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Academic Appointment

2024 - Associate Political Scientist, RAND Corporation
2024 - Associate Professor (with tenure)
2018 - 2024 Assistant Professor
Department of Political Science, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Education

2012 - 2018 Ph.D., Political Science (Political Behavior and Method), Duke University
2009 – 2012 Master of Art, Political Science, National Taiwan University
2005 - 2009 Bachelor of Science, Electrical Engineering, National Taiwan University
Minor in Political Science - Public Administration

Academic Publications

- **Peer-reviewed journal article**

- Wang, A. H. E. 2026. [Political Opportunity Structure Conditions the Legacy of Political Violence](#). *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 70(1), 90-114.
- Wang, A. H. E., Carter, D., Benjelloun, N., Banerjee, D., & Cervantes, S. 2026. [Polarized by Moderates](#). *Social Science Research*, 134, 103281.
- Wang, A. H. E. 2026. [Unconditional cash transfer and polarized support](#). *International Political Science Review* Online First.
- Cox, J., & Wang, A. H. E. 2026. [Asymmetric blame-shifting in the era of globalization](#). *European Political Science*, 1-19.
- Jung, Y. H., & Horng-En Wang, A. 2025. “[Diversifying channels or diversifying information? Panel data analysis of polarization in the contentious pension reform](#)”. *Information, Communication & Society*, 1-23.
- Kowal, M., Sorokowski, P., Gjoneska, B., Pisanski, K., Pfuhl, G., Aguilar, L., ... & Zumárraga-Espinosa, M. (2025). [Cross-cultural data on romantic love and mate preferences from 117,293 participants across 175 countries](#). *Scientific Data*, 12(1), 1103.
- Wang, A. H., Yao-Yuan Yeh, Fang-Yu Chen, and Charles K.S. Wu. 2024. “[Strategic Ambiguity, Strategic Clarity, and Dual Clarity](#)” *Foreign Policy Analysis* Online First.
- Wang, A. H., Yao-Yuan Yeh, Fang-Yu Chen, and Charles K.S. Wu. 2024. “[Undertow in Taiwan: Nationalism and Calculation of the cross-strait Relations \(2002-2022\)](#)” *Public Opinion Quarterly* Online First
- Wang, A. H. E., Wu, C. K., Chen, F. Y., & Yeh, Y. Y. 2024. “[Taiwanese Support for Self-Defense after the Russo-Ukrainian War](#).” *Asian Survey*, 64(5), 756-780.
- Chang, Herbert, Austin H. Wang, and Yu Sunny Fang. 2024. “[US-Skepticism: Misinformation and Transnational Conspiracy in the 2024 Taiwanese Presidential Elections](#)” *HKS Misinformation Review* Online First.

- Wang, A. H., and Darrell Carter. 2024. [“Past is Present: Underestimating Contemporary Reprisal in the Legacy of Political Violence”](#) *Political Science* 76(2-3), 224-234.
- Kowal, M. et al. 2024. [“Validation of the short version \(TLS-15\) of the Triangular Love Scale \(TLS-45\) across 37 Languages.”](#) *Archives of sexual behavior*, 53(2), 839-857.
- Wang, A. H. 2023. [“Who are the Non-separable Voters?”](#) *Electoral Studies* Online First
- Wang, A. H., Yao-Yuan Yeh, Fang-Yu Chen, and Charles K.S. Wu. 2023. [“High-level Visit and National Security Policy: Evidence from A Quasi-Experiment in Taiwan”](#) *International Interactions* Online First.
- Blackburn et al. 2023. [“Mediation analysis of conspiratorial thinking and anti-expert sentiments on vaccine willingness.”](#) *Health Psychology* Online First
- Chen, Fang-Yu, A. H. Wang, Yao-Yuan Yeh, and Charles K.S. Wu. 2003. [“The Multiverse of Taiwan’s Future: Reconsidering the Independence–Unification \(Tondue\) Attitudes”](#) *Political Studies Review* Online First.
- Wang, A. H., Yao-Yuan Yeh, Charles K.S. Wu, and Fang-Yu Chen. 2023. [“Why does Taiwan Identity Decline?”](#) *Journal of Asian and African Studies* Accepted.
- Meskó et al. 2023. [“Exploring Attitudes Toward “Sugar Relationships” Across 87 Countries: A Global Perspective on Exchanges of Resources for Sex and Companionship”](#) *Archives of Sexual Behavior* Online First.
- Darrell Carter, Maddison Westcott, Ruth Boitel, and Austin Wang. 2023. [“Puppet Anchor and China’s YouTube Information Operation”](#) *Taiwan Politics* Online First.
- Wang, Austin H., and Nadia Eldemerdash. 2022. [“National Identity, Willingness to Fight, and Collective Action”](#) *Journal of Peace Research* Online First.
- Wang, Austin H. 2022. [“PM me the Truth? The Conditional Effectiveness of Fact-checks across Social Media Sites.”](#) *Social Media + Society* Online First. (Quoted by New York Times in 2023)
- Wu, C. K., Yeh, Wang, A. H., Yeh, Y., and Chen, F. Y. 2022. [“Public Support for the Use of Force in Non-Western and Non-Major Powers \(NWNM\): The Case of a China-Taiwan War.”](#) *International Political Science Review* Online First.
- Kowal et al. 2022. [“Predictors of Enhancing Human Physical Attractiveness: Data from 93 Countries.”](#) *Evolution and Human Behavior* Online First.
- Wang, A. H., Yao-Yuan Yeh, Fang-Yu Chen, and Charles K.S. Wu. 2022 [“Media Literacy and Partisan Convergence across Social network sites”](#) *Social Science Journal* Online First.
- Cheng, C. C., Wu, Harry, Yeh, M.J., and Wang, A. H. 2022. [“Comparing stress and behavioral coping strategies during the early stages of the COVID-19 crisis among domestic and overseas Taiwanese”](#) *Scientific Reports* 12: 11613 (2022)
- Lieberoth et al. 2021. [Stress and worry in the 2020 coronavirus pandemic: relationships to trust and compliance with preventive measures across 48 countries in the COVIDiSTRESS global survey.](#) *Royal Society Open Science*, 8(2), 200589.
- Wang, Austin H., Yuan-Ning Chu, Fang-Yu Chen, and Ming-Jui Yeh. 2021. [“Sacrifice for the mandate of heaven? Regression discontinuity of death penalty execution in Taiwan.”](#) *Social Science Journal* Online first.
- Wang, Austin H, Puma Shen, Mg Lee, and Min-Hsuan Wu. 2020. [“Influencing Overseas Chinese by Tweets: Text-Images as the Key Tactic of Chinese Propaganda”](#) *Journal of*

Computational Social Science 3: 469-486.

- Kselman, Daniel, Emerson Niou, and Austin H Wang. 2020. [“Measuring ‘closeness’ in 3-candidate elections: Methodology and an application to strategic voting”](#) *Electoral Studies* 68: 102220.
- Hiko, Aly, and Austin H Wang. 2020. [“Out-of-Control COVID-19 Pandemic Hampers the Nationalism”](#) *Political Studies Review* 19 (2): 294-301.
- Wang, Austin H, Yao-Yuan Yeh, Fang-Yu Chen, and Charles K.S. Wu. 2020. [“The Non-Consensus 1992 Consensus.”](#) *Asian Politics & Policy* 13(2), 212-227.
- Wang, Austin H. 2020. [“Efficiency over Generosity? Evidence of Electoral Accountability from Typhoon Dayoff in Taiwan”](#) *Asian Journal of Political Science* 28 (1): 32-46.
- Wang, Austin H, Fei-Pei Lai, Fu-Shun Hsu, and Peter Shaojui Wang. 2020. [“Mobilizing Sophisticated Donors: What Candidate Facebook Posts Do Attract Intra- and Inter-district Donations?”](#) *Issues and Studies* 56 (4): 2050005.
- Wang, Austin H. 2020. [“Do social movements encourage young people to run for office? Evidence from the 2014 Sunflower Movement in Taiwan”](#) *Journal of Asian and African Studies* 55 (3): 317-329.
- Wang, Austin H. 2019. [“The Myth of Polarization among Taiwanese Voters: The Missing Middle”](#) *Journal of East Asian Studies* 19 (3): 275-287.
- Wang, Austin H. 2019. [“Patience, Dynamic of Protest, and Democratic Consolidation”](#) *European Political Science* 18:473–490
- Wang, Austin H, and Fang-Yu Chen. 2018. [“Extreme Candidates as the Beneficent Spoiler? Range Effect in the Plurality Voting System”](#) *Political Research Quarterly* 72(2), 278-292.
- Wang, Austin H. 2018. [“Patience Moderates the Social Cleavage in Demand for Redistribution”](#) *Social Science Research* 70: 18-27.
- Wang, Austin H. 2017. [“Patience as the Rational Foundation of Sociotropic Voting”](#) *Electoral Studies* 50: 15-25.
- Wang, Austin H. 2017. [“Waning Effect of China’s Carrot and Stick Policies toward Taiwanese People: Clamping down on Growing National Identity?”](#) *Asian Survey* 57 (3): 475-503.

- **Peer-reviewed policy report and book chapter**

- Wang, A. H. E., Lathrop, Emily, Chase, Michael S., and Marcellino, William. 2026. [The People's Liberation Army's Perspectives on Artificial Intelligence Highlighting Integration as Key to "Intelligentization" Goals.](#) *RAND Corporation*, Mar 14, 2026, Report PEA4574.
- Wang, A. H. E., & Siler-Evans, K. 2026. [U.S.-China Competition for Artificial Intelligence Markets.](#) *RAND Corporation*, Jan 14, 2026, Report RRA4355. (Quoted by USCC in 2026)
- Wang, Austin H. 2025. [“The war in Ukraine is influencing how Taiwanese think about conflict”.](#) Brookings Institute.
- Lin, Chia-Yu, and Austin H. Wang. 2025. [“How does TikTok shape the Preference for Cross-Strait Relationships in Taiwan?”](#) in *New Developments in the Trilateral Relationship between the United States, Taiwan, and China*. Publisher: Lexington Books.

- Wang, Austin H. 2024. "[AI-Generated Disinformation in the 2024 Taiwan Presidential Election](#)," eds Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom. Nov 11, 2024.
- Chen, F. Y., Wang, A., Wu, C. K., & Yeh, Y. Y. 2024. "[The COVID-19 Pandemic and Cross-Strait Relations](#)." In *Public Opinion, Policy Responses, and Party Politics under the COVID-19 Pandemic*, 149.
- Wang, Austin H. 2023. "[Politics in Taipei](#)" in *Encyclopedia of Taiwan Studies*, eds SOAS Centre of Taiwan Studies at the University of London.
- Wang, Austin H. 2023. "Qualitative and Quantitative Changes of Taiwan Studies in the political science discipline (1987-2022)" in [Political Science: The State of the Discipline: 20th Anniversary of IPSAS](#), eds. Wu et al. Publisher: Academia Sinica, Taiwan.
- Wang, Austin H., and Rauchfleisch, Adrian. 2022. "[Understanding the #MilkTeaAlliance Movement](#)." *2021-22 Wilson China Fellowship: Essays on China and U.S. Policy*.
- Wang, Austin H. 2020. "DPP in the Opposition" in Templeman, Kharis et al. (eds.) [Dynamics of Democracy in Taiwan: The Ma Ying-jeou Years, Chapter 3](#). London: Palgrave Macmillan.
- Wang, Austin H. 2015. "The Connection and Effectiveness of the iVoter in Taiwan's 2012 Legislative Election" in Liao, Da-chi et al. (eds.) [Political Behavior and Technology: Voting Advice Applications in East Asia](#), Chapter 7. London: Palgrave Macmillan.

Academic Honor and Award

- 2024, NSHE Regents' Rising Researcher Award (the first assistant professor in political science to receive this award in Nevada since 1993)
- 2022, UNLV COLA Summer Research Award, \$7500
- 2021, Wilson Center China Fellowship, \$20000
- 2020, Chiang Ching-Kao Foundation Scholarship, \$7100
- 2019, Global Taiwan Institute Scholarship (with Yao-Yuan Yeh), \$10000
- 2019, Small Grant Award, American Psychological Association, \$2000
- 2017, Global Taiwan Institute Scholarship, \$10000
- 2017, Chiu Scholarly Exchange Program for Taiwan Studies, \$5000, Ohio State University
- 2016, Kenneth E. and Marie J. Corey Research Enrichment Fund, \$1200, Michigan State University (with Fang-Yu Chen)
- 2016, Pope Family Fellowship Fund \$5200, Duke University
- 2016, Professor Chen Wen-Chen's Memorial Foundation 2016 Scholarship \$1700
- 2015 and 2016, Duke Program for the Study of Democracy, Institutions, and Political Economy (DIPE) Summer Fellowship. \$1800

Academic Contribution and Service

- **Consultant**

Consultant for the **Congressional and Executive Committee on China** on Artificial Intelligence, March 2026

Research on AI [quoted by the U.S. Congress - Economic and Security Review Commission](#), March 2026

Research on [cognitive warfare and espionage quoted by Reporters Without Borders](#), April 2026

Research on [cognitive warfare and espionage quoted by Taiwan's Legislative Yuan](#), February 2026

Research on [cognitive warfare and espionage quoted by testimony submitted to the German Bundestag](#), November 2025

Consultant for the **Fulbright National Screening Committee**, November 2025

Consultant for the **Congressional and Executive Committee on China** on Taiwan issues, June 2025

Consultant for the **U.S. Department of State** on misinformation, September 2022

Consultant for the **U.S. Department of State** on Taiwan politics, June 2022

Research on Taiwan's will to fight [quoted by the U.S. Congress - Economic and Security Review Commission](#), November 2021

Consultant for the **Human Rights Watch** on China politics, May 2022

Consultant for **V-Dem**, 2021-

- **Invited Talk**

["Willingness to Fight in Asymmetric Wars."](#), University of Texas at Austin, March 3, 2025

["Public Opinion in Taiwan and its implications to US-China-Taiwan relations"](#), The Sigur Center for Asian Studies, George Washington University, November 18, 2024.

"How the Large Language Model (LLM) may help advance quantitative studies", Academia Sinica, Taiwan, June 21, 2024.

"Fighting Against Cognitive Warfare: The case of Taiwan", Department of Communication, University of Washington, May 15, 2024.

["Taiwan's 2024 Presidential and Legislative Election: Trends from Polls and Election Results"](#), University of Saint Thomas at Houston, April 15, 2024.

"Taiwan's 2024 Presidential and Legislative Elections: Explanations and Implications", National University of Singapore, January 17, 2024.

["Taiwan's 2024 Presidential Election: Explanation of Public Opinions and Implications"](#), National University of Singapore, September 12, 2023.

"Of Facts and Freedom & Through the Looking Glass of U.S. - China relations", U.S. Embassy Singapore, Aug 15, 2023.

"Public Opinion on National Defense in Taiwan: One Year after the Ukraine Crisis", Hoover

Institute, Stanford University, May 22, 2023.

“[How The Ukraine Crisis Shapes Public Opinion In Taiwan & The World](#)”, Duke University, April 13, 2022.

“[How The Ukraine Crisis Shapes Taiwan’s Public Opinion — And Beyond](#)”, Hoover Institute, Stanford University, Oct 18, 2022.

“[Technology and the security of democratic societies](#)”, Brookings Institute, Sep 16, 2022

“Understanding the #MilkTeaAlliance”, Wilson Center China Fellowship 2022 Conference, Washington DC, Feb 16, 2022

“Dealing with $P > 0.05$,” Department of Political Science, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, November 8, 2021

“Making Fact-checking work,” Department of Political Science, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, March 25, 2021

“Misinformation and the Political Convergence Effect on Social Media,” National Chengchi University, Taipei, Taiwan, December 30, 2020

“Public Opinion in Taiwan,” Center on Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law at Stanford University, March 5, 2019

“Math and China History,” invited talk on Dr. Bhatnagar's History of Mathematics course (Math 314) at UNLV, February 27, 2019

“Gerrymandering Globally: comparing Taiwan and the U.S.” University of California, Berkeley, January 20, 2018

“DPP after 2016,” Center on Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law at Stanford University, September 4, 2017

“Tsai Ing-wen and the DPP: The Path Out of the Political Wilderness,” Center on Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law at Stanford University, March 9-10, 2017

- **Academic Service**

Coordinator, Conference Group on Taiwan Studies (CGOTS), American Political Science Association, 2022-2024, <http://www.apsacgots.org/>

Deputy Coordinator, Conference Group on Taiwan Studies (CGOTS), American Political Science Association, 2020-2022, <http://www.apsacgots.org/>

2016, Program Director, 2016 North American Taiwan Studies Association Annual Conference, June 10-11, Toronto, Canada.

2015, Program Coordinator, 2015 North American Taiwan Studies Association Annual Conference, June 12-13, Harvard University.

- **Journal Editor**

Editor, *Scientific Reports*, 2023 -, <https://www.nature.com/srep/about/editors>

Executive Editor, *Journal of Taiwan Politics*, 2023 -, <https://taiwanpolitics.org/>

- **Conference Hosting**

- 2024, Host, 2024 Annual Conference of the American Association for Chinese Studies (AACCS2024), October 4-6, University of Nevada, Las Vegas.
- 2022, Host, “Innovations in the Study of Taiwan Politics” virtual conference, sponsored by the Center For Taiwan Studies at the University of Texas, Austin.
- 2022, Host, “The Study of Taiwan Politics Overseas: The New Frontier” virtual conference, sponsored by the Center For Taiwan Studies at the University of Texas, Austin.
- 2020, Host, “US Taiwan relationship after the 2020 Presidential Election,” in the Department of Political Science at UNLV, sponsored \$2000 by Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in the U.S.

- **Reviewer of Academic Journal**

American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, Journal of Politics, Social Science Research, Electoral Studies, Asian Survey, The China Journal, Journal of Comparative Politics, Public Opinion Quarterly, Journal of Asian and African Studies, Nation and Nationalism, Government and Opposition, International Political Science Review, Asian Journal for Public Opinion Research, Issues & Studies, Journal of Contemporary China, Conflict Management and Peace Science, New Media and Society, Journal of Computational Social Science, Online Social Networks and Media, Information, Communication and Society, Asian Journal of Communication, Big Data & Society, Journal of Contemporary Asia, Taiwanese Journal of Electoral Studies, Taiwan Democracy Quarterly, PLOS ONE, Journal of Elections Public Opinion & Parties, Applied Economics, Asian Affairs, Chinese Journal of Communication, Pacific Affairs, Politics Groups and Identities, Cooperation and Conflict, Scientific Reports

Teaching Experience (Course Evaluation)

- 2024.01. – 2024.05. **Political Systems in East Asia** at UNLV. 4.75/5
- 2024.01. – 2024.05. **Research Method in Political Science** at UNLV. 4.41/5
- 2023.08. – 2023.12. **Comparative Politics (Graduate Level)** at UNLV. N/A
- 2023.08. – 2023.12. **Comparative Political Psychology** at UNLV. N/A
- 2023.01. – 2023.05. **Advanced Research Design and Methodology I (Graduate Level)** at UNLV. 4.70/5
- 2023.01. – 2023.05. **Research Method in Political Science** at UNLV. 4.70/5
- 2022.08. – 2022.12. **Political Systems in East Asia** at UNLV. 4.80/5
- 2022.08. – 2022.12. **Comparative Political Behavior (Graduate Level)** at UNLV. N/A
- 2022.01. – 2022.05. **Advanced Research Design and Methodology I (Graduate Level)** at UNLV. N/A
- 2022.01. – 2022.05. **Research Method in Political Science** at UNLV. 4.80/5
- 2021.08. – 2021.12. **Comparative Politics (Graduate Level)** at UNLV. N/A
- 2021.08. – 2021.12. **Comparative Political Psychology** at UNLV. 4.65/5
- 2021.01. – 2021.05. **Advanced Research Design and Methodology I (Graduate Level)** at UNLV. 4.89/5
- 2021.01. – 2021.05. **Research Method in Political Science** at UNLV. N/A

2020.08. – 2020.12. **Political Systems in East Asia** at UNLV. 4.62/5

2020.08. – 2020.12. **Comparative Politics (Graduate Level)** at UNLV. 4.66/5

2020.01. – 2020.05. **Comparative Political Behavior (Graduate Level)** at UNLV. N/A

2019.08. – 2019.12. **East Asia in World Politics** at UNLV. 4.85/5

2019.08. – 2019.12. **Research Method in Political Science** at UNLV. 4.20/5

2019.01. - 2019.05. **Political Psychology in Comparative Perspective** at UNLV. 4.18/5

2019.01. - 2019.05. **Introduction of Comparative Politics** at UNLV. 4.28/5

2018.08. - 2018.12. **Political Systems in East Asia”** at UNLV. 4.67/5

2017.01. - 2017.05. Teaching Assistant, POLSCI 317 China Politics w/ Prof. Manion
Guest Lecture: Taiwan and Hong Kong politics

2016.08. - 2016.12. Teaching Assistant, POLSCI 317 Global Corruption w/ Prof. Manion

2015.08. - 2016.01. Teaching Assistant, POLSCI 240 Political Psychology

2013.08. - 2015.05. Research Assistant of Prof. S. Hillygus, Duke University

2012.09. - 2013.05. Research Assistant, “How citizens Read and watch News” Directed by
Prof. C. D. Johnston, Duke University

2010.07. - 2012.08. Research Assistant, “The Construction of the Taiwan Profiler”, Dept. of
Political Science, National Sun Yat-sen University, Taiwan
(sponsored by the National Science Council, Taiwan).

2011.07. - 2011.08. Teaching Assistant (for SPSS and Game Theory), ICPSR Summer
Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research at Shanghai
University of Finance and Economics, China.

2011.03. - 2011.06. Teaching Assistant (for SPSS), Advanced Statistical Methods for the
Social Science course in the Dept. of Political Science, NTU. (Won
the best Teaching Assistant Award, 2011)

2009.09. - 2011.06. Teaching Assistant and Lecturer (for SPSS), Applied Statistics course in
the Dept. of Political Science, NTU. (Won the best Teaching
Assistant Award, 2009)

2008.09. - 2009.06. Research Assistant, “Computer Aided Therapy” Program, directed by
Prof. C. M. Li in Dept. of Electrical Engineering, NTU (sponsored by the
National Science Council, Taiwan, 2009).

Media Contribution

Bloomberg, Washington Post, New York Times, Financial Times, The Atlantic, Quartz, BBC News, CAN Insider, Wall Street Journal, CNBC, Radio Free Asia, Aljazeera, Politico, Vox, VOA, Jornal de Negócios, China Post, DW news, Huffington Post, South China Morning Post, Nikkei Asian Review, Japan Times, Apple Daily, Le Soir, Le Courier, Rest of the World, The Defense Post, International Policy Digest, News Asia, UNLV Newsroom, TV Europa