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Academic positions

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO

2021-Present Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science
Faculty Affiliate, Center for Research on International Affairs

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

2024 Visiting Fellow, Department of Political Science

Education

2021 PhD in Government, University of Texas at Austin
2012 MA in East Asian Studies, National Chengchi University
2009 BA in History, National Chengchi University

Publications

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- 2025 **Kao, Jay C.** “Mistrust and Backfire: Information on Government Responsiveness and Tax Compliance in China.” *Social Science Quarterly* 106 (4)
- 2025 **Kao, Jay C.** and Amy H. Liu. “Racial Identities, Linguistic Proficiency, and Public Attitudes towards Immigrants: Evidence from Two Surveys in Taiwan.” *Political Research Quarterly* 78(2): 701-719
- 2024 **Kao, Jay C.**, Xiaobo Lü, and Didac Queralt. “Do Gains in Political Representation Sweeten Tax Reform in China? It Depends on Who You Ask.” *Political Science Research & Methods* 12(1): 146-165
- 2023 **Kao, Jay C.**, Amy H. Liu, and Chun-Ying Wu. “Minority Language Recognition and Political Trust in Authoritarian Regimes.” *Political Research Quarterly* 76(2): 622-635
- 2021 **Kao, Jay C.** “Family Matters: Education and the Conditional Effect of State Indoctrination in China.” *Public Opinion Quarterly* 85(1): 54-78
- 2014 **Kao, Jay C.** “Varieties of Authoritarianism: In Search of China’s Regime Type.” *Mainland China Studies* 57(3): 1-38 (in Chinese)

BOOK CHAPTERS

- 2023 **Kao, Jay C.** “Experiments in Asian Politics.” In Alex Tan and Dennis Quilala eds. *Encyclopedia of Asian Politics*. Edward Elgar Publishing Ltd.
- 2020 **Kao, Jay C.** “Retrospective versus Prospective Voting.” In Mark P. Jones ed. *Voting and Political Representation in America*. Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO.

WORKING PAPERS

- Under review How the Pro-Beijing Media Influences Voters: Evidence from a Randomized Field Experiment (*R&R at American Political Science Review*) [[SSRN](#)]
- Under review Ripples of Resistance? Chinese Public Opinion toward COVID Control (with Jiahua Yue and Nathan Cao)
- Ongoing Propaganda by Proxy (with Frances Yaping Wang)
- Ongoing Researcher Identity and Survey Response Bias (with Kenny Miao)
- Ongoing Psychological Needs and Political Attitudes: Evidence from China and Taiwan (with X. Shen)
- Ongoing Authoritarian Education and Liberalism? (with Kenny Miao)

Grants & fellowships

- 2025 Summer research stipend, Loyola University Chicago
- 2023 APSA First Generation Scholars
- 2022 Summer research stipend, Loyola University Chicago
- 2020 Government Scholarship, Ministry of Education of Taiwan
- Dissertation Writing Fellowship, UT Austin
- EATS Fieldwork Grant, European Association of Taiwan Studies
- Julian Suez Fellowship, Center for East Asian Studies
- 2019 The Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation for Dissertation Grant
- University Graduate Continuing Fellowship, UT Austin
- 2018 Global Research Fellowship, UT Austin
- 2017 Texas Politics Project Research Grant, UT Austin
- Ward Endowment Fellowship, UT Austin
- ICPSR Summer Program Fellowship, UT Austin
- 2015 Pre-Dissertation Fellowship, UT Austin

Areas of specialization

Political communication, public opinion, political behavior, Chinese politics, Taiwanese politics, experimental methods

Teaching

Introduction to Comparative Politics (UG)
Politics in Contemporary China (UG)
East Asian Politics (UG)
Comparative Political Communication (G)
Experimental Political Science (G)

Professional talks & conference

2025	IPSA World Congress of Political Science
2024	Institute of International Relations, National Chengchi University Election Study Center, National Chengchi University
2023	Young Scholars Conference, UC San Diego Politeknik STIA LAN Jakarta, Indonesia Data Science Seminar, Loyola University Chicago
2022	Politics of Race, Immigration, and Ethnicity Consortium, UT Austin Institute of Political Methodology, Academia Sinica
2021	Harvard Experimental Political Science Conference Texas Comparative Politics Circle Workshop Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
2020	Institute for Governance and Communication Research, Taiwan National Cheng Kung University, Taiwan
2018	New Faces in China Studies, Duke University
2017	International Political Economy Society Annual Conference Institute of East Asian Studies, National Chengchi University
2016	Method Workshop, National Sun Yat-sen University
2015	American Association for China Studies Comparative Politics Workshop, Shanghai University of Finance and Economics
APSA	2017, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2025
MPSA	2016, 2017, 2019, 2022, 2023, 2024
SPSA	2018, 2019, 2021

Services

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2025	Comprehensive Exam Committee, Department of Political Science
2024-Present	Social Capital Committee, Department of Political Science
2022-2023	Academic Council, College of Arts and Sciences
2021-2022	Undergraduate Studies Committee, Department of Political Science
2021-2023	Racial Justice Committee, Department of Political Science

AD-HOC REVIEWER

Applied Economics Letters | American Political Science Review | British Journal of Political Science | Government and Opposition | Journal of Politics | Journal of Asian and African Studies | Journal of Experimental Political Science | Media, War & Conflict | National Science Foundation | Political Behavior | Political Research Quarterly | Public Opinion Quarterly | Research & Politics | Rowman & Littlefield | Scientific Reports | Taiwanese Political Science Review

References

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