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### EDUCATION

#### UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

Ph.D. in Political Science, 2012

M.Sc. in Agricultural and Applied Economics, 2009

M.A. in Political Science, 2006

#### UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

M.A. in Political Science, Certificate in Asia-Pacific Studies, 2004

#### UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, BEIJING

B.A. in Public Administration, 2003

### PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

#### UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT

Assistant Professor of Political Science, 2013-

#### HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Postdoctoral Fellow, Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies, 2012-2013

### AWARDS, GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS

#### RESEARCH

International Society of New Institutional Economics, Ronald H. Coase Best Dissertation Award, 2014

Harvard University, Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies, An Wang Postdoctoral Fellowship, 2012-13

Stanford University, Walter H. Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center, Shorenstein Fellowship, 2012-13 (declined)

Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation, Doctoral Fellowship, 2011-12

Institute for Humane Studies, Humane Studies Fellowship and Bernard Marcus Fellow, 2011-12

National Science Foundation, Political Science Program, Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant, 2009-10

Institute for Humane Studies, Humane Studies Fellowship and Thomas W. Smith Fellow, 2009-10, 2010-11

University of Wisconsin-Madison, Development Studies Program, Raymond J. Penn Scholarship, 2010

University of Wisconsin-Madison, Division of International Studies, Graduate Student International Field Research Award, 2008

#### TRAVEL

Southern Political Science Association, Prestage-Cook Travel Award, 2012

Institute for Humane Studies, Hayek Fund for Scholars, 2011  
Ronald Coase Institute, Travel Grant, 2011  
University of Wisconsin–Madison, Department of Political Science, Summer Initiative Award, 2011, 2012  
University of Wisconsin–Madison, Graduate School, Vilas Travel Grant, 2010, 2011  
University of Wisconsin–Madison, Center for World Affairs and the Global Economy, Pre-dissertation Travel Award, 2009

#### TRAINING

George Washington University, Center for International Business Education and Research, Summer Doctoral Institute for research and study on “Institutions and Development,” 2010 (declined)  
National Science Foundation, EITM Program Grant, 2008, 2009  
Ronald Coase Institute, Ronald Coase Institute Workshop Grant, 2008  
University of Wisconsin–Madison, Department of Political Science, Edward and Virginia Mills Fellowship, 2005–06

#### PUBLICATION

“Flying Land”: Institutional Innovation in Land Management in Contemporary China,” in *Local Government Innovation in China: Experimentation, Diffusion, and Defiance*, Jessica C. Teets and William Hurst (eds.), Routledge, 2014: 60–83.

#### WORKING PAPERS

“State, Society, and Rural Development: The Political Economy of Land-Grab Compensation in China.” (review and resubmit)  
“Land for Welfare in China” (under review)  
“Decentralization, Centralization, and Industrial Change: Evidence from Land Rights Development in China”  
“The Politics of Transferring Land Development Rights in China”

#### BOOK REVIEW

Review of China’s Disappearing Countryside: Towards Sustainable Land Governance for the Poor, by Yongjun Zhao. *Journal of Chinese Political Science*, vol. 19, no. 4 (2014).

Review of Capitalism with Chinese Characteristics, by Yasheng Huang. *Journal of Chinese Political Science*, vol. 17, no. 2 (2012): 215–216.

#### SELECTED PRESENTATIONS OF RESEARCH

“The Politics of Transferring Land Development Rights in China.” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Fr, September 2015.

“Decentralization, Centralization, and Industrial Change: Evidence from Land Rights Development in China.” Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Chicago, March 2015.

“Land Grabbing, Compensation Bargaining, and Village Governance.” Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies, Harvard University, March 2014, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, April 2014, the

Center for Interuniversity Research and Analysis of Organizations Montreal, May 2014, Zhejiang University, June 5, 2014.

“Land for Welfare in China.” Middlebury College, March 2013, Haas Junior Scholars Conference on Multi-disciplinary Interrogations of State and Society in China, University of California–Berkeley, October 2012, and Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies, Harvard University, September 2012, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, September 2012.

“Local Determinants of Economic Structure: Evidence from Land Quota Allocation in China.” International Society for New Institutional Economics Annual Conference, Los Angeles, June 2012, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, April 2012, and Political Economy Colloquium, University of Wisconsin–Madison, December 2011.

“Bridging the Urban-Rural Divide in China: A Blessing or a Curse?” New Faces in China Studies Conference, Duke University, April 2012, and Land Tenure Center Workshop, University of Wisconsin–Madison, March 2012.

“The Political Economy of Land Quota Allocation in China.” Center for Chinese Studies 50th Anniversary Conference in Honor of Kenneth G. Lieberthal, University of Michigan, October 2011.

“Flying Land’: Institutional Cooperation in Local Economic Development in China.” Middlebury College, March 2013, International Society for New Institutional Economics Annual Conference, Stanford, California, June 2011, 13th Overseas Young Chinese Forum Annual Conference, New York, May 2011, Sociology of Economic Change and Development Brownbag, University of Wisconsin–Madison, April 2011, and Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, March 2011.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT

Quantitative Analysis in Political Science  
Chinese Politics and Government  
The Political Economy of East Asia

### HARVARD UNIVERSITY

The Political Economy of Transition in China

### UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN–MADISON, Teaching assistantships

Transitions to the Market  
Political Choice and Strategy  
Introduction to Comparative Politics  
Introduction to International Relations

### UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO, Teaching assistantship

Comparative Public Policy

## **ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL TRAINING**

Geographic Information System Program, Harvard University, GIS Institute, Summer 2013

Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models, University of Michigan, Summer 2009

Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models, Washington University in St. Louis, Summer 2008

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Board member, Chinese American Professors Association in Connecticut, 2015-present.

Organizer, “Why We Care about Land Grabbing in China” Workshop, Harvard University, 2014

Co-organizer, “Land and Urbanization in China” Workshop, Center for Interuniversity Research and Analysis of Organizations (CIRANO), Montreal, 2014

Thesis Reader, Harvard University, East Asian Languages and Civilizations, 2013

Discussant, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, 2011

Discussant, Comparative Politics Colloquium, University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2010, 2012

Discussant, Chinese Politics Workshop, University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2008, 2009, 2010

Discussant, Center for World Affairs and the Global Economy Workshop on Emerging Powers in the Global System, University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2008

Graduate Student Coordinator, Political Economy Colloquium, University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2008–09

Reviewer, *American Political Science Review*; *Theory and Society*; *Journal of Current Chinese Affairs*; *Modern China*; *Journal of Contemporary China*