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Research interests US-China Relations, Chinese Foreign Policy, Chinese Politics, International Conflict, Public Opinion, Military Alliance, Survey Experiments, Machine Learning, and Text Analysis

Academic employment **Emory University** Atlanta, Georgia
Postdoctoral Fellow 2024-

National Chengchi University (NCCU) Taipei, Taiwan
Lo Chia-Luen International Sinology Visiting Fellow 2023-

Education **Florida State University (FSU)** Tallahassee, Florida
PhD in Political Science 2018-2024
Committee Members: Mark Souva (Chair), Kai Quek (University of Hong Kong), Kelly Matush, and Dotan Haim

National Chengchi University Taipei, Taiwan
PhD Student in International Relations 2016-2018

University of Edinburgh Edinburgh, UK
MSc in International Relations 2014-2015

Fujian Agriculture and Forestry University Fujian, China
BA in English Literature (Top 1% in the Major) 2010-2014

Publications **Weifang Xu**, Taylor Chewning, and Qing Wang. “We Only Care What You Do, Not Who You Are - Reexamining Human Rights and Public Support for War” Forthcoming at *Journal of Experimental Political Science*.

Guan Wang and **Weifang Xu**. “Bipartisanship in the Shadow of China: The Effect of External Threats on Internal Unity in the US Congress.” Forthcoming at *International Studies Quarterly*.

Weifang Xu. “Pride and Prejudice: The Dual Effect of Wolf-Warrior Diplomacy on Domestic and International Audiences.” *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 0 (0) (2024): <https://doi.org/10.1177/00220027241276250>

Eddy Yeung and **Weifang Xu**. “Do External Threats Depolarize Americans? An Experimental Test in the Shadow of China’s Rise.” *Political Science Research and Methods*. 0 (0) (2025): <https://doi.org/10.1017/psrm.2024.60>

Weifang Xu, Kai Quek, and Mark Souva. “Reneging on Alliances: Experimental Evidence.” *Research & Politics* 10(3) (2023): <https://doi.org/10.1177/20531680231203808>

Working papers **Weifang Xu**, and Mark Souva. “Deterrence or Provocation? The Effects of ‘Strategic Clarity’ on Conflict over Taiwan.” Under Review.

Work in progress “Cross-National Experiments in International Relations” (with Joshua Kertzer and Jonathan Renshon)

“The Effect of U.S. Reassurance Policy on De-escalating Conflict Across the Taiwan Strait” (with Renard Sexton and Jessica Chen Weiss)

“Revisiting Audience Costs in International Relations: Reintegrating International Audiences into Theory” (with Yusaku Horiuchi and Kelly Matush)

“Domestic Audience Costs in International Relations: A Methodological Concern” (with Yusaku Horiuchi and Kelly Matush)

External grants and awards Foreign Policy Summer Research Fellowship Grant (Co-PI with Mark Souva), Charles Koch Foundation (CKF) USD 25,000
Lo Chia-luen International Sinology Fellowship, Taiwan USD 10,000
Young Scholar Award, China Times Cultural Foundation (Taiwan) USD 6,000
US-Chinese Foreign Policy and Relations Research Grant, CKF USD 5,000
Institute of Humane Studies (IHS) Publication Accelerator Grant (Co-PI with Guan Wang), IHS USD 5,000
US-Chinese Foreign Policy and Relations Research Grant (Co-PI with Guan Wang), CKF USD 5,000
Empirical Implications for Theoretical Models (EITM) Scholarship for Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) Summer Program, National Science Foundation USD 3,500
IHS Dissertation Fellowship, IHS USD 3,000

Selected internal grants and awards Guanghua Scholarship, NCCU (Taiwan) NTD 1,440,000 (USD 50,000)
Multi-year Survey Experiments X6, Cooperative Congressional Election Study Module and Primary Elections Survey Module (2021-2024), FSU USD 25,000
Research Grant, Institute of Politics Civic Engagement and Political Participation, FSU USD 10,000
Dissertation Grant, FSU USD 6,000
Research Grant, Emory University USD 5,000

	Essex Summer School Training Scholarship, FSU	USD 1,500
	Research Grant, FSU	USD 1,500
Selected travel grants	Political Psychology Workshop, Chinese University of Hong Kong	USD 2,000
	Contemporary China Young Scholars Conference Travel Grant, University of California San Diego (UCSD)	USD 2,000
	Strait Talk Travel Grant, Brown University	USD 1,500
	Keeping the Republic Conference, University of Notre Dame	USD 1,000
	International Studies Association (ISA) Asia-Pacific Region Conference Graduate Student Travel Grant, ISA	USD 740
	The APSA Graduate Student Travel Grant, APSA	USD 650
	2023 Junior Scholars Symposium Travel Grant, Cato Institute	USD 500
	Peace Science Society (PSS) Annual Meeting Travel Grant, PSS	USD 400
	ISA 2024 Annual Convention Travel Grant, ISA	USD 400
Conference presentations	America in the World Consortium Young Scholars Conference	2025
	American Political Science Association Annual Meeting	2020-2024
	Peace Science Society (PSS) Annual Meeting	2023, 2024
	International Studies Association Annual Meeting	2024, 2025
	Pacific International Politics Conference (PIPC)	2024, 2025
	Elections, Public Opinion, and Voting Behavior (EPOVB) Conference	2024
	Contemporary China Young Scholars Conference (UCSD)	2023, 2025
	ISA Asia-Pacific Region Conference (Japan)	2023
Invited talks	Trinity College Dublin	2025
	Old Dominion University	2025
	University of Southern California	2025
	Hong Kong Baptist University	2024
	Hitotsubashi University	2024
	Global and Public Affairs Living-Learning Community, FSU	2024
	Duke University (Kunshan)	2023
	Chinese University of Hong Kong (Shenzhen)	2023
Teaching experience	Instructor, Department of Political Science, FSU	2021, 2022, 2023
	INR 3933: International Security (Advanced Undergraduate Class) X3	
	Course contains the causes of international conflict and strategies for conflict management	
	Instructor, Department of Political Science, FSU	2023, 2024
	INR 3934: US-China Relations (Advanced Undergraduate Class) X2	
	Course contains the economic, political, and military relations between the US and China since 1949	
	Instructor, Department of Political Science, FSU	2023, 2024
	INR 3934: Chinese Politics and Foreign Policy X2	

Course contains PRC's domestic politics and foreign policy

Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, FSU 2021

POS 5746: Political Science Data Analysis (PhD-level Statistical Course)

Weekly labs contain review sessions on fundamental concepts related to linear models and on quantitative data analysis using R and Stata

Additional method training ICPSR Summer Program (2021, 2022): *Machine Learning: Applications in Social Science Research, Data Science and Text Analysis, Casual Inference for the Social Sciences, and Empirical Modeling of Social Science Theory: Advanced Topics*.
Essex Summer School: *Advanced Methods for Text as Data*

Skills **Programming:** R, Stata, Python, z-Tree, Qualtrics, and \LaTeX
Languages: Mandarin (native), Taiwanese (native), and English (advanced)

Reference **Mark Souva**, Professor, FSU msouva@fsu.edu
Kai Quek, Associate Professor, University of Hong Kong quek@hku.hk
Kelly Matush, Assistant Professor, FSU kmatush@fsu.edu
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