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## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENTS

Visiting Assistant Professor at Trinity University, January 2019- Present  
Adjunct Professor at University of North Texas, August 2017 - December 2018

## EDUCATION

**Ph.D.**, University of North Texas, May 2017  
Major Field: Comparative Politics  
Minor Field: International Relations  
Third Field: Political Methodology

### **Dissertation**

Title: Protests in China: Why and Which Chinese People Go to the Street  
Committee: T. David Mason (co-chair), Philip Paolino (co-chair), John Ishiyama, Ko Maeda

### **Abstract**

Given that China is not a democracy but is still sensitive to protest, my research question is why and under which circumstances do Chinese people engage in protests. In addition to the widely used relative deprivation theory, my dissertation project focuses the grievances of individuals, the incentive for them to participate in protests, and their capacities to overcome the collective action problem. By taking the factors that facilitate or impede the protest participation of Chinese people, the empirical findings of my dissertation suggest that in China, 1) workers are more likely than peasants to participate in protests, 2) workers of township and village enterprises are more likely than workers of state-owned enterprises to participate in protest, 3) migrant workers are less likely than urban registered workers to participate in protests.

**MA**, 2006 Political Science, National Chengchi University, Taiwan

**BA**, 2003 Political Science, National Chengchi University, Taiwan

### **Additional Training**

Courses: “Advanced Topics on Maximum Likelihood Estimation” and “Causal Inference” at Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), University of Michigan, Summer 2013.

## TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Protest Participation. Chinese Politics and Government. East Asian Security. Authoritarian Regime Studies. Comparative Politics. International Politics. Political Research Methods.

## RESEARCH

### Publications

- Chen, Yen-Hsin, 2022, “China’s Foreign Policy Towards Africa, 1949-2020.” In *Africa-China-Taiwan Relations, 1949-2020*, Edited by Sabella O. Abidde, Lexington Book. (forthcoming)
- Chen, Yen-Hsin, Philip Paolino, and T. David Mason, 2021, “Who Protest and Why Hierarchical Government Trust and Protest Participation in China”, *Journal of East Asian Studies*, Volume 21, Issue 3. (forthcoming)

### Revise and Resubmit

- Chen, Yen-Hsin, and T. David Mason, “To Protest or Not to Protest: Migrant Worker Participation in Protests in China”, *Japanese Journal of Political Science*.
- Chen, Yen-Hsin, and T. David Mason, “Protest Participation in China: Variations across Segments of the Workforce”, *The Social Science Journal*.

### Selected Working Papers

- China’s Investment in Africa: Does Money Buy You Friends
- Fighting Against Your Regime? Peasant and Worker Protests in China
- Economic Inequality and Political Beliefs in China. (with Christopher Macaulay)
- Social Change, Relative Deprivation, and Protest Participations in East Asian Societies.
- A Risk-Aversion Explanation on the Choice of National Identity: New Evidence from Taiwan. (with Wei-Feng Tzeng)

### Conference Presentations

- Chen, Yen-Hsin, 2021, “Economic Situations and Support for Authoritarian Values: The Evidence from Fourteen Asian Societies”, Annual Meeting of Midwest Political Science Association (virtual presentation).
- Cheng, Su-Feng, Wan-Ying Yang, and Yen-Hsin Chen, 2020, “Political Trust, Hierarchical Trust, and Protest Participation: Evidence from Taiwan, China, and Hong Kong”, Japanese Association of Electoral Studies Annual Conference (online presentation).
- Chen, Yen-Hsin, 2019, “Who Protest and Why? Explaining Protest in China”, Annual Meeting of American Association for Chinese Studies.
- Chen, Yen-Hsin, and T. David Mason, 2018, “Who Protests in China? A Comparison between Different Types of Workers”, Peace Science Society International North American Meeting.
- Chen, Yen-Hsin, 2017, “Protests in China: A Comparison between Workers and Peasants”, Annual Meeting of Midwest Political Science Association.
- Macaulay, Christopher, and Yen-Hsin Chen, 2017, “Economic Inequality and Political Beliefs in China”, Annual Meeting of Midwest Political Science Association.
- Chen, Yen-Hsin, 2016, “Protest in China: A Comparison between Migrant Workers and Urban Workers”, Annual Meeting of American Political Science Association.
- Chen, Yen-Hsin, and Jinrui Xi, 2016, “Why do Chinese Citizens Resort to Protest? An Explanation of the Difference of Political Trust in Governments”, Annual Meeting of Southern Political Science Association.
- Chen, Yen-Hsin, 2015, “Why do Chinese Citizens Resort to Protest? An Explanation from Relative Deprivation Theory”, Annual Meeting of Midwest Political Science Association.

- Tzeng, Wei-Feng, and Yen-Hsin Chen, 2014, “A Risk-Aversion Explanation on the Choice of National Identity: The Evidence from Taiwan”, Annual Meeting of Western Political Science Association.
- Chen, Yen-Hsin, and Wei-Feng Tzeng, 2014, “The Impact of Electoral System Change on Citizens' Political Efficacy: New Evidence from Taiwan”, Annual Meeting of Midwest Political Science Association.
- Yu, Ching-Hsin, and Yen-Hsin Chen, 2006, “Principles for Reapportionment: Taking the Degree of Competition into Account, The Development and Challenge of Democracy.

### **Research Assistantships**

John Ishiyama, UNT: Summer 2015

Jacqueline DeMeritt and Tony E. Carey, Jr., UNT: Spring 2014

T. David Mason, UNT: Fall 2013 and Spring 2014

Election Study Center, National Chengchi University: Fall 2003 to Spring 2006

## **TEACHING**

### **Course Instructor**

Fall 2021 at Trinity University: War and Alliance

Fall 2021 at Trinity University: Chinese Foreign Policy

Fall 2021 at Trinity University: International Politics

Summer 2021 at Trinity University: International Politics

Spring 2021 at Trinity University: East Asian Security

Spring 2021 at Trinity University: International Politics (two sections)

Fall 2020 at Trinity University: Chinese Foreign Policy

Fall 2020 at Trinity University: International Politics (two sections)

Summer 2020 at Trinity University: International Politics

Spring 2020 at Trinity University: East Asian Security

Spring 2020 at Trinity University: International Politics (two sections)

Fall 2019 at Trinity University: Chinese Foreign Policy

Fall 2019 at Trinity University: International Politics (two sections)

Summer 2019 at Trinity University: International Politics

Spring 2019 at Trinity University: International Politics of East Asia

Spring 2019 at Trinity University: International Politics (two sections)

Fall 2018 at University of North Texas: Introduction to Peace Studies

Fall 2018 at University of North Texas: Introduction to Political Research

Spring 2018 at University of North Texas: International Relations

Spring 2018 at University of North Texas: Introduction to Political Research

Fall 2017 at University of North Texas: The Politics of East Asia

Fall 2017 at University of North Texas: Introduction to Political Research

Fall 2014 at University of North Texas: Introduction to Political Research

### **Teaching Assistantships**

Introduction to Political Research, UNT: Spring 2013, Fall 2013, and Summer 2014

American Government: Laws and Institutions, UNT: Fall 2012, Spring 2013, Fall 2014, Spring 2015, Fall 2015, Spring 2016, Fall 2016, and Spring 2017

American Government: Process and Policies, UNT: Spring 2011, Fall 2011, Spring 2012, Summer 2013, and Spring 2016

### **Guest Lectures**

- “The U.S. Constitution”, American Government: Laws and Institutions (for Dr. Paul Hensel, UNT), Fall 2016
- “Civil Right”, American Government: Laws and Institutions (for Dr. Kimi King, UNT), Spring 2015.
- “Foreign Policy”, American Government: Process and Policies (for Alisa Cameron, UNT), Summer 2013.

### **GRANTS AND AWARDS**

Summer Graduate Student Research Award, 2013  
USC Scholarship for Continue Students, Federal Aid Year 2011-2012  
Academic Achievement, Federal Aid Year 2010-2011

### **ACADEMIC ASSOCIATIONS**

American Political Science Association  
Midwest Political Science Association  
Southern Political Science Association  
American Association for Chinese Studies

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Taiwan Democracy Symposium: Taiwan Elections in 2016 and Beyond, University of Texas at Dallas, 2016

## REFERENCES

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