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Research interests

Substantive	Technology, public opinion, political economy of security, academic-policy engagement
Regional	US-China (including Taiwan), Israel-Palestine, United Kingdom
Methodological	Experiments (natural and survey), geospatial analysis, elite interviews

Education

2021 – Present	Balliol College, University of Oxford – Oxford, UK Candidate for the Doctor of Philosophy in International Relations Supervisor: Professor Andrea Ruggeri Working Dissertation Title: "Technology and Foreign Policy: A Public Opinion Perspective"
2019 – 2021	St Antony's College, University of Oxford – Oxford, UK Master of Philosophy with Distinction in International Relations Supervisor: Professor Duncan Snidal
2015 – 2019	University of Chicago – Chicago, IL Bachelor of Arts with Honors in Economics and Fundamentals: Issues and Texts

Honors and Scholarships

2022-23	National Bureau of Asian Research Chinese Language Fellow <i>Full tuition and stipend scholarship to complete full year of intensive Mandarin training at the International Chinese Language Program (ICLP) in Taipei.</i>
2021-24	Clarendon Scholarship (Oxford) <i>Full tuition and stipend scholarship to attend Oxford, "awarded to academically excellent students with the best proven and future potential."</i>
2021-24	Balliol College Marvin Bower Scholarship (Oxford)

- 2019 University of Chicago Howell Murray Alumni Association Award
"The highest honor conferred upon a graduating senior, recognizing outstanding leadership and multiple contributions to the vitality and creativity of student life in the University community"
- 2019 Departmental Honors, Fundamentals: Issues and Texts (UChicago)
- 2019 Fulbright U.S. Student Grant (Study, Taiwan) (*declined*)
- 2018 Maroon Key Society Inductee (UChicago)

Grants

- 2022 Oxford Policy Engagement Network Seed Fund (£5000)
- 2022 Oxford Department of Politics and International Relations Cyril Foster and Winchester Funds (£2000)
- 2022 Balliol Interdisciplinary Institute (£3000)
- 2021 St Antony's Travel and Research Grant (£72)
- 2018 Institute of Politics Award (\$5000)
- 2018 Dean's Fund Recipient for Independent Research (UChicago) (\$1500)
- 2017 Phillip Ng Foreign Language Acquisition Grant for East Asia Recipient (\$5000)

Working papers (available upon request)

"Beyond Bombs: The Effect of Non-Material Mechanisms of Terrorism on Public Opinion During The 2014 Israel-Gaza War"

"Israel's New Kingmakers: Arab Voter Trade-Offs Between Economic- and Ethnicity-Oriented Voting in the 2021 Knesset Election"

"Why the Public Supports Friendshoring: Evidence from the United Kingdom"

In progress

"Behind the Silicon Shield: The Domestic Determinants of Power and Deterrence from Critical Technology Dependence"

Policy articles and evidence

- November 2022 ["Written Evidence Submitted Jointly by Beijing to Britain and the Oxford China Policy Lab."](#) (with Sam Hogg and Kayla Blomquist)
UK Parliament Foreign Affairs Committee
- September 2022 ["Britain's Golden Era with China is Well and Truly Dead"](#) (with Sam Hogg)
Foreign Policy
- August 2022 ["Three Reasons to Ignore That Twitter Poll"](#) (with Michael Cerny)
US-China Perception Monitor
- June 2022 ["Don't Let Concerns over Xi's China Trump Vital Language Learning"](#)
Oxford Political Review
- February 2022 ["Only Nixon Could Go to China'; Only Xi Can Go to America?"](#) (with Brian Wong)
The Diplomat
- January 2022 ["A Tale of Two Crises: Why US Strategy in Ukraine Has Few Implications for Taiwan"](#)
(with Mathias Gjesdal Hammer)
The Diplomat
- November 2021 ["How Universal Basic Income Can Advance the United States' China Strategy"](#) (with Ben Silvian)
The Diplomat
- September 2021 ["Diplomacy Under Different Rules: How an NGO Dictates American Diplomacy in Taiwan"](#) (with Rachel Bernstein)
The Diplomat
- July 2021 ["How the Milk Tea Alliance is Remaking Myanmar"](#) (with Jasmine Chia)
The Diplomat
- December 2020 ["How the Milk Tea Alliance Has Succeeded, and Why It May Fail"](#) (with Jasmine Chia)
Fulcrum (ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute)
- November 2020 ["The New 'Worldmakers': How the 20th Century Black Anticolonial Dialogue Reveals the Strategic Importance of the Milk Tea Alliance."](#) (with Jasmine Chia)
Oxford University Politics Blog

[Additional research experience](#)

February 2022 – Present
Co-Founder and Director, Oxford China Policy Lab
Direct research group based at the University of Oxford, dedicated to providing data-driven and policy relevant analysis on issues regarding US-China relations and its impact on the rest of the world. Principal investigator on Balliol College-funded project exploring variation in national regulation of Chinese investment in smart cities across the EU and UK.

February 2020 – Present
Graduate Research Assistant, Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford
Mentors: Duncan Snidal (Oxford), Karolina Milewicz (Oxford).
Collected, prepared, and analyzed data using English and Spanish legal documents for a project on trade dispute settlements, culminating in 1,000-case dataset. Created University of Bayreuth syllabi for undergraduate courses on International Relations Theory, International Relations Methods, International Cooperation, International Political Economy and graduate course on Global Economic Governance.

Teaching experience (Oxford)

Summer 2022 Tutor, "UK-China Relations" (self-designed and taught)
Summer 2021, 2022 Lecturer, "Learning from Quantitative Data in International Relations" (self-designed and taught)
Spring 2022 Tutor, "International Security and Conflict"
Summer 2021 Tutor, "Terrorism: Strategy and Impact" (self-designed and taught)

Industry experience

June – August 2018
United States State Department, American Institute in Taiwan (Economics Section Intern) – Taipei, Taiwan
Conducted economic research and data analysis for the de facto US embassy in Taiwan, serving as point-person with personnel on leave. Wrote speeches on US foreign energy policy and U.S.-Taiwan bilateral FDI, respectively, with some elements in Chinese.

March - June 2017
University of Chicago Institute of Politics Pritzker Fellows Program (Team Leader, Sec. Antony Blinken) – Chicago, Illinois
Ran weekly seminars, served as media contact, and conducted office hours for Secretary of State Tony Blinken during his stay at the University of Chicago's Institute of Politics.

June - August 2016 **Office of U.S. Senator Ben Cardin (MD) (Legislative Intern)** – Washington, DC
Wrote weekly time-sensitive memos and briefings before hearings and public appearances for the Senator, LAs and LCs. Conducted research and co-authored policy analysis, including a 25-page report on environmental justice issues in Maryland.

June – September 2015 **BrainScope Company, Inc. (Algorithms Intern)** – Bethesda, MD
Assisted algorithm development team at venture-backed neurotechnology company in creating a concussion classification algorithm based on a 6,000-patient database used in a handheld device for clinicians.

Conference/Workshop Presentations

March 2023 International Studies Association Annual Conference, Montreal

September 2022 Seventh Annual Young Scholars Forum on US-China Relations (Virtual), Carter Center, Atlanta

August 2022 British Association for Chinese Studies, Oxford

June 2022 European Workshop in Empirical Political Science (Euro-WEPS), Hertie School, Berlin

May 2022 Politics in Progress Workshop, Oxford

March 2022 Conflict and Change PhD Workshop, University College London (UCL)

March 2022 Conflict, Peace, and Security Hub Workshop, Oxford

Professional service and leadership

November 2021 – September 2022 **Clarendon Scholarship Council (External Secretary)**
Collaborate with external scholarship organizations to put on events for the Clarendon community.

May 2020 – June 2022 **Oxford International Relations Graduate Studies Committee (IR GSC) (Student Representative)**
Represented 65 DPhil IR students in meetings with the IR GSC. Worked directly with Prof. Todd Hall to redesign the structure and reading list for the first-year MPhil core courses: "The Development of the International System" and "Contemporary Debates in International Relations Theory." Created new alumni series to introduce current students to alumni across a wide range of fields and geographic regions.

October 2019 – April 2021 **St Antony's College Graduate Common Room (GCR) (Vice President - Academic)**
Represented the St. Antony's student body (500 grad students) in student government, coordinate academic conferences and lectures at St. Antony's, including work with British Parliament members to organize weekly Visiting Parliamentary Fellows series. Organized weekly Language Immersion Night and termly Research in Progress Colloquium.

Technical skills

Programming languages and software

Proficient in: R, STATA, \LaTeX

Familiar with: Python

Languages

English (fluent), Mandarin (advanced), Spanish (advanced)

International study

Fall 2022 - Summer 2023 International Chinese Language Program, Taipei
Winter 2018 Instituto Cultural de Oaxaca, Oaxaca, Mexico
Summer 2017 Renmin University, Beijing, China
Summer 2014 Middlebury School in China, Beijing, China
Summer 2013 Rondebosch Boys High School, Cape Town, South Africa

Professional society memberships

2021 – Present International Studies Association
2021 – Present British International Studies Association

Other interests

Running, Settlers of Catan, ping pong, Seattle Seahawks football, Franz Kafka's literature

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