

Dehua (Oliver) Sun

Email: d.sun@rochester.edu | Web: oliversundehua.com | Phone: 484-627-3317

Education

University of Rochester, Rochester, NY

Ph.D. Candidate, Political Science, 2019-present

Fields: Comparative Politics, International Relations, and Formal Theory.

Dissertation: “Social Determinants of Chinese Political Behavior”

Committee: Jidong Chen, Mayya Komisarchik, Bethany Lacina, Alexander Lee (Chair)

Lafayette College, Easton, PA

B.S., Mathematics, 2017

Working Paper

“State Mobilization and Political Attitudes: The Legacy of Maoist Rural Resettlement in Contemporary China” (with Alexander Lee and Weihong Qi). *Revise and Resubmit*

Work in Progress

“Rationalizing Self-Interest in Policy Attitudes: Evidence from Beijing’s License Plate Lottery”

“When Authoritarian Audience Does Not Rally around the Flag during a Foreign Policy Crisis: Evidence from the Hainan Island Incident”

“Becoming Chinese Communist Party Members: An Identity Explanation of Co-optation”

“Does Intergroup Contact Reduce Affective Polarization? A Natural Experiment”

“Contact Does Not Affect Immigration Attitudes on Campus: Evidence from College Housing Assignments” (with Jae-Eun Kim)

Teaching Assistantships

Senior Honors Seminar, Prof. Scott Abramson, Fall 2022 and Spring 2023

Introduction to Comparative Politics, Prof. Bonnie Meguid, Fall 2022

Introduction to Positive Political Theory, Prof. Stuart Jordan, Fall 2021

Grants, Fellowships, and Awards

Edward Peck Curtis Award for Excellence in Teaching by a Graduate Student, 2023

Department's Annual Graduate Student Teaching Assistant Award, 2023

Democracy Center Graduate Fellowship, 2022-

W. Allen Wallis Fellowship, 2021-2022

G. Bingham Powell and Lynda W. Powell Applied Research Grants: 2021

Lanni Summer Grants: 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023

Conference Presentations

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting: 2023, 2024 (scheduled)

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting: 2021, 2024

Related Experience

Research Assistant, University of Rochester

Prof. James Druckman, 2024-

Prof. Bonnie Meguid, Summer 2023

Prof. Gretchen Helmke, 2022-

Prof. Mayya Komisarchik, Spring 2022

Prof. Alexander Lee, 2019-2020

Research Assistant, China Philanthropy Research Institute, Beijing, China, Fall 2018

Volunteer Teacher, Cuili Middle School, Guizhou, China, Spring 2018

Dairy Farmer, Ein HaShofet, Israel, Fall 2017

References

Alexander Lee
Associate Professor
Department of Political Science
University of Rochester
alexander.mark.lee@rochester.edu

Mayya Komisarchik
Assistant Professor
Department of Political Science
University of Rochester
mayya.komisarchik@rochester.edu

Bethany Lacina
Associate Professor
Department of Political Science
University of Rochester
blacina@ur.rochester.edu

Jidong Chen
Associate Professor
School of Public Policy and Management
Tsinghua University
gdongchen@gmail.com

Current as of 2024/04