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Research Interests

Behavioral Political Economy, Collective Action, Computational Modeling, Lab Experiments, Evolutionary Game Theory

EDUCATION Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, NY

Ph.D., Political Science, Expected: May 2021

• Dissertation: Policy Cooperation Under Threats: Effects of Competition Between Interest Groups

• Advisor: Oleg Smirnov

M.A., Economics, Dec 2015

• Thesis: Social Preferences Behind the Veil of Ignorance: An Experiment on Amazon Mechanical Turk

• Advisor: Reuben Kline

National Chiao Tung University, Taiwan

M.S., Physics, June 2011

• Thesis: Measurement Uncertainty in Biological Receptor

• Advisors: Cheng-Hung Chang

National Cheng Kung University, Taiwan

B.S., Physics, June 2009

Research Research Assistant

Aug 2016 to May 2018

Department of Political Science

Stony Brook University

Supervisor: Andrew Delton, John Barry Ryan, Oleg Smirnov, and Peter DeScioli.

Visiting Student

Jun 2015 to Aug 2015

Department of Psychology The Ohio State University Supervisor: Ian Krajbich

Full-Time Research Assistant

Jun 2012 to Jul 2014

Department of Economics National Taiwan University Supervisor: Chen-Ying Huang

Peer-Reviewed Journal Publications

EXPERIENCE

Chung, H. K., Sjöström, T., Lee, H. J., Lu, Y. T., Tsuo, F. Y., Chen, T. S., Chang, C. F., Juan, C. H., Kuo, W. J., and Huang, C. Y. "Why Do Irrelevant Alternatives Matter? an FMRI-TMS Study of Context-Dependent Preferences." Journal of Neuroscience, 2307-16, 2017.

Deng, D. M., Lu, Y. T., and Chang, C. H. "Fluctuation Relations Between Hierarchical Kinetically Equivalent Networks With Arrhenius-Type Transitions and Their Roles in Systems and Structural Biology." Physical Review E, 95(6), 062401, 2017.

WORKING PAPERS

Lu, Y. T., Hwang, W. H., Hsieh, Y. T., Ho, T. Y., Zhu, J. D., Wu, S. W., Yeh, C. I., and Huang, C. Y. "On Morality in Monkeys" 2020. Submitted to *eLife*.

"An Agent-Based Model of Elections with Endogenous Candidates, Voters, and Media" with Oleg Smirnov and John Barry Ryan.

"Does Media Bias Cause Political Polarization? an Agent-Based Model of Biased Media, Motivated Reasoners, and Political Polarization" (single author).

"Trust, Inequality and Redistributive Demands in Latin America" with Robert Vidigal.

WORK IN PROGRESS

"Policy Cooperation Under Threats: Effects of Competition Between Interest Groups" with Oleg Smirnov.

"Followership and Misinformation Credibility on Twitter During the Pandemic" with Inyoung Shin and Luxuan Wang.

"Partisanship, Polarization, and Inequality Over Time" with Matthew Lebo and Gregory Koger.

Programs and Awards

BIGSSS Summer School in Computational Social Science

Expected: Jul 2020

Department of Sociology

University of Groningen, Netherlands

(program postponed to Jul 2021 due to COVID-19 outbreak)

SICSS Grant for Survey Experiment on Amazon Mechanical Turk (\$1000) Jul 2020 Summer Institute in Computational Social Science Duke University

Summer Institute in Computational Social Science at Rutgers — Jun 15-26, 2020 DIMACS (Center for Discrete Mathematics and Theoretical Computer Science) Rutgers New Brunswick Libraries — Department of Political Science, Rutgers University

Full Tuition Scholarship and Stipend Department of Political Science

Fall 2016 to Present

Department of Political Science Stony Brook University

Introduction to Complexity (with certificate)

Fall 2019

Courses by Complexity Explorer

Santa Fe Institute

Introduction to Agent-Based Modeling (with certificate)

Summer 2019

Courses by Complexity Explorer

Santa Fe Institute

Excellent Achievement Award

2005

for participation in the *Physics Contest* within the top 5 percent of all the students participated in the academic year, National Cheng Kung University, Taiwan

Distinguished Achievement Award

2005

for participation in the *Calculus Contest* within the top 10 percent of all the students participated in the academic year, National Cheng Kung University, Taiwan

Presentations

"Does Media Bias Cause Political Polarization? An Agent-based Model of Biased Media, Motivated Reasoners, and Political Polarization" at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA

Sep 10, 2020

"Partisanship, Polarization, and Inequality Over Time" at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL Expected: Apr 19, 2020 (conference canceled due to COVID-19 outbreak)

"Group Cooperation in a Policy Bargaining Game" at the Center for Behavioral Political Economy, Stony Brook University

Feb 12, 2020

"An Agent-based Model of Elections with Endogenous Candidates, Voters, and Media" at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL Apr 6, 2019

"Distributional Preferences under Rank Reversal Aversion" at the Center for Behavioral Political Economy, Stony Brook University

Mar 6, 2018

Teaching

Instructor

World Politics
 Department of Political Science
 Stony Brook University

Teaching Assistant

• Neuroeconomics (with Prof. Chen-Ying Huang) Department of Economics National Taiwan University

Spring 2014

Summer 2018 to Present

Courses Can Offer

- Undergraduate: World Politics, Statistics, Game Theory
- Graduate: Political Economy, Behavioral Economics, Cooperation, Computational Modeling, Data Analysis

SKILLS

Software

Python, R, Stata, oTree, NetLogo, Matlab, Mathematica, LATEX, Qualtrics

Language

English (fluent), Mandarin (native), Taiwanese (intermediate)

Professional

Affiliations

ACTIVITIES

Center for Behavioral Political Economy, Stony Brook University

Memberships

American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, Society for Political Methodology

Service

Discussant APSA 2020

References

Available Upon Request.