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Academic Appointments

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Florida State University, 2016 - present

Faculty, xs/fs Experimental Social Science Research Group, Florida State University, 2016 - present

Education

Ph.D in Politics, New York University, 2011-2016

M.A. in Economics, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, 2006-2009

B.A. in Economics, Nanjing Audit University, 2001-2005

Research Interests

Voting and Elections, Inequality, Religion, Muslim and Islamic Finance, Information and Mechanism Design

Selected Academic Work

Publications

"What Motivates Bandwagon Voting Behavior: Altruism or a Desire to Win?" coauthored with Rebecca B. Morton, *European Journal of Political Economy*, 2015.

Working Papers

"A Political Economy of Status Seeking," *under review*.

"The Quality of Democratic Choice: An Experimental Study of Expertise, Political Engagement, and Social Knowledge" (with Scott A. Tyson), *revised and resubmitted, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.

"Public Voting and Prosocial Behavior" (with Rebecca Morton), *revised and resubmitted, Journal of Experimental Political Science*.

"The Effect of Religion on Muslims' Charitable Contributions to Members of a Non-Muslim Majority" (with Rebecca Morton and Xiangdong Qin), *revised and resubmitted, Journal of Public Economic Theory*.

"Does Analytical Thinking Reduce Prosocial Behavior?" (with Rebecca Morton and Xiangdong Qin), *under review*.

"The Price of Religion: Experiments in Willingness to Bear Risk For Others in Islamic Communities" (with Sera Linardi, Rebecca Morton, Xiangdong Qin, and Gumilang Sahadewo).

Works in Progress

"The Psychological Consequences of Anti-Poverty Programs: A Field Experiment."

"The Political Outcomes of Anti-Poverty Programs: A Field Experiment."

"Religiosity, Prosociality, and Trust in Muslim Communities in China, Indonesia, and Abu Dhabi" (with Sera Linardi, Rebecca Morton, Xiangdong Qin, and Gumilang Sahadewo).

"An Experiment on Inequality and Social Comparisons" (with Rebecca Morton and Elizabeth Maggie Penn).

"An Experiment on the Mechanisms and Strategies of Deterrence" (with Livio Di Lonardo and Scott A. Tyson).

Other Publications in Chinese

"The Impact of Industrial Pollution on the Quality of Environment: Evidence from China," *The Journal of Ecological Economy*, coauthored with Xiangdong Qin and Ao Xiang, (11): 114 - 117, 2008.

"New Insights on the Benefits of Being Unemployed in China: An Experimental Study," *Journal of Productivity Research*, (9):45 - 47, 2007.

Translated Books

Stasavage, David. *States of Credit: Size, Power, and the Development of European Polities*. Princeton University Press. 2011. Chief-translator (with Tianyang Xi), into Chinese version, Truth & Wisdom Press (China), 2016.

Gravelle, Hugh and Ray Rees. *Microeconomics*. 3rd Edition, Prentice Hall, 2004. Translator, working on the translation of chapters 4, 10, 11, 12 into Chinese version. University of Shanghai Finance and Economics Press (China). 2009.

Teaching

Florida State University

POS 3713 Research and Method (U): Fall 2018

POS 5727 Advanced Game Theory (G): Fall 2017, Fall 2019 (scheduled)

POS 5748 Statistical Inference and Experimental Design (G): Spring 2019 (scheduled)

POS 4715 Politics and the Theory of Games (U): Fall 2016, Fall 2017, Fall 2018

POS 3930 Introduction to Experimental Methods (U): Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Spring 2018

New York University

Teaching Assistant: Experimental Methods (G), Fall 2015; Power and Politics in America (U), Spring 2015/2016; International Politics (U), Fall 2013/Spring 2014/Fall 2014

IPSA-NUS Summer School for Social Science Research Methods

Instructor of Programming in Experimental Studies, Summer 2014.

Shanghai Jiao Tong University

Teaching Assistant: Quantitative Methods for Management (CEIBS EMBA), Fall 2010; Behavioral Economics (G), Fall 2009; Summer School in Experimental Economics (G), Summer 2008; Industrial Organization Workshop (G), Spring 2008; International Trade and Macroeconomics (U), Fall 2007.

Honors, Awards, & Fellowships

The Committee on Faculty Research Support Award, Florida State University, 2018.

First Year Assistant Professor Award, Florida State University, 2017.

Henry M. MacCracken Fellowship, New York University, 2011-2016

Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models Summer School 2015

George Downs Prize, Department of Politics, New York University, 2014/2015

Center for Experimental Social Science Research Grant, New York University, 2012/2015

Summer Research Grant, New York University, 2012-2015.

Winter Experimental Social Sciences Institute at NYU Abu Dhabi 2014

The Price of Religion: The Effects of Religion on the Choice Between Interest-Based and Profit Sharing Investments (PI: Rebecca Morton, co-Investigators: Sera Linardi, Kai Ou, Xiangdong Qin, and Gumilang Aryo Sahadewo). Research Enhancement Fund, NYU Abu Dhabi. \$100,000. 2014. Completed.

Social Capital and Economic Development — An Experimental Study (PI: Xiangdong Qin, co-PI: Kai Ou). National Social Science Foundation of China. RMB 350,000. 2010. Completed.

Dow Chemical Scholarship 2007

Selected Presentations

Behavioral Models of Politics Conference, 2013/2014/2017/2018.

Economic Science Association North America Conference, 2014/2015/2016/2017.

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, 2013/2014/2015/2018.

NYU-CESS Experimental Political Science Conference, 2013/2014/2015.

Conference on Behavioral Political Economy, 2015.

Winter Experimental Social Sciences Institute Alumni Conference, 2015.

Social Science Experimental Laboratory Inaugural, 2015.

Montreal Voting Experiment Conference, 2014.

Econometric Society Summer Meeting, 2014.

References

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