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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2024-Present	Assistant Professor in Southeast Asian Studies and Social Justice Department of Asian Languages and Cultures, University of Wisconsin-Madison
2024-2025	Anna Julia Cooper Fellow, Department of Asian Languages and Cultures, University of Wisconsin-Madison
2022-2024	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

## EDUCATION

2013-2020	Ph.D. in Political Science, McGill University <u>Fields:</u> Comparative Politics and International Relations <u>Dissertation:</u> <i>In the Shadow of Authoritarian Expropriation: From Reactive to Institutionalized Responsiveness in Vietnam and China</i> *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 <u>Thesis:</u> <i>Political Legitimation and Economic Pragmatism through Reforms in China and Vietnam</i>
2002-2006	B.A. in International Studies, concentration in Asian Studies, Kenyon College <u>Senior Exercise:</u> <i>Economic Reforms and Political Legitimacy: Doi Moi and Perestroika Compared.</i> *Senior exercise completed with distinction

**LANGUAGES** Native fluency in Vietnamese; advanced proficiency in Mandarin; intermediate proficiency in Khmer; intermediate proficiency in French

## BOOK PROJECT

*Authoritarian Expropriation: Reactive and Institutionalized Responsiveness in Vietnam, China, and Cambodia.*

Fieldwork in 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; July 2024 Hanoi
Fieldwork in China	May 2016 in Guangdong; August-December 2017 in Beijing; March-May 2019 in Guizhou and Guangdong
Fieldwork in Cambodia	May -August 2022 in Phnom Penh, Siem Reap, and Battambang; May-June 2024 in Phnom Penh and Siem Reap; July-August 2025 in Phnom Penh and Siem Reap

## REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

- Under Review "Sword and Shield: Securitization and Authoritarian Entrenchment of the Vietnamese Communist Party," *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics*
- 2024 *Agents of Resistance: Resolve and Repertoires Against Autocratization in Asia*, co-edited special issue in *Democratization* with Elvin Ong and Maggie Shum.
- 2024 "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*.
- 2024 "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. New York: Routledge, 213-244.
- 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.

## NON-REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

- 2021 *Southeast Asian Politics*, co-authored with Erik Martinez Kuhonta, in *Political Science, Oxford Bibliography*. Oxford University Press.
- 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.
- 2019 "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.

## PUBLIC WRITING

- 2024 "Vietnam's Leadership Upheaval Signals Regime's Security Focus," *Nikkei Asia*. May 28, 2024.
- 2022 People's Power and Resistance in Southeast Asia in Comparison: A Roundtable. *New Mandala*. June 1, 2022. Canberra: Australian National University.

- 2021 Vietnam's 2021 National Assembly: One Step Forward, Two Steps Back. *FULCRUM*. May 5, 2021. Singapore: ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute.

## PRESENTATIONS AT CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

- 2025 “A “Renaissance” in Comparative Historical Analysis? The Disjuncture Between Quantitative Methods and Macro-Structural Ontology in Asian Political History,” to be presented at the Social Science History Association (SHHA) Annual Conference in Chicago, Illinois. 20-23 November.
- 2025 “Authoritarian Responsiveness with Adjectives and Parameters of Comparison,” to be presented at the International Political Science Association World Congress, Seoul, South Korea, July 12-16
- 2025 “State of the State: Securitization and Authoritarian Legacy Under Vietnamese Communist Rule,” Roundtable at the Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference in Columbus, March 13-16
- 2024 “Author Meet Critics Roundtable on *Rethinking Comparison*,” presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 5-8
- 2024 “Nhân Văn-Giai Phẩm and the Vietnamese Communist Party’s Corrosion of Intellectual Dissent,” Association for Asian Studies-in-Asia Conference in Yogyakarta, Indonesia, July 9-11
- 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 10 <sup>th</sup> 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.

## FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS AND AWARDS

### *External*

2022	Mansfield-Luce Asia Scholars Network Fellow (2022-2024)
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	Chinoiresie 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***

2024	PUBLIC ASIAN STUDIES: Injustice, Decolonization, and Collaboration, Mellon-Borghesi Workshop, Center for the Humanities, UW-Madison (2024-2025)
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**

### **Courses with Focus on Asia**

Fall 2023	PPA 339/EAST 264 Politics of Resistance: People's Power, Rights, and Justice in Asia, Assistant Professor, Denison University
Spring 2024, Spring 2022	POSC 339/ EAST 345 Authoritarianism in East and Southeast Asia, Assistant Professor, Denison University
Fall 2015	POLI 369 Politics of Southeast Asia, Teaching Assistant, McGill University
Fall 2012 Spring 2013	Introduction to Vietnamese Studies, Lecturer & Resident Director, CET Academic Program in Vietnam
Fall 2012 Spring 2013	Service-Learning in Vietnam, Lecturer & Resident Director, CET Academic Program in Vietnam
Spring 2012	Topics in Vietnamese History, Economics, Politics & Culture, Adjunct Lecturer, New York University Tisch School of the Arts
Fall 2008 Spring 2009	Introduction to Chinese History I and II, Teaching Assistant, University of Texas in Austin
Summer 2007, Fall 2007, Spring 2008	Accelerated & Advanced Vietnamese Language I and II, Teaching Assistant, University of Texas in Austin
Summer 2012	Global Awareness in Action in Cambodia Program, Program Leader, Putney Student Travel
Summer 2010	Vietnam Community Service Program, Program Leader, Putney Student Travel

### **Courses in Comparative Politics and International Development**

Spring 2024	Political Economy of Development, Assistant Professor, Denison University
Spring 2024, Fall & Spring 2023, Fall & Spring 2022	PPA 102 Introduction to Policymaking in Democracies, Assistant Professor, Denison University

Spring 2023	PPA 201 Sophomore Seminar – Representation and Its Discontent, Assistant Professor, Denison University
Spring 2023 Fall 2022	PPA 122 Introduction to Global Governance, Assistant Professor, Denison University
Summer 2019	POLI 227 Introduction to Developing Areas, Lecturer, McGill University
Winter 2018 Fall 2014	INTD 200 Introduction to International Development, Teaching Assistant, McGill University
Winter 2016	POLI 227 Introduction to Developing Areas, Teaching Assistant, McGill University
Winter 2014	POLI 476 Religion and Politics, Teaching Assistant, McGill University

## INVITED LECTURES & SEMINARS

2025	“Addressing War Legacies and Advancing Reconciliation with Vietnam,” United Institute of Peace (USIP) Conversations with Peace Professors. February 20.
2024	“Pivot Point: Southeast Asia and Sustaining Peace Amid Regional Uncertainty,” 4th Annual Indo-Pacific Strategy Forum, Ottawa, Canada, December 10
2024	“The State of the State: Authoritarian Parameters in Communist Vietnam,” Canada Forces College, April 23
2024	“Authoritarian Expropriation: Land Seizures and Regime Responsiveness under Communist Vietnam,” the Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program, Northern Illinois University, April 30.
2023	“Capitalism with Vietnamese Characteristics? The Dilemma of Growth and Political Change,” Vietnam Studies Program Webinar, ISEAS–Yusof Ishak Institute. March 24.
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.

## 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

- Co-Editor in Chief, *Journal of Vietnamese Studies*, 2025-2028
- Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Vietnamese Studies*, 2023-present
- Co-Organizer of the Southeast Asia Research Development Group (RDG) at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2025
- Organizing Committee for 50th Anniversary Since the Fall of Saigon Symposium, “Diasporic Emergence: History and Marginalized Perspectives of Southeast Asia and Its Diasporas,” Center for Southeast Asian Studies, UW-Madison, 2024-2025
- Selection Committee Member for the Southeast Asian Research Group (SEAREG) Pre-Dissertation Research Fellowship, 2025
- Steering Committee Member, Center for Southeast Asian Studies, UW-Madison, 2024-present
- Southeast Asia Council Member of the Association of Asian Studies, 2024-2027
- Program Chair, American Political Science Association Southeast Asian Politics Related Group, 2022-2024
- Committee Member on Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Antiracism, Denison Forward, 2023-2024
- Organizing Committee Member of Denison University’s 2<sup>nd</sup> Asia Film Festival, 2023-2024

**Co-Founder and Organizer of Denison University's Inaugural Asia Film Festival, 2021-2023**

**Faculty Advisor for Vietnamese Student Union at Denison University, 2021-2024**

**Co-Organizer of the Canadian Political Science Association Conference Workshop on "Ideology and Authoritarian Resilience in the Global South," 30 May to 3 June 2022**

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

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

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