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EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley

May 2022

- Ph.D. candidate in Political Science
- Comparative Politics, International Relations, East Asia, Methodology
- Dissertation: “Control of Religious Freedom in Authoritarian States: Explaining China’s Selective Treatment of Protestant Churches”
- Committee: Kevin O’Brien (Chair), Jason Wittenberg, Leonardo Arriola, Peter Lorentzen

University of California, Berkeley

2016

- M.A. in Political Science
- Thesis: “China’s State-Registered Protestantism and its Potential Threat”

Peking University, 北京大学

School of International Studies, 国际关系学院

2014

- M.A. in International Relations (coursework and thesis in Chinese)
- Thesis: “Great Power Nations in Multilateralism: Sino-US Relationship in Asia-Pacific Multilateral Security Mechanisms”
“多边主义与大国的角色--中美对亚太多边安全合作的影响”

Dartmouth College

2010

- B.A. *cum laude* in Government
- Research: U.S. Presence in East Asia, Korean Peninsular Relations

RESEARCH

Publications

Lee, Sarah and Kevin J. O’Brien, “Adapting in Difficult Circumstances: Protestant Pastors and the Xi Jinping Effect,” *The Journal of Contemporary China* (2021),
<https://doi.org/10.1080/10670564.2021.1893556>

Works in Progress

“China’s Repression of Protestant Churches: A Bottom-Up Theory of Selective Repression”

“Friend or Foe? An Analysis of China’s Deportation of South Korean Missionaries”
(with Myunghee Lee)

“Understanding Local Implementation of Religious Policies in China”

“Reevaluation of the Role of Information in Contentious Politics”

“Defining Foreignness – Study of Religious Communities in the Chinese Diaspora”

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Invited Talks

New Faces in Chinese Politics Conference 2021	2021
APSA Asia Workshop in Contentious Politics	2021
The “Xi Jinping Effect” in China and Beyond	2020

Annual Meetings

American Political Science Association (APSA)	2021, 2020, 2019
International Studies Association (ISA)	2022, 2020, 2019, 2017
Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)	2022, 2020, 2017
Southern Political Science Association (SPSA)	2022, 2020

Professional Service

Reviewer: *Politics and Religion*, *Journal of Contemporary China*, *Journal of East Asian Studies*

Discussant: MPSA (2018); Korea-China Friendship Conference (2018); Berkeley’s IR Colloquium (MIRTH); Political Economy of TTIP Conference (2015)

Rapporteur: State of The Field in Chinese Politics Conference (2016); TPP, RCEP, AIIB: New Political-Economic Order (2016); Beijing Forum 北京论坛 (2013)

Organizer: Stanford-Berkeley China Social Science Workshop (2015)

AWARDS & GRANTS

External Fellowships

Global Religion Research Initiative (University of Notre Dame)	2020 - 2021
▪ Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship	

National Science Foundation	2018 - 2019
▪ Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant	
China Scholarship Council	2012 - 2014
▪ Chinese Government Scholarship	
University Fellowships	
Doctoral Completion Fellowship	2021
Center for Korean Studies	2021 - 2022
▪ Graduate Fellowship	
Institute of East Asian Studies	2019, 2020
▪ Graduate Fellowship	
Institute of International Studies	2017 - 2018
▪ Reinhard Bendix Memorial Fellowship	
Center for Chinese Studies	
▪ Liu Graduate Research Fellowship	2017 - 2018
▪ Chu Fellowship in Chinese Studies	2016
The Charles and Louise Travers Department of Political Science	
▪ Department Fellowship	2014 - Present
▪ Summer Grant for Methodology	Summer 2015
Causal Inference from Observational Data Fellowship	Summer 2015

RESEARCH POSITIONS

Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue – Research Consultant	2021 - 2022
▪ Gender-Sensitive Analysis of the Korean Peninsula Conflict	
Berkeley APEC Study Center – Research Assistant	Berkeley, 2016 - 2017
UC Berkeley School of Law – Research Assistant	Berkeley, 2015
Embassy of the Republic of Korea in China	Beijing, 2010 - 2011
▪ Political Department Researcher	
U.S. Committee for the United Nations Development Program	Washington, D.C., 2009

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record	
▪ Comparative Government	Fall 2022
▪ International Relations and Soft Power in the Asia-Pacific	Spring 2022

Graduate Student Instructor

- PS 3: Empirical Analysis and Quantitative Methods (Jason Wittenberg)
- PS 149W: Dictatorship and its Discontents (Jason Wittenberg)
- PS 143E: Chinese Political Economy (Peter Lorentzen)
- PS 144: American Foreign Policy Toward Asia (T.J. Pempel)
- PS 143C: Chinese Politics (Peter Lorentzen)

Berkeley, CA
Fall 2019, Spring 2020,
Summer 2020, 2021
Summer 2019
Fall 2016, Spring 2017
Spring 2016
Fall 2015

Guest Lecturer

- PS 3: Empirical Analysis and Quantitative Methods
- PS 149W: Dictatorship and its Discontents
- PS144: American Foreign Policy Toward Asia

Berkeley, CA
2020
2019
2016

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

Languages

- Native English and Korean, Fluent in Mandarin Chinese, Advanced Spanish

Computer Skills

- Graduate Certificate in Applied Data Science
- R, Python, LaTeX, Photoshop, Premiere Pro

REFERENCES

Kevin O'Brien

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Peter Lorentzen

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