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ALICE Z. XU

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Yale University, Leitner Program in Intl. and Comparative Political Economy
Postdoctoral Associate (2021 - 2023)

University of Pennsylvania,

Assistant Professor, School of Social Policy and Practice (July 2023-)

Assistant Professor, Dept. of Political Science (secondary) (July 2023-)

EDUCATION

Harvard University, Department of Government

Ph.D. in Government (2023)

Committee: Jeffrey Frieden, Frances Hagopian, Torben Iversen (Chair), Horacio Larreguy

Fields: Comparative Politics, Quantitative Methodology, Urban and Distributive Politics

Columbia University, Columbia College

B.A. in Economics-Political Science (major), Sustainable Development (minor) (2012)

Charles A. Beard Honors in Political Science (Best Honors Thesis)

University of Oxford, St. Peter's College

Visiting Student Programme in Philosophy, Politics, Economics (2010 - 2011)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political Economy of Development

Inequality and Social Policy

Urban and Distributive Politics

Environmental Politics

Latin America, Global South

PUBLICATIONS

“Explaining Differences in Sub-national Patterns of Clean Technology Transfers to China and India,” with Patrick Bayer and Johannes Urpelainen. 2016. *International Environmental Agreements: Politics, Law, and Economics* 16(2): 1 - 23.

PUBLICATIONS IN OTHER FIELDS

“Socioeconomic Determinants of Charcoal Use in Tanzania during Urbanization: Evidence from Panel Data,” with Anthony D’Agostino and Johannes Urpelainen. 2015. *Energy Economics* 49(C): 472 - 481.

“Laissez Faire and the Clean Development Mechanism: Determinants of Project Implementation in Indian States, 2003 - 2011,” with Patrick Bayer and Johannes Urpelainen. 2014. *Clean Technologies and Environmental Policy* 16(8): 1687 - 1701.

“Interactive Effect of CSE and World Trade Center Dust Particles on Airway Cell Cytotoxicity,” with Colette Prophete, Lung-chi Chen, Charles Emala, Mitchell Cohen. 2011. *Journal of Toxicology and Environmental Health* 74(14): 887 - 902.

UNDER REVIEW

“The Political Origins of Deforestation in the Brazilian Amazon, 2000-2012”

Revise and Resubmit, The Journal of Politics

Winner, Paul A. Sabatier Best Conference Paper Award,
APSA Science, Technology, and Environmental Politics Section (2022)

“Segregation and the Spatial Externalities of Inequality: A Theory of Collateral Co-operation for Public Goods in Cities” (*Job Market Paper*)

Conditionally Accepted, American Political Science Review

Winner, Best Paper on Economic and Social Inequality Award (any APSA panel),
APSA Class and Inequality Section (2021)

Winner, Best Graduate Student Paper Award at REPAL 2021,
Red para el Estudio de la Economía Política de América Latina Conference (2021)

“Trade Liberalization and the Welfare State: The Geography of Political Ties in Brazil”

“The Politics of Pessimism: Turning Aspirational Voters into Populists”
(with Torben Iversen)

PAPERS IN
PREPARATION

“The Political Origins of Slum Growth and Segregation in Cities”

“The Politics of Slum Evictions in Urban Brazil”

“‘Spatial Distance’ and Preferences for Redistribution in Cities”

“Dual Equilibria in Natural Disaster Response: The Effect of Natural Disasters on
Inequality and Ethnic Conflict in Kenya and Ethiopia” (with Shelley Liu)

“Climate Change, Food Insecurity, and Voting Behavior across sub-Saharan Africa”
(with David Ifkovits and Shelley Liu)

“The Effects of Race v. Class over Space: Evidence from a Conjoint Survey Experiment
in São Paulo, Brazil”

“Unbundling Institutions: The Impact of Democratic Institutions on Channels of Solow
Growth at Different Stages of Economic Development”

“Transition to a Knowledge Economy and the New Skill Cleavage”
(with Torben Iversen and David Soskice)

AWARDS, GRANTS,
AND FELLOWSHIPS

Charles Sumner Best Dissertation Prize, Harvard Univ, Dept. of Government (2023)

Susan Clarke Young Scholar Award, APSA Urban Politics Section (2023)

Brown University Climate Social Science Network Grant (co-PI) (\$17,000) (2022)

Paul A. Sabatier Best Paper Conference Award,
APSA Science, Technology, and Environmental Politics Section (2022)

Institute for Research on Labor & Employment Faculty Research Award
(co-PI) (\$15,000) (2022)

International Growth Centre (IGC) Research Grant for Liberia (co-PI) (£20,000) (2022)

Award for Best Paper on Economic and Social Inequality Award (any APSA panel), APSA Class and Inequality Section (2021)

Award for Best Graduate Student Paper at REPAL 2021, *Red para el Estudio de la Economía Política de América Latina* Annual Meeting (2021)

Harvard College Special Commendation for Extraordinary Teaching (2020)

Derek C. Bok Certificate of Distinction in Teaching (2019)

Harvard GSAS Merit/Term-Time Grant (2020)

Jorge Paulo Lemann Doctoral Fellowship for Research on Brazil (2018 - 2019)

Harvard Foundations of Human Behavior Initiative Grant (2019)

Weatherhead Center Comparative Inequality and Inclusion Research Grant (2019)

David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies (DRCLAS) Research Grant (2019)

Democracy Doctoral Fellow, HKS Ash Center for Democratic Governance (2017 - 2018)

Weatherhead Center for International Affairs Mid-Dissertation Grant (2018)

DRCLAS' Brazil Cities Initiative Research Grant (2016, 2018)

Institute for Quantitative Social Science Research Grant (2017, 2018)

Weatherhead Center for International Affairs Pre-Dissertation Grant (2016)

Charles A. Beard Honors in Political Science (Best Honors Thesis) (2012)

New York State Forensics League Semi-Finalist in Original Oratory (2008)

New York City Forensics League 4th Place in Original Oratory (2008)

PRESENTATIONS

Johns Hopkins University, Agora Institute Faculty Seminar (invited) (2023)

University of São Paulo, Dept. of Economics Visiting Speaker Seminar (invited) (2022)

Louisiana State University, Dept. of Political Science Seminar (invited) (2023)

Princeton Spatial Dimension of Economic and Political Inequality (invited) (2022)

MIT Global Diversity Lab (invited speaker) (2022)

InterGroup Relations (IGR) Workshop (2021)

NYU Rebecca B. Morton Conference on Experimental Political Science (2021)

Northeast Workshop in Empirical Political Science (NEWEPS) (2020)

Harvard Experimental Political Science Conference (2020)

REPAL Annual Meeting (2020 canceled, 2021)

Harvard DRCLAS Brazil Speaker Series (invited) (2020)

MIT GOV/Lab Political Behavior of Development Conference (2019)

Fundação Getúlio Vargas CEPESP Political Economy Speaker Series (invited) (2019)

American Political Science Association (APSA) (2015, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)

	Latin American Studies Association (LASA) Annual Meeting (2016, 2018, 2019)
	Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Meeting (2012, 2021, 2022)
PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	Co-coordinator, Harvard Comparative Politics Speaker Series (2016 - 2017)
	Reviewer, <i>American Political Science Review</i> (x3), <i>Revista Latinoamericana de Opinión Pública</i> (x1)
	Harvard Dept. of Government Diversity Working Group
AFFILIATIONS	HKS Evidence for Policy Design, Fundação Lemann, HKS Ash Center for Democratic Governance, Institute for Quantitative Social Science, Weatherhead Center, David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Fundação Getúlio Vargas CEPESP
TEACHING	Gov 20: Foundations of Comparative Politics (2017) Teaching Fellow Mean Score: 4.48 / 5
	Gov 1295: Comparative Politics in Latin America (2018) Teaching Fellow Mean Score: 4.38 / 5
	Gov 1005: Data (2019) Teaching Fellow Mean Score: 4.92 / 5 <i>Derek C. Bok Certificate of Distinction in Teaching</i>
	Gov 1006: Models (2020) Teaching Fellow Mean Score: 5 / 5 (all 22 reviews) <i>Harvard College Special Commendation for Extraordinary Teaching</i>
RESEARCH ASSISTANCE	Head Field Assistant (2016) Behavioral games at Busara Center for Behavioral Economics in Nairobi, Kenya Principal Investigators: Gwyneth McClendon (NYU) and Rachel Riedl (Cornell)
	Research Assistant (2012) RCT of SMS Information-Technology on parliamentary accountability in Uganda Principal Investigators: Guy Grossman, Gabriella Sacramone, Macartan Humphreys
	Research Assistant (2012) RCT of community driven development program in 1,250 villages in Eastern Congo Principal Investigators: Peter van der Windt and Macartan Humphreys
FIELDWORK	Brazil (16.5 months), Mexico (1.5 months), Kenya (3 months), Liberia (1 month)
NON-ACADEMIC	Research Associate, Energy and Environmental Markets (Management Consulting), ICF International (2012-2014)
PROGRAMMING	R, Stata, SAS, Python, ArcMap (GIS), Geoda (Spatial Statistics), L ^A T _E X, Qualtrics, DrScheme, Netlogo, HTML5
LANGUAGES	Portuguese (Advanced), Spanish (Intermediate), Chinese (Advanced), English (Native)