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EMPLOYMENT	College of the Holy Cross <i>Assistant Professor of Political Science</i>	Worcester, MA Aug. 2025-present
EDUCATION	Duke University <i>Ph.D. in Political Science</i> • Fields: Political Institutions (first), Political Methodology (second) • Research interests: authoritarianism, repression, state-society relations, China • Dissertation: <i>Refocusing on Repression: Institutions of Everyday Social Control in China</i> • Committee: Melanie Manion (chair), Timur Kuran, Adriane Fresh, Livia Schubiger	Durham, NC 2023
	University of Oxford <i>M.Sc. in Contemporary Chinese Studies (with distinction)</i>	Oxford, UK 2017
	Bowdoin College <i>B.A. in Government & Legal Studies and Asian Studies (cum laude)</i>	Brunswick, ME 2014
	Associated Colleges in China <i>Intensive Chinese immersion program</i>	Beijing, China 2012
ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS	• Rothschild, V. 2026. State Repression and Selective Expression: Communal Canteens and the “Collective” Memory of China’s Great Famine. <i>China Quarterly</i>, 265: 146–164. • Zhu, H., Manion, M., Rothschild, V. 2025. Crisis and Correction: Do Government Rectification Efforts Restore Citizen Trust After Governance Failure? <i>Political Behavior</i>, 47: 1595–1620. • Zhu, H., Rothschild, V. 2025. Applying Insights from China: A Typology for Subnational Comparative Politics. <i>Chinese Political Science Review</i>, 10: 588–609. • Rothschild, V. 2024. Protest and Repression in China’s Digital Surveillance State. <i>Journal of Information Technology & Politics</i>, 1–16. • Rothschild, V. 2024. Taking a Chance on China: African Student-Entrepreneurs in Greater Zhejiang Province. <i>Global Networks</i>, 24 (3). • Manion, M., Rothschild, V., Zhu, H. 2022. Dual Mandates in Chinese Congresses: Information and Cooptation. <i>Issues & Studies</i>, 58 (1).	
WORKS IN PROGRESS	• Rothschild, V., Zhu, H., The Spatial Dimensions of Local Policing Under Autocracy. <i>Working paper</i>.	
EXPERIENCE	Institute for Global Affairs at the Eurasia Group <i>Non-resident Fellow, Independent America Program</i>	New York, NY 2026
	U.S. Department of State <i>Foreign Policy Analyst</i>	Washington, DC 2023-2025
	Council on Foreign Relations <i>Research Associate, Asia Studies</i>	New York, NY 2017-2019

TEACHING	College of the Holy Cross	
	– Introduction to Comparative Politics, Fall 2025	
	– Chinese Politics & Society, Spring 2025	
	New York University-Washington, DC, Part-time Lecturer	
	– Contemporary US-China Relations, Spring 2025	
	Duke University, Teaching Assistant	
	– Comparative Political Parties, Professor Herbert Kitschelt, 2022	
	– Democracy and Social Choice, Professor Emerson Niou, 2022	
	– Games & Politics, Professor Emerson Niou, 2021	
SERVICE	Journal Reviewer	
	– Ethnicities; International Political Science Review; Political Behavior; International Criminal Justice Review	
AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS	Individual Superior Honor Award, U.S. Department of State	
	2024	
	Summer Research Fellowship, Duke University	
	2020, 2021, 2022, 2023	
	Democracy, Institutions, & Political Economy Grant, Duke University	
	2021, 2022	
	Charles Carroll Everett Graduate Scholarship, Bowdoin College	
	2019, 2020	
	Yenching Global Symposium Grantee, Peking University	
	2018	
	Ko Cheuk-hung Prize for Best MSc Dissertation, University of Oxford	
	2019	
SELECTED NON-ACADEMIC WORK	O’Brien Graduate Scholarship, Bowdoin College	
	2015	
	J. William Fulbright Research Fellow (China)	
	2014-2015	
	Departmental Award for Excellence in Comparative Politics, Bowdoin College	
	2014	
	Grua/O’Connell Award for Independent Research, Bowdoin College	
	2013	
	Freeman Award for Studies in Asia, Institute of International Education	
	2012	
	Benjamin A. Gilman Scholarship, Institute of International Education	
	2012	
SKILLS	• China’s Policing At Home and Abroad, <i>U.S.-China Nexus</i> , Georgetown University Initiative for U.S.-China Dialogue on Global Issues, March 2026. [Podcast]	
	• Fears of Further COVID Spread as Lunar New Years Travel Begins Across China, <i>Day 6</i> , CBC, January 2023. [Radio Interview]	
	• Algorithms and Lockdowns: How China’s Gig Economy Works, <i>The Spectator</i> , April 2022. [Podcast]	
	• Under a COVID-19 Cloud, China’s Gig Economy Comes of Age, <i>Jamestown China Brief</i> , May 2020.	
	• China’s Pension System Is Not Aging Well, <i>The Diplomat</i> , March 2019.	
	• China’s Tech Sector Is in Trouble, with Ben Della Rocca, <i>The Diplomat</i> , July 2019.	
	• China’s Gig Economy is Driving Close to the Edge, <i>Foreign Policy</i> , September 2018.	
	• Chinese Parents, Pharma Industry Worried Sick After Latest Vaccine Scandal, <i>Council on Foreign Relations</i> , July 2018.	
	• China’s Heavy Hand in Africa, <i>Council on Foreign Relations</i> , March 2018.	
	Foreign Language Competence: Mandarin Chinese (advanced)	
	Software: R, Stata, L ^A T _E X	

REFERENCES

Dr. Melanie Manion

Vor Broker Family Distinguished Professor of Political Science
Duke University

Dr. Timur Kuran

Professor of Economics and Political Science & Gorter Family Professor of Islamic Studies
Duke University

Dr. Elizabeth Economy

Hargrove Senior Fellow
Hoover Institution, Stanford University