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HIGHER EDUCATION

The University of Iowa	<i>Iowa City, Iowa, United States</i>
Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science	Aug 2019 - Dec 2024
Master of Science in Informatics	Aug 2021 - May 2023
Master of Arts in Political Science	Aug 2019 - May 2021
Sun Yat-sen University	<i>Guangzhou, Guangdong, China</i>
Master of Law in Political Theory	Aug 2017 - Jun 2019
Xiangtan University	<i>Xiangtan, Hunan, China</i>
Bachelor of Law in Politics and Public Administration	Sep 2013 - Jun 2017
Bachelor of Arts in Chinese Language and Literature	Sep 2013 - Jun 2017

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen	<i>Shenzhen, Guangdong, China</i>
Postdoctoral Fellow, School of Humanities and Social Science	Mar 2025 - Present
The University of Iowa	<i>Iowa City, Iowa, United States</i>
Teaching Assistant / Graduate Instructor, Department of Political Science	Aug 2019 - Dec 2024

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Pizzi, Elise, Alex Bezhahler, and **Haofeng Ma** (corresponding author). Forthcoming. “The Language Policies of Ethnic Autonomous Regions.” *Regional Studies*.

Reisinger, William M., Marina Zaloznaya, and **Haofeng Ma**. 2022. “The Political Ramifications of Corruption Experience for Political Trust and Pro-Leadership Voting: Evidence from Russia.” *Russian Politics* 7(2): 289–310. DOI: doi.org/10.30965/24518921-00604021.

Peer-Reviewed Book Chapters

Ma, Haofeng, and Jeongho Choi. Forthcoming. “The Strategic Self-Presentation of Presidential Personas: Personality Divergence Across Formal and Spontaneous Speeches and Its Effects on Political Trust.” In *Political Communication, Congress, and the Presidency: The Year in C-SPAN Archives Research, Volume 11*, ed. Robert X. Browning. West Lafayette, IN: Purdue University Press. ISBN: 9781626713710.

Invited Book Chapters

马浩峰 [Ma, Haofeng]. Forthcoming. “第二章：封建国家 [Chapter 2: Feudal States]” and “第九章：司法机关 [Chapter 9: Judicial Institutions].” In *比较政治学导论 [Introduction to Comparative Politics]*, ed. 何俊志 [Junzhi He]. Beijing: 中国人民大学出版社 [China Renmin University Press]. (In Simplified Chinese)

Doctoral Dissertation

Ma, Haofeng. 2024. *Native Tongue, Language Policy, and Political Attitudes*. The University of Iowa. Committee: Elise Pizzi (Co-Chair), William M. Reisinger (Co-Chair), Frederick Solt, and Wenfang Tang. DOI: doi.org/10.25820/etd.007766.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

- Ma, Haofeng**, Jeongho Choi, Yuehong Cassandra Tai, Yue Hu, and Frederick Solt. “Macrodiscontent Across Countries.” *Revise and Resubmit*.
- Ma, Haofeng** and Jeongho Choi. “Speaking the State: How Educational Language Shapes Political Support.” *Revise and Resubmit*.
- Hu, Yue and **Haofeng Ma** (corresponding author). “Bolstering or Burdening? Causal Evidence of Memory Priming on Political Cognition.”

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- The 2026 Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference. New Orleans, Louisiana, United States, Jan 15, 2026.
- 中山大学“发展政治学：中国与世界（2025）”学术研讨会 [The Developmental Politics: China in Global Perspective (2025) Conference]. Sun Yat-sen University, Guangzhou, Guangdong, China, Dec 4, 2025.
- 清华大学第十一届“政治科学前沿理论与方法”研讨会 [The 11th Tsinghua University Symposium on the Frontier Theories and Methods in Political Science]. Beijing, China, Oct 18, 2025.
- 南京大学第十三届“政治文化、心理与行为研究”工作坊 [The 13th Nanjing University Symposium on the Studies of Political Culture, Psychology, and Behavior]. Nanjing, Jiangsu, China, Aug 15-16, 2025.
- The Inaugural Asia-Pacific Politics and Public Administration Conference and the 8th Empirical Political Science in Hong Kong Workshop. The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, China, May 17, 2025.
- The 120th American Political Science Association’s Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, United States, Sep 6, 2024.
- The 81st Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference. Chicago, Illinois, United States, Apr 4, 2024.
- The Western Political Science Association 2024 Annual Meeting, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, Mar 29, 2024.
- The 27th International Political Science Association World Congress of Political Science, Buenos Aires, Argentina, July 18, 2023.
- The 72nd Meeting of the Politics of Race, Immigration, and Ethnicity Consortium, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Champaign, Illinois, United States, Apr 23, 2022.
- The 79th Annual Midwest Political Science Conference, Chicago, Illinois, United States, Apr 8, 2022.
- The 117th American Political Science Association’s Annual Meeting, Seattle, Washington, United States (virtual), Sep 30, 2021.

INVITED TALKS

Research Talks

- “How Does Language Impact Political Attitudes? Evidence from a Cross-National Multilevel Analysis of Sub-Saharan Africa.” The “Cutting-Edge Research” Workshops (Session 9, #5), School of Government, Sun Yat-sen University, Guangzhou, Guangdong, China (virtual). *Jun 8, 2022*

Guest Lectures

- “How to Conduct a Research Study? Strategies to Developing Good Research Questions and Theories.” The “Southern Lectures” Series (#222), Public Administration School, Guangzhou University, Guangzhou, Guangdong, China. *May 14, 2021*

RESEARCH COLLABORATIONS

- Survey Team Leader**, World Values Survey, Wave 8 *Jun 25 - July 11, 2025*
Organized and led a survey team to complete all door-to-door interviews in Fujian, Jilin, and Liaoning provinces in China for the Wave 8 of the World Values Survey.

Team Researcher, Dynamic Comparative Public Opinion (DCPO) Lab *Mar 2024 - Present*
Led by Frederick Solt, the DCPO Lab produces a series of high-quality research studies that measure the dynamic changes in significant public opinion issues globally using advanced Bayesian item-response-theory models, and analyze the sources and consequences of these changes.

Research Assistant, Disasters, Violence, and Migration (DMV) Lab *Summer 2020*
Led by Sara McLaughlin Mitchell and Elise Pizzi, DMV is a project funded by the U.S. National Science Foundation (NSF). I participated in the creation of a new dataset on government responses to disasters, focusing on geophysical, meteorological, hydrological, and climatological disasters across the globe.

TEACHING

The University of Iowa

Instructor, Undergraduate Course:

POLI:3408 – Chinese Politics and Society (Fall 2022)

Instructor, Undergraduate Course (Online):

POLI:1500 – Introduction to International Relations (Fall 2024)

POLI:3506 – Consequences of War (Spring 2024)

POLI:3110 – Local Politics (Fall 2021)

POLI:1400 – Introduction to Comparative Politics (Summer 2021)

POLI:1200 – Introduction to Political Behavior (Spring 2021)

POLI:1601 – Introduction to Social Media & Politics (Spring 2021)

Teaching Assistant, Undergraduate Course:

POLI:2415 – Latin American Politics (Fall 2024, Fall 2023)

POLI:1950 – Introduction to the Politics of Religion (Spring 2023)

POLI:1400 – Introduction to Comparative Politics (Spring 2022)

POLI:3116 – The Presidency (Fall 2020, Fall 2019)

POLI:1501 – Introduction to American Foreign Policy (Spring 2020)

SERVICES

Editorial Assistant, *American Political Science Review*

Aug 2023 - May 2024

Reviewer, *Politics & Policy*

GRANTS AND FUNDS

Graduate Student Travel Grant (US\$500), Democracy and Autocracy Organized Section, American Political Science Association *Sep 2024*

Dissertation Completion Program (US\$1,000), Public Policy Center, The University of Iowa *2023 - 2024*

First Generation Scholars Travel and Accessibility Grant (US\$145), Committee on the Status of First-Generation Scholars in the Profession, American Political Science Association *Oct 2023*

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Lowenberg and Mans Scholarship (US\$5,000), The University of Iowa *Summer 2024*

Graduate College Summer Fellowship (US\$5,000), The University of Iowa *Summer 2023*

Graduate College Summer Fellowship (US\$5,000), The University of Iowa *Summer 2022*

National Scholarship for Master's Students (CN¥20,000), Ministry of Education, P.R. China *Nov 2018*

First-Class Scholarship for Master's Students (CN¥20,000), Sun Yat-sen University *2018 - 2019*

Third-Class Scholarship for Master's Students (CN¥6,000), Sun Yat-sen University *2017 - 2018*

First-Class Scholarship (CN¥1,500), Xiangtan University *2016 - 2017*

Endeavour Scholarship (CN¥1,500), Xiangtan University *2015 - 2016*

Third-Class Scholarship (CN¥500), Xiangtan University *2014 - 2015*

HONORS AND DISTINCTIONS

Outstanding Graduate of Xiangtan City, Bureau of Education of Xiangtan City	<i>Jun 2017</i>
Outstanding Graduate of Xiangtan University, Xiangtan University	<i>Jun 2017</i>
Student Merit Award, Xiangtan University	<i>Nov 2016</i>

ADDITIONAL ACADEMIC TRAINING

- The 2024 Summer Institute in Computational Social Sciences** (Chapter 3), Goergen Institute for Data Science, University of Rochester, Rochester, New York, United States. *May 13-24, 2024*
🏆 Best Program Paper Award.
- The 6th Summer School of Social Science Methodology (Game Theory)**, School of International and Public Affairs, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, Shanghai, China (virtual). *Jun 29 - Jul 24, 2020*
- The 6th (Winter) Training Workshop on Applied Social Science Research Methods**, Center for Applied Social and Economic Research, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Wuhan, Hubei, China. *Jan 16-25, 2018*

SKILLS

Languages: Mandarin Chinese (Native) and English (Fluent)

Computer Languages: Python, R, SQL, HTML, T_EX, and Markdown

Software: Stata, ArcGIS, ERDAS Imagine, Gephi, and Praat

Statistical and Computational Methods: Introductory and Advanced Statistical Models, Survival Analysis, Time Series Analysis, Multilevel Models, Spatial Statistics, Bayesian Statistics, Causal Inference, Network Analysis, Natural Language Processing, Deep Learning, Image-as-Data, and Audio-as-Data

Geoinformatics: Cartography, Geovisualization, Geographic Information System, Geoprocessing, Remote Sensing, and Environmental Analysis

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Substantive: Comparative Politics, Public Opinion, Political Linguistics, Political Psychology, Development, and China

Methodological: Statistical Methods, Computational Social Science, and Application of GIS in Social Science Studies

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