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## Employment

- 2025– **Hong Kong University of Science and Technology**  
Assistant Professor of Political Science
- 2021–25 **Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance, Princeton University**  
Senior Specialist for Data and Statistics
- 2014 **Coffey International Ltd. Vietnam**  
Anti-Corruption Research Consultant

## Education

- 2021 **University of California, San Diego**  
PhD in Political Science
- 2016 **University of California, San Diego**  
MA in Political Science
- 2014 **Colgate University**  
BA in Political Science and Psychology

## Areas of specialization

Authoritarian elite politics, media and censorship, text as data, Vietnam, China

## Book project

*Knowing Yourself, Knowing Your Enemy: Factions and Intra-Elite Violence in Authoritarian Regimes*

## Publications

- 2025 [“Panethnic fate unlinked: Who finds the term ‘Chinese Virus’ acceptable?”](#) (with Milkie Vu). *Social Science Quarterly*.
- 2024 [“Comment on: Cropland abandonment in the context of drought, economic restructuring, and migration in Northeast Syria”](#) (with Konstantin Ash). *Environmental*

- Research Letters*, 19(12).
- 2024 “The Factional Logic of Political Protection in Authoritarian Regimes.” *Comparative Political Studies*, 58(1).
- 2024 “Agrarian Agitations: Transcripts of Resistance and Authoritarian Feedback Under Vietnams Repressive-Responsive Regime” (with Nhu Truong). *Democratization*, 31(3), 596–615.
- 2023 “Low-Income Asian Americans: High Levels Of Food Insecurity And Low Participation In The CalFresh Nutrition Program” (with Milkie Vu et al.). *Health Affairs*, 42(10).
- 2022 “The Where and Why of Political Protection in Vietnam’s Anti-Corruption Campaign.” In *The Dragon’s Underbelly: Dynamics and Dilemmas in Vietnam’s Economy and Politics*, edited by Nhu Truong and Tuong Vu.
- 2020 “Explaining Factional Sorting in China and Vietnam.” *Problems of Post-Communism*, 68(3), 171–189.

## Working papers

- “Globalization and the Great Divergence of Right-Wing Populism.” (with Helen Milner). Under review
- “Protective Umbrella: How Factional Ties Attenuate the Impact of China’s Anti-Corruption Campaign” (with Victor Shih). Under review.
- “Contemporary Perception of Elite Factionalism: Results from Two Conjoint Experiments in China and Vietnam.” Presented at the 2024 APSA Annual Meeting
- “Mapping the Political Alignment of Authoritarian Mass Media.” Presented at the 2023 APSA Annual Meeting.

## Works in Progress

- “Conjoint Experiment of Firms in Korea and Vietnam” (With In Song King, Helen Milner, and Edmund Malesky).
- “Immigration and Trade Rhetoric in Electoral Campaigns” (with Thomas Flaherty).
- “The Administrative-Level Dataset of European Parliamentary Elections” (with Helen Milner and Thomas F. Cunningham IV).
- “Anti-corruption Agencies: For What Reasons, To What Effects?”

## Book reviews

- 2024 *Unearthing Politics: Environment and Contestation in Post-socialist Vietnam*, by Jason Morris-Jung. *Pacific Affairs*.
- 2021 *The Republic of Vietnam, 1955–1975: Vietnamese Perspectives on Nation Building*, edited by Tuong Vu and Sean Fear. *Pacific Affairs*, 94(3), 625–627.
- 2018 *Censorship in Vietnam: A Brave New World*, by Thomas Bass. *Journalism and Mass Communication Quarterly*, 95(2), 523–525.

## Honors, awards and grants

- 2025 APSA Travel Grant
- 2023 Mansfield-Luce Asia Scholars Network
- 2023 SPSA Artinian Travel Award
- 2023 APSA Travel Grant
- 2023 Southeast Asian Research Group (SEAREG) Conference Travel Grant
- 2020 SEAREG Fellowship
- 2019 UCSD International Institute Research Travel Grant  
Awarded to support fieldwork in Vietnam
- 2019 UCSD Sanford Lakoff Fellowship
- 2018 Frederick Bastiat Fellowship  
One-year, competitive fellowship program awarded to graduate students in a variety of fields including economics, law, political science, and public policy
- 2017 UCSD Friends of the International Center Fellowship  
Awarded to support Vietnamese online newspaper data collection project
- 2016 UC Promise Award  
Awarded to support summer research and language training in Beijing, China, in recognition of superior academic achievement and potential
- 2015 Humane Studies Fellowship

## Invited talks

- 2021 “Emerging markets in Vietnam.” Stern Policy Forum, New York University. October 22, 2021
- 2020 “Purges and protection in authoritarian regimes.” UC San Diego Korea-Pacific Webinar Series. November 16, 2020
- 2020 “Vietnam under the shadow of factional politics.” Soka University. November 11, 2020

## Media appearances

- 2021 “With China at crossroads, Xi Jinping is relying more on his ideology czar—Wang Huning” The Week India. December 5, 2021.
- 2021 “Proof China has been practising for years for a war that would spark mass global conflict.” News Corp Australia. October 14, 2021.
- 2021 “US sends spy planes to monitor large-scale war games involving China and Russia.” News Corp Australia. September 24, 2021.
- 2021 “The Quad is on the rise in Asia-Pacific: Game theory has a prediction about its future.” CNBC. September 23, 2021.

## Mentoring and research assistantships

- 2020 Research Apprentice Program mentor for Sheren Hong
- 2019 Research supervisor for Sara Tan and Hetsvi Navnitlal
- 2018–19 Research Apprentice Program mentor for Lynette Dang and David McCrum
- 2016–20 Research assistant for 21st Century China Center’s China Data Lab
- 2015–20 Research assistant for Victor Shih
- 2012–16 Mentor for Camdung Tran under Vietabroad’s Mentor-Mentee program

## Selected teaching experience

### **As instructor:**

- 2021–22 *Causal Inference in Public Policy* (Professional). Course taught in Vietnamese and English
- 2020 *Politics of the People’s Republic of China* (Undergraduate)
- 2020 *Making Policy with Data* (Undergraduate)
- 2019 *Introduction to Social Data Analysis* (Undergraduate)

### **As section instructor:**

- 2019 *International Relations of the Asia-Pacific* (Undergraduate)
- 2019 *Introduction to Policy Analysis* (Undergraduate)
- 2018 *Introduction to Comparative Politics* (Undergraduate)
- 2018 *Causal Inference* (PhD)

### **As teaching assistant:**

- 2016–17 *International Relations after the Cold War* (Undergraduate)
- 2015 *Chinese Politics* (Master’s)
- 2014 *East Asian Thoughts in Comparative Perspective* (Undergraduate)
- 2014 *Politics of Warfare* (Undergraduate)

## Services

Reviewer for *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Political Research Quarterly*, and *Journal of East Asian Studies*.

## Skills

Computing: ArcGIS, Java, Julia, Python, Qualtrics, R, SPSS, SQL, Stata  
Fieldwork: China (4 months), Vietnam (1.8 years total)  
Languages: Native Vietnamese, Advanced Chinese, Intermediate French

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