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## Education

University of California, San Diego; Department of Political Science, Ph.D. 2007; Dissertation:  
*Meshing Motivations: Individual and Collective Action in the Taiwanese Legislature.*  
Committee: Gary Cox (chair), Richard Madsen (sociology), Mathew McCubbins, Susan Shirk,  
Matthew Shugart.  
National Chengchi University; M.A., Political Science 1999; Advisor: I-chou Liu.  
Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH; A.B. 1992. Double major: Asian Studies and Mathematics.

## Appointments

Assistant Professor of Political Science, School of International Studies, University of the Pacific  
(9/06-present)  
Dissertation Fellow, Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange  
(7/04-7/05).  
Visiting Scholar, Department of Political Science, National Taiwan University (9/03-6/04).

## Honors

Outstanding Masters Thesis on Election Studies, 2000. Awarded by the Election Study Center,  
National Chengchi University.

## Journal Publications

“Electoral Strategy, Committee Membership, and Rent-Seeking in the Taiwanese Legislature,  
1992 – 2001.” *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 30,1 (2005): 43-62.  
“Geographical Voting Bases and the Stability of Candidates’ Voter Coalitions, 1989 – 1998.”  
*Xuanju Yanjiu* (Journal of Electoral Studies) 8,1 (2001): 211-247.

## Other Papers

*Xuanju Dipan: Houxuanren Piaoyuan Ningju Chengdu zhi Fenxi* (Electoral Bases: The  
Concentration of Candidates’ Vote Coalitions). 1999. Masters Thesis, Department of Political  
Science, National Chengchi University.  
“Stacking the Committees: Assuring Majority Control of Committee Hearings in the Taiwanese  
Legislature.” Presented at the International Conference on Political Center or Periphery:  
Legislatures & Parliaments in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, Soochow University, Taipei, July 7-8, 2006.  
“Getting Bills through the Committee Stage in the Taiwanese Legislature.” Presented at the 2006  
Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago, Apr. 20-23,  
2006.  
“Providing Cover: Party Loyalty and Disloyalty in the Taiwanese Legislature.” Presented at the  
2005 Annual Conference of the American Political Science Association in Washington D.C.,

Sept. 1-4, 2005.

“Providing Cover: Party Loyalty and Disloyalty in the Taiwanese Legislature.” Presented at the London School of Oriental and African Studies Workshop on Taiwanese Political Parties in London, July 5-6, 2005.

“The Adverse Consequences of Trust in Government.” Presented at the 2005 Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago, Apr. 7-10, 2005.

“The Government’s Bulldozer: The Adverse Consequences of Trust in Government.” Presented at the 2003 Taiwan Election and Democratization Study Conference in Taipei, Sept. 25-6, 2004.

“Electoral Strategy and Rent-Seeking in the Taiwanese Legislature, 1992 – 2001.” Presented at the Conference on Electoral Politics in Taiwan at the University of South Carolina, April 11-13, 2003.

“From Surveys to Votes: Strategic Voting in the 2000 Taiwanese Presidential Election.” Presented at the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference of the American Association for Chinese Studies at the University of San Francisco, October 28-29, 2000.

“Geographical Voting Bases and the Stability of Candidates’ Voter Coalitions, 1989 – 1998.” Presented at the Annual Conference of the Taiwanese Political Science Association at National Taiwan University, December 1999.

## **Works in Progress**

“Strategic Defections from Strong Candidates in the 2004 Taiwanese Legislative Election.”

“Are Committees in the Taiwanese Legislature Important?”

“Large Party Hegemony in SNTV: Testing Japanese Theories with Taiwanese Data.”

## **Research Activities**

Assistant Program Manager, East Asia Barometer (9/03 – 6/04).

Research Assistant for Samuel Popkin (6/01-9/01).

Research Assistant for Yun-han Chu on the East Asia Barometer survey project (6/00 – 8/00).

Research Assistant for Larry Diamond and the National Endowment for Democracy (8/98-5/99).

Research Assistant for Larry Diamond and Yun-han Chu on project investigating the consolidation of democracy in Taiwan (9/97 – 8/98).

Research Assistant, Election Study Center, National Chengchi University (9/95 – 7/99).

Informal activities: Observed every election in Taiwan from 11/92 to 5/00. Attended over 100 political rallies for candidates from all parties at all levels of politics. Conducted over 50 face-to-face interviews for academic surveys. Interviewed over 30 political elites, including mayors, party workers, and legislators.

## **Teaching Experience**

Courses taught: Politics of Asia (fall 2006), Introduction to Political Science (spring 2007), International Research Methods (spring 2007), Contemporary World Issues (co-taught with Susan Sample and Laura Bathurst, fall 2006), The Political Consequences of Electoral Systems (co-taught with Henry Kim, spring 2005)

Teaching Assistant: Introduction to American Politics (spring 2003), Introduction to Comparative Politics (fall 2001, winter 2003), Advanced Statistics for the Social Sciences (spring 97 – spring 99)

Reader, The U.S. Congress (fall 2000), Vietnam: The Politics of Intervention (winter 2001), The

Politics of Multiculturalism (spring 2001), Introduction to Law and Society (winter 2002),  
Politics and Warfare (spring 2002, summer 2002), Voting, Campaigning, and Elections (fall  
2002)

English Language Teaching in Taiwan: Over 4 years of teaching at all ages and levels

**Languages**

Fluent in spoken and written Mandarin Chinese