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Education	**Penn State University**

Penn State University
Dual-title Ph.D., Political Science and Social Data Analytics, 2021-2026 (Expected)
Field: Comparative Politics
Dissertation: Contentious Unity: Networks of Public Grievances in China
M.A., Political Science, 2021-2023

McGill University
B.A. (First Class Honours), Political Science, 2020.

Publication

"Thirst Traps and Quick Cuts: The Effects of TikTok 'Edits' on Evaluations of Politicians"
With Kevin Munger
Forthcoming at *Social Media + Society*

Working Papers

"Performing Loyalty: Does Adopting State Rhetoric Make Citizen's Demands-making More Successful?"
Under Review

"Rethinking Collective Action: Cohesive Networks of Public Complaints in Authoritarian China"

"Learning Protest: How National Protest Contexts Influence Adolescents' Views of Unconventional Political Participation"
With Lee Ann Banaszak, Shan-Jan Sarah Liu, Burcin Tamer
Under Review

"Framing Conflict: Shifting Conflict Narratives during the Troubles in Northern Ireland"
With Cyanne Loyle

Work in Progress "Drivers of Connective Actions: Evidence from Two Survey Experiments"

Conference Presentations
Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference, 2023
Online Peace Science Colloquium, 2023
Junior Scholars in Quantitative Conflict, 2024
Annual Southern Political Science Association Conference, 2024, 2025
Conference-within-a-Conference:"The Politics of Authoritarian Regimes"
Annual American Political Science Association Conference, Fall 2025 (scheduled)
Chinese Politics Research in Progress, Fall 2025 (scheduled)

Teaching Experience	**Political Science Department, Penn State University**
	Guest Lecturer, GLIS 102 Global Pathways, Spring 2025
	Course Teaching Assistant, PLSC 498 Text-As-Data, Fall 2022
	Graduate Advisor, Political Science Horizons at Penn State, Fall 2022

Work Experience	**Shanghai Sunshine Community Youth Affairs Centre**
	Social Worker, 2020-2021
	Youth community outreach and case management

Service	**Profession**
	Referee ($\times$ 2), *Journal of Quantitative Description: Digital Media*
	Political Science Department, Penn State University
	Graduate Representative, Recruitment Committee, 2022-23, 2023-24
	Graduate Representative, Climate Committee, 2022-23

Awards and Honors	**The McCourtney Institute for Democracy, Penn State University**
	Eleanor Roosevelt Fellowship, $30,000, 2024-2025
	Research in Democracy Support Grant, $4000, 2024
	Office of Research and Graduate Studies, Penn State University
	Dissertation Support Grant, $2000
	Department of Political Science, Penn State University
	Outstanding Political Science Graduate Student Award, $1500, 2024-2025
	Department Research Support, $3600, Spring 2025
	Program in Comparative Politics Research Award, $670, Summer 2024
	Miller-LaVigne Graduate Fellowship Semester Release, Spring 2024
	Program in Comparative Politics Semester Release, Fall 2023
	Program in Comparative Politics Research Award, $2710, Summer 2023
	Department Research Support, $2160, Fall 2022
	Peter Schallmoser Award, $2500, Fall 2021
	McGill University
	Research Group in Constitutional Studies Student Fellowship, 2019-2020
	Arts Research Internship Award, 2018-2019
	Li Ka Shing Liberal Arts Initiative Award, 2017-2018

Languages and Fieldwork	**Language:** English (fluent), Chinese (native), French (elementary)
	Skills: R, Python, Stata
	Fieldwork: China (2023)

References

Cyanne E. Loyle
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Political Science Board of Visitors Early Career Professor of Political Science
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Bruce Desmarais
Professor of Political Science and Social Data Analytics
Director, Center for Social Data Analytics [C-SoDA]
Head, Program in Social Data Analytics [SoDA]
Director of Graduate Studies, Social Data Analytics
William and Monica DeGrandis-McCourtney Early Career Professor in Political Science
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