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EMPLOYMENT

DENISON UNIVERSITY

Visiting Assistant Professor 2022-present

EDUCATION

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Ph.D. Political Science 2022

Dissertation: "International Aid and Strategic Interdependence: How Common and Conflicting Foreign Policy Goals Shape the Supply of Foreign Aid"

Exams: International Relations, International Political Economy

Committee: Matthew S. Winters (chair), Xinyuan Dai, Robert Pahre, Robert Carroll

Eastern Illinois University, M.A. Political Science 2016

Greenville University, B.A. History & Political Science, Philosophy (*Summa Cum Laude*, with honors) 2015

RESEARCH

Peer Reviewed Publications (Ordered by Publication Date)

[3] ["How Reducing Documentation Burdens Impacts Equity in Program Access: The Case of Small Business Covid-19 Relief Funding."](#) (2023) With Elizabeth Bell and Heather Kappes in *Public Administration Review*: 1-22.

[2] ["Gender in the Pulpit: The Differences in Speaking Style for Men and Women."](#) (2019) With Ryan Burge in *The Journal of Communication and Religion* 42(1): 63-82.

[1] ["Is Social Media a Digital Pulpit? How Evangelical Leaders Use Twitter to Encourage the Faithful and Publicize Their Work."](#) (2019) With Ryan Burge in the *Journal of Religion, Media, and Digital Culture* 8(1): 309-339.

Book Chapters (Ordered by Publication Date)

[2] ["World Bank."](#) (2023) With Matthew Winters in *Handbook of International Organizations: Theories, Concepts, and Empirical Insights*. Eds. Katja Freistein, Julia Leininger, and Silke Weinlich. De Gruyter Oldenbourg.

[1] ["Illinois 10th Congressional District: Re-match in Chicago Suburbs."](#) (2018) With Jeffrey Ashley in *The Roads to Congress 2016*. Eds. Sean D. Foreman and Marcia L. Godwin. Palgrave Macmillan]

Works in Progress (Alphabetical Order)

"Aid for Nonaggression." [Work in Progress]

"Chinese Aid on ICT." With Xinle Jia, Lucie Lu, and Yujeong Yang. [Working paper for a Special Issue on *Promoting and Protecting Democracy in Times of De-Democratization*]

“Elusive Collaboration? The Determinants of Lead Donorship in International Development.” [Under Review]

“Does Performance Feedback Increase Flu-Vaccination Rates? A Cluster Randomized Trial.” With Sebastian Jilke, Pompa Debroy, Rebecca Johnson, Michael Wallace, and Vincent Marconi. [Working Paper]

“Foreign Aid and Investment Protection.” With Seung-Uk Huh. [Working Paper]

“How Local Discretion Addresses Competing Allocation Goals: The Case of Small Business Relief Funding.” With Rebecca Johnson, Heather Barry Kappes, Crystal C. Hall, Simone Zhang, and Elizabeth Bell. [Under Review]

“In Favor of Normalizing War.” [Working Paper]

“Leveraging the Black Box: Regression Adjustment with Super Learners.” With Robert J. Carroll and Gustavo Diaz. [Work in Progress]

“Aid, Migration, and Civil War.” [Work in Progress]

“Xinhua Coverage of Chinese Foreign Aid Allocations.” With Lucie Lu. [Working Paper]

Conferences (Ordered by Attendance Date)

“Foreign Aid and Investment Protection,” APSA	Aug. 2023
“Foreign Aid and Investment Protection,” MPSA	April 2023
“A Strategic Political Economy of Aid,” PEIO	July 2022
“Friends Get more Money, Attention, and Handshakes: Xinhua, Diplomacy, and Chinese Foreign Aid,” AidData Roundtable	June 2022
“Competition and Buck-passing in the Political Economy of Aid,” MPSA	April 2022

Blogging

I have contributed to [Democracy Paradox](#).

“Can Washington and China Cooperate in Foreign Aid?”

I also have contributed to [Religion in Public](#).

“White, Conservative, Religious...and Aid Skeptical” (January 21, 2021)

“Do Women Preach Differently than Men?” (June 26, 2019)

“Welcome the Stranger? Evangelicals’ Views on Immigration Prior to Donald Trump” (February 20, 2017)

“Evangelical Leaders Are as Negative on Immigration and Islam as Donald Trump” (February 13, 2017)

I also write about various statistical and R-related things on [my personal blog](#) hosted on my professional website.

SOFTWARE

Tools

Expert: R, RStudio, & Latex

Basic: Stata & Python

R Packages

[coolor](#) - Tools to make setting and applying custom color palettes with `ggplot` more streamlined.

[RFA](#) - Implements [random forest adjustment](#) (RFA). RFA is a method for partialing out the influence of confounding covariates via random forests.

[seerrr](#) - Tools that simplify the process of doing Monte Carlo and computational power analyses.

[SARM](#) - For estimating a modified version of the Strategic Autoregressive Model developed by [Steinwand \(2011\)](#).

[oesr](#) (with Ryan T. Moore) - For visualizing the results from randomized controlled trials using the Office of Evaluation Sciences' [recommended style guide](#).

TEACHING

Denison University

DA 101: Introduction to Data Analytics
DPR 101: Data Visualization for Political Research
DPR 190: War, Wealth, and World Politics
DPR 201: Data and Research Design for Social Impact

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Intro to International Relations (Independent Instructor)
Intro to Political Science (Teaching Assistant)
UIUC Math Camp
[Probability in R](#)
[Integrals](#)
[Linear Regression](#)
[Loops](#)
[Version Control](#)

OTHER EMPLOYMENT

US OFFICE OF EVALUATION SCIENCES

Associate Fellow (methods specialist) 2020-2023

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

Research Assistant

Cara Wong 2020-present
Matthew S. Winters 2018-2020

EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

Research Assistant for Jeffrey Ashley 2016
Presidential Graduate Assistant 2015-2016

AWARDS AND GRANTS

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Kathleen L. Burkholder Prize for Best Dissertation	2023
William Bernhard Award for Best Dissertation Prospectus	2021
Rita and Leonard Ogren Award for Academic Excellence	2018

Eastern Illinois University

Robert and Kathryn Augustine Distinguished Master's Thesis Award	2018
Williams Travel Grant	2016

SERVICE

Reviewer

British Journal of Politics and International Relations
Development Studies Research
Journal of Politics

International Relations Graduate Workshop, Coordinator 2020-2021

Graduate Methods Committee

Member	2019-2021
Chair	2020

UIUC Political Science Graduate Student Association, Board Member 2019-2020