Li-Hong Weng

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Education

Michigan State University East Lansing, MI

Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Political Science *2022–Spring 2027 (Expected)*

- Subfields: Comparative Politics (Major), Research Methods (Minor)
- Dissertation: Political Accountability in an Era of Democratic Backsliding
- Committee: Eric C. C. Chang (Chair), Andy Halterman, Ani Sarkissian, and Jennifer Wolak

M.A., Political Science *2024*

National Taiwan University Taipei, Taiwan

M.A., Political Science *2016–2020*

National Chengchi University Taipei, Taiwan

B.A., Political Science/Philosophy, magna cum laude *2012–2016*

Research and Teaching Interests

Comparative Politics:	Comparative Political Economy, East Asian Politics, Electoral Politics, Political Institutions, Regime Change
Research Methods:	Causal Inference, Machine Learning, Text Analysis, Time-Series Cross-Sectional Analysis

Publications

1. Wang, Chinshou, and Li-Hong Weng. 2019. "To Pursue a New Paradigm of Local Political Studies." *Taiwan Democracy Quarterly* 16(1): 127–140. (In Chinese)
2. Weng, Li-Hong. 2015. "Uncertainties of Democratization and Adaption of Local Faction: A Review of Taiwan's Researches of Local Faction." *Journal of Democracy and Governance* 2(2): 67–82. (In Chinese)

Working Papers

1. "Distinguishing Threats to Accountability under Democratic Erosion: A Supervised Learning Approach to Text Data." (Job market paper. Under review at *Democratization*)
2. "When Efficiency Trumps Accountability: Authoritarian Legacies and Voters' Demand for Accountability in Asian Democracies."
3. "The Electoral Legacy of Forced Migration in Transitional Democracies: Evidence from Taiwan." (with Kyle Chun Chiang. Under review at *British Journal of Political Science*)
4. "When Do Americans Support a War in a Foreign Country? Evidence from a Survey Experiment."
5. "Examining Dynastic Politicians' Advantages: Cases of Taiwan's Legislators."

Conference Presentations

American Political Science Association	2021, 2025
Chinese Association of Political Science	2015, 2019
International Studies Association	2026
Midwest Political Science Association	2025, 2026

Mid-American Conference for Race, Gender, Immigration, and Ethnicity Politics 2026

Society for Political Methodology 2025, 2026

Taiwanese Political Science Association 2016

Grants

"Uncertainties of Democratization and Strategic Adjustments of Local Factions"
College Student Research Grant, Ministry of Science and Technology *07/2015–02/2016*

"Transitional Justice under ICCPR and ICESCR: Taiwan's New Approach"
College Student Research Grant, Ministry of Science and Technology *07/2014–02/2015*

Scholarships, Awards, and Funding

Michigan State University East Lansing, MI
Department of Political Science

- Best Graduate Student Teaching Award (2026)
- Best Graduate Student Paper Award (2025)
- Quantitative Methods Teaching Fellow (Spring 2025; Fall 2026; Spring 2027)
- Conference Travel Funding (Spring 2025; Fall 2025; Spring 2026; Fall 2026)
- Summer Training Grant (Summer 2023, Summer 2025)
- Graduate Assistantship (Fall 2022–Current)

Asian Studies Center

- Shao-Chang Lee Best Paper Competition Award (2026)

Society for Political Methodology Atlanta, GA
Polmeth Travel Award *2025*

Taiwanese Political Science Association Taichung, Taiwan
Annual Master Thesis Award of Taiwanese Political Science Association *2021*

Taipei Civil Education Foundation Taipei, Taiwan
Professor Lei Fei-lung Award for the Annual Master Thesis Contest in Political Science *2020*

National Chengchi University Taipei, Taiwan
Department of Political Science

- Professor Chu Chian-chang Scholarship (2017–2018)
- President Award (Fall 2014)

Ministry of Science and Technology Taipei, Taiwan
College Student Research Creativity Award *2015, 2016*

Research Experience

Michigan State University East Lansing, MI
Research assistant to Dr. Eric C. C. Chang *12/2022–12/2023*

- Project: Political Corruption and Democratization in Asian Democracies

Research Center for Humanities and Social Sciences, Academia Sinica Taipei, Taiwan
Research assistant to Dr. Alvin Chen *10/2019–07/2022*

- Project: Enlightenment Constitutionalism and the Teleology of the State

National Taiwan University Taipei, Taiwan
Research assistant to Dr. Feng-yu Lee *08/2017–07/2018*

- Project: Political Institutions and Ethnic Conflicts

Teaching Experience

Michigan State University — East Lansing, MI

Co-Instructor

- Introduction to Data Analytics and the Social Sciences (with Dr. Shahryar Minhas; Summer 2025, Summer 2026)

Lab/Workshop Instructor (Graduate Level)

- Quantitative Techniques in Public Policy and Political Science I (Linear Regression Analysis) (Fall 2026)
- Quantitative Techniques in Public Policy and Political Science II (Causal Inference) (Spring 2025)
- Departmental Methods Workshop Series (Spring 2025, Fall 2026)

Teaching Assistant

- Comparative Legal Systems (Fall 2025)
- Analyzing and Visualizing Data in Politics (Fall 2024)
- Introduction to Comparative Politics (Spring 2024, Spring 2026)
- Asia: Social Science Perspectives (Fall 2023)
- Evaluating Evidence (Summer 2023, Summer 2024)
- Introduction to Political Science (Spring 2023)
- Global Diversity and Interdependence (Fall 2022)

National Taiwan University — Taipei, Taiwan

Discussion Section Instructor

- Introductory Sociology (Fall 2016, Spring 2017)

Teaching Assistant

- Party Politics and Elections (Graduate Level; Spring 2020)
- Introduction to Political Science (Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Fall 2019)
- Political Science (II) (Spring 2018)
- Political Science (I) (Fall 2016, Fall 2017)

National Chengchi University — Taipei, Taiwan

Teaching Assistant

- Comparative Government and Politics (Fall 2016, Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Fall 2018, Spring 2019)
- Electoral Systems and Voting Behavior (Fall 2016, Fall 2017, Fall 2018)
- American Government and Politics (Fall 2017)

Service

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting & Exhibition
Discussant — *2026*

Asian Studies Center, Michigan State University — East Lansing, MI
Graduate Student Representative to the Advisory Council — *09/2026–05/2027*

Election Study Center, National Chengchi University — Taipei, Taiwan
Editorial Assistant for Journal of Electoral Studies — *09/2018–08/2019*

Department of Political Science, National Chengchi University — Taipei, Taiwan
Editorial Assistant for Taiwanese Political Science Review — *03/2013–09/2014*

Additional Training

University of Michigan — Ann Arbor, MI
ICPSR Summer Program — *Summer 2023, 2025*

- Panel Data and Longitudinal Analysis (EITM Certification)
- Topical Workshop for From Text to Insights: Building and Analyzing Custom Political Event Data

Skills and Languages

Statistic Software: LaTeX, Python, R, Stata, SPSS
Languages: Mandarin (native), English (fluent), Japanese (intermediate)

References

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