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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

2017-2018 **University of Pennsylvania**, Philadelphia, USA
Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for the Study of Contemporary China

EDUCATION

2011-2017 **University of California, Berkeley**, Berkeley, USA
Ph.D., Political Science (awarded August 2017)
Dissertation Title: Clean Air at What Cost? The Rise of Blunt Force Pollution Regulation in China
Dissertation Committee: Kevin O'Brien (Chair), Ruth Collier, Peter Lorentzen, Alison Post, Rachel Stern, Steven Vogel

2008-2010 **McGill University**, Montreal, Canada
M.A., Political Science

2003-2006 **Cambridge University**, Cambridge, UK
B.A., Social and Political Sciences

PUBLICATIONS

2017. "Racing to the Bottom or to the Top? Decentralization, Revenue Pressures and Governance Reform in China" *World Development* 95, 164-176 (with Peter Lorentzen and Daniel Mattingly)

WORKING PAPERS

Clean Air at What Cost? The Rise of 'Blunt Force' Pollution Regulation in China, book project

Do Protests Fall on Deaf Ears? The Repercussions of State-Centered Regulation in China, working paper

What Does it Mean to be a Weak State? Strong and Weak States in the Developing World, working paper

CONFERENCE PAPERS

2017 *Clean Air at What Cost? The Rise of 'Blunt Force' Pollution Regulation in China*
Awarded 'Graduate Student Best Paper Prize' at Association for Asian Studies (AAS) Annual Conference, Toronto, Canada;
American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting, San Francisco
International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Convention, Baltimore, USA

2016 *Do Protests Fall on Deaf Ears? The Repercussions of State-Centered Regulation in China*
Association for Asian Studies (AAS) in Asia, Annual Conference, Kyoto, Japan

2016 *The Political Economy of Pollution Reduction in China*
Chinese University of Hong Kong, Graduate Seminar on China, Hong Kong

2015 *Racing to the Bottom or to the Top? Decentralization and Governance Reform in China*
Shanghai Jiaotong University, Chinese Politics and Society Workshop, Shanghai, PRC

2015 *Pollute and Prosper? Two Pathways to Regulating Pollution in China*
University of Chicago New Generation China Scholars Colloquium, Beijing, China

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

2016 National Science Foundation, Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant, Political Science
2015-2016 China Times Cultural Foundation, Young Scholarship Award
2014-2016 Elvera Kwang Siam Lim Fellowship in Chinese Studies, UC Berkeley Center for Chinese Studies
2014-2015 University of Chicago, New Generation China Scholars Fellowship
2014-2015 John L. Simpson Memorial Research Fellowship, UC Berkeley Institute of International Studies
2012-2015 Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Doctoral Fellowship
2012 UC Berkeley Graduate Division Summer Grant
2011-2016 UC Berkeley Charles and Louise Travers Department of Political Science Fellowship
2010-2011 Aga Khan Foundation Fellowship in International Development Management
2010 China Law Centre of the Yale Law School, Research Associate Fellowship (declined)
2009-2010 AUCC Students for Development Award, Canadian International Development Agency

TEACHING AND MENTORING EXPERIENCE

2017 *Research Mentor*, Undergraduate Research Apprentice Program, UC Berkeley
2013-2014 *Graduate Student Instructor*, Department of Political Science, UC Berkeley
- “Extreme Encounters with Power” with Kevin O’Brien, Spring 2013,
- “War” with Ron Hassner, Spring 2014
2008-2010 *Teaching Assistant*, Department of Political Science, McGill University
- “Inequality and Development” (with Erik Kuhonta), “International Organizations” (with Vincent Pouliot); “International Relations and Political Theory” (with Catherine Lu)

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Consultancies

2015 *Research Consultant*, Chinese Academy of Sciences—Institute of Geography, Beijing, China
2009 *Research Consultant*, Future Generations NGO, Beijing, China

Field Experience

2012 *Researcher*, Center for Legal Assistance to Pollution Victims, Beijing, China
2010-2011 *Manager, Monitoring and Evaluation*, Aga Khan Foundation MSDSP, Khorog, Tajikistan
2007-2008 *Project Manager*, Future Generations NGO, Beijing, China

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association (APSA)

Association for Asian Studies (AAS)

International Studies Association (ISA)

SKILLS

Languages: Fluent Mandarin Chinese (reading and spoken); Cantonese (reading and spoken);

Programming: R, ArcGIS