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EDUCATION

University of Michigan Ann Arbor, Michigan
Ph.D., Political Science and Scientific Computing 2023 –

Fellow: Center for Emerging Democracies (CED), Center for Southeast Asian Studies (CSEAS), Lieberthal-Rogel Center for Chinese Studies (LR-CCS), Population Studies Center (PSC)

Major: Comparative Politics; **Prelim Committee:** Dan Slater, Allen Hicken, Mary Gallagher (Notre Dame), Pamela Brandwein

Minor: Political Methodology; **Prelim Committee:** Robert Franzese, Walter Mebane

M.A., Political Science 2023 – 2024

M.A., International and Regional Studies (Phi Kappa Phi) 2021 – 2023
Thesis Advisor: Dan Slater; Second Reader: Allen Hicken

Beijing Foreign Studies University Beijing, China
B.A., Malay Studies, Diplomacy Studies (Highest Honors) 2016 – 2020
Thesis Advisor: Congcong Fu

TRAINING

Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) with Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) Certificates 2022, 2024

Indiana University Summer Language Workshop 2024

RESEARCH ARTICLES

“Now the Storm Is Coming: How Nondemocratic Elites’ Varying Interpretations of Threats Influence Crisis Decisions.”
Manuscript in Progress

“Impossible Coalitions: Emerging Cleavages and the Collapse of Dominant Parties in Electoral Authoritarian Regimes”
Manuscript in Progress

“Ethnic Population Distribution and Pseudo Urban Effects: Evidence from Malaysia.”
Manuscript in Progress

RESEARCH AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, University of Michigan
Dan Slater Spring/Summer 2024
Mary Gallagher Spring/Summer 2023
Dan Slater and Adam Casey Spring/Summer 2022

Graduate Student Instructor, University of Michigan

	POLSCI 327 “Election Law”, Jowei Chen	Winter 2025
	POLSCI 140 “Intro to Comparative Politics”, Pauline Jones	Fall 2024
	POLSCI 389 “Human Rights”, Ragnhild Nordås	Winter 2023
	SOC 430 “World Population Dynamics”, Barbara Anderson	Fall 2022
CONFERENCES	Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Meeting	2025
	American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting	2024
	American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting	2024
	Social Science History Association (SSHA) Annual Meeting	2024
WORKSHOPS	CED Book Workshop with Joel Selway	2024
	International Institute Graduate Student Instructor Application Workshop	2024
	International Institute PhD Application Workshop	2023
SERVICES	Graduate Education and Training in Southeast Asian Studies (GETSEA) Consortium	
	Graduate Student Council Member	2023 –
	University of Michigan	
	President, Graduate Association of Political Scientists (GAPS)	2025 –
	Co-Organizer, China Reading Group	2023 –
	Mentor, The Eldersveld Emerging Scholars Conference	2024
	Co-Organizer, Interdisciplinary Workshop in Comparative Politics	2023 – 2024
AWARDS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS	University of Michigan	
	Rackham Graduate School Conference Travel Grant	2024
	Institute for Social Research - Rackham Summer Training Awards	2024
	Departmental Conference Travel Grant	2024
	LSA PhD Need-Based Technology Support Grant	2024
	Center for Japanese Studies Summer Language Fellowship	2024
	Departmental Research Grant	2023
	CED Fellowship	2022
	International Institute Student Fellowship	2022
	International Institute Travel Funds	2022
	Global Individual Grants	2022
	Rackham Graduate Student Research Grants	2022
	CSEAS Southeast Asian Language Scholarship	2021
	Beijing Foreign Studies University	
	Excellent Senior Thesis Award	2020
	University Scholarships	2017-2019
INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE	Nielsen	Beijing, China
	Business Analyst	2020-2021
LANGUAGES	Mandarin Chinese (Native), English (Bilingual Proficiency), Malay (Advanced, ~8 years), Indonesian (Advanced, ~3 years), Japanese (Intermediate, ~1.5 years)	

SKILLS

R, Python, STATA, ArcGIS, L^AT_EX, Microsoft Office Package