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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, University of Pittsburgh 2021
Political Science

Fields: Comparative Politics, Political Behavior

Dissertation Title: *Non-compliance on Chinese university campuses: a study of student associations and political control*

Committee Members: Scott Morgenstern, Iza Ding, Steven Finkel, Pierre Landry

Master of Arts, University of British Columbia 2010
Political Science

Bachelor of Arts, University of Toronto 2009
Peace and Conflict Studies and International Relations

SKILLS

Language: Mandarin (Intermediate), French (Conversational), Cantonese (Basic)

Computer: Stata, Python, R

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant, University of Pittsburgh August 2020 to December 2021
Introduction to World History

Teaching Fellow/Instructor, University of Pittsburgh June to August 2018
Authoritarian Politics

Teaching Assistant, University of British Columbia September 2009 to April 2010
Introduction to Politics, Introduction to Comparative Politics

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Data Science Curriculum Developer, University of Pittsburgh Present
Research Computing Education Initiative

Graduate Student Assistant, University of Pittsburgh August 2019 to May 2020
Digital Scholarship Services

Graduate Student Assistant, University of Pittsburgh August to December 2015
Professor Ariel Armony, University Center for International Studies

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

Chan, Evelyn. (2019, October). “What to Write to Join the CCP: Text Analysis of Party Membership Applications” Paper Presented at the *Mid-Atlantic* Region Association for Asian Studies

Chan, Evelyn. (2019, April). “Reconceptualizing Resistance on Chinese Universities: a study of campus organizations”. Paper Presented at Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

Chan, Evelyn. (2015, August). “Effects of Electoral Integrity on Voter Turnout in Semi-Authoritarian Regimes”. Paper Presented at European Consortium for Political Research General Conference, University of Montreal, Montreal, QC, Canada.

Landry, Pierre and Chan, Evelyn. (2015, April). “Leveraging Multiple Imputations with Multiple Surveys to Recover Missing Values in Partial Surveys”. Paper Presented at Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

Chan, Evelyn. (2014, September). “Co-optive Strategies to Manage Participation in China: A Study of the Political Behavior of CCP and CCYL Members”. Paper Presented at the Association of Chinese Political Studies 27th Annual Meeting and International Symposium, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

What to Write to Join the CCP: Text Analysis of Party Membership Applications

Membership into the Chinese Communist Party is often portrayed as formalistic, so much so that applicants are known to copy essay applications from the internet. Using online copies of party applications, this project conducts text analysis using natural language processing models to examine the saliency and frequency of key word phrases. The study seeks to discern if there are meaningful differences between applications from the Xi Jinping period and those from the Hu-Wen period. From key word phrases to the sentence level structure, I analyze from a thematic and linguistic point of view, what do Chinese citizens write to join the CCP.

Political Engagement Abroad: OCR & Text Analysis of Overseas Chinese Student Newsletters

In recent years, Chinese student organizations across universities in the US have been criticized for their lack of autonomy as they are often accused of receiving guidance from the Chinese government. This study of overseas Chinese student newsletters presents a different narrative about the history and development of overseas Chinese student groups. The newsletters, which span from 1970 to 1998, shed light on Chinese students’ perspectives on US affairs and on political developments in China, as they navigate challenges as foreign students abroad.

AWARDS

University of Pittsburgh Chancellor’s Fellowship in Chinese Studies	2018
University of Pittsburgh Arts & Science Graduate Studies Summer Research Grant	2018
Confucius China-Studies Program (CCSP) PhD Research Fellowship	2016-2018
Kathryn Davis Fellowship for Peace, Middlebury College Language School	2015
University of Pittsburgh, Chinese Summer Language Study Scholarship	2013

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