in a Structured Way.”	
	Presentation at DKU Annual Teaching and Learning Showcase, 2025.	
	Graduate Guest Lectures, UC Berkeley:	
	“China’s Economic Miracle”	Fall 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020
	“China’s Great-Power Trajectory”	Fall 2023
Peer Reviews Completed	“Authoritarian Resilience: China as a Case Study?”	Spring 2022
	The China Quarterly	3 reviews
	Journal of Chinese Governance	9 reviews
	Asian Survey	9 reviews
	Journal of Politics	1 review
	Policy Studies	1 review
References	Palgrave Macmillan	1 review
	Gergely Horvath, Chair of Social Sciences, DKU	
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	Kevin O’Brien, Professor Emeritus of Political Science, UC Berkeley	
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