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Education

Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, Missouri
Ph.D., Political Science, expected in 2025
Subfields: Comparative Politics (Major), Political Methodology (Minor)

Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan
B.A., Economics, 2020

The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Hong Kong SAR, China
B.Sc. (First-Class Honors), Global China Studies, 2020

Research Interests

Comparative Politics: Propaganda, Misinformation, State Capacity, China
International Relations: Public Opinion in Foreign Policy
Political Methodology: Text Analysis, Computational Models

Working Papers

Deng, Rex W. “How Negative Propaganda against Foreign Rivals Cultivates Regime-Stabilizing Attitudes: Evidence from China.”
– Available at [SSRN](https://ssrn.com/abstract=4148444).

Carter, David B. and Rex W. Deng. “How Do State-Building Infrastructure Projects Affect Trust in Hard-to-Reach Places.”

Charaniya, Amaan, Rex Weiye Deng, Dahjin Kim, Gechun Lin, William Nomikos, and İpek Ece Şener. “Can Leaders Shape Public Opinion During a Foreign Policy Crisis? Evidence from U.S. Withdrawal from Afghanistan.”
– Best Foreign Policy Paper Award, APSA (2023)

Work in Progress

Deng, Rex W. and Haifeng Huang. “The Blessing and Curse of Cute Propaganda.”

Deng, Rex W. and Xiaoxiao Shen. “Propaganda for Hearts in Autocracies.”

Honors & Awards

2020. LSQ Research Award, Washington University in St. Louis (\$5,000)
2019. School of Political Science and Economics Award, Waseda University
– For the first Waseda Data Science Competition
– Theme: The seat allocation of Japan’s Upper House Election in July 2019
– With Wenhao (Brian) Jiang, Yuji Mizushima, and Siyuan Shang
2018. Asian Future Leadership Scholarship, Bai Xian Asia Institute (≈ \$28,680)
2016-2018. Dean’s List, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

2015. Ho & Ho Foundation Scholarship, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (\approx \$76,000)

Presentations

Conferences

2023: APSA (accepted), Comparative Politics Annual Conference (CPAC at WashU), MPSA, WPSA

2022: APSA (Foreign Policy Travel grant recipient), State Capacity Conference (Yale University), ISA-Midwest

Workshops

The Politics of State Authority and Insecurity Workshop, Rutgers University, 2022.

RA Experience

Washington University in St. Louis, Department of Political Science

Research assistant (Carly Wayne), Fall 2021 - August 2023

Research assistant (Margit Tavits, Jacob Montgomery, and Christopher Lucas), Spring 2023

Research assistant (Michael Olson), Summer 2022

Research assistant (Lucia Motolinia), Spring 2022

Columbia University, Department of Political Science

Research assistant (Junyan Jiang), Fall 2020

Waseda University, School of Political Science and Economics

Research assistant (Michiko Ueda), Fall 2019

The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

Undergraduate researcher (Albert Park), Spring 2018

Case developer, (James. K. Wong), Spring 2018

– Case title: *China: A Global Leader in Mobile Payment*. [Full access here.](#)

TA Experience

Washington University in St. Louis, Department of Political Science

Undergraduate Level

Psychology of War (Carly Wayne), Fall 2023

Introduction to International Politics (David Carter), Fall 2022

Quantitative Political Methodology (Ted Enamerado), Spring 2022

Data Science for Politics (Jacob Montgomery), Fall 2021

Additional Training

Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, Missouri

Text-As-Data (Brandon Stewart), Summer 2023

Time Series Analysis (Clayton Webb), Summer 2022

Python camp (Benjamin Noble), Summer 2021

Math camp (Jacob Montgomery), Summer 2020

East China University of Political Science and Law, Shanghai, China

Training Camp of Political Methodology and Chinese Political Institution, Summer 2020

Service Manager, WashU Political Data Science Lab, Fall 2022 - present

Technical Skills R, Python, ArcGIS, MATLAB, Qualtrics, Tableau, \LaTeX

Languages Mandarin Chinese (native), Cantonese (native)
English (fluent), Japanese (intermediate)