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## 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 Streets

Committee: T. David Mason (co-chair), Phil 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**

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

## TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Protest participation, Chinese politics, Asian politics and governments, Authoritarian regime, Comparative politics, Migrant workers, Political research methods

## RESEARCH

### Under Review

“Why do Chinese Citizens Resort to Protest? An Explanation from Relative Deprivation Theory.”

### Working Papers

“Who Protests? Explaining Chinese Protests by Hierarchical Trust.” (with Jinrui Xi)

### Conference Presentations

“Protests in China: A Comparison between Workers and Peasants.” Annual Meeting of Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, 2017

“Economic Inequality and Political Beliefs in China.” (with Christopher Macaulay) Annual Meeting of Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, 2017

“Protest in China: A Comparison between Migrant Workers and Urban Workers.” Annual Meeting of American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 2016

“Why do Chinese Citizens Resort to Protest? An Explanation of the Difference of Political Trust in Governments.” (with Jinrui Xi) Annual Meeting of Southern Political Science Association, San Juan, Puerto Rico, 2016

“Why do Chinese Citizens Resort to Protest? An Explanation from Relative Deprivation Theory.” Annual Meeting of Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, 2015

“A Risk-Aversion Explanation on the Choice of National Identity: The Evidence from Taiwan.” (with Wei-Feng Tzeng) Annual Meeting of Western Political Science Association, Seattle, Washington, 2014

“The Impact of Electoral System Change on Citizens' Political Efficacy: New Evidence from Taiwan.” (with Wei-Feng Tzeng) Annual Meeting of Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, 2014

“Principles for Reapportionment: Taking the Degree of Competition into Account.” (with Ching-Hsin Yu) The Development and Challenge of Democracy, Taipei, Taiwan, 2006

### Research Assistantships

John Ishiyama, UNT: Summer 2015

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

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

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

## TEACHING

### Course Taught

Introduction to Political Research, UNT: Fall 2014

### Teaching Assistantships

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

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

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

### Guest Lectures

“The U.S. Constitution”, American Government: Laws and Institutions (for Paul Hensel), Fall 2016

“Civil Right”, American Government: Laws and Institutions (for Kimi King), Spring 2015.

“Foreign Policy”, American Government: Process and Policies (for Alisa Cameron), 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

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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

## REFERENCES

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