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Behavioral Political Economy, Computational Modeling, and Cooperation in Social

Research Interests

EDUCATION Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, NY

Dilemmas

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

Jun2012 to Jul2014

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.

SUBMITTED JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS 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*.

Papers in Preparation

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

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

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

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

"Group Cooperation in the Context of Climate Negotiation: An Agent-Based Model" with Oleg Smirnov.

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)

Summer Institute in Computational Social Science at Rutgers Expected: Jun 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

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 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA Expected: Sep 10, 2020

"Partisanship, Polarization, and Inequality Over Time" at 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 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 EXPERIENCE Instructor

• World Politics Summer 2018 to Present

Department of Political Science Stony Brook University

Teaching Assistant

• Neuroeconomics (with Prof. Chen-Ying Huang)

Spring 2014

Department of Economics National Taiwan University

SKILLS

Software

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

Language

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

Professional Activities Affiliations

Center for Behavioral Political Economy, Stony Brook University

Memberships

Midwest Political Science Association, Society for Political Methodology

References

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Stony Brook University

Reuben Kline

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Stony Brook University

Chen-Ying Huang

Professor Phone: 886-2-3366-8310 Department of Economics E-mail: chenying@ntu.edu.tw

National Taiwan University

Cheng-Hung Chang

Associate Professor Phone: 886-3-5731911 Institute of Physics E-mail: chchang@mail.nctu.edu.tw

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