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Research Interests

Formal theory, nation-building, inequality

Education

Ph.D. Candidate in Political Science, 2014 – present.

B.A. Russian Studies, Macalester College, 2014.

Publication

[“Demographic Engineering and International Conflict: Evidence from China and the USSR”](#) (with Lachlan McNamee). 2018. Forthcoming at *International Organization*.

Award the best paper by a graduate student at the Pacific International Politics Conference, 2018

[“Sons of the Soil’: A Model of Assimilation and Population Control”](#) (with Avidit Acharya and David Laitin). 2017. *Journal of Theoretical Politics*, 30(2).

Working Papers

“Inequality and Political Power in Ethnic Politics: Evidence from China.”

“Embittered Winners: Rights Deprivation and Ideological Distortion” (with Jidong Chen).

Works in Progress

“A Model of State Response to Civil Conflict.”

“Geopolitical Threat and Credible Commitment.”

“Legacy of Migration.”

Teaching

TA, POLISCI 247 Games Developing Nations Play (for Barry Weingast), Spring 2019.

TA, POLISCI 348 Chinese Politics (for Jean Oi), Winter 2018.

TA, POLISCI 356 Formal Theory, PhD (for Avidit Acharya), Winter 2017.

TA, POLISCI 153 Formal Theory, undergraduate (for Avidit Acharya), Spring 2016.

TA, POLISCI 110 Governing the Global Economy (for Kenneth Scheve), Winter 2016.

Case study: "[One Belt One Road: Chinese Strategic Investment in the 21st Century](#)" (with Kenneth Scheve), *Stanford Graduate School of Business*, Case P-87. 2016.

Conferences and Workshops

Stanford University:

International Relations Workshop, December 2017

Methods of Historical Social Sciences, September 2017

China Social Sciences Workshop, May 2017

Stanford-Berkeley Political Economy Conference, April 2016

Formal Theory Workshop, February 2016

Political Economy Annual Conference, *Higher School of Economics*, Moscow, June 2017.

MPSA, April 2017.

Association of the Studies of Nationalities Conference, *Columbia University*, April 2016; May 2018.

Grants and Fellowships

Pre-doctoral fellowship. Stanford Center at Peking University. \$7,000. 2018.

Peace Science Award. Pacific International Politics Conference. \$1,000. 2018

Conference grant. Freeman Spogli Institute, Stanford University. \$500. 2018.

Research grant. Stanford Center for Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies. \$7,000. 2018.

Research grant. Stanford Graduate Research Opportunity Award. \$5,000. 2017.

Research grant. Stanford Center on Global Poverty and Development. \$7,000. 2017.

Research grant. Global Policy Fellowship, Freeman Spogli Institute, Stanford University. \$9,000. 2017.

Travel grant. Harriman Institute, Columbia University. \$2,250. 2017.

Pre-doctoral fellowship. Stanford Center at Peking University. \$7,000. 2017.

Research grant. Europe Center, Stanford University. \$4,000. 2015.

Skills

Languages: Mandarin Chinese (native), Cantonese (near-native), Russian (reading proficiency)

Technology: ArcGIS, L^AT_EX, Python, R, STATA