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RESEARCH INTEREST Comparative Political Economy in Authoritarian Regimes, Chinese Politics, Latin American Politics, China-Latin American Relations

EDUCATION **University of Pittsburgh, Department of Political Science**, Pittsburgh, PA
Ph.D. Candidate, Comparative Politics and Political Methodology, expected May 2018
Dissertation: “Why Do Autocrats Decentralize?”
M.A. thesis: “Cooptation Tools or Regime Agents? Legislatures in Party-based Authoritarian Regimes,” completed in May 2013

New York University, Department of Politics, New York, NY
M.A., Comparative Politics, May 2010
Thesis: “Can Authoritarianism Guarantee Coherent Orthodox Reforms: Comparative Studies of Chile (1973-1982) and Argentina (1966-1973)”

Peking University, Department of Philosophy, Beijing, China
B.Phil., Philosophy (with honor), July 2008
Minor in German

BOOK CHAPTERS With Ariel C. Armony, “Toward an Understanding of a Global China,” in Cui Shoujun and Manuel Pérez García Ed. *China and Latin America in Transition: Policy Dynamics, Economic Commitments and Social Impacts*, Palgrave Macmillan, 2016.

With Anthony Peter Spanakos, “Se necesitan tres: relaciones entre China, Estados Unidos y América Latina” in Benjamin Creutzfeldt Ed. *China en América Latina: reflexiones sobre las relaciones transpacíficas*, Universidad Externado de Colombia, 2012.

With Anthony Peter Spanakos, “Has the Rise of China Made Latin America More Unsafe?” in Zheng Yongnian Ed. *China and International Relations: The Chinese View and the Contribution of Wang Gungwu*, Routledge, 2010.

WORKING PAPERS “Cooptation Tools or Regime Agents? Legislatures in Party-based Authoritarian Regimes”

With Jorge Pérez-López, “Foreign Investment and Economic Reforms in Cuba and China”

CONFERENCE PAPERS “A Game Theoretical Model of Fiscal Decentralization in Authoritarian Regimes,” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, 2017

With Jorge Pérez-López, “Foreign Investment and Economic Reforms in Cuba and China,” Paper presented at the XXXIV International Congress of the Latin American

Studies Association, New York, 2016

“Why do Autocrats Decentralize,” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, 2016

“Decentralization in Pre-reform Cuba and China,” Paper presented at the Conference of Reforming Communism: Cuba in Comparative Perspective, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, 2014

“Cooptation Tools or Regime Agents? Legislatures in Party-based Authoritarian Regimes,” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, 2013

“Party Ideology and Income Inequality in Single Party Regimes,” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, 2013

“Is Economic Voting Conditional on the Contexts?” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, 2012

With Tony Spanakos, “Has the Rise of China Made Latin America more Unsafe?” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association, Philadelphia, 2009

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

Graduate Student Assistantship, University of Pittsburgh, 2011, 2013, 2016-2017
Social Science Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh, 2015
Latin American Social and Public Policy Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh, 2010, 2014

Graduate Student Field Research Grant, Center for Latin American Studies, University of Pittsburgh, 2013

International Studies Fund, University Center for International Studies, University of Pittsburgh, 2013

Teaching Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh, 2012

Mercedes-Benz Scholarships, Peking University, 2005-2008

Best Student Award, Peking University, 2006-2007

Second Place in the 15th Challenge Cup Research Competition, Peking University, 2007

Excellent Academic Thesis Award, Department of Philosophy, Peking University, 2007

TEACHING

Instructor, PS0300: Introduction to Comparative Politics, Summer 2016

Teaching Assistant, PS0700: Research Methods in Political Science (Professor George Krause), Fall 2012

Teaching Assistant, PS1321: Latin American Politics (Professor Scott Morgenstern), Spring 2012

Grader, PS1234: Elections and Electoral Behavior (Professor David Barker), PS1275: Religion and Politics in the United States (Professor David Barker), and PS1332: Government and Politics in Contemporary China (Professor Pierre Landry), Fall 2011

RESEARCH

Research Assistant for Professor Ariel Armony on projects related to China-Latin America Relations, Summer 2015-Summer 2017

Research Assistant for Professor Pierre Landry, data collection and data coding, Spring 2013

Research Assistant for Professor Steven Finkel, literature survey and data analysis, Spring 2013
Research Assistant for Professor George Krause, data collection on leadership changes in the federal agencies in the US, Spring 2012

**OTHER
EXPERIENCE**

U.S. Foreign Policy Colloquium, National Committee on US-China Relations, Washington D.C., May 2015
Pre-dissertation work at the University of Havana, Havana, Cuba, June 2013
Longitudinal Analysis, Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, August 2012
Spanish, University of Havana, Havana, Cuba, July 2012
Spanish, University of Costa Rica, San José, Costa Rica, July 2011

**SKILLS AND
LANGUAGES**

STATA, ArcGIS, L^AT_EX
Mandarin Chinese: Native
English: Fluent
Spanish: Conversant
German: Basic

SERVICES

Graduate Student Representative in the Asian Politics Job Search Committee, Department of Political Science, University of Pittsburgh, 2015
Member of the Organizing Committee of the 20th Latin American Social and Public Policy Conference at the University of Pittsburgh and Carnegie Mellon University, 2015
Pitt's Official Note Taker for the meeting between Chancellor Patrick Gallagher and Vice Premier of China Liu Yandong and her delegation, University of Pittsburgh, June 19, 2015
Translator for Provost Patricia E. Beeson and Vice Provost and Dean of Students Kathy Humphrey during the visit by Vice Premier of China Liu Yandong and her delegation, University of Pittsburgh, June 19, 2015
Department Delegate, Graduate Student Association at the University of Pittsburgh, 2012-2013
Member of the Organizing Committee of the 16th Latin American Social and Public Policy Conference at the University of Pittsburgh, 2010-2011
Representative, Chinese Scholars and Students Association at NYU, 2008-2009
Member, Youth Volunteers Association at Peking University, 2004-2008
Chief of Research Division, Rural China Association at Peking University, 2006-2007
Class Coordinator, Department of Philosophy at Peking University, 2006-2007

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