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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**. 2025. “Less Is More: Property Rights and Dictators’ Demand for Foreign Direct Investment.” *Review of International Organizations* (forthcoming).

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.

* Winner of the 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.

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

* Winner of the 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.

* Winner of the 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)

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

“Compliance in Non-Compliant Territories: How Jurisdictional Exposure Regulates Multinational Corporations.” (with Jian Xu) *Under review*.

“Foreign Policy in Hard Economic Times.”

“Horses for Courses: Types and Performance of U.S. Ambassadors.” (with Zhenhuan Lei)

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

“Bad Governments, Good Citizens? Regime Type and Foreign Perceptions.” (with Haoming Xiong)

“Foreign Direct Investment and U.S. Congressional Politics.” (with Jing Luo)

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

Good to Great Proposal Development Grant, Ohio State University (\$10,000)	2025
Faculty Individual Research Grant, Mershon Center, Ohio State University (\$10,000)	2025–26
Social Science and Humanities Seed Grant, Nanyang Technological (PI, 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

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

2024: Tsinghua University; University of Illinois Urbana–Champaign; Copenhagen Business School–Princeton Money in Politics Conference

2023: National University of Singapore; Peking University

2022: Nanyang Technological University; The Ohio State University; University of Georgia; University of Oxford; University of Toronto; New Faces in Chinese Politics Conference

2021: University of Michigan; University of Nevada, Las Vegas; University of Notre Dame; Washington University in St. Louis; APSA Political Economy Section Junior Research Workshop

Teaching

AT THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

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

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 and Recruitment 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, Pre-ISA Workshop on the Decline of the Liberal International Order	2026
Section Head, International Relations Subfield, MPSA Conference	2024
Reviewer for <i>American Journal of Political Science</i> , <i>Asian Review of Political Economy</i> , <i>Conflict Management and Peace Science</i> , <i>Economics & Politics</i> , <i>European Journal of Political Research</i> , <i>International Interactions</i> , <i>International Organization</i> , <i>International Studies Quarterly</i> , <i>Journal of Conflict Resolution</i> , <i>Journal of Peace Research</i> , <i>Journal of Politics</i> , <i>Political Analysis</i> , <i>Political Research Quarterly</i> , <i>Review of International Organizations</i> , <i>Review of International Political Economy</i> , <i>World Politics</i>	