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Assistant Professor, College of Social Science, 2022-Present

Atlantic Council

Non-Resident Research Fellow, Global China Hub 2023-Present

National Bureau of Asia Research

Non-Resident Research Fellow, 2023-Present

Harvard University

Postdoctoral Fellow, Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies, 2021-2022

National Taiwan University

Visiting Scholar, School of Social Sciences, 2019-2021

Education:**University of California, Irvine**

Ph.D. in Political Science, 2021

Dissertation:

“Movement Party Formation in Contested States: Taiwan’s Post-Sunflower Movement Parties”

Committee:

Jeffrey Kopstein (Chair), Sara Goodman, Yang Su, Samantha Vortherms, Jeffrey Wasserstrom

Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies – Nanjing University

M.A. in International Studies (with Honors), 2016

University of Puget Sound

B.A. in Economics, East Asian Languages, 2014

Publications:

Books:

“Movement Parties in Contested States: Taiwan’s Post-Sunflower Movement Political Parties”
Under contract, University of Washington Press

“Taiwan: Beyond a Flashpoint”
Under contract, Agenda Publishing

Peer Reviewed Articles:

“Routine Problems: Movement Party Institutionalization and the Case of Taiwan’s New Power Party.” *Studies in Comparative International Development*. 2023.

“How China Divides the Transnational Left: Competing Transnational Left-Wing Alternative Media on Twitter and Contemporary Chinese Politics.” With Adrian Rauchfleisch and Brian Hioe. *Media and Communications*. 10, no. 3 (2022)

“A Red Flag for Participation: The Effects of Chinese Mainlandization on Political Behavior in Hong Kong.” With Nathan Chan and Chit Wai John Mok. *Political Research Quarterly* Volume 74, no. 1 (2020) ~ *Lead article*

“Misalignment Between Social Movements and Political Parties in Taiwan’s 2016 Election: Not All Grassroots are Green.” *Asian Survey* 58, no. 5 (2018)

Book Chapters:

“Active Democracy: How Political Activists and Ordinary Citizens Support Democracy in Taiwan.” with Hannah June Kim in Khatharya Um and Chiharu Takenaka (eds) *Globalization and Civil Society in East Asian Space*. Routledge, 2022.

“Taiwan’s COVID-19 Success: A Lifeline for its Higher Education Sector?” With Eric Layman in Ryan Allen’s *Routledge Studies on Global Student Mobility, STAR Scholar Book Series* (2022): 11-24.

“From Sunflowers to Suits: How Spatial Openings Affect Movement Party Formation.” In Thomas Gold and Sebastian Veg (eds) *Sunflowers and Umbrellas: Social Movements, Expressive Practices, and Political Culture in Taiwan and Hong Kong*. University of California Press, 2020.

Book Reviews:

“The Shocks Heard (and Not Heard) Around the World: A Review of “How China Escaped the Poverty Trap” and “June 4th.” *Los Angeles Review of Books* (2021).

“The Umbrella Movement: Civil Resistance and Contentious Space in Hong Kong.” Edited by Ma Ngok and Edmund Chung. *Asian Journal of Social Science* (2020).

“Challenging Beijing's Mandate of Heaven: Taiwan's Sunflower Movement and Hong Kong's Umbrella Movement.” By Ming-sho Ho. *Journal of Asian Studies* 78, no. 4 (2019).

Other Publications:

"The State of the Field of Global Taiwan Studies Institutions: A Time for Optimism or Pessimism?" With Dafydd Fell, Gunter Schubert, Sung-sheng Yvonne Chang, Rawnsley Ming-yeh, and Kharis Templeman. *International Journal of Taiwan Studies* 1, no. 2 (2018).

Fellowships and Awards:

National Science and Technology Council New Faculty Research Grant, 2022

Stimson Center Research Grant, 2021

Smith Richardson Foundation Research Grant, 2020

Fulbright Research Fellowship, 2019-2020

Lewis and Clark Fund for Exploration and Field Research, 2019

Global Taiwan Institute Research Scholarship, 2019-2020

Long Institute Graduate Research Grant, 2017, 2018, 2019

Center for Global Peace and Conflict Studies Graduate Research Grant, 2018, 2019, 2020

Center for the Study of Democracy Research Grant, 2018, 2019, 2020

UC Irvine Center for Asian Studies Research Grant, 2018, 2019

Johns Hopkins University, Nanjing Fellowship 2014, 2015, 2016

Select Conference Presentations:

"Variation in State Capacity during a Pandemic: The Case of Taiwan's COVID-19 Response" Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference, March 2023

"A Desperate Act of Democracy: Mainlandization and Voter Turnout in Hong Kong" American Political Science Association Annual Conference, October 2021

"A Red Flag for Participation: The Effects of Chinese Mainlandization on Political Behavior in Hong Kong." 2019 Hong Kong Studies Association Conference, Hong Kong University, June 26, 2019.

"Active Democracy: How Political Activists and Ordinary Citizens Support Democracy." 2019 North American Taiwan Studies Association Conference, University of Washington, May 18th, 2019.

“From Sunflowers to Suits: How Spatial Openings Effect Movement Party Formation.” The Third World Congress of Taiwan Studies. September 6-8, 2018.

“The Sunflower and Umbrella Movements in Comparative Perspective.” Sunflowers and Umbrellas: Social Movements, Expressive Practices, and Political Culture in Taiwan and Hong Kong. University of California, Berkeley, March 16-17, 2018.

Select Invited Talks:

“Political Protest in Taiwan and Hong Kong Compared” Guest Lecture for Professor Yi-lin Chiang, National Chengchi University, March, 2023

“Taiwan’s Local Elections” National Taiwan University (In Mandarin) November, 2022

“Taiwan Politics at a Crossroads” Guest Lecture for Professor Adam Webb, Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies August, 2022

“Navigating Taiwanese Politics” Guest Lecture for Professor Lotus Perry, University of Puget Sound, October 29th, 2021

“Did it Work? Sunflower and Umbrella Movement Outcomes” Guest Lecture for Professor Ginna Tam, Trinity University, October 26th, 2021

“Pandemics, Protests, and Warplanes: New Analysis on Taiwanese Public Opinion and Political Participation.” With Shelley Rigger, Nathan Chan, and John Mok. Stimson Center, June 18th, 2021

“Everything in Moderation: The DPP’s Role in Post-Sunflower Movement Party Formation.” Fall Speaker Series, Academia Sinica Center for Humanities and Social Science Research, December 04th, 2020

“Cross-Strait Relations in 2020” Guest Lecture for Professor Michael Chase, October 6th, 2020

“Taiwan and China in 2020: What Might Come Next?” with Shelley Rigger and Carl Minzner, June 5th, 2020

“An Introduction to Qualitative Research Methods” Guest Lecturer for Professor Adrian Rauchfleisch, May 31, 2020

“May Fourth at 100: Reflections on a Movement that Changed China” with Jeffrey Wasserstrom and Teresa Wright, May 3, 2019

“Winning Power: China’s National Disintegration and Civil War” Guest Lecturer for Professor Samantha Vortherms, April 12, 2019

“An Introduction to Taiwan and Cross-Strait Politics” Guest Lecturer for Professor Bob Uriu, March 12, 2018

Teaching:

Primary Instructor:

Introduction to Global Studies, NCCU, 2022

Asian Pacific Regional Development, NCCU, 2022

Political Sociology, NCCU, 2023

Contemporary Foreign Policy in the Asia Pacific, NCCU, 2023

Teaching Assistant:

Introduction to Comparative Politics, with Samantha Vortherms, Winter 2019

Jews and Power, with Jeffrey Kopstein, UC Irvine Spring, 2018

International Relations of East Asia, with Bob Uriu, UC Irvine Winter, 2018

Introduction to Comparative Politics, with Kamal Sadiq, UC Irvine Spring 2017

Introduction to International Relations Theory, with Bob Uriu, UC Irvine Fall 2016

Service:

Los Angeles Review of Books, Editorial Assistant 2018-2021

North American Taiwan Studies Association Program Assistant 2019-2021

UC Irvine Graduate – Faculty Liaison 2018-2019

Select Public Outreach:

Last Week Tonight with John Oliver: Taiwan October, 2021 – Consultant

“How Are People Feeling in the “Most Dangerous Place on Earth?” *Brookings Institute* October 4th, 2021

“Taiwanese Are Sympathetic but Uncertain About Hong Kong Refugees.” *Foreign Policy*. August 5th, 2021.

“No, Taiwan’s President is Not Pro-Independence.” *The Diplomat*. April 23rd, 2020

“Taiwan’s Voters Show How to Beat Populism.” *Foreign Policy*. January 13th, 2020.

“How Fears of Mainlandization Fuel Hong Kong’s Mass Protests.” *Washington Post*. July 7th, 2019.

Select Media Appearances:

“Defying China, US House leader and Taiwan president present a united front” *CNN* April 6th, 2023

“Taiwan’s Local Elections: 2022” *Bloomberg* November 31, 2022

“Is Taiwan Next?” *New York Times* August 4th, 2021

“US, Taiwan, to Launch Trade Talks” *Wall Street Journal* June 8th, 2021

“Hong Kong Activists Confront their Trump Dilemma” *The Washington Post* January 15th, 2021

“Taiwan’s Transparent Virus Response Born Out of 1990 Protests” *Nikkei Asia* March 17th, 2020

“Xi Jinping Warns Taiwanese Independence is a Dead End” *CNN* January 2nd, 2019

Foreign Languages:

Mandarin (Fluent), Japanese (Intermediate), Cantonese (Beginner), Taiwanese Hokkien (Beginner)

References:

Jeffrey Kopstein (Chair); Professor, Department of Political Science, University of California, Irvine; kopstein@uci.edu

Sara Goodman; Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, University of California, Irvine; s.goodman@uci.edu

Samantha Vortherms; Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of California, Irvine; s.vortherms@uci.edu

Yang Su; Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, University of California, Irvine; su.yang@uci.edu

Jeffrey Wasserstrom; Chancellor’s Professor of History, Department of History, University of California, Irvine; jwassers@uci.edu