

Curriculum Vitae — David Y. Yang

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Academic Appointments

- 2018-2022 Harvard University & Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Prize Fellow in Economics, History, and Politics, Joint Center for History and Economics (Harvard)
Postdoctoral Fellow, Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (MIT)
- 2020- Harvard University
Assistant Professor, Department of Economics

Education

- 2018 *Ph.D.* in Economics, Stanford University
2014 *M.A.* in Economics, Stanford University
2012 *B.A. (with highest honor)* in Statistics, College of Letters and Sciences
B.S. (with highest honor) in Business Administration, Haas School of Business
University of California, Berkeley

Affiliations

- 2018- *Affiliated Fellow*, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University

Research

PUBLICATIONS

- 2018 The Impact of Media Censorship: 1984 or Brave New World?
Yuyu Chen, David Y. Yang
Conditionally accepted, *American Economic Review*
- 2018 Protests as Strategic Games: Experimental Evidence from Hong Kong's Anti-Authoritarian Movement
Davide Cantoni, David Y. Yang, Noam Yuchtman, Y. Jane Zhang
Forthcoming, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*
- 2017 Curriculum and Ideology
Davide Cantoni, Yuyu Chen, David Y. Yang, Noam Yuchtman, Y. Jane Zhang
Journal of Political Economy, Vol.125, No.2 (April)

WORKING PAPERS

- 2016 Historical Traumas and the Roots of Political Distrust: Political Inference from the Great Chinese Famine
Yuyu Chen, David Y. Yang

- 2016 The Fundamental Determinants of Anti-Authoritarianism
Davide Cantoni, David Y. Yang, Noam Yuchtman, Y. Jane Zhang
- 2016 China's Lost Generation: Changes in Beliefs and their Intergenerational Transmission
Gerard Roland, David Y. Yang
- 2016 Saliency of History and the Preference for Redistribution
Yuyu Chen, Hui Wang, David Y. Yang

WORK IN PROGRESS

- The Coordination Consequences of Media Censorship: Experimental Evidence from China (*joint with Yuyu Chen*)
- Procrastination and Optimal Censorship Strategy: Experimental Evidence from China
- Migration and the Evolution of the Preferences for Redistribution (*joint with Davide Cantoni, Noam Yuchtman, Y. Jane Zhang*)
- Immersion Therapy? The Impact of Media and Social Networks on Chinese College Students in the US (*joint with Davide Cantoni, Noam Yuchtman*)
- The Persistent Power of the Street: Evidence from Hong Kong's Democracy Movement (*joint with Leonardo Bursztyn, Davide Cantoni, Noam Yuchtman, Y. Jane Zhang*)
- Trust, Pursuit of Truth, and Selective Exposure of Partisan News (*joint with Hunt Allcott, Matthew Gentzkow*)

POLICY ARTICLES

- 2018 "The impact of media censorship in China: 1984 or Brave New World?", on *voxdev.org*
- 2017 "Power to the people? China's policy trilemma in Hong Kong" (*joint with Davide Cantoni and Noam Yuchtman*), on *London School of Economics Management Blog*
- 2017 "Cultural change and intergenerational transmission: Some lessons from China's Cultural Revolution" (*joint with Gerard Roland*), on *voxeu.org*
- 2014 "Curriculum and Ideology" (*joint with Davide Cantoni, Noam Yuchtman, Y. Jane Zhang*), on *voxeu.org*

Awards, Fellowships and Grants

- 2018 Review of Economic Studies Tour
- 2017 Gerald J. Lieberman Fellowship, *Stanford University*
- 2017 Leonard W. Ely and Shirley R. Ely Fellowship (*declined*), *Stanford University*
- 2017 Institute for Research in the Social Sciences Dissertation Fellowship, *Stanford University*
- 2016 National Natural Science Foundation of China Research Grant (co-PI)
- 2016 Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies Global Policy Fellows Small Research Grant, *Stanford University*
- 2016 Graduate Research Opportunity Award, *Stanford University*
- 2016 International Doctoral Student Visitor Fellowship, *Hong Kong University of Science and Technology*
- 2015 Stanford Center at Peking University Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, *Stanford University*
- 2015 The Europe Center Graduate Student Grant, *Stanford University*
- 2015 Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, *Stanford University*
- 2014 Graduate Student Fellowship, *Stanford Center for International Development*
- 2012-2014 Economics Department Fellowship, *Stanford University*
- 2011 Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship, *University of California, Berkeley*

Professional Activities

SEMINAR AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2019 AEA/ASSA Annual Meeting (Atlanta); UCLA Anderson (Behavioral Decision Making colloquium); New York City media seminar; Northeastern University (Economics Department seminar); Yale (Leitner Political Economy seminar); UC Berkeley (Political Economy seminar); Brown (joint Macro and Applied Micro seminar); New York University Shanghai; Northwestern GRPL China-Lab Workshop; University of Southern California China Research Group conference
- 2018 Stanford GSB (Political Economy); Princeton (Department of Economics); Harvard (Department of Economics); Harvard Business School (Negotiation, Organizations & Markets unit); MIT (Department of Economics); Harvard Business School (Business, Government and the International Economy unit); Chicago Booth (Microeconomics unit); University of Chicago (Department of Economics); Northwestern (Department of Economics); Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (Department of Economics); The University of Hong Kong (Faculty of Business and Economics); NBER Chinese Economy Meeting; Stanford Institute for Research in the Social Sciences; Stanford Cyber Initiative seminar (Department of Computer Science); ReStud Tour (Queen Mary University of London; CERGE-EI, Prague; University of Copenhagen); ReStud Tour Reunion Conference (University of Copenhagen); V Calvo-Armengol International Prize Workshop: Persistence and Transformation in Economic Development (Barcelona GSE); Early-Career Behavioral Economics Conference (Norwegian School of Economics); China Economics Summer Institute (CUHK); Inaugural Emerging Scholars Conference (University of Wisconsin, Madison); 3rd IMF-Atlanta Fed Research Workshop on China's Economy [*discussant*]; Harvard (Political Economy seminar); MIT (Development seminar); New York University (Development seminar); Microsoft Research New England; Harvard (Economic History seminar); The Pennsylvania State University (Trade/Development seminar); University of British Columbia (Allard Centre for Asian Legal Studies); NBER Political Economy Meeting; Warwick (Department of Economics); London School of Economics (Department of Economics); Paris School of Economics and Sciences Po (joint Political Economy seminar); Stockholm School of Economics; Stockholm University (Department of Economics)
- 2017 Stanford CDDRL research seminar; University of Toronto (Department of Economics); UC Berkeley (Haas School of Business); Foreign Correspondents' Club of China speaker series (Beijing); Stanford China Social Sciences Workshop; Yale Whitebox Advisors Graduate Student Conference; Development and Political Economics PhD Student Conference (Stanford); London School of Economics; Barcelona GSE Summer Forum (Political Institutions); Early-Career Behavioral Economics Conference (Carnegie Mellon University); Stanford Institute for Theoretical Economics (Experimental Economics); APSA Annual Meeting (San Francisco); University of San Francisco (Economics Department); Stanford Economic History Seminar; Stanford Comparative Politics Seminar; Stanford Workshop on Empirical Research in American Politics (WEAP); University of Michigan (Department of Economics)
- 2016 AEA/ASSA Annual Meeting (San Francisco); ASERC 15th Annual Conference (Chapman University); Fudan University (School of Economics); Berkeley-Stanford Annual China Social Science Conference; Bay Area Behavioral and Experimental Economics Workshop (Berkeley); University of Bonn (Graduate School of Economics); Early-Career Behavioral Economics Conference (Bonn); China Economics Summer Institute (HKUST); Stanford Institute for Theoretical Economics (Experimental Economics); UC San Diego (Rady School of Management & School of Global Policy and Strategy); Peking University (Guanghua School of Management); Harvard (Department of Economics)
- 2015 Warwick Economics PhD Conference; Pacific Conference for Development Economics (UCSD); Stanford China Social Sciences Workshop; Bay Area Behavioral and Experimental Economics Workshop (UCSC); "Social Impacts of Economic Policies and Change" Conference (Heidelberg University); Stanford Institute for Theoretical Economics (Experimental Economics); 11th World Congress of the Econometric Society (Montreal); China Economics Summer Institute (Peking University); "Frontiers in Chinese Economic History" conference (Berkeley); Peking University (School of Economics)
- 2013 Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (Social Science Division)

REFEREE

American Economic Journal: Applied Economics; American Economic Review; American Economic Review: Insight; Asian Journal of Comparative Politics; The Economic Journal; Explorations in Economic History; Games and Economic Behavior; Journal of Comparative Economics; Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization; Journal of the European Economic Association; Journal of Law, Economics and Organization; Journal of Public Economics; Journalism; Policy & Internet; Quarterly Journal of Economics; Nature Human Behaviour; Review of Economics and Statistics; Review of Economic Studies

CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR ORGANIZATIONS

- 2018 “Understanding the Demand for Democracy” Conference (*with Davide Cantoni and Noam Yuchtman*)
- 2017 Berkeley-Stanford Joint Behavioral and Experimental Mini-Conference (*with Muriel Niederle and Ulrike Malmendier*)
- 2015–2018 Stanford Behavioral & Experimental Seminar
- 2015 1st Annual Bay Area Economic History Graduate Student Conference

LABORATORY MANAGEMENT

- 2015–2016 Stanford Economics Research Laboratory

SUMMER SCHOOL

- 2016 Russell Sage Foundation Summer Institute in Behavioral Economics
- 2016 University of Chicago Price Theory Summer Camp

Teaching Experience

TEACHING ASSISTANT

- 2015 Econ 118 (Development Economics), Professor Pascaline Dupas, *Stanford University*