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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2022-Present Assistant Professor, Department of Politics and Public Affairs, with affiliation in East Asian Studies, Denison University
*Recognition for teaching, 2023: Named as a Faculty Mentor who made a positive impact on one or more students with outstanding academic achievements in their first year of studies.
- Fall 2021 Postdoctoral Associate, Council on Southeast Asian Studies
MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies, Yale University
- 2020-2021 Shorenstein Postdoctoral Fellow on Contemporary Asia
Walter H. Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center, Stanford University

CONCURRENT APPOINTMENTS

- 2022-Present Mansfield-Luce Asia Scholars Network Fellow, the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation
Rosenberg Institute Scholar, Suffolk University
Senior Research Fellow, Center for Khmer Studies
Visiting Fellow (non-resident), Cambodia Development Resource Institute
- 2022-Present Program Chair, American Political Science Association Southeast Asian Politics Related Group
- 2023-Present Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Vietnamese Studies*

EDUCATION

- 2013-2020 Ph.D. in Political Science, McGill University
Fields: Comparative Politics and International Relations
Dissertation: *In the Shadow of Authoritarian Expropriation: From Reactive to Institutionalized Responsiveness in Vietnam and China*
*Dissertation was nominated for 5 awards: the Governor General's Gold Medal, the Prix d'excellence de l'Association des doyennes et des doyens des études supérieures au Québec, the Canadian Association for Graduate Studies-ProQuest Distinguished Dissertation Award, the Arts Insights Award, the Council of Graduate School and ProQuest Distinguished Dissertation Award.
- 2015 The Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, The Consortium on Qualitative Research Methods, Syracuse, NY. June 15-26.
- 2009-2012 M.P.A. in International Policy and Management, New York University's Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service
- 2007-2009 M.A. in Asian Studies, University of Texas at Austin
Thesis: *Political Legitimation and Economic Pragmatism through Reforms in China and Vietnam*
- 2002-2006 B.A. in International Studies, concentration in Asian Studies, Kenyon College
Senior Exercise: *Economic Reforms and Political Legitimacy: Doi Moi and Perestroika Compared.*
*Senior exercise completed with distinction
- LANGUAGES** Native fluency in Vietnamese; Advanced proficiency in Mandarin; Intermediate proficiency in Khmer; Intermediate proficiency in French

REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

- Revise & resubmit *Agents of Resistance: Resolve and Repertoires Against Autocratization in Asia*, co-edited special issue in *Democratization* with Elvin Ong and Maggie Shum.
- Revise & resubmit "Agents of Resistance: Resolve and Repertoires Against Autocratization in Asia," co-authored with Elvin Ong and Maggie Shum, lead article of special issue in *Democratization*.
- Revise & resubmit "Agrarian Agitations: Transcripts of Resistance and Authoritarian Feedback Under Vietnam's Repressive-Responsive Regime," co-authored with Duy Trinh, in *Democratization*.
- 2023 *The Dragon's Underbelly: Dynamics and Dilemmas in Vietnam's Economy and Politics*, co-edited with Tuong Vu. Singapore: ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute.

- 2023 “The Peg of Vietnam’s Economic and Political Development,” in *The Dragon’s Underbelly: Dynamics and Dilemmas in Vietnam’s Economy and Politics*, co-authored with Tuong Vu. Singapore: ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute.
- 2023 “Proactive Responsiveness and Institutionalization in Vietnam’s Offensive Against COVID-19,” in *COVID-19 and Political Institutions in Asia-Oceania: Democracy and State Capacity During Times of Crisis*, edited by Aurel Croissant and Olli Hellmann. Routledge.
- 2021 “Opposition Repertoires Under Authoritarian Rule: Vietnam’s 2016 Self-Nomination Movement,” in *Journal of East Asian Studies*, Vol. 21, 1: 117-139.
- 2020 “The Institutional Roots of Defective Democracy in the Philippines”, co-authored with Erik Martinez Kuhonta, in *Stateness and Democracy in East Asia*, edited by Aurel Croissant and Olli Hellmann. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press: 153-178.
- 2020 “Law For What? Ideas and Social Control in China and Vietnam,” co-authored with Juan Wang, in *Problems of Post-Communism*, Vol. 68, 3: 202-215.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- 2022 People’s Power and Resistance in Southeast Asia in Comparison: A Roundtable. *New Mandala*. June 1, 2022. Canberra: Australian National University.
- 2021 *Southeast Asian Politics*, co-authored with Erik Martinez Kuhonta, in *Political Science, Oxford Bibliography*. Oxford University Press.
- 2021 Vietnam’s 2021 National Assembly: One Step Forward, Two Steps Back. *FULCRUM*. May 5, 2021. Singapore: ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute.
- 2020 Book review of Garry Rodan, *Participation Without Democracy: Containing Conflict in Southeast Asia* (Cornell University Press, 2018) in *Political Science Quarterly*, Vol. 135, 2: 330-331.
- 2018 “State of Land in Vietnam: Growth and Institutions at a Crossroads,” co-authored with Dang H. Vo and Dzung Nguyen, in *State of Land in the Mekong Region*, edited by Micah Ingalls and Jean-Christophe Diepart. Bern: Bern Open Publishing: 155-176.
- 2017 “Institutions Without Belief: Incalculability and Legitimate Domination Under the Chinese Communist Party,” in *Asian Politics & Policy*, Vol. 9, 4: 636-645.
- 2017 *Southeast Asia in an Evolving Global Landscape*, co-edited with Stephanie Martel, and authored the volume’s “Conclusion.” Vancouver: University of British Columbia Press.
- 2013 Book review of Antoinette R. Raquiza, *State Structure, Policy Formation, and Economic Development in Southeast Asia: The Political Economy of Thailand and the Philippines* (Routledge, 2012) in *ASEAN Economic Bulletin*, Vol. 30, 1: 113-116.

BOOK PROJECT

AUTHORITARIAN EXPROPRIATION: REACTIVE AND INSTITUTIONALIZED RESPONSIVENESS IN VIETNAM AND CHINA

FIELDWORK ABROAD FOR BOOK PROJECT

- Vietnam August-December 2016 in Hanoi; January 2017 in Can Tho; February 2017 in Quang Tri; March 2017 in Quang Nam; April 2017 in Da Nang; July 2017 in Hanoi
Projected fieldwork: August 2024 in Quang Tri and Hanoi
- China May 2016 in Guangdong; August-December 2017 in Beijing; March-May 2019 in Guizhou and Guangdong
- Cambodia May -August 2022 in Phnom Penh, Siem Reap, and Battambang
Projected fieldwork: May-July 2024 in Phnom Penh and Battambang

WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Party Control in Revolutionary Autocracies: Communist Penetration of the State in Vietnam and China.”

Abstract: Autocracies that emerge out of revolutions have been remarkably recalcitrant. Yet, this commonality obscures variation in party control over the state under authoritarianism. Based on an analysis of the two most similar, single-party, revolutionary autocracies of China and Vietnam, this article assesses and accounts for the Chinese Communist Party’s deeper penetration of the state than the Vietnamese Communist Party. This article

thus contends that a nuanced understanding of authoritarian regimes requires sharper analytical differentiation of the development of party control over the state, even within single-party regimes, and that these differences consequently matter for the articulation of societal interests.

“Repressive-Responsive Parameters of Autocracies in Asia: Vietnam, Cambodia, and China Compared.”

Abstract: Moving beyond conventional binary analytics, this article examines how state strategies of repression and responsiveness crosscut autocracies within a spectrum of reactivity and institutionalization. Specifically, Vietnam, Cambodia, and China show significant variance on the reactive-institutionalized spectrum when it comes to land expropriation and freedom of association. Of the three, Vietnam has been most institutionalized responsive and reactively repressive. Vietnam has systematically strengthened mechanisms against arbitrary land seizures, and refrained from a wholesale clampdown on civil society organizations. Despite regular and multiparty elections, Cambodia has been less responsive and more repressive. Like China, Cambodia has institutionalized stringent restrictions on NGOs by law. But Cambodia has reactively opted for sketchy and ad-hoc reforms to curtail land conflicts, and has been even more reactive than China.

“Politics of Vietnam” in *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics*, with signed contract for January 2024

Translation of “Qua sai lầm trong Cải cách ruộng đất, xây dựng quan điểm lãnh đạo [Building Leadership Perspective Through Land Reform Errors]” by Nguyễn Mạnh Tường and “Tôi Tố Cáo [I Accuse],” by Nguyễn Ngọc. *Justice in Translation* by the Justice in Southeast Asia Lab at the University of Wisconsin-Madison

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS AND AWARDS

External

2022	Mansfield-Luce Asia Scholars Network Fellow, Cohort 2, (2022-)
2022	Rosenberg Institute Scholar (2022-2024), Suffolk University (2022-2024), \$8,000
2022	Asia Workshops Alumni Professional Development Grant of the American Political Science Association - Asia Program Collaborative Grant, \$6,000
2021	Center for Khmer Studies, Senior Fellowship, \$9,000
2021	Postdoctoral Scholar Program, The Institute of Political Science at Academia Sinica (Declined)
2020	The American Political Science Association, Asia Pacific Workshop Fellow on “Contentious Politics and its Repercussions in Asia”
2020	Young Southeast Asia Fellow, Southeast Asia Research Group
2020	Shorenstein Postdoctoral Fellowship on Contemporary Asia at Stanford University
2019	National Bureau of Asian Research Chinese Language Fellowship Program, \$45,000 (Declined)
2018	New Faces in China’s Studies Conference Fellow at Duke University
2018	Southeast Asia Research Group Henry Luce Foundation Travel Grant, \$500
2017	Chinoiserie Made in China Summer Program & Scholarship on “Labor Rights in an Era of Global Precarity: Views from China”
2016	The University of Sydney Southeast Asia Centre Visiting PhD Scholar Fund Award, \$4,000
2016	Southeast Asia Research Group Henry Luce Foundation Pre-Dissertation Fellowship, \$6,000
2016	Southeast Asia Research Group Henry Luce Foundation Travel Grant, \$500
2009	Taiwan-United States Sister Relations Alliance Summer Ambassador Scholarship Program
2003	International Leadership Fellowship, International Leadership Foundation

Internal

2017	Institute for the Study of International Development’s Graduate Field Research Award, \$5,000
2017	McGill Graduate Mobility Award, \$4,800
2016	Li Ka Shing Advanced Research Award for field research in Shantou, Guangdong

2011	NYU Wagner Merit-Based Scholarship, \$2,862
2009	East Asia Graduate Fellowship, \$3,000
2008	Tom and Martha Ward Endowed Fellowship, \$2,000

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Denison University, Assistant Professor

Fall 2023	PPA 339/EAST 264 Politics of Resistance: People's Power, Rights, and Justice in Asia
Fall 2023	PPA 102 Introduction to Policymaking in Democracies
Spring 2023	
Fall 2022	
Spring 2022	
Spring 2023	PPA 201 Sophomore Seminar – Representation and Its Discontent
Spring 2023	PPA 122 Introduction to Global Governance
Fall 2022	
Spring 2022	POSC 339/EAST 345 Authoritarianism in East and Southeast Asia

McGill University, Lecturer

Summer 2019	POLI 227 Introduction to Developing Areas
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McGill University, Teaching Assistant

Winter 2018	INTD 200 Introduction to International Development
Fall 2014	
Winter 2016	POLI 227 Introduction to Developing Areas
Fall 2015	POLI 369 Politics of Southeast Asia
Winter 2014	POLI 476 Religion and Politics

CET Academic Program in Vietnam, Lecturer & Resident Director

Fall 2012	Introduction to Vietnamese Studies
Spring 2013	
Fall 2012	Service-Learning in Vietnam
Spring 2013	

New York University Tisch School of the Arts, Adjunct Lecturer

Spring 2012	Topics in Vietnamese History, Economics, Politics & Culture
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University of Texas in Austin, Teaching Assistant

Fall 2008	Introduction to Chinese History I and II
Spring 2009	
Summer 2007	Accelerated & Advanced Vietnamese Language I and II
Fall 2007	
Spring 2008	

Putney Student Travel, Program Leader

Summer 2012	Global Awareness in Action in Cambodia Program
Summer 2010	Vietnam Community Service Program

INVITED LECTURES & SEMINARS

2023	"Capitalism with Vietnamese Characteristics? The Dilemma of Growth and Political Change," Vietnam Studies Program Webinar, ISEAS–Yusof Ishak Institute. March 24.
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- 2022 “Authoritarian Recalcitrance in Vietnam,” “Economic Performance in Vietnam,” and “Opposition Repertoires Under Authoritarian Rule.” Three-part lectures for the Political Science Training for the Center for Diversity and National Harmony, Myanmar, June 21, 22, and July 3.
- 2022 “Mentorship in Research,” Researcher Conversation Series. Cambodia Development Resource Institute (CDRI). June 30. Phnom Penh, Cambodia.
- 2022 “Political Transformation in Southeast Asia,” The Channel: A Podcast from the International Institute for Asian Studies (IIAS). December 20.
- 2022 “How We Teach and Think about the ‘Global’,” Faculty Roundtable. Global Studies Seminar. Denison University. November 14.
- 2022 “Repressive-Responsive Parameters of Autocracies in Asia,” Thinking Rights, Writing Justice in Southeast Asia online lecture series of the Justice in Southeast Asia Lab, University of Wisconsin-Madison, March 22.
- 2021 “Authoritarian Expropriation: Reactive and Institutionalized Responsiveness in Vietnam and China,” at CDRI Cambodia Development Resource Institute (CDRI), August 25.
- 2021 “Responsiveness in the Shadow of Repression: Vietnam and China Compared,” Southeast Asia Program, Walter H. Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center at Stanford University, May 27. Stanford, California.
- 2019 “Authoritarian Persistence in Vietnam,” for Politics of Southeast Asia at McGill University, October 10. Montreal, Canada.
- 2019 “Law and Responsiveness to Land and Development Conflicts in Vietnam,” at Shandong University, May 7. Shandong, China.
- 2018 “Responsiveness to Societal Unrest in Vietnam” for Politics of Southeast Asia, and Introduction to International Development at McGill University, February 15 and March 14.
- 2017 “A Historical Perspective: Land System and Reforms Before and After Renovation in Vietnam,” at Renmin University, November 17. Beijing, China.
- 2015 “Authoritarian Persistence in Vietnam,” for Politics of Southeast Asia at McGill University, October 15. Montreal, Canada.

PRESENTATIONS AT CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

- 2023 “Party Control in Revolutionary Autocracies: Communist Penetration of the State in Vietnam and China,” presented in the Asian Political History Mini-Conference at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, August 31-September 3
- 2023 “Repressive-Responsive Parameters of Autocracies in Asia: Vietnam, China and Cambodia Compared,” presented at the Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference, March 16-19.
- 2022 “Repressive-Responsive Parameters of Autocracies in Asia,” presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 15-18.
- 2022 Workshop on “Resistance and Opposition Repertoire Under Authoritarianism,” co-organized with Elvin Ong and Maggie Shum, supported by the APSA Asia Workshops Alumni Professional Development Grants and the Singapore Ministry of Education Tier 1 Grant, held at the National University of Singapore, August 1-2.
- 2022 “Political Legitimation Under Question: Why Do Rational-Legal Procedures and Performance Matter to Democracy and Autocracy?,” co-authored with Erik Martinez Kuhonta, presented at the Workshop on “Ideology and Authoritarian Resilience in the Global South” co-organized with Cuong Nguyen at the Canadian Political Science Association Conference, May 30–June 3.
- 2022 “Agrarian Agitations: Claim-Making and Responsiveness Under Land Reforms in Vietnam and China,” co-authored with Rui Hua, presented at the Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference, March 24-27.
- 2021 Roundtable on “People’s Power and Resistance in Southeast Asia,” Convenor and Chair, the Canadian Council for Southeast Asian Studies Conference, October 21-24, 2021.

- 2021 “Authoritarian Expropriation: From Reactive to Institutionalized Responsiveness in China and Vietnam,” presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 30-October 3, 2021.
- 2021 “Authoritarian Expropriation: From Reactive to Institutionalized Responsiveness in Vietnam and China,” presented at the American Political Science Association Asia Pacific Workshop on “Contentious Politics and its Repercussions in Asia,” January 11-22, 2021.
- 2020 “Inter-Institutional Constraints Within Single-Party Regimes: Why the Communist Party is More Constrained in Vietnam than China?” presented at the Southeast Asia Research Group Conference, December 16-19.
- 2019 “Law and Authoritarian Responsiveness to Societal Unrest Against State Land Acquisitions in Vietnam and China,” presented at the Association for Asian Studies Emerging Fields Workshop on “Law, Society, and Justice in Asia,” University of Michigan, May 16-19.
- 2019 “In the Shadow of Repression: Law and Responsiveness to Societal Unrest in Vietnam,” presented at the Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference, March 21-24.
- 2018 “In the Shadow of Repression: Law and Authoritarian Responsiveness to Societal Unrest against State Land Acquisitions in Vietnam and China,” presented at the New Faces in China’s Studies Conference, Duke University, December 7.
- 2018 “When Do Authoritarian Leaders Pass an Assembly Law? A Comparison between China and Vietnam,” co-authored with Juan Wang, presented at the Asian Studies Association of Australia Conference, July 3-5.
- 2018 “Single-Party State Politics: Managed Political Participation and Oppositional Repertoires in Vietnam’s Legislative Election,” presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Aug. 30-Sept. 2.
- 2018 “Lacking Self-Restraint: Why Vietnam’s Land Law Prevents Land Expropriation More than China’s,” co-authored with Paul Schuler, presented at the China-Vietnam Workshop at McGill, Aug. 24.
- 2017 “Legitimacy and Performance in Historical Perspective: A Conceptual Analysis,” co-authored with Erik Kuhonta, presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Aug. 31-Sept. 3.
- 2017 “Institutional Paradox: Fragments and Partial Openings in the Structure of Power in Vietnam,” presented at the 10th International Convention of Asia Scholars, July 20-23.
- 2016 “Structural Paradox and Ideational Divergence: Regime Responsiveness to Land Rights and Development Disputes in Vietnam and China,” presented at the Graduate Student Conference for Southeast Asia Research, Centre for Southeast Asia Research at the University of British Columbia, April 14-15.
- 2015 “Misconceptions and False Dichotomies: The Volatility of Economic Performance for the Political Legitimation of Democracy and Autocracies,” presented at the Canadian Council for Southeast Asian Studies, University of Ottawa, October 16-17.

RELEVANT POLICY AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE ON ASIA

- 2012-2013 **Vietnam Program Resident Director, CET Academic Programs, Vietnam**
 Designed and oversaw the academic curriculum of CET Vietnamese Studies & Service-Learning Program, and customized programs for students studying abroad in Vietnam; lecturer for program courses, including Introduction to Vietnamese Studies, and Service-Learning in Vietnam; coordinated internships and service-learning placements, guest speakers, and practicums; managed onsite faculty and staff, monitored in-country program budget, and program development in Vietnam.

- 2011-2012 **The China-U.S. Strategic Trust-Building Initiative, EastWest Institute, New York, NY**
 Contributed to the policy study entitled, *Threading the Needle: Proposals for U.S. and Chinese Actions on Arms Sales to Taiwan*; collated and analyzed quantitative and qualitative data and trends of U.S. arms sales to Taiwan over a 30-year period for the China Initiative's Taiwan Arms Sale Project; monitored political and security developments affecting U.S.-China relations and tensions over U.S. arms sales to Taiwan.
- 2010-2011 **Project Associate, NYU Advanced International Capstone Project with The Asia Foundation, New York, NY and Phnom Penh, Cambodia**
 Conducted impact evaluations of decentralization reforms on local governance and planning practices in Cambodia; developed a survey instrument of perceptions of newly created District and Municipal Councils and Administrations; collected and analyzed qualitative data from fieldwork and interviews with local officials and civil society actors in Cambodia; reviewed strategic planning approaches adopted by neighboring countries in the region.
- Summer 2008 **Research Associate, Environmental Development Action in the Third World, Vietnam**
 Spearheaded the Diaspora for Development action-research study in Vietnam, including background research, data collection, survey and interview designs, and reports of preliminary findings; formulated and implemented a working plan with local partners to develop community organizational structures among private waste collectors and communities in Ho Chi Minh City urban slums.

PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP & SERVICE

Committee Member on Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Antiracism, Denison Forward, '23- present

Organizing Committee Member of Denison University's 2nd Asia Film Festival, '23-'24

Co-Founder and Organizer of Denison University's Inaugural Asia Film Festival, '21-'23

Faculty Advisor for Vietnamese Student Union at Denison University, '21 to present

Co-Organizer of the Canadian Political Science Association Conference Workshop on "Ideology and Authoritarian Resilience in the Global South," 30 May to 3 June '22

Organizing Committee Member of the Canadian Council for Southeast Asian Studies 2019 Conference on "Power in Southeast Asia," 24-26 October '19

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS: Association for Asian Studies, Southeast Asia Research Group, Canadian Council for Southeast Asian Studies, American Political Science Association, Canadian Political Science Association, Women in Southeast Asian Social Sciences

PEER REVIEWER: Asian Politics & Policy, American Political Science Review, Comparative Politics, Contemporary Politics, Government and Opposition, Pacific Affairs, Problems of Post-Communism, Political Studies