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

EDUCATION **University of Pittsburgh, Department of Political Science**, Pittsburgh, PA
Ph.D. Candidate, Comparative Politics and Political Methodology, expected May 2019

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 Pérez-López, Jorge, and Yu Xiao. 2019. “Foreign Investment and Economic Growth in Cuba: Lessons from China.” In *Paths for Cuba: Reforming Communism in Comparative Perspective*, edited by Scott Morgenstern, Jorge Pérez-López, and Jerome Branche. Pittsburgh, PA: University of Pittsburgh Press.

Armony, Ariel C., and Yu Xiao. 2016. “Toward an Understanding of a Global China.” In *China and Latin America in Transition: Policy Dynamics, Economic Commitments and Social Impacts*, edited by Cui Shoujun and Manuel Pérez García, 35–50. New York, NY: Palgrave Macmillan. (A Chinese translated version can be found [here](#).)

Spanakos, Anthony Peter, and Yu Xiao. 2012. “Se necesitan tres: relaciones entre China, Estados Unidos y América Latina.” In *China en América Latina: reflexiones sobre las relaciones transpacíficas*. Edited by Benjamin Creutzfeldt, 151–191. Bogotá, Colombia: Universidad Externado de Colombia.

Spanakos, Anthony Peter, and Yu Xiao. 2010. “Has the Rise of China Made Latin America More Unsafe?” In *China and International Relations: The Chinese View and the Contribution of Wang Gungwu*. Edited by Zheng Yongnian, 221–244. New York, NY: Routledge.

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

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 Anthony Peter 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, 2016–2018

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-Spring 2018
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, R, QGIS, ArcGIS, L^AT_EX
Mandarin Chinese: Native
English: Full professional proficiency
Spanish: Limited working proficiency
German: Elementary proficiency

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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