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Education

Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, Missouri
Ph.D., Political Science, expected in 2026
M.A., Political Science, 2023
Subfields: Comparative Politics (Major), Political Methodology (Minor)

Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan
B.A., Economics, 2020

The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Hong Kong SAR, China
B.Sc. (First-Class Honors), Global China Studies, 2020

Research Interests

Comparative Politics: Authoritarian Politics, State Building, China
International Relations: Public Opinion in Foreign Policy
Political Methodology: Text Analysis, Computational Models

Working Papers

Deng, Rex W. “Negative Propaganda and Regime Evaluations: Evidence from China.”
– Available at [SSRN](https://ssrn.com).

Carter, David B. and Rex W. Deng. “How Do State-Building Infrastructure Projects Affect Trust in Hard-to-Reach Places?”

Charaniya, Amaan, Rex Weiye Deng, Dahjin Kim, Gechun Lin, William Nomikos, and İpek Ece Şener. “Can Leaders Shape Public Opinion During a Foreign Policy Crisis? Evidence from U.S. Withdrawal from Afghanistan.”
– Best Foreign Policy Paper Award, APSA (2023)

Work in Progress

Deng, Rex W. “Why Do Authoritarian Regimes Disclose Their Institutional Shortcomings Publicly?”

Deng, Rex W. “Does Cultural Diplomacy Improve Support for International Cooperation?”

Deng, Rex W. and Haifeng Huang. “The Blessing and Curse of Cute Propaganda.”

Deng, Rex W. and Xiaoxiao Shen. “Turning Crisis into Opportunities: How Authoritarian Regime Appeal to Mass Emotions in Crisis Communication.”

Honors & Grants

Research Grant

2023. Small Research Grant, Weidenbaum Center on the Economy, Government, and Public Policy (\$12,000)
– With Ted Enamorado
2020. LSQ Research Award, Washington University in St. Louis (\$5,000)

Travel Grant

2023. APSA Travel Grant (\$150)
2022. APSA Travel Grant (\$150); APSA Foreign Policy Travel Grant (\$500)

Award

2023. Best Foreign Policy Paper Award.
2019. School of Political Science and Economics Award, Waseda University
– For the first Waseda Data Science Competition
– Theme: The seat allocation of Japan's Upper House Election in July 2019
– With Wenhao (Brian) Jiang, Yuji Mizushima, and Siyuan Shang

Scholarships

2018. Asian Future Leadership Scholarship, Bai Xian Asia Institute (\approx \$28,680)
2016-2018. Dean's List, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
2015. Ho & Ho Foundation Scholarship, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (\approx \$76,000)

Presentations

Conferences

- 2023: APSA, Comparative Politics Annual Conference (WashU), MPSA, WPSA
2022: APSA, State Capacity Conference (Yale), ISA-Midwest

Workshops

- 2022: The Politics of State Authority and Insecurity Workshop (Rutgers University)

RA Experience

Washington University in St. Louis, Department of Political Science

- Research assistant (Carly Wayne), Fall 2021 - August 2023
Research assistant (Margit Tavits, Jacob Montgomery, and Christopher Lucas), Spring 2023
Research assistant (Michael Olson), Summer 2022
Research assistant (Lucia Motolinia), Spring 2022

Columbia University, Department of Political Science

- Research assistant (Junyan Jiang), Fall 2020

Waseda University, School of Political Science and Economics

- Research assistant (Michiko Ueda), Fall 2019

The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

- Undergraduate researcher (Albert Park), Spring 2018
Case developer, (James. K. Wong), Spring 2018
– Case title: *China: A Global Leader in Mobile Payment*. [Full access here.](#)

TA Experience **Washington University in St. Louis**, Department of Political Science
Undergraduate Level
Introduction to Comparative Politics (Guillermo Rosas), Spring 2024
Psychology of War (Carly Wayne), Fall 2023
Introduction to International Politics (David Carter), Fall 2022, 2023
Quantitative Political Methodology (Ted Enamorado), Spring 2022
Data Science for Politics (Jacob Montgomery), Fall 2021

Additional Training **Washington University in St. Louis**, St. Louis, Missouri
Text-As-Data (Brandon Stewart), Summer 2023
Time Series Analysis (Clayton Webb), Summer 2022
Python camp (Benjamin Noble), Summer 2021
Math camp (Jacob Montgomery), Summer 2020

East China University of Political Science and Law, Shanghai, China
Training Camp of Political Methodology and Chinese Political Institution, Summer 2020

Service Manager, WashU Political Data Science Lab, Fall 2022 - Fall 2023

Technical Skills R, Python, ArcGIS, MATLAB, Qualtrics, Tableau, \LaTeX

Languages Mandarin Chinese (native), Cantonese (native)
English (fluent), Japanese (intermediate)

References **Margit Tavits**
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