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## EDUCATION

- 2023 PhD in Government and Public Policy, University of Arizona, *expected*  
Examination fields: Comparative Politics, International Relations  
Dissertation: Chiefs, Elections, and Violence: Mobilization and Demobilization of African Voters  
Committee: Jessica Maves Braithwaite (Chair), Alex Braithwaite, Jennifer Cyr, Paul Schuler, and Megan Turnbull
- 2014 MA in Chinese Studies, Chinese University of Hong Kong
- 2011 BA in Management, Beijing Foreign Studies University

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Comparative Politics, International Relations, Electoral Violence, Traditional Institutions, African Politics, Democratization

## PUBLICATIONS

- 2016 Chen, Xiran 陈溪然. "Guojia Zizhuxing yu Zhiku Leixing: Mei, Fa, Ying Sanguo Juece Zhidu Bijiao 国家自主性与智库类型——美、法、英三国决策制度比较(State Autonomy and the Types of Think Tanks: A Comparison of the U.S., French and British Decision-Making Systems)." In *Neibu Duoyuan Zhuyi yu Zhongguo Xinxing Zhiku Jianshe 内部多元主义与中国新型智库建设*, edited by Zheng Yongnian 郑永年, 89-105. Beijing: Dongfang Chubanshe 东方出版社. (Non-Peer-Reviewed)
- 2015 Liu, Ji 刘骥, and Xiran Chen 陈溪然. "Fenna de Zhengti Guan: Ping Tongzhi Shi 芬纳的政体观——评《统治史》(Samuel E. Finer's Concept of Polity: Review on *The History of Government*)." *Guowai Lilun Dongtai 国外理论动态*, 9: 126-134. (Non-Peer-Reviewed)

## **WORK IN PROGRESS**

Chen, Xiran. "Chiefs and Election Violence in Africa: The Legacy of Precolonial Centralization." (Preparing for submission)

Chen, Xiran. "Motivation and Capacity: Explaining the Frequency of Government Pre-Election Violence." (Preparing for submission)

## **PRESENTATIONS AND TALKS**

- 2021 "Chiefs and Election Violence in Africa: The Legacy of Precolonial Centralization." Presented at Election, Violence and Parties (EVAP) Workshop, University of Amsterdam (Online), October 25-27.
- 2020 "Motivation and Capacity: Explaining the Frequency of Government Pre-Election Violence." Presented at the Four Corners Conflict Network's Annual Conference, University of Arizona, January 24-25.
- 2019 "Mobilization Capacity Matters: How Party Cohesion Shapes Electoral Violence." Presented at the Saguaro Symposium, School of Government & Public Policy, University of Arizona, March 1.

## **GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS**

- 2021 Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant, American Political Science Association (\$14,998).
- 2021 & Travel Grant, Graduate and Professional Student Council, University of Arizona (\$1,000).  
2020
- 2021 Starns Fellowship, School of Government and Public Policy, University of Arizona (\$7,680).
- 2020 Summer Workshop Grant, School of Government and Public Policy, University of Arizona (\$2,000).
- 2019 Pre-doctoral Research Grant Award, Social and Behavioral Sciences Research Institute, University of Arizona (\$500).
- 2019 & Summer Research Fellowship, School of Government and Public Policy, University of Arizona  
2018 (\$2,000).
- 2017 SBS Graduate Fellowship, College of Social and Behavioral Science, University of Arizona (\$5,000).

## TEACHING AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

### *Teaching*

- 2020-  
current Instructor of Record, School of Government & Public Policy, University of Arizona
- POL 202 Introduction of International Relations (Spring 2021, Fall 2020, Summer 2020, Spring 2020, Summer 2021, Fall 2021)
- 2019 Online Course Developing Consultant, School of Government & Public Policy, University of Arizona
- POL 202 Introduction of International Relations (Fall 2019)
- 2017-  
2018 Graduate Teaching Assistant, School of Government & Public Policy, University of Arizona
- SGPP 300A Politics, Policy, and Governance: The U.S. and the World (Part A), (Spring 2018)
  - SGPP 300B Politics, Policy, and Governance: The U.S. and the World (Part B), (Fall 2017)

### *Research*

- 2018-  
2019 Graduate Research Assistant, School of Government & Public Policy, University of Arizona
- Anatomy of Resistance Campaign (ARC) Project
- 2014-  
2017 Research Assistant, Institute of Public Policy, South China University of Technology
- Decision-making and Consulting Institutions, and Chinese Think Tanks (Department of Education Project No. 14JZD023), (2015 – 2017)
  - Chinese Poverty Alleviation Campaign (2016 – 2017)
  - Comparative Study of Social Policies in Four Provinces: Guangdong, Jiangsu, Shandong, & Zhejiang (2014 – 2015)

## FIELDWORK EXPERIENCE

- 2021 Accra & Kumasi, Ghana, June – August
- Archival research in the Balme Library (University of Ghana), the Prempeh II Library (Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology), and the National House of Chiefs.
  - Interviews with scholars and constituency-level political party officials.
- 2016 Guangdong, China, January & June
- Interviews with county-, township- and village-level officials, local businessmen, and villagers.

## **ADDITIONAL TRAINING**

2021 & Methods Workshop, School of Government & Public Policy, University of Arizona  
2019

Introduction to Measurement Theory (Spring 2021), ArcGIS (Spring 2019)

2020 ICPSR Summer Program, University of Michigan

Game Theory, Structural Equation Models with Latent Variables

## **LANGUAGES**

Mandarin Chinese (Native), Cantonese (Fluent), English (Fluent), French (Intermediate), Swahili (Beginner), Twi (Beginner)

## **REFERENCES**

Available upon request.