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Education

Ph.D., in Political Science, Texas A&M University, 2011
M.A., in Political Science, Purdue University, 2007
M.A., in International Relations & Public Affairs (with honor), Fudan University (Shanghai, China), 2005
B.A., in Law, Fudan University (Shanghai, China), 2002

Academic Employment

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Houston, August 2011

Peer-Reviewed Publication

"Immigration, Globalization, and Unemployment Benefits in Developed EU States."
American Journal of Political Science, 2011, 55(3): 647-664, with Christine Lipsmeyer.

Publications in Chinese

"Institutional Imperfection and the Growth of a Federal Government: A Comparison of EU and American Federalism." *European Integration Studies*, 2005 (April), 35-47.

"From the Maastricht Treaty to the EU Constitution: The Ten-Year Road to Enhance the Competitiveness of EU." *European Integration Studies*, 2004 (February), 10-17, with Yugang Chen.

"The Dilemma of the Pinochet Case." In *Diplomacy of the Great Powers: Theory, Decision-Making and Challenge* ed. Jialing Xiao and Xianxing Tang. Beijing: Shishi Publishing House, 2003 (June), 194-213.

Research Under Review and in Progress

- “Race, Bureaucratic Capacity, and Public Services for Reducing Teen Birth Rates.” Revise and Resubmit at the *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*, with Meredith B. L. Walker.
- “The Political Economy of Preferences on Healthcare Provision.” Under review, with Christine Lipsmeyer.
- “Dimensional Publicness and Social Equity: An Examination of Access to Health Care in the American States.” Under review, with Morgen Johansen.
- “School-Based Obesity Policy, Social Capital, and Gender Differences in Childhood Obesity.” Under review, with Breanca Thomas.
- “Panel Data Analysis in Public Management: Substantive and Statistical Considerations.” Manuscript prepared for submission to the *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*.
- “Managing Change: A Bayesian Approach to Organizational Buffering.” Manuscript prepared for the 2012 Annual Conference of the *Southern Political Science Association*, with Kenneth J. Meier.
- “Networking Management as A New Strategy to Reducing Health Disparities.” Grant proposal prepared for submission to the *National Institutes of Health*, PAR-10-136, with Kenneth J. Meier.

Conference Presentations

- “Measuring Organizational Buffering: A Bayesian Approach.” Presented at the 11th Public Management Research Association Conference, at the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University, June 2-4, 2011, with Kenneth J. Meier.
- “Separating Rare Events from Censored Data in Missing Public Health Administration Data: A Sequential MCMC Approach.” Presented at the 69th Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago, IL), 2011.
- “Identity and Representative Bureaucracy: Intersectionality and Action Against AIDS in America.” Presented at the 69th Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago, IL), 2011, with Kim Yi Dionne.

- "Responsibility for Equity: Can the Public Sector Leverage Equity in Health Care Access?" Presented at the Public Management Association-Asia Research Conference, (Hong Kong, China), 2010, with Morgen Johansen.
- "Social Capital, Community Support, and School Health Policies on Childhood Obesity." Presented at 2010 Texas Obesity Research Center Conference: "Advancing Obesity Research in a New Decade," (Houston, Texas), 2010, with Breanca Thomas.
- "Economic Insecurity, Human Capital, and Public Preferences on Healthcare Spending in OECD Countries." Presented at the 106th Annual Conference of the American Political Science Association, (Washington D.C.), 2010, with Christine Lipsmeyer.
- "Collaborative Management on Health Behaviors among American Youth: The Case of Childhood Obesity." Presented at the 68th Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago, IL), 2010, with Breanca Thomas.
- "The Political Dynamics of Gender-Based Health Disparities." Presented at the 81st Annual Conference of the Southern Political Science Association (Atlanta, GA), 2010.
- "Beyond the Neighbor Effect: Policy Learning in Managing Childhood Obesity in Schools." Presented at the 105th Annual Conference of the American Political Science Association (Toronto, Canada), 2009.
- "Managing Human Capital: Intangible Assets, Management Stability and Organizational Performance." Presented at the 67th Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago, IL), 2009.
- "Put Schools on Diet: Health Inequality and Policy Learning in Fighting Youth Obesity." Presented at the 104th Annual Conference of American Political Science Association (Boston, MA), 2008, with Kenneth J. Meier.
- "A Race to the Top: Explaining State Innovations in Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions." Presented in the 66th Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago, IL), 2008.

Awards and Honors

- College of Liberal Arts Dissertation Research Award, Texas A&M University, 2011.
- Bryan D. Jones Award for Outstanding Graduate Student Research, Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University, 2010.
- National Science Foundation Scholarship for EITM Summer Institute, Washington University in St. Louis, 2010.

Travel Award, Women's & Gender Studies Program, Texas A&M University, 2010.
Prestage-Cook Award, the Southern Political Science Association, 2010.
Clogg Scholarship Award for Political Science, ICPSR Summer Program, 2008.
CIC Scholarship Award for Political Science, ICPSR Summer Program, 2006.

Research Experience

Research Associate, Project of Equity, Representation, and Governance, Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University, 2007-2011, for Kenneth J. Meier.
Responsibilities included coordinating undergraduate assistants, submitting proposals to the Institutional Review Board, data collection and analysis, managing the project website, managing survey projects, and various other administrative tasks.

Research Assistant, Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University, 2007-2011, for Christine Lipsmeyer.

Undergraduate Assistant for Survey Research, School of International Relations and Public Affairs, Fudan University, 2000-2001.

Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistant, Texas A&M University, 2011, for Jeff Gill and Robert Franzese (Advanced Summer Workshop: Bayesian Hierarchical Modeling and Empirical Models for TSCS Data)

Teaching Assistant, Texas A&M University, 2010, for Jeff Gill (Graduate Course, POLS 606: Maximum Likelihood Estimation).

Instructor, Purdue University, 2006-2007. (POLS 120: Introduction to Public Policy & Public Administration).

Teaching Assistant, Purdue University, 2005-2006, for Aaron Hoffmann (POLS 130: Introduction to International Relations).

Methodology Training and Skills

IRB Certified Researcher, Texas A&M University, 2008-present.

Advanced Methodology Workshop, Bayesian Analysis for Social Science, Texas A&M University, January 12-16, 2011.

National Science Foundation, EITM Summer Institute, Washington University in St. Louis, 2010.

ICPSR Summer Program, University of Michigan (Ann Arbor), 2006 and 2008.

Computer Skills: R, JAGS, RATS, STATA, BUGS

Language: Chinese(native), English(proficient)

Professional Service

Reviewer for *Journal of Public Administration Theory and Research*.

Student Representative, Texas A&M University, College of Liberal Arts Graduate Instruction Committee, 2010-2011.

Discussant, Undergraduate Poster Session, Midwest Political Science Association Conference, April 2010.

Student Representative, Texas A&M University, Graduate Student Council, 2009-2010.

Member, Texas A&M University, Department of Political Science, Computer Committee, 2009-2011.

Professional Memberships

Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management

Public Management Research Association

American Political Science Association

Midwest Political Science Association

Southern Political Science Association

The Society for Political Methodology

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