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I. EMPLOYMENT

University of Michigan. James Orin Murfin Professor of Political Science, 2022-.

- Director, Center for Emerging Democracies (@umichDemocracy), 2018-.
- Faculty Associate, Center for Political Studies (CPS), 2018-.
- Ronald and Eileen Weiser Professor of Emerging Democracies, 2018-23.
- Professor, Department of Political Science, 2017-18.

University of Chicago. Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, 2010-17.

- Associate Member, Department of Sociology, 2012-17.
- Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, 2005-10.

Additional Academic Appointments

London School of Economics (LSE), Saw Swee Hock Southeast Asia Center, Visiting Professor, 2025.
University of Cape Town (UCT), Nelson Mandela School of Public Governance, Visiting Professor, 2024-25.
Hertie School, The University of Governance in Berlin, Visiting Scholar, 2024.
Free University of Berlin, Contestations of the Liberal Script (SCRIPTS), Visiting Senior Fellow, 2024.
University of Montreal, Centre for International Studies (CERIUM), Visitor in Residence, 2024.
Indonesian International Islamic University (UIII), Faculty of Social Sciences, Fulbright Scholar, Jakarta, 2023.
University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC), Research Associate, Department of Political Science, 2017-20.
Tsinghua University, Institute for International and Area Studies, Visiting Professor, Beijing, 2019.
University of Helsinki, Faculty of Arts in Asian Studies, Visiting Professor, 2018.
Institute for Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS), Senior Research Fellow, Singapore, 2014.
Monash University, Research Fellow, Malaysia Campus, 2013.

International Policy and Consulting

Resistance Project, Global Advisory Board, 2026-29.
Human Rights Watch, Tyranny Tracker, Roundtable Participant, 2026.
Open Society University Network (OSUN) Forum, Project Co-Convener, 2024-25.
Organization for Economic Co-Operation and Development (OECD), Research Consultant, 2021-25.
American Enterprise Institute (AEI), Foreign and Defense Policy Studies, Nonresident Fellow, 2021-.
Freedom House, External Adviser, 2019-22.
Carnegie Endowment for International Peace (CEIP), Asia Program, Nonresident Scholar, 2019-21.
Center for a New American Security (CNAS), Project Consultant, 2019.
US Agency for International Development (USAID), Project Expert, 2016-17.
European Union (EU), Election Observation Mission in Myanmar, Election Observer, 2015.
US State Department, American Embassy in Ethiopia, Project Consultant, 2013-14.
American Bar Association (ABA), Constitution Commission of Fiji, External Adviser, 2012.
World Bank, Working Group Participant, 2012.

II. LEADERSHIP

Co-Managing Editor (with Anna Grzymala-Busse), Cambridge University Press, Cambridge Studies in Comparative Politics Series, 2024-.

Co-Founder/Convener (with Ji Yeon Hong, Xiaobo Lu, and Yuhua Wang), Group on Asian Political History (GRAPH), 2022-.

Founder/Co-Editor (with Pauline Jones), Emerging Democracies Book Series, University of Michigan Press, 2018-.

Executive Co-Editor (with Robert Mickey), *Democracy and Autocracy*, 2019-26.

Editorial Board, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge Studies in Comparative Politics Series, 2022-24.

Founder/Director, Center for International Social Science Research (CISSR), University of Chicago, 2016-17.

Co-Founder/Convener (with Allen Hicken, Edmund Malesky, and Thomas Pepinsky), Southeast Asia Research Group (SEAREG), 2013-19.

Chair, Committee on International Relations (CIR), University of Chicago, 2011-12.

III. EDUCATION

Emory University. Ph.D., Political Science, 2005.

University of Washington. M.A., Jackson School of International Studies, 1996.

University of Wisconsin-Madison. B.A., History and International Relations, 1994.

IV. PUBLICATIONS

Books and Monographs

From Development to Democracy: The Transformations of Modern Asia (with Joseph Wong). Princeton University Press (2022).

Coercive Distribution (with Michael Albertus and Sofia Fenner). Cambridge University Press, Elements Series on the Politics of Development (2018).

Ordering Power: Contentious Politics and Authoritarian Leviathans in Southeast Asia. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge Studies in Comparative Politics (2010).

Southeast Asia in Political Science: Theory, Region, and Qualitative Analysis (co-edited with Erik Kuhonta and Tuong Vu). Stanford University Press, Contemporary Issues in the Asia-Pacific (2008).

Articles and Chapters

“Hegemony, Heterogeneity, History: Varieties of Communism in Theory and Practice” (with Michael Bernhard). *Comparative Political Studies* 59:9 (August 2026), pp. 1791-1824.

“Scale Tactics: Researching Political Development and Violence in Post-Soeharto Indonesia” (with Sana Jaffrey). *SOJOURN* 42:1 (July 2026), pp. 280-309.

“Varieties of Communism” (with Michael Bernhard). *Comparative Political Studies* 59:7 (June 2026), pp. 1411-1420.

“The Authoritarian Origins of the Third Wave.” *Journal of Democracy* 36:2 (April 2025), pp. 118-127.

“Authoritarianism’s Historical Entanglements.” In Anne Wolf (ed.), *The Oxford Handbook of Authoritarian Politics*. Oxford: Oxford University Press (2024).

“The Specter of the Spectrum: Escaping the Residual Category of Weak States.” In Steven Heydemann and Marc Lynch (eds.), *Making Sense of the Arab State*. University of Michigan Press, Emerging Democracies Series (2024), pp. 274-282.

“Indonesia’s High-Stakes Handover.” *Journal of Democracy* 35:2 (April 2024), pp. 40-51.

- “The Origins of Military Supremacy in Dictatorships” (with Lucan Way, Jean Lachapelle, and Adam Casey). *Journal of Democracy* 34:3 (July 2023), pp. 5-20.
- “What Indonesian Democracy Can Teach the World.” *Journal of Democracy* 34:1 (January 2023), pp. 95-109.
- “The Politics of Permanent Pitfalls: Historical Inheritances and Indonesia’s Democratic Survival.” In Scott Mainwaring and Tarek Masoud (eds.), *Democracy in Hard Places*. Oxford University Press (2022), pp. 73-93.
- “Threats or Gains: The Battle over Participation in America’s Careening Democracy.” *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Sciences*, 699:1 (January 2022), pp. 90-100.
- “Nationalism, Authoritarianism, and Democracy: Historical Lessons from South and Southeast Asia” (with Maya Tudor). *Perspectives on Politics*, 19:3 (September 2021), pp. 706-722.
- “War Makes the Regime: Regional Rebellions and Political Militarization Worldwide” (with Ferdinand Eibl and Steffen Hertog). *British Journal of Political Science*, 51:3 (July 2021), pp. 1002-1023.
- “Populism and the Past: Restoring, Retaining, and Redeeming the Nation” (with Iza Ding and Huseyin Zengin). *Studies in Comparative International Development* 56:2 (June 2021), pp. 148-169.
- “Democratic Decoupling” (with Iza Ding). *Democratization* 28:1 (January 2021), pp. 63-80.
- “Indonesia’s Tenuous Democratic Success and Survival.” In Thomas Power and Eve Warburton (eds.), *Democracy in Indonesia: From Stagnation to Regression*. Singapore: ISEAS (2020), pp. 45-62.
- “The Indigenous Inheritance: Critical Antecedents and State-Building in Latin America and Southeast Asia” (with Hillel Soifer). *Social Science History* 44:2 (Summer 2020), pp. 251-274.
- “Authoritarian-Led Democratization” (with Rachel Beatty Riedl, Joseph Wong, and Daniel Ziblatt). *Annual Review of Political Science* 23 (May 2020), pp. 315-332.
- “Violent Origins of Authoritarian Variation: Rebellion Type and Regime Type in Cold War Southeast Asia.” *Government and Opposition* 55:1 (January 2020), pp. 21-40.
- “Maladjustment: Economic Shock and Authoritarian Dynamics in Malaysia.” In Victor Shih (ed.), *Economic Shocks and Authoritarian Stability*. University of Michigan Press, Emerging Democracies Series (2019), pp. 167-188.
- “Democratizing Singapore’s Developmental State.” In Lily Rahim and Michael Barr (eds.), *The Limits of Authoritarian Governance in Singapore’s Developmental State*. PalgraveMacmillan (2019), pp. 305-319.
- “Polarization without Poles: Machiavellian Conflicts and the Philippines’ Lost Decade of Democracy, 2000-2010” (with Aries Arugay). *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Sciences* 681:1 (January 2019), pp. 122-136.
- “Game for Democracy: Authoritarian Successor Parties in Developmental Asia” (with Joseph Wong). In James Loxton and Scott Mainwaring (eds.), *Life After Democracy: Authoritarian Successor Parties Worldwide*. Cambridge University Press (2018), pp. 284-313.
- “Making Godly Nations: Church-State Pathways in Poland and the Philippines” (with Anna Grzymala-Busse). *Comparative Politics* 50:4 (July 2018), pp. 545-564.
- “Dead But Not Gone: Legacies of Imperialism, Communism, and Authoritarianism” (with Alberto Simpser and Jason Wittenberg). *Annual Review of Political Science* 21 (May 2018), pp. 419-439.
- “Party Cartelization, Indonesian-Style: Presidential Powersharing and the Contingency of Democratic Opposition.” *Journal of East Asian Studies* 18:1 (March 2018), pp. 23-46.
- “Polarizing Figures: Executive Power and Institutional Conflict in Democratic Asia” (with Aries Arugay). *American Behavioral Scientist* 62:1 (January 2018), pp. 92-106.
- “Violence and Regimes in Asia: Capable States and Durable Settlements” (with Sana Jaffrey). In *The State of Conflict and Violence in Asia*. The Asia Foundation (September 2017).

- “The Content of Democracy: Nationalist Parties and Inclusive Ideologies in India and Indonesia” (with Maya Tudor). In Nancy Bermeo and Deborah Yashar (eds.), *Parties, Democracy and Movements in the Developing World*. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge Studies in Contentious Politics (2016), pp. 28-60.
- “The Power of Counterrevolution: Elitist Origins of Political Order in Postcolonial Asia and Africa” (with Nicholas Rush Smith). *American Journal of Sociology* 121:5 (March 2016), pp. 1472-1516.
- “Democratic Disarticulation and its Dangers: Cleavage Formation and Promiscuous Powersharing in Indonesian Party Politics.” In Cedric de Leon, Manali Desai, and Cihan Tugal (eds.), *Building Blocs: How Parties Organize Society*. Stanford University Press (2015), pp. 123-150.
- “Standoffish States: Nonliterate Leviathans in Southeast Asia” (with Diana Kim). *TRaNS* 3:1 (January 2015), pp. 1-20.
- “Economic Origins of Democratic Breakdown? The Redistributive Model and the Postcolonial State” (with Benjamin Smith and Gautam Nair). *Perspectives on Politics* 12:2 (June 2014), pp. 353-374.
- “The Elements of Surprise: Assessing Burma’s Double-Edged Détente.” *South East Asia Research* 22:2 (June 2014), pp. 171-182.
- “Unbuilding Blocs: Indonesia’s Accountability Deficit in Historical Perspective.” *Critical Asian Studies* 46:2 (June 2014), pp. 287-315.
- “Coping by Colluding: Political Uncertainty and Promiscuous Powersharing in Indonesia and Bolivia” (with Erica Simmons). *Comparative Political Studies* 46:11 (November 2013), pp. 1366-1393.
- “Democratic Careening.” *World Politics* 65:4 (October 2013), pp. 729-763.
- “The Enduring Indispensability of the Controlled Comparison” (with Daniel Ziblatt). *Comparative Political Studies* 46:10 (October 2013), pp. 1301-1327.
- “The Strength to Concede: Ruling Parties and Democratization in Developmental Asia” (with Joseph Wong). *Perspectives on Politics* 11:3 (September 2013), pp. 717-733.
- “Strong-State Democratization in Malaysia and Singapore.” *Journal of Democracy* 23:2 (April 2012), pp. 19-33.
[Reprinted in Larry Diamond, Marc Plattner, and Yun-han Chu (eds.), *Democracy in East Asia: A New Century*. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2013].
- “Southeast Asian Shockwaves: Tracking the Abuse-Activism Connection.” *Regional Outlook: Southeast Asia* 20 (January 2012), pp. 3-9.
- “State Power and Staying Power: Infrastructural Mechanisms and Authoritarian Durability” (with Sofia Fenner). *Journal of International Affairs* 65:1 (Fall/Winter 2011), pp. 15-29.
- “Informative Regress: Critical Antecedents in Comparative Politics” (with Erica Simmons). *Comparative Political Studies* 43:7 (July 2010), pp. 886-917.
- “Altering Authoritarianism: Institutional Complexity and Autocratic Agency in Indonesia.” In James Mahoney and Kathleen Thelen (eds.), *Explaining Institutional Change: Ambiguity, Agency, and Power*. Cambridge University Press (2010), pp. 132-167.
- “Revolutions, Crackdowns, and Quiescence: Communal Elites and Democratic Mobilization in Southeast Asia.” *American Journal of Sociology* 115:1 (July 2009), pp. 203-254.
- Best Article Award, Comparative-Historical Section, American Sociological Association (ASA), 2010.
 - Alexander George Award for Best Article, Qualitative and Multi-Method Research Section, American Political Science Association (APSA), 2010.
 - Best Article, Comparative Democratization Section, APSA, 2010.
- “Can Leviathan be Democratic? Competitive Elections, Robust Mass Politics, and State Infrastructural Power.” *Studies in Comparative International Development* 43:3 (Fall/Winter 2008), pp. 252-272.
- Best Article Award, Comparative Democratization Section, APSA, 2009.

- “Democracies and Dictatorships Do Not Float Freely: Structural Sources of Political Regimes in Southeast Asia.” In *Southeast Asia in Political Science* (2008), pp. 55-79. [Also coauthored introductory and concluding chapters with Kuhonta and Vu.]
- “The Architecture of Authoritarianism: Southeast Asia and the Regeneration of Democratization Theory.” *Taiwan Journal of Democracy* 2:2 (December 2006), pp. 1-22.
- “The Ironies of Instability in Indonesia.” *Social Analysis* 50:1 (Spring 2006), pp. 208-213. [Reproduced in Tony Day (ed.), *Identifying with Freedom: Indonesia after Suharto*. New York: Bergahn, 2007.]
- “Institutions of the Offensive: Domestic Sources of Dispute Initiation in Authoritarian Regimes, 1950-1992” (with Brian Lai). *American Journal of Political Science* 50:1 (January 2006), pp. 113-126.
- “Systemic Vulnerability and the Origins of Developmental States: Northeast and Southeast Asia in Comparative Perspective” (with Richard Doner and Bryan Ritchie). *International Organization* 59:2 (Spring 2005), pp. 327-361.
- “Indonesia’s Accountability Trap: Party Cartels and Presidential Power after Democratic Transition.” *Indonesia* 78 (October 2004), pp. 61-92.
- “Democracy Takes a Thumping: Islamist and Democratic Opposition in Malaysia’s Electoral Authoritarian Regime.” *Kyoto Review of Southeast Asia* 5 (March 2004).
- “Iron Cage in an Iron Fist: Authoritarian Institutions and the Personalization of Power in Malaysia.” *Comparative Politics* 36:1 (October 2003), pp. 81-101.

Manuscripts in Preparation

- To Level the World: Left-Wing Authoritarianism, Past and Present* (with Kai Thaler).
- The Origins of Military Autonomy: Modes of Creation and Means of Control* (with Jean Lachapelle and Lucan Way).
- Battles for Pluralism: Indonesia, Malaysia, and the Great Democratic Unknown*.
- “Autocratization, Stage Left: Cold War Leftism and Global Regime Backsliding” (with Kai Thaler).
- “The Global Spread of Autocratization: How Democratic Regression and Autocratic Deepening Cross Borders” (with Alexander Schmotz and Lisa-Marie Selvik).
- “Mischievous of the Franchise: Suffrage Expansion in the British Empire, Ceylon 1927-1931” (with Iza Ding).
- “The Coalitional Politics of Climate Adaptation.”
- “Eroding Citizenship: Asian Harbingers of European Transformations” (with Zhen Zhang).
- “The State Democracy Requires.”
- “Unity Against Diversity: Elite Collusion in Southeast Asia” (with Aries Arugay and Napon Jatusripitak).
- “Hermits No More: The International Networking of Autocracy in Myanmar and North Korea” (with Alexis Turek and Margaret Commander).

Opinion and Online

- “Polishing off Populism in Authoritarian Thailand.” *Journal of Democracy*, 23 July 2025.
- “Southeast Asia and the Middle-Democracy Trap.” *East Asia Forum Quarterly* 17:2, May 2025.
- “France Rallies to Resuscitate the Republic.” *Journal of Democracy*, 30 October 2024.
- “Malaysia’s Compromised Democracy.” *East Asia Forum*, 28 January 2024.
- “Thailand’s Revolutionary Election.” *Journal of Democracy*, 15 May 2023.
- “Malaysia Follows Indonesia on the Road from Authoritarian Hegemony.” *East Asia Forum*, 12 February 2023.
- “Asia’s Elusive Northeast Passage.” *East Asia Forum Quarterly*, January-March 2022, pp. 14-18.
- “The Digitization of Dictatorship: Early Lessons from a Growing Literature” (with Jeremy Boo). *Turkish Policy Quarterly*, Fall 2021.

- “Southeast Asian Ruling Parties Pose a Problem for Biden’s Democracy Agenda.” *The National Interest*, 19 September 2021.
- “Taliban Leaders are Back in Charge in Afghanistan: Can they Control their Own Army?” (with Adam Casey and Jean Lachapelle). *Monkey Cage*, 27 August 2021.
- “In a Polarized Asia Pacific, Democracy Should Be a Goal, Not a Club.” *East Asia Forum*, 14 February 2021.
- “Southeast Asia’s Grim Resilience: Pragmatism Amid the Pandemic.” *Carnegie Endowment for International Peace*, 1 July 2020.
- “Why Religious Tolerance Won in Indonesia but Lost in India” (with Maya Tudor). *Foreign Affairs*, 3 July 2019.
- “After Democracy.” *Foreign Affairs*, 6 November 2018.
- “Malaysia’s Modernization Tsunami.” *East Asia Forum*, 20 May 2018. Reprinted as “Malaysia’s Political Tsunami a Victory for Courageous Middle Class,” *Australian Financial Review*.
- “Party Cartelization, Indonesian-Style.” *East Asia Forum*, 14 March 2018.
- “Victory vs. Reciprocity: Presidential Powersharing and Party Cartelization in Indonesia.” *Presidential Power*, 21 February 2018.
- “Old Dominance, New Dominos in Southeast Asia.” *New Mandala*, 26 October 2017.
- “Was the 2016 U.S. Election Democratic?” (with Lucan Ahmad Way). *The Monkey Cage*, 12 January 2017.
- “Myanmar’s Loser-Less Landslide.” *Nikkei Asian Review*, 13 November 2015.
- “Singapore’s Final Authoritarian Election.” *East Asia Forum*, 14 September 2015.
- “Malaysia’s Mess is Mahathir-Made.” *East Asia Forum*, 29 July 2015.
- “Indonesia’s Presidential Coalitions: Promiscuity into Promise?” *New Mandala*, 2 June 2014.
- “Democracy Yes, Accountability No?” *Inside Indonesia* 95 (January-March 2009).
- “China on the Wrong Road in Burma.” *Christian Science Monitor*. 21 September 2007, p. 9.

Newsletter Essays

- “Opposing Pluralism: Authoritarian Regimes without Democratic Assumptions” (with Sofia Fenner). *APSA-CD: Comparative Democratization* 15:1 (February 2017), pp. 6 & 23-27.
- “Conceding and Thriving: Strong-State Democratization in Asia” (with Joseph Wong). *APSA-CD: Comparative Democratization* 10:2 (June 2012), pp. 3, 12-15. [Reprinted in *The Monkey Cage*, 26 June 2012.]
- “Authoritarianism and Autocracy.” *APSA-CP* 20:2 (Summer 2009), p. 9.
- “Critical Antecedents and Informative Regress” (with Erica Simmons). *Qualitative Methods* 6:1 (Spring 2008), pp. 6-13.
- “Comparative Historical Analysis.” In John Foran (ed.), *Teaching Comparative-Historical Methods in Sociology*, Washington, DC: American Sociological Association, 2007.

Forewords

- “Portable Feasts: The Timeless Value of Case-Studies like *Politicized Society*.” Foreword in Mikael Mattlin, *Politicized Society: Taiwan’s Struggle with its One-Party Past*. Copenhagen: NIAS Press (2018).
- “When Transition Succeeds or Fails.” *Myanmar Quarterly Journal* 1:3 (October 2017).

Reviews and Symposia

- “War Made Laws and Laws Made the State.” Review in Symposium on *State-Building as Lawfare: Custom, Sharia, and State Law in Postwar Chechnya* (by Egor Lazarev). *Nationalities Papers* 53:1 (January 2025), pp. 232-234.
- Republicanism, Communism, Islam: Cosmopolitan Origins of Revolution in Southeast Asia*, by John T. Sidel. *SOJOURN* 38:2 (July 2023), pp. 236-239.

- The Origins of Secular Institutions: Ideas, Timing, and Organization*, by H. Zeynep Bulutgil. *Perspectives on Politics* 21:1 (January 2023), pp. 384-385.
- Mobilizing Without the Masses: Control and Contention in China*, by Diana Fu. *Perspectives on Politics* 16:4 (December 2018), pp. 1193-1195.
- War, States, and Contention: A Comparative-Historical Analysis*, by Sidney Tarrow. Review symposia in *Perspectives on Politics* 14:1 (March 2016), pp. 162-167; and *Trajectories* 28:3 (Spring 2016), pp. 45-49.
- “La Disputa por el Estado.” In “La Política Comparada de las Elecciones Autoritarias – Un Debate en Torno a *The Politics of Uncertainty: Sustaining and Subverting Electoral Authoritarianism* de Andreas Schedler.” *Política y Gobierno* 32:1 (2015), pp. 235-239.
- Colonialism and Postcolonial Development: Spanish America in Comparative Perspective* (by James Mahoney). Book symposium in *Trajectories* 23:2 (Spring 2012), pp. 24-26.
- Debate on *Ordering Power* (with William Case, Gerry Van Klinken, and John Roosa). *Bijdragen tot de Taal-, Land- en Volkenkunde* 167:4 (December 2011), pp. 512-526.
- “Critical Dialogue.” Review of Steven Levitsky and Lucan Way’s *Competitive Authoritarianism* and Response to Steven Levitsky and Lucan Way’s Review of *Ordering Power*. *Perspectives on Politics* 9:2 (June 2011), pp. 383-389.
- Imperial Alchemy: Nationalism and Political Identity in Southeast Asia*, by Anthony Reid. *Political Science Quarterly*, 126:1 (Spring 2011), pp. 146-147.
- The Art of Not Being Governed: An Anarchist History of Upland Southeast Asia*, by James C. Scott. *Comparative Political Studies* 43:11 (November 2010), pp. 1527-1531.
- “Editors’ Response” (with Erik Martinez Kuhonta and Tuong Vu), in “Roundtable Discussion of Erik Martinez Kuhonta, Dan Slater, and Tuong Vu’s *Southeast Asia in Political Science: Theory, Region, and Qualitative Analysis*.” *Journal of East Asian Studies* 10:2 (May-August 2010), pp. 196-204.
- Case Study Research: Principles and Practices*, by John Gerring. *Perspectives on Politics* 6:2 (June 2008), pp. 402-403.

V. RECOGNITION

Professional Awards

- Barrington Moore Best Book Award (Honorable Mention), ASA Comparative-Historical Section (2011), for *Ordering Power: Contentious Politics and Authoritarian Leviathans in Southeast Asia*.
- Bernard Schwartz Book Award (Finalist), Asia Society (2011), for *Ordering Power: Contentious Politics and Authoritarian Leviathans in Southeast Asia*.
- Alexander George Award for Best Article, APSA Qualitative and Multi-Method Research Section (2010), for “Revolutions, Crackdowns, and Quiescence: Communal Elites and Democratic Mobilization in Southeast Asia.”
- Best Article Award, APSA Comparative Democratization Section (2010), for “Revolutions, Crackdowns, and Quiescence: Communal Elites and Democratic Mobilization in Southeast Asia.”
- Best Article Award, ASA Comparative-Historical Section (2010), for “Revolutions, Crackdowns, and Quiescence: Communal Elites and Democratic Mobilization in Southeast Asia.”
- Sage Paper Award, APSA Comparative Politics Section (2009), for “Economic Origins of Democratic Breakdown? Contrary Evidence from Southeast Asia and Beyond” (with Benjamin Smith).
- Best Article Award, APSA Comparative Democratization Section (2009), for “Can Leviathan be Democratic? Competitive Elections, Robust Mass Politics, and State Infrastructural Power.”
- Sage Paper Award, APSA Qualitative and Multi-Method Research Section (2008), for “Informative Regress: Critical Antecedents in Comparative-Historical Analysis” (with Erica Simmons).

Fellowships and Grants

“Cohesion Under Crisis: Concepts, Measures, Implications.” Minerva Research Initiative, 2025-29.
 Norman Wait Harris Fund, Center for International Studies (CIS), University of Chicago (2012, 2008).
 Norman Cutler Travel Grant, Committee on Southern Asian Studies (COSAS), University of Chicago (2009, 2008).
 University of Chicago Social Science Divisional Research (July 2006 – June 2009).
 Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship (September 2003 – June 2004).
 Social Science Research Council (SSRC) International Dissertation Research Fellowship (September 2003 – June 2004).
 National Security Education Program (NSEP) David L. Boren Graduate Fellowship (June – July 2004).
 Emory University Graduate School of Arts & Sciences/University Fund for Internationalization Graduate Research Grant (October 2003 – February 2004).
 Ford Foundation Vernacular Modernities Fellowship (May 2000 – August 2001).
 George W. Woodruff Fellowship, Graduate School of Arts & Sciences, Emory University (1999 – 2005).
 IIE/Fulbright Fellowship, Malaysia (February – November 1998).

VI. PRESENTATIONS¹

Keynotes and Thematic Lectures

“Democracy through Strength and Democratic Reversals: Lessons from Developmental Asia.” Keynote address at Tec de Monterrey’s 4th Annual Political Science Conference, February 2026.
 “Good-Bye, USA: Asian Democracy after American Liberalism.” Keynote address at IDEAS, Kuala Lumpur, August 2025; and at Tufts University, April 2025.
 “Southeast Asia in Political Science: A Retrospective Perspective.” Keynote address, SEAREG, Duke University, December 2023.
 “Will Democracy Survive? America Between Illiberal Democracy and Electoral Authoritarianism.” Lecture at the University of Michigan, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, December 2022.
 “Clustering Development and Democratization in Asia.” Keynote address, Global Development Institute, University of Manchester, November 2020.
 “Disruptive World: Innovative Political Science?” Keynote address, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, August 2018.
 “War for What: Sovereignty, Reform, and the Political Foundations of Durable Peace.” Keynote address, Conference on “Regional Peace and Internal Conflict,” National University of Singapore and Uppsala University East Asia Program, Singapore, November 2015.
 “Democratic Transition: Comparative Experience.” Lecture at Fiji National University, Nasinu, Fiji, October 2012.

Research Talks

- University of Louisville, Center for Asian Democracy, November 2026.
- Harvard University, Brown-Harvard Joint Seminar on South Asian Politics, March 2026.
- UC-Santa Barbara, Department of Political Science, March 2026.
- Yale University, Comparative Politics Workshop, February 2026.
- University of Michigan, Speaker Series on Political Institutions, January 2026.
- LSE, Comparative Politics and Comparative Political Economy Seminar, December 2025.
- Social Science Association (SSA), Colombo, Sri Lanka, May 2025.

¹ Only includes presentations since promotion to tenure in July 2010. Earlier information available upon request.

- WZB Social Science Center, Berlin, May 2025.
- LSE, Saw Swee Hock Southeast Asia Center, February 2025.
- Brown University, Department of Political Science and Watson Institute, February 2025.
- University of Manchester, Global Development Institute, November 2024.
- Hertie School of Government, Political Economy Workshop, November 2024.
- University of Chicago, Comparative Politics Workshop, November 2024.
- Free University of Berlin, SCRIPTS Colloquium, June 2024 and November 2024.
- University of Arizona, School of Government and Public Policy, April 2024.
- Global Affairs Canada, Southeast Asia and Oceania Program, March 2024.
- Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum, World Affairs Council of Western Michigan, February 2024.
- University of Montreal, International Studies and Research Centre, February 2024.
- Peking University, School of Government, Department of Political Science, November 2023.
- University of Notre Dame, Kellogg Institute for International Studies, September 2023.
- State Islamic University Syarif Hidayatullah (UIN), July 2023.
- Indonesian International Islamic University (UIII), July 2023.
- University of California - San Diego, School for Global Politics and Strategy, April 2023.
- Brigham Young University, Kennedy Center for International Studies, April 2023.
- University of Utah, Department of Political Science, April 2023.
- Boston University, Center for the Study of Asia, March 2023.
- OECD, Development Cooperation Directorate and Development Center, March 2023.
- Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government, February 2023.
- University of British Columbia, Department of Political Science, January 2023.
- National University of Singapore, Asia Research Institute and Lee Kuan Yew School, December 2022.
- University of Wisconsin, Comparative Politics Colloquium, November 2022.
- University of Toronto, Munk School of Global Affairs, November 2022.
- Columbia University, Weatherhead East Asian Institute, September 2022.
- Georgetown University, Asian Studies Program, September 2022.
- American Enterprise Institute, Foreign and Defense Policy Studies Program, September 2022.
- McGill University, Department of Political Science and Max Bell School of Public Policy, March 2022.
- University of California at Berkeley, Comparative Politics Colloquium, March 2022.
- Hokkaido University, Slavic-Eurasian Research Center, December 2021.
- University of Oregon, Research Colloquium, Department of Political Science, November 2021.
- UCLA, Political Sociology and the Global South & Seminar for Comparative Social Analysis, April 2021.
- Yale University, Comparative Politics Workshop, March 2021.
- Stanford University, Center for Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law (CDDRL), February 2021.
- University of Pennsylvania, Comparative Politics Workshop, September 2019.
- Tsinghua University, Institute for International and Area Studies, July 2019.
- Peking University, School of International Studies, July 2019.
- Shanghai Jiao Tong University, School for International and Public Affairs, June 2019.
- Stanford University, Asia/Pacific Research Center (APARC), May 2019.
- SAIS, Politics and Political Economy Series, April 2019.
- Michigan State University, Comparative Politics Workshop, April 2019.
- University of Helsinki, Chinese Studies Program, August 2018.
- University of the Philippines-Diliman, Department of Political Science, June 2018.

- University of California at Irvine, Political Science Colloquium, April 2018.
- SAIS, Reischauer Center for East Asian Studies, March 2018.
- Waseda University, Department of Political Science, November 2017.
- University of Tokyo, Institute of Social Science, November 2017.
- University of Illinois at Chicago, Political Science Speaker Series, September 2017.
- Columbia University, Comparative Politics Seminar, April 2017.
- University of Michigan, Weiser Center for Emerging Democracies, January 2017.
- University of Virginia, Lansing B. Lee Seminar in Global Politics, December 2016.
- M.I.T., Comparative Politics Speaker Series, December 2016.
- Vanderbilt University, Comparative Politics Speaker Series, December 2016.
- University of Sydney, Department of Government and International Relations, September 2016.
- Murdoch University, Asia Research Center, Perth, September 2016.
- Northern Illinois University, Center for Southeast Asian Studies, September 2016.
- University of Oxford, Nuffield College and Blavatnik School of Government, May 2016.
- University of Toronto, Department of Political Science, April 2016.
- University of British Columbia, Center for Southeast Asia Research, March 2016.
- Luce Foundation, Southeast Asia Scholars Program, New York, June 2015.
- Korea University, Department of Political Science, Seoul, May 2015.
- University of Hong Kong, Department of Politics and Public Administration, May 2015.
- Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Division of Social Science, May 2015.
- University of Chicago Alumni Association, Singapore/Beijing/Shanghai/Hong Kong, May 2015.
- Ohio State University, Comparative Politics Workshop, February 2015.
- Stanford University, CDDRL and APARC, February 2015.
- Harvard University, Comparative Politics Speaker Series, September 2014.
- Fudan University, Center of Comparative Political Development Studies, Shanghai, May 2014.
- University of California-San Diego, School for International Relations/Pacific Studies, May 2014.
- Populi Center for Public Opinion Research, Jakarta, April 2014.
- National University of Singapore, Department of Political Science, March 2014.
- Institute for Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS), Singapore, March 2014.
- University of Malaya, Department of Development Studies, Kuala Lumpur, March 2014.
- Singapore Management University, Department of Political Science, March 2014.
- Myanmar Egress and Sun Institute, Yangon, Myanmar, February 2014.
- Monash University, Malaysia Campus, School of Arts and Sciences, November 2013.
- Juan March Institute, Center for Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences, Madrid, May 2013.
- Ethiopian International Institute for Peace and Development, Addis Ababa, April 2013.
- Australian National University, Department of Political and Social Change, March 2013.
- Australian National University, Indonesia Study Group, March 2013.
- University of Sydney, Southeast Asia Center, March 2013.
- UCLA, Department of Sociology, Comparative Social Analysis Seminar Series, March 2013.
- University of Washington, Severyns-Ravenholt Seminar in Comparative Politics, October 2012.
- Stanford University, CDDRL, June 2012.
- Harvard University, Asia Center, April 2012.
- Boston University, Center for the Study of Asia, April 2012.
- University of Michigan, Gerald Ford School of Public Policy, April 2012.

- University of Wisconsin-Madison, Center for Southeast Asian Studies, February 2012.
- University of Minnesota, Comparative Politics Colloquium, September 2011.
- University of Louisville, Center for Asian Democracy, September 2011.
- University of Oxford, Center for the Study of Inequality and Democracy, May 2011.
- Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government, Ash Center Democracy Seminar, March 2011.
- University of Notre Dame, Kellogg Institute Lecture and Seminar Series, December 2010.
- University of Chicago Alumni Association, Dallas, Texas, October 2010.

Paper Presentations

- “Autocratization, Stage Left: Cold War Leftism and Global Regime Backsliding” (with Kai Thaler).
SSHA, Atlanta, November 2026.
Cambridge University Press – *Elements* manuscript workshop, UCSB, September 2026.
“The Future of Democracy.” Conference at WZB Berlin, October 2025.
APSA, Vancouver, September 2025.
- “Unity Against Diversity: Elite Collusion in Southeast Asia” (with Aries Arugay and Napon Jatusripitak).” APSA, Boston, September 2026.
- “Eroding Citizenship: Asian Harbingers of European Transformations” (with Zhen Zhang). Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE), Bordeaux, July 2026.
- “The State Democracy Requires.” Conference on “Democracy: Resistance and Renewal for Citizens’ Thriving,” Sciences-Po Bordeaux, June 2026.
- “Varieties of Communism” (with Michael Bernhard). Western Political Science Association (WPSA), San Diego, April 2026.
- “Battles for Pluralism: Indonesia, Malaysia, and the Great Democratic Unknown.” APSA 2025
- “Hermits No More: The International Networking of Closed Autocracy in Burma and North Korea” (with Alexis Turek and Margaret Commander). Conference at Technical University of Dresden, November 2025.
- “Reading Democracy Backwards: How a Communist Wave Became Democracy’s Third Wave.”
Universidad de los Andes, Department of Political Science and Global Studies, Bogota, March 2025.
Multimethod Conflict Consortium Conference (M2C2), Florida State University, March 2025.
University College London (UCL), Conflict & Change Workshop, March 2025.
- “Mischievous of the Franchise: Suffrage Expansion in the British Empire, Ceylon 1927-1931” (with Iza Ding).
SSHA 2026.
GRAPH, University of Michigan, May 2026.
APSA 2025.
European Political Science Association (EPSA), Madrid, June 2025.
International Political Science Association (IPSA), Lisbon, September 2024.
- “Old Prejudice or Renewed Prejudice? How Mass Immigration Shapes Attitudes Toward Democracy” (with Milena Ang and Alexandra Filindra). Council for European Studies (CES), Lyon, July 2024.
- “Autocracy’s Other Wing: Cold War Leftism and Contemporary Democratic Backsliding” (with Kai Thaler).
APSA 2025.
Arizona State University, “Authoritarianism, Democratic Backsliding, and Globalization,” April 2024.
- “Reverse Investment Reversed: Malaysia’s Aborted Foreign Economic Diplomacy, 1991-97.”
Peking University, Beijing Forum, November 2023.
Zhejiang University, “Comprehensive Modernization and Political Development,” Hangzhou, August 2023.

- “The Origins of Military Autonomy: Modes of Creation and Means of Control” (with Adam Casey and Jean Lachapelle).
 APSA, Montreal, September 2022.
 University of Texas at Austin, “Authoritarianism and Democratic Backsliding,” May 2022.
 International Studies Association (ISA), Nashville, April 2022.
 University of Michigan, Historical Institutions Laboratory, October 2021.
 APSA, Seattle, October 2021.
 Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), Chicago, April 2021.
- “Double-Edged Deinstitutionalization: America’s Empowered Presidency at Home and Unpredictable Unilateralism Abroad.” Workshop on “Institutional Weakening,” Columbia University, January 2020.
- “Populism and the Past: Restoring, Retaining, and Redeeming the Nation in Asia” (with Iza Ding and Huseyin Zengin).
 Social Science History Association (SSHA), Chicago, November 2019.
 “Austerity and Anti-Austerity” conference, University of Michigan, September 2019.
 APSA, Washington DC, August 2019.
- “Nationalist Foundations of Lasting Democracy and Authoritarianism: Lessons from South and Southeast Asia” (with Maya Tudor).
 APSA, Washington DC, August 2019.
 MPSA, Chicago, April 2019.
 APSA 2017.
 Politics, History, and Society Workshop, University of Chicago, November 2015.
- “Liberal Absolutism” (with Iza Ding).
 M.I.T., Comparative Politics Speaker Series, October 2019.
 Beijing University, School of International Studies, July 2019.
 Shanghai Jiao Tong University, Workshop on “Chinese Politics and Society,” June 2019.
 Zhejiang University, Conference on “Varieties of Development Strategies,” May 2019.
- “The Strong Shall Inherit: Historical Foundations of Indonesia’s Surprising Democratic Success.” Conference on “Democracy in Hard Places,” Harvard Kennedy School, May 2019.
- “Authoritarian-Led Democratization” (with Rachel Beatty Riedl, Joseph Wong, and Daniel Ziblatt).
 Tsinghua University, Institute for International and Area Studies, July 2019.
 Michigan State University, Comparative Politics Workshop, April 2019.
 @umichDemocracy, “Democracies Emerging and Submerging” Conference, September 2018.
- “Meanings of Democracy and Drivers of Non-Democratic Attitudes in Democratic Regimes” (with Alexandra Filindra and Petia Kostadinova). Comparative Politics Workshop, University of Michigan, November 2018.
- “Threat Ecologies and Authoritarian Onset” (with Sofia Fenner).
 MPSA, Chicago, April 2018.
 Southern Political Science Association (SPSA), San Juan, January 2016.
 International Political Science Association (IPSA), Poznan, Poland, July 2016.
 APSA, San Francisco, September 2015.
- “Dead But Not Gone: Legacies of Imperialism, Communism, and Authoritarianism” (with Alberto Simpser and Jason Wittenberg).
 University of Michigan, “Exploring Historical Legacies and Memory,” October 2017.
 APSA, San Francisco, September 2017.
- “Polarizing Figures: Executive Power and Institutional Conflict in Democratic Asia” (with Aries Arugay).

- APSA 2017.
- WPSA, Vancouver, April 2017.
- “Coercive Distribution” (with Michael Albertus and Sofia Fenner).
MPSA, Chicago, April 2017.
- Cambridge University Press – *Elements* manuscript workshop, MIT, December 2016.
- SSHA, Chicago, November 2016.
- SPSA 2016.
- Brown University, “Transformative Possibilities in the Global South,” March 2015.
- “War, Opium, and the Selective State: Legibility and Legitimacy in Asian Empires” (with Diana Kim).
SSHA, Phoenix, November 2018.
- Oxford University, “Understanding Insurgencies,” March 2017.
- Yale University, “Imperial Encounters,” April 2016.
- “War Makes the Regime: Rebellion Type and the Origins of Authoritarian Regime Types.”
University of Tübingen, “Unlike Twins,” March 2017.
- University of Tübingen, “Disentangling the State-Regime Nexus,” June 2016.
- “Polarization without Poles: Machiavellian Conflicts in Democratic Southeast Asia” (with Aries Arugay).
Central European University, “Polarized Politics,” Budapest, March 2017.
- Georgia State University, “Polarized Politics,” March 2016.
- “Piety into Power: Nationalist Origins of Catholic Influence in Poland and the Philippines” (with Anna Grzymala-Busse). APSA, Philadelphia, September 2016.
- “Authoritarian Reform and Democracy Avoidance: China in Comparative Asian Perspective” (with Joseph Wong).
APSA 2016.
- “Varieties of Authoritarian Reform: Democracy Avoidance in Developmental Asia” (with Joseph Wong).
- “Singapore Governance,” University of Nottingham, Malaysia Campus, February 2016.
- “Maladjustment: Economic Shock and Authoritarian Dynamics in Malaysia.” Workshop on “Economic Shocks and Authoritarian Survival.” University of California-San Diego, December 2015.
- “Moving from Strength to Strength: Thriving after Democratizing in Developmental Asia” (with Joseph Wong).
APSA 2015.
- University of Notre Dame, “Life after Dictatorship,” April 2015.
- “The Content of Democracy: Nationalist Parties and Inclusive Ideologies in India and Indonesia” (with Maya Tudor).
Oxford University, AALIMS, May 2015.
- “Religion, Rulers, and Political Order,” Texas A&M University, April 2015.
- Northwestern University, Comparative Politics Workshop, January 2015.
- APSA, Chicago, August 2013.
- “Parties, Movements, and Democracy: Beyond Europe.” University of Chicago, February 2013.
- “The Power of Counterrevolution: Elitist Origins of Political Order in Postcolonial Asia and Africa” (with Nicholas Smith).
Yale University, Comparative Politics Workshop, April 2015.
- APSA, Washington, August 2010.
- “Party Cartelization, Indonesian-Style: The Contingency of Democratic Opposition.”
University of Chicago, South Asia Seminar, February 2015.
- University of California-Berkeley, Comparative Politics Colloquium, April 2014.
- MPSA 2013.

- University of Sydney, “Accountability and Democracy in Indonesia,” December 2012.
 APSA, New Orleans, September 2012.
 Association for Asian Studies (AAS), Honolulu, March 2011.
- “Economic Origins of Democratic Breakdown? The Redistributive Model and the Postcolonial State” (with Benjamin Smith and Gautam Nair). APSA, Philadelphia, September 2014.
- “The Strength to Concede: Ruling Parties and Democratization in Developmental Asia” (with Joseph Wong). Fudan University, Center for Comparative Political Development Studies, Shanghai, May 2014.
- Juan March Institute, “Historical Legacies and Contemporary Politics,” Madrid, June 2013.
- Oxford University, “The Historical Turn in Democratization Studies,” July 2012.
- MPSA, Chicago, April 2012.
- “Standoffish States: Nonliterate Leviathans in Southeast Asia” (with Diana Kim).
 University of Michigan, “Authoritarian Rule in Post-War Regimes,” April 2013.
 Sogang Institute for East Asian Studies (SIEAS), Seoul, May 2012.
 APSA, Seattle, September 2011.
 SSHA, Chicago, November 2010.
- “The Indigenous Inheritance: Critical Antecedents and State-Building in Latin America and Southeast Asia” (with Hillel Soifer).
 Harvard University, “Ethnicity and State-Building,” October 2013.
 SSHA 2010.
 APSA 2010.
 ASA, Atlanta, August 2010.
- “Ruling Politics: The Formal and Informal Foundations of Power in Developing Democracies” (with Steven Levitsky). MPSA 2013.
- “Why Were We Surprised? Contrasting Perspectives on Burma’s Double-Edged Détente.” Burma/Myanmar Update, Australian National University, Canberra, March 2013.
- “Democratic Careening.” Political Theory Workshop, University of Chicago, March 2012.
- “Coping by Colluding: Political Uncertainty and Promiscuous Powersharing in Indonesia and Bolivia” (with Erica Simmons).
 SSHA, Boston, November 2011.
 Princeton University, “Political Parties and Uncertainty in Developing Democracies,” May 2011.
- “State Power and Staying Power: Infrastructural Mechanisms and Authoritarian Durability” (with Sofia Fenner). APSA 2011.
 University of Michigan, “Making Autocracies Work,” April 2011.
- “Losing Leviathan? Strong-State Democratization in Malaysia and Singapore.”
 “Democracy in East Asia and Taiwan in Global Perspective,” Taipei, August 2011.

Book Workshops

- “The Rule of Lawyers: How Struggles Among Regime Elites Shape Regime Transformations” (by Egor Lazarev). Discussant, Yale University, February 2027.
- “Power in the Village: Folk Democracy and Party Dictatorship in Postwar Czechoslovakia” (by Mira Markham). Chair, @umichDemocracy, December 2026.
- “Platforms and Power: Authoritarian Control of State Media in China” (by Blake Miller). Discussant, University of Pennsylvania, November 2026.

- “Afterlives of Revolution: Political Attachments in Post-Revolutionary Nicaragua” (by Luciana Chamorro). Chair, University of Michigan, November 2026.
- “From Empire to Nation-State: Aspirational Nation-Building in China (by Peng Peng, Haohan Chen, and Yingtian He). Discussant, Washington University in St. Louis, September 2026.
- “The Autocratic Logic of Meritocracy: Co-Optation via Examination in Contemporary China” (by Hanzhang Liu). Discussant, Florida State University, September 2026.
- “From Church to Nation” (by Dean Dulay). Discussant, Chapman University, August 2026.
- “Born this Way: Authoritarian Origins and Regime Survival” (by Killian Clarke, Anne Meng, and Jack Paine). Discussant, Georgetown University, May 2026.
- “From Recognition to Representation: Indigenous Autonomy and the Promise of Democratic Inclusion” (by Nina McMurtry). Discussant, Vanderbilt University, May 2026.
- “Politics by the Book: Institutions, Service Provision, and Opposition Success under Authoritarianism” (by Erin York). Discussant, Vanderbilt University, January 2026.
- “Hollowing out the State” (by Pavithra Suryanarayan). Chair and Discussant, LSE, December 2025.
- “Can Social Intermediaries Build the State?” (by Jessica Gottlieb and Adrienne LeBas). Chair, @umichDemocracy, November 2025.
- “The Legacies of Liberation in Southern Africa” (by Salih Noor). Discussant, University of Chicago, October 2025.
- “Recasting National Identity: Changing Conceptions of Belonging in India” (by Emmy Lindstam and Nicholas Haas). Discussant, Sciences-Po Bordeaux, October 2025.
- “Popular Repression” (by Jean Lachapelle). Discussant, University of Montreal, June 2025.
- “Authoritarian Capitalism” (by Ling Chen, Xiuyi Li, and Kellee Tsai). Discussant, MIT, April 2025.
- “Abandoning Democracy for the Nation” (by Filip Milacic). Discussant, MIT, April 2025.
- “Power in Autonomy: The Political Strategy of Constructive Resistance” (by Consuelo Amat). Chair, @umichDemocracy, September 2024.
- “Nation-Building in Thailand” (by Joel Selway). Chair, WCED, April 2024.
- “Breaking Soldiers: Military Dictatorship, Expelled Servicemen, and Trauma in Brazil” (by Marilia Correa). Chair, WCED, September 2023.
- “The Party and the Gun: The Violent Struggle Over China’s Ideological Core from Mao to Xi” (by Daniel Mattingly). Discussant, Yale University, September 2023.
- “Bounded Democracy: How Authoritarian Civil-Military Relations Shape Democratization and Democratic Development” (by Darin Self). Discussant, Brigham Young University, June 2023.
- “Politics of Inclusion and Exclusion: Pension Politics and Labor Informalization in China” (by Yujeong Yang). Discussant, Lieberthal-Rogel Center for China Studies (LRCCS), University of Michigan, April 2023.
- “The Politics of Mundane Encounters: Street-Level Bureaucracy and Ethnic Politics in Myanmar (by Jangai Jap). Discussant, University of Texas at Austin, April 2023.
- “The Meritocrat’s Dilemma: How State-Building Can Undermine Nation-Building” (by Nicholas Kuipers). Discussant, National University of Singapore, December 2022.
- “Mobilization: The Rise and Decay of Strong Authoritarian Parties” (by Xiaobo Lu). Discussant, University of Texas-Austin, December 2022.
- “Arming Autocrats: From the Cold War to the Present Day” (by Adam Casey). Chair, WCED, September 2022.
- “Return of the Tyrant: Why Counterrevolutions Emerge and Succeed” (by Killian Clarke). Discussant, Georgetown University, March 2022.
- “How War Changes Land: The Legacy of the Secret US Bombing of Cambodia” (by Erin Lin). Discussant, Ohio State University, May 2021.

- “The Scarce State: Inequality and Political Power in the Hinterland” (by Noah Nathan). Chair, WCED, April 2021.
- “Social Revolutions and Durable Authoritarianism” (by Steven Levitsky and Lucan Way). Discussant, Harvard University, July 2020.
- “Cleaning House with an Iron Fist: Authoritarian Anti-Corruption in East Asia and Beyond” (by Chris Carothers). Discussant, CDDRL, Stanford University, May 2020.
- “Independent Autocrats: Redistributive Legacies of Colonial Rule in the Middle East and North Africa” (by Allison Spencer Hartnett). Discussant, Harvard Kennedy School, November 2019.
- “Opposing Power: Building Opposition Alliances in Electoral Autocracies” (by Elvin Ong). Chair, WCED, October 2019.
- “Rules of Repression: Military Regimes, Coercion, and Autocratic Survival” (by Jean Lachapelle). Chair, WCED, September 2019.
- “Shock to the System: Coups, Elections, and War on the Road to Democratization, 1800-2014” (by Michael K. Miller). Discussant, George Washington University, August 2019.
- “Democracy Without Redistribution: The Sense of Injustice, Perceived Inequality, and Demands for Redistribution” (by Yeon Ju Lee). Chair, Harvard University, June 2019.
- “Dilemmas of Opposition: Building Parties and Coalitions in Multiethnic Malaysia” (by Sebastian Dettman). Discussant, Stanford University, June 2019.
- “The Dog that Barks: Understanding Propaganda Campaigns on Territorial Disputes” (by Yaping Wang). Discussant, University of Notre Dame, April 2019.
- “The Dictator’s Dilemma at the Ballot Box: Electoral Manipulation, Economic Maneuvering, and Political Order in Autocracies” (by Masaaki Higashijima). Chair, WCED, March 2019.
- “China’s Gilded Age: The Paradox of Economic Boom and Vast Corruption” (by Yuen Yuen Ang). Discussant, SSHA, November 2018.
- “Opposing Democracy in the Digital Age: The Yellow Shirts in Thailand” (by Aim Sinpeng). Chair, WCED, September 2018.
- “Saviors and Spoilers: Civil Society in Coups Against Young Democracies” (by Aries Arugay). Chair, WCED, September 2018.
- “Administering Rebellion: Violence, Bureaucracy, and State Development in the Democratic Republic of the Congo” (by Rachel Sweet). Discussant, Harvard University, August 2018.
- “Incidental Citizens: Business Associations and Local Taxation in Indonesia” (by Ryan Tans). Discussant, Georgetown University, May 2018.
- “After Repression: Identity and Polarization in Authoritarian Regimes” (by Elizabeth Nugent). Discussant, Department of Political Science, Yale University, April 2018.
- “State Strategies under Global Rules: Chinese Industrial Policy in the WTO Era” (by Yeling Tan). Discussant, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, February 2018.
- “Crippling Leviathan: How Hostile Neighbors Weaken the State” (by Melissa Lee). Discussant, Princeton University, January 2017.
- “Profit Sharing: Class Conflict and the Political Economy of Trade” (by Adam Dean). Discussant, Harvard University, June 2015.
- “The Wartime Origins of Postwar Democratization: Civil War, Rebel Governance, and Political Regimes” (by Reyko Huang). Discussant, Bush School of Government & Public Service, Texas A&M University, September 2014.

- “Imposing Institutions: Building Strong States under Foreign Occupation” (by Reo Matsuzaki). Discussant, Stanford University, November 2012.
- “The Politics of Islamic Law: Colonial Elites and the Making of the Muslim State” (by Iza Hussin). Chair, University of Chicago, October 2012.
- “Property Rights from Property Fights: Non-Sovereign Predation and Institutional Evolution in Russia and Ukraine” (by Stanislav Markus). Discussant, Harvard University, September 2012.
- “The Arab Spring: The Politics of Transformation in North Africa and the Middle East” (by Jason Brownlee, Tarek Masoud, and Andrew Reynolds). Discussant, University of Texas-Austin, August 2012.
- “Networks of Rebellion: Explaining Insurgent Cohesion and Collapse” (by Paul Staniland). Chair, University of Chicago, December 2011.

Panels and Roundtables

- “Why Some Rise and Others Don’t: Inequality, Geography, and the Long Arc of State Formation.” Panel chair and discussant, SSHA 2026.
- “Collective Action and Protest Politics.” Panel chair, APSA 2026.
- “The Coup Trap in Latin America” (by Fabrice Lehoucq). Author-meets-critics chair and discussant, APSA 2026.
- “Organizing Coercion.” Panel discussant, APSA 2026.
- “Transnational Repression and Activism.” Panel chair, APSA 2026.
- “Bringing the Sector Back In and the New Political Economy.” Roundtable chair and discussant, APSA 2026.
- “The Future of Vietnam’s Politics.” Moderator and discussant, University of Oregon, August 2026.
- “Public Opinion and Democratic Backsliding.” Panel chair, Global Democracy Conference, University of Notre Dame, May 2026.
- “States, Religion, and Education.” Panel discussant, GRAPH, University of Michigan, May 2026.
- “Democratic Backsliding and Resilience.” Panel discussant, WPSA 2026.
- When Rebels Win: Ideology, Statebuilding, and Power after Civil Wars* (by Kai Thaler). Book launch discussant, UCSB, February 2026.
- “Historical Forces in Comparative and Methodological Phenomena.” Panel chair and discussant, SSHA, Chicago, November 2025.
- “How Can We Get People to Care About and Defend Democracy?”, Panel commentator, Brussels Democracy Dialogue, October 2025.
- “International Autocratization: Understanding External Causes and Consequences of Democratic Regression and Autocratic Deepening.” Workshop co-organizer, WZB, Berlin, October 2025
- “International Causes and Consequences of Autocratization.” Panel discussant, APSA 2025.
- “Theories from the Throne: The Implications of Monarchy for Comparative Politics.” Panel discussant, APSA 2025.
- “Populism and Autocratization.” Roundtable participant, IPSA, Seoul, July 2025.
- “Elite Collusion and Dynastic Succession in Southeast Asia: Causes and Consequences.” Workshop co-organizer, ISEAS, Singapore, July 2025.
- “Democratic Resistance: Domestic and International Policy Strategies.” Panel chair and discussant, International Public Policy Association (IPPA), Chiang Mai, July 2025.
- “International Autocratization.” Panel discussant, EPSA 2025.
- “Conflict and Violence in Historical Europe.” Panel chair and discussant, EPSA 2025.
- “Year of Elections Retrospective.” Roundtable participant, El Research Partners and DRGHub, June 2025.
- “Rethinking New Order Indonesia: Origins, Evolution, and Legacies.” Workshop discussant, International Institute for Asian Studies (IIAS), Leiden, June 2025.

- “Democracy: From Erosion to Resilience.” Conference co-organizer (with Noam Lupu and Rachel Beatty Riedl), Vanderbilt University, June 2025.
- “Democratic Resilience and Civil Society.” Panel participant, Asia Center, Harvard University, March 2025.
- “Society and War.” Panel discussant, International Studies Association (ISA), Chicago, March 2025.
- “*When the Bombs Stopped: The Legacy of War in Rural Cambodia*” (by Erin Lin). Roundtable chair, ISA 2025.
- “Transnational Repression and Diaspora.” Panel discussant, ISA 2025.
- “Democracy/Development: Harmonies and Tensions.” Conference organizer, UCT, Cape Town, January 2025.
- “*Gambling for Development: Why Some Countries Win and Others Lose*” (by Stefan Dercon). Book launch discussant, UCT, Cape Town, January 2025.
- “Democratic Retrenchment in Asia.” Roundtable chair, APSA, Philadelphia, September 2024.
- “Consequences of Empire in Asia.” Panel chair and discussant, APSA 2024.
- “Fifty Years of the Third Wave.” Roundtable participant, APSA 2024.
- “*State-Building as Warfare: Custom, Sharia, and State Law in Postwar Chechnya*” (by Egor Lazarev). Author-meets-critics discussant, APSA 2024.
- “Malaysia’s Tumultuous Political Development Since 2018 and its Future Trajectory.” Roundtable participant, European Association for Southeast Asian Studies (EuroSEAS), Amsterdam, July 2024.
- “Reflections on the Current State of Democratic Erosion.” Plenary discussant, Democratic Erosion Consortium (DEC) Annual Convening, Washington, June 2024.
- “Democratizing the Developmental State.” Roundtable participant, Central European University Democracy Institute (DI), Budapest, May 2024.
- “Varieties of Communism: Comparative Political Perspectives on Temporal and Regional Differences in Socialist Regimes.” Conference co-organizer, Technical University of Chemnitz, Germany, May 2024.
- “Theories of Change in Democracy Promotion.” Conference co-organizer, Freedom House, Washington, May 2024.
- “*State Institutions, Civic Associations, and Identity Demands*” (by Amy Liu and Joel Selway). Book launch organizer and moderator, WCED, April 2024.
- “Democratic Backsliding and Possible Routes to Recovery.” Roundtable participant, Rutgers University, April 2024.
- “Transnational Advocacy and Repression: How Activists-in-Exile Broker Relationships Between Homeland and Hostland.” Panel discussant, ISA, San Francisco, April 2024.
- “Post-Colonial Memory.” Virtual mini-conference discussant, March 2024.
- “Democracy Dialogues: Indonesia’s Election Outcomes and Analyses.” Panel commentator, US-Asia Institute, February 2024.
- “*Public Interest and State Legitimation: Early Modern England, Japan, and China*” (by Wenkai He). Author-meets-critics discussant, SSHA, Washington DC, November 2023.
- “*Sacred Foundations: The Religious and Medieval Roots of the European State*” (by Anna Grzymala-Busse). Author-meets-critics discussant, SSHA 2023.
- “Democracy and the Ancien Regime.” Roundtable organizer and moderator, WCED, November 2023.
- “Polarization and the Past.” Roundtable organizer and moderator, WCED, October 2023.
- “Making Sense of the 2023 Thai Elections.” Roundtable moderator, University of Michigan, Center for Southeast Asian Studies (CSEAS), October 2023.
- “When You Come at the King: Opposition Coordination and Nearly Stunning Elections” (by Oren Samet). Paper discussant, Authoritarian Political Systems Group, October 2023.

- “Rethinking Comparison” (by Erica Simmons and Nicholas Rush Smith). Conference discussant, CUNY, October 2023.
- “Authoritarian Ideologies in the Americas.” Roundtable organizer and moderator, WCED, September 2023.
- “The Troubling State of Indian Democracy.” Roundtable organizer and moderator, WCED, September 2023.
- “War Made Legacies and Legacies Made War: Asia’s 20th-Century Conflicts.” Panel chair, APSA, Los Angeles, August-September 2023.
- “*Undue Process: Persecution and Punishment in Autocratic Courts*” (by Fiona Shen-Bayh). Author-meets-critics discussant, APSA 2023.
- “*Contemporary State Building: Elite Taxation and Public Safety in Latin America*” (by Gustavo Flores-Macias). Author-meets-critics chair, APSA 2023.
- “20 Years After *Paradigms and Sand Castles* by Barbara Geddes.” Roundtable participant, MPSA, Chicago, April 2023.
- “Election and Succession.” Panel discussant, WPSA, San Francisco, April 2023.
- “Repression and Resistance.” Panel discussant, WPSA 2023.
- “Authoritarian Politics of the MENA Region.” Panel chair, WPSA 2023.
- “*Mobilizing for Elections: Patronage and Political Machines in Southeast Asia*” (by Edward Aspinall, Allen Hicken, Paul Hutchcroft, and Meredith Weiss). Book launch organizer and moderator, WCED, March 2023.
- “Responses to Democratic Backsliding.” Panel discussant, ISA, Montreal, March 2023.
- “Statebuilding, Conflict, and Counterinsurgency in Comparative Perspective.” Panel chair and discussant, ISA 2023.
- “Rising Authoritarianism in ASEAN Member States.” Roundtable participant, United States Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF), March 2023.
- “To Balance, Bandwagon, or Hedge? Future of American Strategy towards China.” Panel moderator, Alexander Hamilton Society, University of Michigan, December 2022.
- “*Democracy in Hard Places*” (by Tarek Masoud and Scott Mainwaring.” Book launch organizer and moderator, WCED, November 2022.
- “Do Developing Democracies Need Developmental States?” Roundtable organizer and moderator, WCED, October 2022.
- “Democracy and the Authorization of Violence.” Roundtable organizer and moderator, WCED, November 2022.
- “Flashpoint: 20th National Congress of the Chinese Communist Party.” Roundtable organizer and moderator, WCED, October 2022.
- “Flashpoint: Brazil’s Elections.” Roundtable organizer and moderator, WCED, October 2022.
- “The Birth and Death of Dictatorships.” Roundtable organizer and moderator, WCED, September 2022.
- “*Outsourcing Repression: Everyday State Power in Contemporary China*” (by Lynette Ong). Book discussant, University of Toronto, September 2022.
- “*Political Settlements and Development*” (by Tim Kelsall et. al.). Book discussant, World Bank, September 2022.
- “Surveillance, Repression, and Technology in Autocratic Politics.” Panel chair, APSA, Montreal, September 2022.
- “Why Promote Democracy?” Panel discussant, APSA 2022.
- “Varieties of Communism.” Conference organizer, WCED, May 2022.
- “Capitalism and Democracy Revisited.” Roundtable organizer and moderator, WCED, April 2022.
- “*The Street and the Ballot Box: Interactions Between Social Movements and Electoral Politics in Authoritarian Contexts*” (by Lynette Ong). Book discussant, East-West Center, March 2022.
- “Authoritarian Power in the International Economy.” Roundtable organizer and moderator, WCED, March 2022.
- “After the Commodity Boom: Fragile Democracies in Latin America and Southeast Asia.” Roundtable participant, UCLA, Center for Social Theory and Comparative History, February 2022.

- “Aid Imperium: United States Foreign Policy and Human Rights in Post-Cold War Southeast Asia”* (by Salvador Santino Regilme). Book panel participant, Leiden University, February 2022.
- “Lobbying the Autocrat.” Roundtable organizer and moderator, WCED, January 2022.
- “Overcoming Polarization and Protecting Democracy.” Workshop discussant, CEIP, December 2021.
- “Political Dimensions Workshop.” Seminar participant, States of Fragility project, OECD, December 2021.
- “Democratic Ceilings.” Roundtable organizer and moderator, WCED, November 2021.
- “Flashpoint: Nicaragua.” Roundtable organizer and moderator, WCED, November 2021.
- “Flashpoint: Afghanistan.” Roundtable organizer and moderator, WCED, October 2021.
- “America’s Democratic Vulnerabilities.” Roundtable organizer and moderator, WCED, September 2021.
- “Nationalism and Crisis.” Roundtable participant, Association for the Study of Ethnicity and Nationalism (ASEN), Edinburgh, April 2021.
- “Submerging Democracy in America’s States.” Roundtable organizer and moderator, WCED, April 2021.
- “Reviving Democracy, Globally and Locally.” Roundtable organizer and moderator, WCED, March 2021.
- “In the Name of Pluralism: Identity Conflict and State Repression in Indonesia.” Roundtable participant, Asia Research Institute (ARI), National University of Singapore, December 2020.
- “Constraining Presidents.” Roundtable organizer and moderator, WCED, November 2020.
- “Flashpoint: Hong Kong.” Roundtable organizer and moderator, WCED, October 2020.
- “Flashpoint: Lebanon.” Roundtable organizer and moderator, WCED, October 2020.
- “Democratic Survival in the Muslim World.” Roundtable organizer and moderator, WCED, September 2020.
- “Flashpoint: Belarus.” Roundtable organizer and moderator, WCED, September 2020.
- “Ambiguities of Democracy, Ambiguities of Autocracy.” Roundtable participant, APSA 2020.
- “Nationalist Politics in Asia.” Panel chair, APSA 2020.
- “After Repression: How Polarization Derails Democratic Transitions”* (by Elizabeth Nugent). Author-meets-critics discussant, APSA 2020.
- “Is Democracy Promotion Dead?” Roundtable organizer and moderator, WCED, February 2020.
- “Authoritarian Crisis and Adaptation.” Roundtable organizer and moderator, WCED, November 2019.
- “Crisis in the Alliance? Tension in the Japan-Korea Relationship and Implications for US Foreign Policy.” Panel moderator, University of Michigan, October 2019.
- “Brazil under Bolsonaro.” Roundtable organizer and moderator, WCED, October 2019.
- “Understanding Weak Institutions: Lessons from Latin America.” Roundtable discussant, APSA 2019.
- “Citizenship in the Peripheries: Identities in Southeast Asia.” Panel discussant, APSA 2019.
- “Politics in Comparative Perspective,” Panel discussant, Workshop on Chinese Politics and Society, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, June 2019.
- “Regimes and Regime Change.” Panel discussant, Conference on Understanding Political and Social Change in Muslim States and Societies, University of Michigan, May 2019.
- “Engineering Identity: Politics in Asia.” Panel discussant, WPSA, San Diego, April 2019.
- “The Future of Democracy.” Symposium speaker, Council on Foreign Relations, New York City, April 2019.
- “Reconceptualizing State-Bureaucracy Relations in China.” Panel discussant, AAS, Denver, March 2019.
- “Determinants/Origins of Colonial Institutions.” Panel discussant, AAS 2019.
- “Democracy in Asia: Building Sustainable Institutions and Practices in Turbulent Times.” Panel discussant, University of Toronto, March 2019.
- “What’s up with Authoritarian Elections?” Roundtable organizer and moderator, WCED, March 2019.
- “What Do We Know About Democratization After Two Centuries?” Book workshop discussant, University of Florida, February 2019.

- “Nigeria’s Elections: Democracy and Disillusionment.” Roundtable organizer and moderator, WCED, January 2019.
- “Personalist Dictatorships: Concepts and Measurements.” Panel discussant, SPSA, Austin, January 2019.
- Does War Make States? Investigations of Charles Tilly’s Historical Sociology* (edited by Lars Bo Kaspersen and Jeppe Strandsbjerg). Book panel discussant, SSHA, Phoenix, November 2018.
- “Research Cluster in Democratization Theory.” Discussant, University of Notre Dame, November 2018.
- “Challenges to Democracy Around the World.” Panel participant, Colgate University, October 2018.
- “Democracies Emerging and Submerging.” Conference organizer and moderator, WCED, September 2018.
- “How Democracies Live and Die.” Roundtable organizer and moderator, WCED, September 2018.
- “Challenges of Publication in Political Science.” Seminar leader, Chulalongkorn University, August 2018.
- “Beyond Regime Type? The Future of Authoritarianism and Democracy in Asia.” Conference speaker, Chinese University of Hong Kong, August 2018.
- “New Global Authoritarianisms: The Electorate.” Panel participant, Chicago Center for Contemporary Theory (3CT), University of Chicago, May 2018.
- “Authoritarianism and the Elite Origins of Democracy” (by Michael Albertus and Victor Menaldo). Book panel moderator, Seminary Co-Op Bookstore, University of Chicago, May 2018.
- “The Politics of Race in Global Perspective.” Symposium co-organizer and panel moderator, University of Chicago, March 2018.
- “Mobilizing without the Masses: Control and Contention in China”* (by Diana Fu). Book launch discussant, Munk School of Global Affairs, University of Toronto, January 2018.
- “From Parchment to Practice: Implementing New Constitutions.” Discussant, University of Chicago Law School, October 2017.
- “Democratization and Authoritarian Party Survival: Mexico’s PRP”* (by Joy Langston). Book launch discussant, Center for Latin America Studies (CLAS), University of Chicago, May 2017.
- “Ethnicity and Language in Southeast Asia.” Discussant, WPSA, Vancouver, April 2017.
- “The Democratic Change Research Initiative: Global Trajectories and Policy Analysis.” Conference co-organizer (with Rachel Beatty Riedl, Joseph Wong, and Daniel Ziblatt), Northwestern University, Buffett Institute, April 2017.
- “Opposition Parties and Activists in Authoritarian and Post-Authoritarian Regimes.” Chair and discussant, MPSA 2017.
- “State of the Discipline: Election 2016.” Forum participant, University of Chicago Political Science Association, November 2016.
- “State and Market-Building in Comparative Perspective.” Discussant, SSHA, November 2016.
- “Law and Courts in Rebel Governance.” Discussant, University of Chicago Law School, October 2016.
- “Southwest Workshop on Mixed-Method Research.” Discussant, University of Arizona, October 2016.
- “Developmental Militarism and Democracy through Strength: Thailand, Burma/Myanmar, and Indonesia Compared and Contrasted.” Presentation at symposium on “Thailand in Comparative Perspective,” University of Sydney, September 2016.
- “Rethinking Democracy and Inequality.” Roundtable chair, organizer, and participant, IPSA 2016.
- “The Sixth Chinese Political Sociology Workshop: Party, State, and Governance.” Panel participant and moderator, Beijing University, July 2016.
- “General Conceptual and Theoretical Considerations.” Panel discussant at workshop on “Disentangling the State-Regime Nexus,” University of Tübingen, Germany, June 2016.

- “Ethnicity, Identity, and Economy in Multiethnic Malaysia.” Roundtable participant, Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies, Princeton University, May 2016.
- “Polarized Politics.” Workshop participant, ISA, Atlanta, March 2016.
- “Myanmar’s Historic Election: A Roundtable Discussion.” Organizer and presenter, University of Chicago, December 2015.
- “*War, States, and Contention: A Comparative Historical Study*” (by Sidney Tarrow). Author Meets Critics discussant, SSHA, Baltimore, November 2015.
- “*Elite Parties, Poor Voters: How Social Services Win Votes in India*” (by Tariq Thachil). Book roundtable participant, Brown-India Initiative, Brown University, September 2015.
- “Linking/Delinking Religion and Rebellion in Modern and Contemporary China.” Panel discussant, AAS, Chicago, April 2015.
- “India and Indonesia: Elections and Aftermath.” Roundtable organizer and participant, South Asia Seminar, University of Chicago, January 2015.
- “The Hong Kong Umbrella Movement: A Symposium.” Panel moderator, University of Chicago, December 2014.
- “*Party and Society*” (by Cedric de Leon). Author Meets Critics discussant, SSHA, Toronto, November 2014.
- “Double Taxation Paradoxes for Authoritarian Resilience: China in Comparative Perspective” (by Changdong Zhang). Paper discussant, Fudan University, Center for Comparative Political Development Studies, Shanghai, May 2014.
- “The Politics of Institutional Change Under Dictatorship.” Forum participant, CIDE, Mexico City, December 2013.
- “Ruling Politics: The Formal and Informal Foundations of Power in Developing Democracies.” Conference co-organizer (with Steven Levitsky), University of Chicago, May 2013.
- “Parties, Movements, and Democracy: Beyond Europe.” Conference convener, University of Chicago, February 2013.
- “Southeast Asia: Between the Lines.” Graduate Student Workshop Facilitator, Center for Southeast Asian Studies, University of Michigan, December 2011.
- “Ruling Politics: The Formal and Informal Foundations of Institutional Reforms.” Conference co-organizer (with Steven Levitsky), Harvard University, November 2011.
- “*Ordering Power: Contentious Politics and Authoritarian Leviathans in Southeast Asia*.” Author Meets Critics discussant, SSHA, Boston, November 2011.
- “*Colonialism and Postcolonial Development: Spanish America in Comparative Perspective*” (by James Mahoney), Author Meets Critics discussant, SSHA, Boston, November 2011.
- “Constitutions in Authoritarian Regimes.” Conference co-organizer (with Tom Ginsburg and Alberto Simpser), University of Chicago Law School, October 2011.
- “Futures Seminar.” Presenter and discussant, Johns Hopkins University, Department of Political Science, February 2011.
- “Working Group on Institutional Change.” Paper discussant, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, February 2011.
- “State Building in the Developing World.” Workshop participant, New Delhi, January 2011.
- “Retrospective on *Bringing the State Back In*.” Roundtable participant, SSHA, Chicago, November 2010.

VII. SERVICE

Award Committees

Robert A. Dahl Award Committee, APSA, 2027.
 J. David Greenstone Best Book Award, APSA Politics and History Section, 2026.
 David Collier Mid-Career Achievement Award, APSA Qualitative and Multi-Method Research Section, 2025.
 Chair, Best Article Award Committee, *American Journal of Political Science*, 2023.
 Chair, Lijphart/Przeworski/Verba Best Dataset Award Committee, APSA Comparative Politics Section, 2022.
 President's Book Award Committee, SSHA, 2016.
 Chair, Gregory Luebbert Award Committee for Best Book in Comparative Politics, APSA, 2016.
 Chair, Concept Analysis in Political Science Award Committee, IPSA, 2015.
 Best Southeast Asia Graduate Paper Prize Committee, Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs, 2015.
 Gabriel Almond Award Committee for Best Dissertation in Comparative Politics, APSA, 2013.
 Best Article Award Committee, ASA Comparative-Historical Section, 2011.
 Gregory Luebbert Best Article Award Committee, APSA Comparative Politics Section, 2011.
 Best Paper Award Committee, APSA Comparative Democratization Section, 2010.

Associations, Conferences, and Committees

Faculty Mentor, Graduate Student Intellectual Diversity Initiative (GSIDI), Johns Hopkins University, 2025-
 Senior Advisory Board, "Polarized Pasts" Research Program, Stockholm University, 2020-23.
 Board Member, Research Committee on Political Sociology, International Political Science Association (IPSA),
 2018-22.
 External Review Committee, University of California-Irvine, Department of Political Science, 2021.
 Nominations Committee, APSA Comparative Politics Section, 2018-20.
 Program Chair, Concepts & Methods Committee, IPSA World Congress, 2016.
 Chair, SSHA Publications Committee, 2015-16.
 Executive Council Member and Treasurer, APSA Politics & History Section, 2014-16.
 Publications Committee, SSHA, 2013-16.
 Executive Committee, APSA Comparative Politics Section, 2013-15.
 Co-Chair (with Lily Tsai), Program Committee, APSA Comparative Politics Section, 2013.
 Co-Chair, Program Committee, SSHA Annual Meetings, 2012.
 Vice Chair, APSA Comparative Democratization Section, 2010-12.
 Executive Officers Nominations Committee, SSHA, 2010-11.
 Program Co-Chair (with Randall Strahan), APSA Organized Section for Qualitative Methods, 2007.
 Professional member of the American Political Science Association (APSA), American Sociological Association
 (ASA), Association for Asian Studies (AAS), International Political Science Association (IPSA),
 International Studies Association (ISA), Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), Social Science
 History Association (SSHA), Southern Political Science Association (SPSA), and Western Political Science
 Association (WPSA).

Journals and Presses

Editorial and/or Advisory Board member, *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *Asian Politics & Policy*, *Asian Survey*, *Cambridge Elements*, Cambridge University Press, *Comparative Politics*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Journal of Democracy*, *Journal of East Asian Studies*, *Muslim Politics Review*, *Nations and Nationalism*, *New Books in Southeast Asian Studies*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Philippine Political Science Journal*, and *Political Power and Social Theory*.

Manuscript reviewer for the *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *American Political Science Review*, *American Sociological Review*, *ASEAN Economic Bulletin*, *Asian Journal of Comparative Politics*, *Asian Politics & Policy*, *Asian Survey*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *British Journal of Sociology*, Cambridge University Press, *Comparative Politics*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, *Contemporary Politics*, *Contemporary Southeast Asia*, Cornell University Press, *Critical Asian Studies*, *Democratization*, *European Journal of International Relations*, European Research Council, *Government and Opposition*, *Indonesia*, Institute for Southeast Asian Studies, *International Security*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Japanese Journal of Political Science*, Johns Hopkins University Press, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Journal of Current Southeast Asian Affairs*, *Journal of Development Studies*, *Journal of East Asian Studies*, *Journal of Industrial Relations*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Journal of Policy History*, *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of Theoretical Politics*, *Mobilization*, *Modern Asian Studies*, *Muslim Politics Review*, *Nature*, NYU Press, Oxford University Press, *Pacific Affairs*, *Party Politics*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Political Science Quarterly*, *Polity*, *PS: Political Science and Politics*, *Rationality and Society*, *Review of International Political Economy*, *Review of Policy Research*, Routledge, SAGE Publications, *Social Forces*, *Sociology of Development*, *Sojourn*, Stanford University Press, *Studies in Comparative International Development*, *Studies in Ethnicity and Nationalism*, *Theory and Society*, University of Chicago Press, University of Michigan Press, University of Washington Press, *Urban Studies*, and *World Politics*.

University of Michigan

Initiative for Democracy and Civic Empowerment, Planning Committee, Office of the Provost, 2024-.
 Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Political Science, 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26.
 Fulbright Campus Committee, International Institute, 2023.
 Director of Graduate Studies, International Institute, 2021-22.
 Undergraduate Affairs Committee, Department of Political Science, 2021-22.
 Executive Committee, Department of Political Science, 2019-21.
 Rackham Faculty Diversity Ally, Masters in International and Regional Studies Program (MIRS), 2019 -.
 Faculty Associate, Center for Political Studies (CPS), Institute for Social Research (ISR), 2019 -.
 Graduate Admissions Committee, Center for Southeast Asian Studies (CSEAS), 2019.
 Co-Coordinator, Comparative Politics Workshop [CPW] (with Noah Nathan), 2018-19.
 Faculty Associate, Program on International and Comparative Studies (PICS), 2018 -.

University of Chicago

Committee on International Studies (CIS) Transition Committee, Division of Social Sciences, 2015-16.
 Chair, African Studies Search, Political Science Subcommittee, 2015-16.
 Faculty Co-Director, Comparative Politics Workshop, 2015-16, 2011-12, 2010-11, 2009-10, 2006-07.
 Workshop Coordinator, South Asia Seminar, Winter 2015.
 Faculty Search Committee, Department of Political Science, 2014-15, 2012-13, 2010-11, 2009-10, 2006-07.
 Selection Committee, Social Science Divisional Research Funds, Spring 2006 and 2007.
 Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Political Science, 2006.

Academic Placement

[TT = Tenure-Track; PD = Postdoc; RP = Research Position; TF = Teaching Faculty]
 Milena Ang [Co-Chair], University of Texas-San Antonio / Universitat Pompeu Fabra [TT].
 Yuna Blajer de Garza [Co-Chair], Stanford University [PD] / Loyola of Chicago, Political Science [TT].
 Manuel Cabal [Chair], Leiden University, Institute of Political Science [TT].

Mark Deming [Chair], William & Mary, Department of Government [TF].
 Sofia Fenner [Co-Chair], Bryn Mawr College / Colorado College, Political Science [TT].
 Jose Antonio Hernandez Company [Chair], Tec de Monterrey, Political Science [TT].
 Juan Fernando Ibarra del Cueto [Chair], Colgate University, Political Science [TT].
 Sana Jaffrey [Chair], Australian National University, Department of Political & Social Change [TT].
 Diana Kim [Co-Chair], Harvard University [PD] / Georgetown University, Asian Studies [TT].
 Jane Kitaevich [Co-Chair], Harvard University [PD].
 Yeonju Lee [Chair], Harvard University, US-Japan Program [PD] / Georgetown University, Asian Studies [TT].
 Yubing Sheng [Co-Chair], Zhejiang International Studies University [TT].
 Nuannuan Xiang [Chair], Columbia University, Mailman School of Public Health [TT].

Anindita Adhikari [PD], National Law School of India University, Bangalore [TT].
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 Daniel Blinderman, University of Virginia, Program on Constitutional Democracy [PD].
 Beyza Buyuker, Indiana University, School of Public Health [PD].
 Katlyn Carter [PD], University of Notre Dame, History [TT].
 Luciana Chamorro [PD], University of Michigan, Anthropology [TT].
 Marilia Correa [PD], Baylor University, History [TT].
 Adam Dean, Middlebury College, Government / George Washington University, Political Science [TT].
 Gene Gerzhoy, APSA Congressional Fellowship [PD].
 Ricarda Hammer [PD], University of California-Berkeley, Sociology [TT].
 Bastian Herre, Oxford Martin School, University of Oxford [PD].
 Eric Hundman, NYU-Shanghai, Political Science [TT].
 Hojung Joo, Harvard University, Government [TT].
 Morgan Kaplan, Harvard University, Belfer Center [PD].
 Dominika Koter [PD], Colgate University, Political Science [TT].
 Jean Lachapelle [PD], University of Montreal, Political Science [TT].
 Jean Lin, California State University-East Bay, Sociology [TT].
 Yasmeen Mekawy, Northwestern University in Qatar, Liberal Arts [TT].
 Mona Mehta, Scripps College, Political Science [TT].
 Anil Menon, University of California-Merced, Political Science [TT].
 Jonathan Obert, Amherst College, Political Science [TT].
 Lindsey O'Rourke, Boston College, Political Science [TT].
 Eitan Paul, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-Pal) [RP].
 Marie-Eve Reny [PD], University of Montreal, Political Science [TT].
 Hanisah Abdullah Sani, University of Michigan, WCED [PD] / National University of Singapore College [TT].
 Benjamin Schonthal, University of Otago [New Zealand], Buddhism & Asian Religions [TT].
 Fiona Shen-Bayh [PD], William & Mary / University of Maryland, Political Science [TT].
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 Nicholas Rush Smith, City University of New York – City College, Political Science [TT].
 Waikeung Tam, Lingnan University [Hong Kong], Political Science [TT].
 Jennifer Triplett, University of Colorado-Boulder, Sociology [TT].
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Yan Xu, Brown University, Watson School [PD] / CUHK-Shenzhen, Public Policy [TT].

Htet Thiha Zaw, University of British Columbia, Institute of Asian Research [PD].

Adam Ziegfeld [PD], Temple University, Political Science [TT].