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EDUCATION

Michigan State University

Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Political Science

East Lansing, MI

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

M.A., Political Science

Taipei, Taiwan

2016–2020

National Chengchi University

B.A., Political Science/Philosophy, magna cum laude

Taipei, Taiwan

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” <i>College Student Research Grant, Ministry of Science and Technology</i>	07/2015–02/2016
“Transitional Justice under ICCPR and ICESCR: Taiwan’s New Approach” <i>College Student Research Grant, Ministry of Science and Technology</i>	07/2014–02/2015

SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS, AND FUNDING

Michigan State University <i>Department of Political Science</i>	East Lansing, MI
• 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)	
<i>Asian Studies Center</i>	
• Shao-Chang Lee Best Paper Competition Award (2026)	
Society for Political Methodology <i>Polmeth Travel Award</i>	Atlanta, GA 2025
Taiwanese Political Science Association <i>Annual Master Thesis Award of Taiwanese Political Science Association</i>	Taichung, Taiwan 2021
Taipei Civil Education Foundation <i>Professor Lei Fei-lung Award for the Annual Master Thesis Contest in Political Science</i>	Taipei, Taiwan 2020
National Chengchi University <i>Department of Political Science</i>	Taipei, Taiwan
• Professor Chu Chian-chang Scholarship (2017–2018) • President Award (Fall 2014)	
Ministry of Science and Technology <i>College Student Research Creativity Award</i>	Taipei, Taiwan 2015, 2016

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Michigan State University <i>Research assistant to Dr. Eric C. C. Chang</i>	East Lansing, MI 12/2022–12/2023
• Project: Political Corruption and Democratization in Asian Democracies	
Research Center for Humanities and Social Sciences, Academia Sinica <i>Research assistant to Dr. Alvin Chen</i>	Taipei, Taiwan 10/2019–07/2022
• Project: Enlightenment Constitutionalism and the Teleology of the State	
National Taiwan University <i>Research assistant to Dr. Feng-yu Lee</i>	Taipei, Taiwan 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: L^AT_EX, Python, R, Stata, SPSS

Languages: Mandarin (native), English (fluent), Japanese (intermediate)

REFERENCES

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