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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Political Science, Pennsylvania State University, PA, United States expected 2027
[Dissertation] The Authoritarian Playbook: Propaganda, Skepticism, and Foreign Donation in Democracies

M.A., Political Science, Pennsylvania State University, PA, United States May 2024
[Thesis] Framing Democracy: China's Propaganda and Its Influence on Taiwanese Democratic Perceptions.

M.A., Political Science, National Taiwan University, Taipei, Taiwan Jan 2021
[Thesis] How International Linkages Shape the Transition of Democracy in Competitive Authoritarianism? An ICEWS Database Analysis (1995-2018).

B.A., Political Science, National Cheng Kung University, Tainan, Taiwan 2013 - 2017

ACADEMIC TRAINING

Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM), Collegio Carlo Alberto, Turin, Italy Jun 2019
Europe Summer Institute 2019 “New Developments in Designs and Methods in Survey Research”

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Comparative Authoritarianism, Democratization, East Asian Politics, Applied Quantitative Methods.

CONFERENCE

Conference of the Taiwan and Asia Program. University of South Carolina (Virtual) 2021
The Political Science Graduate Symposium. University of South Carolina 2025
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference. Chicago IL, USA 2025
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Vancouver BC, Canada 2025

PUBLICATION

Yu-Tzung Chang, Huan-Kai Tseng, and YiMin Huang. (2022) “Application of Online Survey Methods in Social Science: A Case Study of the National Taiwan University websurvey.” (Chinese) *Humanities and Social Sciences Newsletter Quarterly*. 23(4):47-54

GRANTS & AWARDS

Pennsylvania State University

- Research and Graduate Studies Office Dissertation Support 2026
- Paterno Graduate Fellowship 2025
- Program in Comparative Politics (PiCP) Fellowship 2024
- Summer Graduate Research Award 2024–2026
- Best Political Science Master's Essay Award 2023–2024
- PiCP Graduate Research Award for International Research and Travel 2023-2024

University of South Carolina

- Richard L. Walker Best Paper Award 2025

Ministry of Education, Taiwan

– Taiwan Government Fellowship for Studying Abroad

2025-2026

EXPERIENCE / SERVICE

Reviewer

Security Studies

2024

United States

Research Assistant

Professor Sona N. Golder, Pennsylvania State University

Summer, 2024

Associate Professor Cyanne E. Loyle, Pennsylvania State University

Spring, 2024

Deliberative Democracy Lab, Stanford University

Dec 2022 - May 2024

Asian Barometer, National Taiwan University

Nov 2017 - Jun 2022

Teaching Assistant

Department of Political Science, Pennsylvania State University

Aug 2022 - Dec 2025

PA, United States

- **Prof. Bumba Mukherjee**

- PLSC 497 Analysis of War, Repression and Development (Fall 2023)

- **Asst. Prof. Giancarlo Visconti**

- PLSC 498 Causal Inference (Fall 2023)

- **Prof. Matt Golder**

- PLSC 3 Comparing Politics around the Globe (Fall 2022, Spring 2023, Fall 2025)

Teaching Assistant

Department of Political Science, National Taiwan University

Feb 2018 - Jan 2021

Taipei, Taiwan

- **A.P. Roger Schoenman**

- International Political Economy (Graduate)(English)(Fall 2020)

- **Prof. Yu-tzung Chang**

- Teacher Internship in Civics and Social Sciences (Teacher Education Program)(Fall 2020)

- Theories of Comparative Politics (Undergraduate)(Fall 2020)

- The Political Economy of Development in Taiwan (Undergraduate)(Spring 2019 & 2018)

- Seminar on Big Data Analytics (Graduate)(Fall 2018)

- **Asst. Prof. Hsuan-Wei Lee**

- Computational Social Science (Graduate)(Spring 2020)

- Seminar on Games Theory for Political Science (Graduate)(Fall 2019)

- Seminar on Social and Economic Networks (Graduate)(Spring 2019)

- **Asst. Prof. Huan-Kai Tseng**

- Introduction to Statistical Learning (Graduate)(English)(Spring 2020)

Secretary Assistant

Chinese Association of Political Science, CAPS

Jan 2018 - Jan 2020

Taipei, Taiwan

Al Jazeera Documentary Researcher

“[Taiwan: Spies, Lies and Cross-straits Ties](#)”, Al Jazeera

Aug 2017 - Sep 2018

Taipei, Taiwan

LANGUAGES & SKILLS

Programming

Python, SPSS, R, $\text{\LaTeX}$, STATA, Tableau

Language

Mandarin (native), Taiwanese (native), English (fluent)

REFERENCES

Joseph Wright (advisor), Professor, Department of Political Science, Pennsylvania State University

Eric Plutzer, Liberal Arts Professor, Department of Political Science, Pennsylvania State University

Boliang Zhu, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Pennsylvania State University

Daniel Tavana, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Pennsylvania State University