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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Visiting Assistant Professor at Trinity University since Spring 2019
Adjunct Professor at University of North Texas, Fall 2017, Spring 2018, and Fall 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), 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 Studies. Comparative Politics. International Relations. Political Research Methods

RESEARCH

R&R

“To Do or Not to Do: A Study of Migrant Worker Protests in Contemporary China”

Under Review

“Economic Inequality and Political Beliefs in China.” (with Christopher Macaulay)

“Who Does It? Explaining Protest in China by Hierarchical Trust.” (with Jinrui Xi)

Working Papers

“Who Protests in China? A Comparison between Different Types of Workers. ” (with T. David Mason)

“Social Change, Relative Deprivation Theory, and Protest Actions in Contemporary China.”

“Risk Averse or Risk Acceptant? Political Beliefs in China”

“Why do You Believe You Can Make Differences? A Comparison between Chinese and Taiwanese”

“A Risk-Aversion Explanation on the Choice of National Identity: New Evidence from Taiwan” (with Wei-Feng Tzeng)

Conference Presentations

“Who Protests in China? A Comparison between Different Types of Workers. ” (with T. David Mason) Peace Science Society International North American Meeting, Austin, Texas, 2018

“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 Instructor

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, 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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