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Academic Positions

The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science January 2024 –

Faculty Affiliate, Mershon Center for International Security Studies 2024 –

Faculty Affiliate, East Asian Studies Center 2024 –

Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

Assistant Professor, S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies July 2022 – December 2023

Stanford University, Stanford, CA

Pre-doctoral Fellow, Center for International Security and Cooperation 2021–22

Education

University of Wisconsin–Madison, Madison, WI

Ph.D., Political Science 2022

Peking University, Beijing, China

M.A., International Relations 2016

Tsinghua University, Beijing, China

B.A., International Politics 2013

Publications

Gao, Jacque, and **Frederick R. Chen**. 2026. “Less Is More: Property Rights and Dictators’ Demand for Foreign Direct Investment.” *Review of International Organizations* 21 (2): 237–262 [lead article].

Chen, Frederick R., Jon C.W. Pevehouse, and Ryan M. Powers. 2023. “Great Expectations: The Democratic Advantage in Trade Attitudes.” *World Politics* 75 (2): 316–352.

Chen, Frederick R. and Jian Xu. 2023. “Partners with Benefits: When Multinational Corporations Succeed in Authoritarian Courts.” *International Organization* 77 (1): 144–178.

* David A. Lake Award for best paper at the 2019 International Political Economy Society Conference

Chen, Frederick R. 2021. “Extended Dependence: Trade, Alliances, and Peace.” *Journal of Politics* 83 (1): 246–259.

* *Journal of Politics* special collection on the global economy (2026)

* Genevieve Gorst Herfurth Award for outstanding graduate student research in the social sciences at the University of Wisconsin–Madison in 2019–20

* Mildred Potter Hovland Award for best article by a Political Science graduate student at the University of Wisconsin–Madison in 2018–19

* Coverage: Peterson Institute for International Economics, Monkey Cage

Chen, Frederick R. 2019. “Disentangling Bias: National Capabilities, Regime Type, and International Conflict Mediation.” *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 36 (2): 149–168.

* Mildred Potter Hovland Award for best article by a Political Science graduate student at the University of Wisconsin–Madison in 2016–17

Research in Progress (Selected)

“Compliance in Non-Compliant Jurisdictions: How Domestic Judicial Rulings Regulate Multinational Corporations.” (with Jian Xu) *R&R, World Politics*.

“Rivalry at the Grassroots: Firm Nationality and Local Government Preferences for Foreign Direct Investment.” (with Jonathan A. Chu) *Under review*.

“Foreign Policy in Hard Economic Times.”

“Bad Governments, Good Citizens? Domestic Institutions and Foreign Attitudes.” (with Haoming Xiong)

“Capital in the District: Foreign Direct Investment and U.S. Congressional Politics.” (with Jing Luo)

“Horses for Courses: Political Ambassadors, Personal Connections, and Bilateral Diplomacy.” (with Erica Yunyi Huang and Zhenhuan Lei)

“Strategic Substitutions: Exchange Rate Regimes, Geopolitics, and Trade.”

Awards, Fellowships & Grants (Selected)

EXTERNAL

Academic Research Fund Tier 1, Ministry of Education, Singapore (PI, S\$87,208)	2023–26
Pre-doctoral Fellowship, Stanford’s Center for International Security and Cooperation	2021–22
David A. Lake Award for Best Paper, International Political Economy Society	2020
EITM Certification Scholarship, Empirical Implications for Theoretical Models	2018
Chiang Chen Fellowship, Chiang Chen Foundation, Hong Kong	2013–15

INTERNAL

Department Funding for Graduate Research Assistant, Ohio State University (\$26,073)	2026–27
Good to Great Proposal Development Grant, Ohio State University (\$10,000)	2025
Faculty Research Grant, Mershon Center, Ohio State University (\$10,000)	2025–26
Social Science and Humanities Seed Grant, Nanyang Technological University (S\$30,000)	2023–25
Summer Writing Scholarship, Department of Political Science, UW–Madison	2021
Experiment Pilot Grant, Department of Political Science, UW–Madison	2021
Graduate Student Research Grant, UW–Madison Graduate School	2020; 2021
Genevieve Gorst Herfurth Award for Outstanding Research in Social Sciences, UW–Madison	2020

Graduate Student Research Grant, Wisconsin Project on International Relations	2018; 2019; 2020
Summer Initiative Funding, Department of Political Science, UW–Madison	2017; 2018; 2019; 2020
University Fellowship, UW–Madison	2016–17; 2019–20
Mildred Hovland Award for Best Article by a Political Science Student, UW–Madison	2017; 2019
Political Science Departmental Grant, UW–Madison	2016; 2017; 2018; 2019
Graduate Student Teaching Assistant Award, UW–Madison	2018
Graduate Student Academic Special Award, Peking University	2015
Education Abroad Program Scholarship, Peking University	2014–15
Graduate Student Fellowship, Peking University	2013–15
Academic Innovation Award, Peking University	2014
Student Research Grant, Center for Japanese Studies, Peking University	2014
Outstanding Graduate Award, Tsinghua University	2013
Academic Excellence Scholarship, Tsinghua University	2010; 2011

Conferences & Invited Talks (Selected)

Key: (P)resentation; (Co)author presented; (D)iscussant; (C)hair. No notation indicates one presentation.

ANNUAL MEETINGS

American Political Science Association	2016; 2017 (Co); 2019 (Co); 2021; 2024 (P,Co); 2025 (P,Co,D)
European Political Science Association	2023 (2P,D,C); 2024 (2P); 2025 (P,D)
European Political Science Society	2026 (2P)
International Political Economy Society	2017 (Co); 2019 (2P); 2021; 2023; 2026 (scheduled)
International Studies Association	2016; 2020 (cancelled); 2021 (2P); 2025; 2026 (2P,C)
Midwest Political Science Association	2015 (2P); 2017 (2P,Co,C); 2018 (2P,C); 2019 (Co); 2021 (2P,D,C); 2024 (P,D)

INVITED TALKS & SMALL CONFERENCES

University of Michigan, Political Economy Workshop	March 2026
Ohio State University, Mershon Center for International Security Studies	February 2025
Tsinghua University, Department of International Relations	December 2024
Copenhagen Business School–Princeton Money in Politics Conference	June 2024
University of Illinois Urbana–Champaign, Politics Workshop	March 2024
New Faces in Chinese Politics Conference	May 2022
APSA Political Economy Section Junior Research Workshop	September 2021
Emerging Scholars in Grand Strategy Conference	May 2021

Teaching

AT THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

Political Analysis of International Economic Relations	Spring 2025; Spring 2026
Theories of International Political Economy (graduate)	Spring 2024; Spring 2026
International Economics and Security (graduate)	Spring 2025

AT NANYANG TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY

International Economics and Security (graduate)	Trimester 3, 2022–23; Trimester 1, 2023–24
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Service

TO THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

Department Executive Committee	2025–26
International Relations Faculty Search Committee	2024–25
Ph.D. Admissions Committee	2023–24

TO NANYANG TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY

Ph.D. Admissions Committee	2022–24
Co-organizer, RSIS–WTO Parliamentary Workshop	2022–23

TO THE DISCIPLINE

Co-host, Workshop on the Decline of the Liberal International Order	2026
Section Head, International Relations Subfield, MPSA Conference	2024

Reviewer for the following journals:

<i>American Journal of Political Science</i>	<i>International Studies Quarterly</i>
<i>Asian Review of Political Economy</i>	<i>Journal of Conflict Resolution</i>
<i>Business & Politics</i>	<i>Journal of Peace Research</i>
<i>Chinese Journal of International Politics</i>	<i>Journal of Politics</i>
<i>Chinese Political Science Review</i>	<i>Political Analysis</i>
<i>Conflict Management and Peace Science</i>	<i>Political Research Quarterly</i>
<i>Economics & Politics</i>	<i>Review of International Organizations</i>
<i>European Journal of Political Research</i>	<i>Review of International Political Economy</i>
<i>International Interactions</i>	<i>World Politics</i>
<i>International Organization</i>	