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## Education

### **Penn State University**

Dual-title Ph.D., Political Science and Social Data Analytics, 2021-2026 (Expected)

Field: Comparative Politics

**Dissertation Title:** Connective Actions: Information Diffusion and Everyday Forms of Resistance in Autocracies

M.A., Political Science, 2021-2023

### **McGill University**

B.A. (First Class Honours), Political Science, 2020.

## Working Papers

**“Performing Loyalty: How Does Adopting State Rhetoric Make Citizen’s Demands-making More Successful”**

Under Review

**“Learning Protest: How National Protest Contexts Influence Adolescents’ Views of Unconventional Political Participation”**

With Lee Ann Banaszak, Shan-Jan Sarah Liu, Burcin Tamer  
*Revise and Resubmit* at American Political Science Review

**“Framing Conflict: Shifting Conflict Narratives during the Troubles in Northern Ireland”**

With Cyanne Loyle

**“Thirst Traps and Quick Cuts: The Effects of TikTok ‘Edits’ on Evaluations of Politicians”**

With Kevin Munger

## Conference Presentations

**Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference, April 2023**

“Learning Protest: How national protest contexts Influence Adolescents’ views of Unconventional Political Participation”

**Online Peace Science Colloquium, December 2023**

**Junior Scholars in Quantitative Conflict, March 2024**

“Framing Conflict: Shifting Conflict Narratives during the Troubles in Northern Ireland”

**Annual Southern Political Science Association Conference, January 2024**

**Conference on “The Politics of Authoritarian Regimes”**

“Performing Loyalty: Does Adopting State Rhetoric Make Citizen’s Demands Making More Successful”

Teaching Experience	<b>Political Science Department, Penn State University</b> Course Teaching Assistant, PLSC 498 Text-As-Data, Fall 2022 Graduate Advisor, Political Science Horizons at Penn State, Fall 2022
Work Experience	<b>Shanghai Sunshine Community Youth Affairs Centre</b> Social Worker, 2020-2021 Youth community outreach and case management
Service	<b>Political Science Department, Penn State University</b> Graduate Representative, Recruitment Committee, 2022-23, 2023-24 Graduate Representative, Climate Committee, 2022-23
Awards and Fellowships	<b>Eleanor Roosevelt Fellowship, \$30,000</b> The McCourtney Institute for Democracy, Penn State University, 2024-2025  <b>Research in Democracy Support Grant, \$4000</b> The McCourtney Institute for Democracy, Penn State University, Summer 2024  <b>Dissertation Support Grant, \$2000</b> Office of Research and Graduate Studies, Penn State University, Fall 2024  <b>Program in Comparative Politics Research Award, \$670</b> Penn State University, Summer 2024  <b>Miller-LaVigne Graduate Fellowship Semester Release</b> Penn State University, Spring 2024  <b>Program in Comparative Politics Semester Release</b> Penn State University, Fall 2023  <b>Program in Comparative Politics Research Award, \$2710</b> Penn State University, Summer 2023  <b>Department Research Support, \$2160</b> Penn State University, Fall 2022  <b>Peter Schallmoser Award, \$2500</b> Penn State University, Fall 2021  <b>Research Group in Constitutional Studies Student Fellowship</b> McGill University, 2019-2020  <b>Arts Research Internship Award</b> McGill University, 2018-2019  <b>Li Ka Shing Liberal Arts Initiative Award</b> McGill University, 2017-2018
Languages and Fieldwork	<b>Language:</b> English (fluent), Chinese (native), French (elementary) <b>Skills:</b> R, Python, Stata <b>Fieldwork:</b> China (2023)