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EDUCATION

The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA
Ph.D., Department of Political Science, expected in 2022
The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL
M.A., Committee on International Relations, 2017
National Chengchi University, Taipei
M.A., Department of Political Science, 2016
The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong
B.S.S. (Government and Laws), 2012

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Authoritarian Politics: Political Survival of Autocrats and Political Institutions in Autocracies
Social Network Analysis: Elite Politics
Regions of Interest: East Asia and Southeast Asia

EDITOR-REVIEWED PUBLICATION

“Insider Story: A Learned Evaluation of ‘One Country Two Systems’ in Hong Kong.” Book Review of *The Quest for Rule of Law in Hong Kong under One Country Two Systems* (in Chinese), by A. H. Y. Chen. *New Frontiers in Asian Scholarship*, Harvard-Yenching Institute, January 28, 2013.

FIELDWORK EXPERIENCE

Malaysia: July 2018

AWARDS

Program in Comparative Politics Graduate Research Award for International Travel & Research, Pennsylvania State University (2018)

Peter Schallmoser Award, Pennsylvania State University (2017-2018)

Graduate Council Travel Grant, University of Chicago (2017)

University Scholarship, University of Chicago (2016-2017)

Social Sciences Scholarship, University of Chicago (2015-2016)

Pan Shi Yuen Scholarship for Mainland Students, National Chengchi University (2013-2014;
2012-2013)

HKU Foundation Scholarship for Outstanding Mainland Students, University of Hong Kong
(2011-2012; 2010-2011; 2009-2010)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Autocrats Untying Their Hands: Political Prosecution of Corruption in a Limited Autocracy.”
Paper presented at the International Studies Association (ISA) International Conference, Hong
Kong, June 15, 2017.

“Autocrats Untying Their Hands: Political Prosecution of Corruption in Limited Autocracies.”
Paper presented at the 75th Annual Conference of Midwest Political Science Association
(MPSA), Chicago, Illinois, April 6, 2017.

“Tigers in Cage: Political Prosecution and Network of Corrupt Elites in Autocracies.” Paper
presented at the International Studies Association (ISA) Midwest Annual Conference, St. Louis,
Missouri, November 19, 2016.

“Hunting Tigers or Hunting Enemies? A Network Analysis of Anticorruption in China under
Xi Jinping.” Poster presented at the 74th Annual Conference of Midwest Political Science
Association (MPSA), Chicago, Illinois, April 8, 2016.

“Xi Jinping’s Tiger Hunt: Fighting Corruption or Fighting Enemies?” Paper presented at
Annual Conference of Chinese Association of Political Science, Taipei, Taiwan (ROC),
November 9, 2014.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant of Professor Joseph Wright, Department of Political Science, Pennsylvania
State University (2018-2019)

Research Assistant in the Harris School of Public Policy, University of Chicago (2017)

Research Assistant of Professor Chien-wen Kou, Department of Political Science, National
Chengchi University (2013-2015)

Research Assistant of Professor Xiaojun Yan, Department of Politics and Public
Administration, University of Hong Kong (2011-2013)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant:

Introduction to Contemporary Africa: Busi Makoni, African Studies Program, Pennsylvania State University (Spring 2018)

Modern African History: Clemente Abrokwa, African Studies Program, Pennsylvania State University (Spring 2018)

Introduction to American National Government: Mark Major, Department of Political Science, Pennsylvania State University (Fall 2017)

Guest Lecture:

Modern African History: April 3, 2018 (Clemente Abrokwa, African Studies Program, Pennsylvania State University)

METHODS TRAINING

The Data Science Program, Taipei (2015)

Institute for Political Methodology (Taiwan), Taipei (2014)

SERVICE

Shadow-Facilitator, Strait Talk Brown (October 6-9, 2018)

Shadow-Facilitator, Strait Talk Berkeley (March 19-23, 2018)

LANGUAGES

Mandarin Chinese: Native