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## **EDUCATION**

# UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

Ph.D. in Political Science, 2012

M.Sc. in Agricultural and Applied Economics, 2009

M.A. in Political Science, 2006

# UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

M.A. in Political Science, Certificate in Asia-Pacific Studies, 2004

# UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, BEIJING

B.A. in Public Administration, 2003

# ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

Geographic Information System (GIS) Program.

Harvard University, GIS Institute, Summer 2013

Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM). NSF-funded program to train political scientists to integrate theoretical models and empirical research.

University of Michigan, Summer 2009

Washington University in St. Louis, Summer 2008

#### PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

# UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT

Assistant Professor of Political Science, 2013-

#### HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Postdoctoral Fellow, Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies, 2012-2013

# AWARDS, GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS

## RESEARCH

Harvard University, Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies, An Wang Postdoctoral Fellowship, 2012–13

Stanford University, Walter H. Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center, Shorenstein Fellowship, 2012–13 (declined)

Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation, Doctoral Fellowship, 2011–12

Institute for Humane Studies, Humane Studies Fellowship and Bernard Marcus Fellow, 2011–12 National Science Foundation, Political Science Program, Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant, 2009–10

Institute for Humane Studies, Humane Studies Fellowship and Thomas W. Smith Fellow, 2009–10, 2010–11

University of Wisconsin-Madison, Development Studies Program, Raymond J. Penn Scholarship, 2010

University of Wisconsin-Madison, Division of International Studies, Graduate Student International Field Research Award, 2008

## **TRAVEL**

Southern Political Science Association, Prestage-Cook Travel Award, 2012

Institute for Humane Studies, Hayek Fund for Scholars, 2011

Ronald Coase Institute, Travel Grant, 2011

University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of Political Science, Summer Initiative Award, 2011, 2012

University of Wisconsin-Madison, Graduate School, Vilas Travel Grant, 2010, 2011

University of Wisconsin-Madison, Center for World Affairs and the Global Economy, Predissertation Travel Award, 2009

#### **TRAINING**

George Washington University, Center for International Business Education and Research, Summer Doctoral Institute for research and study on "Institutions and Development," 2010 (declined)

National Science Foundation, EITM Program Grant, 2008, 2009

Ronald Coase Institute, Ronald Coase Institute Workshop Grant, 2008

University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of Political Science, Edward and Virginia Mills Fellowship, 2005–06

# **BOOK REVIEW**

Review of Capitalism with Chinese Characteristics, by Yasheng Huang. *Journal of Chinese Political Science*, vol. 17, no. 2 (2012): 215-216.

# PRESENTATIONS OF RESEARCH

"Land for Welfare in China." Middlebury College, March 2013, Haas Junior Scholars Conference on Multi-disciplinary Interrogations of State and Society in China, University of California–Berkeley, October 2012, and Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies, Harvard University, September 2012, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, September 2012.

"Local Determinants of Economic Structure: Evidence from Land Quota Allocation in China." International Society for New Institutional Economics Annual Conference, Los Angeles, June 2012, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, April 2012, and Political Economy Colloquium, University of Wisconsin–Madison, December 2011.

"Bridging the Urban-Rural Divide in China: A Blessing or a Curse?" New Faces in China Studies Conference, Duke University, April 2012, and Land Tenure Center Workshop, University of Wisconsin–Madison, March 2012.

"The Political Economy of Land Quota Allocation in China." Center for Chinese Studies 50th Anniversary Conference in Honor of Kenneth G. Lieberthal, University of Michigan, October 2011.

"Flying Land': Institutional Cooperation in Local Economic Development in China." Middle-bury College, March 2013, International Society for New Institutional Economics Annual Conference, Stanford, California, June 2011, 13th Overseas Young Chinese Forum Annual Conference, New York, May 2011, Sociology of Economic Change and Development Brownbag, University of Wisconsin–Madison, April 2011, and Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, March 2011.

"Public Finance, Land Property, and Economic Growth in China." Humane Studies Fellowship Colloquium, Arlington, Virginia, October 2010.

"Property Rights, Chinese Style: Law, Credible Commitment, and Private Economy." 6th Annual Graduate Seminar on China, Chinese University of Hong Kong, January 2010, and Conference on Zhejiang Today, China Tomorrow, Hangzhou, China, December 2009.

"Limited Property Rights and the Rise of the Private Sector in China: The Case of Wenzhou Chambers of Commerce." Ronald Coase Institute Workshop on Institutional Analysis, Beijing, December 2008.

"Unpacking the Miracle of Private Investment: The Micro-foundations of Chinese Property Rights." Chinese Politics Workshop, University of Wisconsin–Madison, November 2008.

#### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT, Lecturer Quantitative Analysis in Political Science Chinese Politics and Government

HARVARD UNIVERSITY, Lecturer

The Political Economy of Transition in China

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON, Teaching assistantships

Transitions to the Market Political Choice and Strategy Introduction to Comparative Politics Introduction to International Relations

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO, Teaching assistantship Comparative Public Policy

# **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Thesis Reader, Harvard University, East Asian Languages and Civilizations, 2013
Discussant, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, 2011
Discussant, Comparative Politics Colloquium, University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2010, 2012
Discussant, Chinese Politics Workshop, University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2008, 2009, 2010
Discussant, Center for World Affairs and the Global Economy Workshop on Emerging Powers in the Global System, University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2008
Graduate Student Coordinator, Political Economy Colloquium, University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2008–09

Reviewer, American Political Science Review; Theory and Society

# **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, Association for Asian Studies, International Society for New Institutional Economics