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PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2019-Present Assistant Professor, Government Department, Franklin and Marshall College
- Mellon High Impact Emerging Scholar (2019 - 2021)
- Dec.2022-Jul.2023 Visiting Scholar, Institute of Political Science, Academia Sinica
- 2017-2019 Predoctoral Fellow, Political Science Department, Denison University

OTHER AFFILIATION

- 2023-2025 Public Intellectuals Program (PIP) Fellow, National Committee on U.S.-China Relations

EDUCATION

- 2018 Ph.D., The Ohio State University
- Political Science (Major: Comparative Politics; Minor: Methodology)
- Honorable Mention, 2019 John Heinz Dissertation Award from the National Academy of Social Insurance
- 2011 M.A., Yale University
- East Asian Studies
- 2010 M.A., National Taiwan University
- Political Science
- 2007 B.A, National Taiwan University
- Economics, Political Science (Double Major)

PUBLICATION

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- 2023 Oceno, Marzia and Wei-Ting Yen "The Impact of Racial Descriptive Norms on Vaccination against COVID-19." *Public Opinion Quarterly*, 87(2): 415-426. DOI:[10.1093/poq/nfad017](https://doi.org/10.1093/poq/nfad017)
- 2023 Chang, Chia-Chien, Wei-Ting Yen, and Li-Yin Liu, "Fighting the Pandemic with 'Shields': COVID-19 Securitization, Developmental State and Mask Policy in Taiwan." *Journal of Asian and African Studies*, 58(2): 214-231. DOI:[10.1177/00219096221137684](https://doi.org/10.1177/00219096221137684)

- 2022 Yen, Wei-Ting, Li-Yin Liu, Eunji Won & Testriono, "The imperative of state capacity in public health crisis: Asia's early COVID-19 policy responses." *Governance*, 35(3):777-798. DOI:[10.1111/gove.12695](https://doi.org/10.1111/gove.12695)
- 2022 Yen, Wei-Ting, "Income Insecurity and Welfare States in Young Democracy: The Case of South Korea." *Social Science Quarterly*, 103(3):494-508. DOI:[10.1111/ssqu.13136](https://doi.org/10.1111/ssqu.13136)
- 2021 Yen, Wei-Ting and Li-Yin Liu, "Crafting Compliance Regime under COVID-19: Using Taiwan's Quarantine Policy as a Case Study." *Global Policy*, 12(4):562-567. DOI:[10.1111/1758-5899.12967](https://doi.org/10.1111/1758-5899.12967)
- 2021 Yen, Wei-Ting, "Labor Market, Economic Insecurity, and Populism in Taiwan." *Taiwan Journal of Democracy*, 17(1):63-91. [Paper Access](#)
- The excerpt version published in [Taiwan Insight](#).
- 2021 Yen, Wei-Ting, Kristine Kay, and Fang-Yu Chen, "Is Trading with China Different? Self-Interest, National Pride, and Trade Preferences." *Journal of East Asian Studies*, 21(1): pp. 97-115. DOI:[10.1017/jea.2020.29](https://doi.org/10.1017/jea.2020.29)
- 2018 Yen, Wei-Ting, "Pension Plans and Retirement Insecurity." *Aging International*, 43(4): pp.438-463. DOI:[10.1007/s12126-018-9326-x](https://doi.org/10.1007/s12126-018-9326-x)
- 2017 Chen, Fang-Yu and Wei-Ting Yen, "Who Supports the Sunflower Movement? An Examination of Nationalist Sentiments." *Journal of Asian and African Studies*, 52(8), pp.1193-1212. DOI:[10.1177/0021909616645372](https://doi.org/10.1177/0021909616645372)

Book Chapters and Editor Reviewed Journal Articles

- 2023 "In Unity There is Strength: How to Incorporate Your Research into Teaching" in Butcher, C., Bhasin, T., Gordon, E., Hallward, M.C. (eds) *The Palgrave Handbook of Teaching and Research in Political Science* Palgrave Macmillan, Cham. DOI:[10.1007/978-3-031-42887-6_28](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-42887-6_28)
- 2023 Yen, Wei-Ting and Shu-wen Tang, "The Current Landscape of Taiwan Studies Using *IJTS* Keywords." *International Journal of Taiwan Studies*, 6(1):182-191. DOI:[10.1163/24688800-20221349](https://doi.org/10.1163/24688800-20221349)
- 2022 Yen, Wei-Ting and Li-Yin Liu, "When Democracy Meets the COVID-19 Pandemic: Taiwan's Experience." *Democratic Governance in Taiwan*, Routledge: London. Chapter 8, pp.129-143. DOI:[10.4324/9781003314592](https://doi.org/10.4324/9781003314592)
- 2020 Yen, Wei-Ting, "Taiwan's COVID-19 Management: Developmental State, Digital Governance, and State-Society Synergy." *Asian Politics & Policy*, 12(3): pp.455-468. DOI:[10.1111/aspp.12541](https://doi.org/10.1111/aspp.12541)
- 2020 Yang, Yujeong and Wei-Ting Yen, "Understanding Informality in China: Institutional Causes and Subsequent Measurement Issues." in Santiago López-Cariboni ed. *Political Economy of Informality in BRIC Countries*, Singapore: World Scientific Publishing, Ch. 9, pp. 219-242. DOI:[10.1142/9789811202315_0009](https://doi.org/10.1142/9789811202315_0009)
- 2017 Yen, Wei-Ting, "The Political Logic of Financial Supervision in Taiwan." *Taiwan International Law Quarterly*, 14(1): pp.104-134. (in Mandarin). DOI:[10.29799/TILQ](https://doi.org/10.29799/TILQ)

Book Reviews

- 2021 Yen, Wei-Ting, "Taiwan's Social Welfare Movement and Policy Impact, 2000-2018. edited by Hsin-huang Hsiao, Yu-yuan Kuao, and Shu-yung Wang (2018)" *International Journal of Taiwan Studies*, 4(1):pp.197-200

Other Publications

- 2022 Editor and Contributor to the edited volume *Who Governs? EP2 «菜市場政治學：民主方舟»*
- 2018 Contributor to the edited volume *Who Governs? «菜市場政治學：選舉專號»* – Reviewed by *Los Angeles Review of Books: China Channel* ([Link](#))

Op-Eds and Popular Science Articles (Selected)

- 2023 Yen, Wei-Ting, "'The Wave Maker': Two Trees Do Not Make a Forest, Has Gender Equality Truly Been Achieved? (in Mandarin)" *Taiwan Public Television Service*, May 9. [Link](#)
- 2022 Yen, Wei-Ting and Li-Yin Liu, "Taiwan is moving away from 'zero-covid.' That's harder than it seems.", *The Washington Post*, June 2. [Link](#)
- 2021 Oceno, Marzia and Wei-Ting Yen, "What encourages Black Americans to get vaccinated? Hearing that other Black Americans want the vaccine.", *The Washington Post*, March 12. [Link](#)
- 2020 Yen, Wei-Ting, "An election to Test the Root of US Democracy" (in Mandarin), *Up Media*, November 12. [Link](#)
- 2020 Yen, Wei-Ting, "Is Authoritarian Regime Better at Pandemic Management?" (in Mandarin), *Apple Daily*, April 22. [Link](#)
- 2020 Yen, Wei-Ting, "Why Do Legislators Exist?" (in Mandarin), *Mandarin Daily News*, January 2. [Link](#)
- 2019 Yen, Wei-Ting, "Why Some Countries Do Not Have Presidents?" (in Mandarin), *Mandarin Daily News*, December 19. [Link](#)
- 2019 Yen, Wei-Ting, "The Politics of Gig-Economy" (in Mandarin), *Apple Daily*, October 16. [Link](#)
- 2017 Chen, Fang-Yu, Wei-Ting Yen, Austin Horong-en Wang, and Brian Hioe, "The Taiwanese see themselves as Taiwanese, not as Chinese", *The Washington Post*, January 2. [Link](#)
- 2016 "The 1992 Historical Fact is the Biggest Concession for President Tsai" (in Mandarin), *Initium Media*, May 21. [Link](#)
- 2015 Wang, Austin, Wei-Ting Yen, Jung-Feng Tsai, Greg Sheen, Fang-Yu Chen, Jaw-Nian Huang, "Taiwan and Mainland China in Talks? Here are the 5 Things You Need to Know About what Taiwanese People are Thinking", *The Washington Post*, Nov 6. [Link](#)

GRANTS

External

- 2023 Taiwan Scholarship Program, Global Taiwan Institute
- 2021 Lecture Series Fund, Taiwan and Asia Program
- 2018 Conference Grant, Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange (award shared with Shu-wen Tang and Ying-fen Chen)
- 2006 National Science Council Research Grant for College-Level Students, National Science Council in Taiwan

Internal

- 2022 Committee on Grant, F&M
- 2021 Committee on Grant, F&M
- 2020 Schier Research Fund, Government Department F&M
- 2020 Community Response Fund, Center for Sustained Engagement with Lancaster, Franklin and Marshall College, (award shared with Jessica Cox, Emily Marshall, Jennifer Meyer, and Harriet Okatch)
- 2020 Academic Innovation Fund, Faculty Center F&M
- 2019 Committee on Grant, F&M
- 2015 Department Research Grant, OSU
- 2015 Coca-Cola CDW Research Grant, OSU (Declined)
- 2014 Behavior Decision Making Initiative Small Research Grant, OSU
- 2014 Department Research Grant, OSU
- 2013 Mershon Center for International Security Studies Grant, OSU

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- 2023-2025 Public Intellectuals Program Fellow, Cohort VIII, National Committee on U.S.-China Relations
- 2019-2021 Mellon High-Impact Emerging Scholars, Franklin and Marshall College
 - 2019 John Heinz Dissertation Award Honorable Mention, National Academy of Social Science
- 2017-2019 Pre-doctoral Fellowship, Denison University
- 2015 2017 Taiwan and Asia Program Conference Travel Award
 - 2017 Ray Conference Travel Award, The Ohio State University
- 2015-2017 Henry Luce Foundation Travel Award, Southeast Asia Research Group
 - 2016 Chiang-Ching Kuo Foundation Dissertation Fellowship
 - 2016 Financial Awards for IQMR, The Ohio State University
 - 2016 S.C. Lee Best Paper Competition for Graduate Students
 - 2016 North America Taiwanese Studies Association Travel Award
- 2009-2016 Xing-Tian Gong Outstanding Graduate Student Scholarship

- 2015 Tuition Scholarship for Southeast Asian Studies Summer Institute
- 2013-2015 Graduate Teaching Associateship, The Ohio State University
- 2013 The Louise Zung-nyi Loh Memorial Scholarship, The Ohio State University
- 2012 Financial Awards for ICPSR, The Ohio State University
- 2010-2012 Taiwanese Government Scholarship for Overseas Studies
- 2009 Academic Travel Award to South Korea, National Taiwan University
- 2009 Research Conference Travel Award, National Taiwan University
- 2008 Academic Travel Award to Japan, National Taiwan University

INVITED TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 2023 Panelist, "Taiwan Studies Workshop Panel Discussion: Elections in Taiwan 2024," Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies, Harvard University, November 15.
- 2023 "Developmental States and the Political Economy of Pandemic Response, Institute of Political Science at Academia Sinica, June 29.
- 2023 "Population Aging in Young Democracy: Challenges to Taiwan's Old-Age Security," Project on Taiwan in the Indo-Pacific Region 2023 Annual Conference, Hoover Institution, Stanford University, May22-23.
- 2023 "Pandemic Politics: A Comparison Between Taiwan and Southeast Asia," Soochow University, May 11.
- 2023 "Pandemic Governance: Putting Taiwan's Experience in Comparative Perspective," Political Economy Series, National Cheng-Chi University, April 24.
- 2022 Panelist, "Innovations in the Study of Taiwan Politics," University of Texas Austin, Online, October 28.
- 2022 "Fighting the Virus: The Politics of COVID-19 Response in Taiwan and Beyond," Soka University of America, Online, April 26.
- 2021 Panelist, "Digital Democracy and Covid-19 in Taiwan: A Conversation with Digital Minister Audrey Tang," GAHDT and Humanities Collaboratory Asian Futures Project, The Ohio State University, Online, November 22.
- 2021 "Labor Market, Economic Insecurity, and Populism in Taiwan," How to Measure Populism Workshop for the Populism in East Asian Democracies Project at Duisburg-Essen University, Online, July 2.
- 2021 "Income Insecurity and Welfare States in Young Democracy: The Case of South Korea," Social and Political Dynamics in Contemporary East Asia Workshop, Center for East Asian Studies, Soochow University, Online, May 15.
- 2021 "The Political and Social Impacts of Economic Insecurity in New Democracies," National Chung-Cheng University, March 3.
- 2020 "Risky Social Insurance Foundation? Income Insecurity and Welfare States in Young Democracies," National Cheng-chi University, December 30.
- 2020 "Labor Market, Economic Insecurity, and Populism in Taiwan," TSP-TFD Joint Online Conference: Democracy in An Age of Globalisation and Populism: Taiwan, UK and USA, Online, December 11.

- 2020 "Borders: Real and Imaginary - The Case of Taiwan," University of Washington Community College Master Teacher Institute, Online, July 31.
- 2019 "Quantitative Research Methods in Political Science: Field Experiment (Cambodia), Survey (Indonesia), and Panel Study (South Korea)," National Cheng-chi University, December 24.
- 2018 "Risk and Social Welfare Development in Young Democracies", Singapore Management University, Singapore, November 23.
- 2017 "The Foundation of Welfare States In Developing Countries: The Role of Endogenous Income Insecurity," National Chung-Kung University, Tainan, Taiwan, December 26.
- 2016 "Who Governs Taiwan: The Role of Popular Writing and Public Intellectuals," Humanity Forum at Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan, April 28.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Presentation

- 2023 Association of Asian Studies (AAS) Annual Conference (past: 2020*)
- 2023 American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Conference (past: 2022, 2021, 2016)
- 2023 Conference of the Taiwan and Asia Program (past: 2021 2017 2015)
- 2022 Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Conference (past: 2020*, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013)
- 2019 North America Taiwanese Studies Association (NATSA) Annual Conference (past: 2016)
- 2017 East Asian Social Policy Research Network Annual Conference
- 2014 American Association for Chinese Studies (AACCS) Annual Conference
- 2010 Society and Policy Graduate Student Conference
- 2009 Research Postgraduate Conference in Hong Kong University (poster presentation)

Conferences/Panels Organized

- 2022 "The COVID-19 Pandemic and Governance Issues in Asia," Regular Panel Organizer, Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Conference
- 2019 "Labor Market and Welfare State Development in Asia," Regular Panel Organizer, Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Conference
- 2018 "Beyond an Island: Taiwan in Comparative Perspective," Conference Co-Program Director, North America Taiwan Studies Association (NATSA) Annual Conference (Austin, TX, USA)
- 2017 Panels for Political Science Discipline, Program Commissioner, North America Taiwan Studies Association (NATSA) Annual Conference (Palo Alto, CA, USA)

Panel(Roundtable) Chair/Moderator/Discussant

- 2023(D) The 20th Anniversary Conference of Institute for Political Methodology
- 2023(C) American Political Science Association Annual Conference (past:2022(D) 2021(D), 2020(D), 2019(D), 2018(D))
- 2022(Dx2) Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference (past:2020(D) 2019(D) 2018(Dx2, C) 2015(C))
- 2021(M) North America Taiwan Studies Association Annual Conference (past: 2017(D))

TEACHING

Instructor of Record

Power, Wealth, and Inequality in Asia, *Franklin and Marshall College*
Comparative Political Economy of Asia, *Franklin and Marshall College*
Asian Politics, *Franklin and Marshall College*
Introduction to Comparative Politics, *Franklin and Marshall College*
Doing Political Science: Transition to Democracy, *Denison University*
Comparative Political Economy of East Asia, *Denison University*
Introduction to Politics of Developing Countries, *Denison University*
The Politics of Developing Countries, *The Ohio State University*
Introduction to Comparative Politics, *The Ohio State University*

Teaching Assistant

Introduction to Comparative Politics, *The Ohio State University*
The Politics of Comparative Welfare States, *The Ohio State University*
European Political Development, *The Ohio State University*
The Politics of Income Inequality, *The Ohio State University*
Research Methods in Social Science, *National Taiwan University*
Applied Statistics, *National Taiwan University*

Advising

(showing the year of completion)

- 2022 Ding-Yi Lai (Ph.D. National Chung Cheng University), Dissertation Committee Member
- 2021 Lesley Zhang (BA F&M), Senior Honor Thesis Advisor
- 2018 Hannah Tudor (BA Denison), Denison Summer Scholar Advisor

SERVICE

Review Service

- 2023 North American Taiwan Studies Association annual conference proposals; Asian Politics & Policy; International Security Quarterly; Governance; Political Behavior; Ethnic and Racial Studies; American Political Science Review; Taiwan Politics
- 2022 Asian Politics & Policy, North American Taiwan Studies Association conference proposals, Journal of Asian and African Studies, International Journal of Public Sector Management, Politics, Groups, and Identities
- 2021 Japanese Journal of Political Science, International Journal of Public Sector Management, East Asia: An International Quarterly, Asian Politics & Policy, Taiwan Democracy Quarterly
- 2020 Economic Change and Restructuring, Politics and Gender, Asian Politics & Policy, SN Social Science, Global Public Health
- 2019 American Political Science Review
- 2016 Journal of Asian and African Studies
- 2014 Health Economics, Policy and Law

Discipline Level

- 2023 Chair, North America Taiwan Studies Association Undergraduate Paper Competition Committee
- 2021-Present Associate Editor, Asian Politics and Policy
- 2020-2024 Board of Directors, North America Taiwan Studies Association

College Level

- 2023-2024 Committee on Grant, F&M
- 2022 The Gen Ed Review Task Force (GERTF), F&M
- 2021-2022 Alice Drum Women's Center Faculty Representative, F&M
- 2020-2021 Committee on Grant, F&M
- 2018 Fulbright Campus Committee, Denison
- 2018 Moderator for Women's and Gender Film Festival, Denison
- 2018 Fulbright Campus Committee, OSU
- 2014 2015 Undergraduate Fulbright Program Review Committee, OSU
- 2013-2014 President of the Taiwanese Student Association, OSU

Department Level

- 2022 Sub-committee for GOV100 Revision, F&M
- 2021-2022 Department Newsletter, F&M
- 2021-2022 Schier Research Fund Committee, F&M

- 2020-2021 Wise/Duberstein Internship Award Committee, F&M
- 2016 Member of Women in Political Science Group, OSU
- 2015 Graduate Student Coordinator for Comparative Politics Workshop, OSU

Media Interview (Selected)

- 2023 Deutsche Welle (German), Voice of America, New York Times, Bloomberg
- 2022 Deutsche Welle (German), VICE World News, Asharq News (UAE), Flamman(Swedish), Aljazeera, Toronto Star
- 2021 Associated Press (English), Zeit Online (German), L'Obs (French), Nikkei Asia (English), Deutsche Welle Chinese (Mandarin), ZDFheute (German), Voice of America
- 2020 National Public Radio (English), De Volkskrant (Dutch), Bloomberg Business Week Chinese Edition (Mandarin), Deutsche Welle (German), VotePro Podcast (English), Supchina (English), Plataforma (Portuguese), Radio Free Asia (Mandarin), Vice (English)
- 2019 QUARTZ (English), Deutsche Welle (German), Zeit Online (German), Plataforma (Portuguese, Mandarin)

Community

- 2022 Presentation, "Is Authoritarian Better at Handling COVID-19?," Book Promotion Event for *Who Governs Ep 2*, Online, April 16.
- 2021 Presentation, "Conversations about OUR Community: COVID-19's Continued Impact on Lancaster County," United Way of Lancaster County Event, Online, June.
- 2020 Presentation, "The Politics of COVID-19: Political Regime, State Capacity, and Crisis Response," Taiwanese Association of America, Online, June 27.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

- 2020-Present *Policy Consultant*, Awakening Foundation (NGO)
- 2019 *Short-term Consultant*, I-SAF Impact Evaluation, The World Bank Group
- 2017-2018 *Co-Principal Investigator*, The Voice and Action Project —Impact Evaluation (VAP-IE), The World Bank Group Cambodia
- 2007-2009 *Managing Editor*, Journal of Asian Ethnicity (London: Routledge)
- 2008 *Survey Supervisor*, Taiwan's Election and Democratization Study (TEDS), National Taiwan University

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION

American Political Science Association, North America Taiwan Studies Association, Midwest Political Science Association, Social Policy Association, Association of Asian Studies

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

- 2016 Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR), June
- 2015 Southeast Asian Studies Summer Institute (SEASSI) —Indonesian, June to August
- 2012 Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), June to July
- 2009 Institute for Political Methodology (Taiwan), July

FIELD WORKS

Indonesia (1 month, 2013; 2 months, 2014); Cambodia(1 month, 2017)

SKILLS

Language

Mandarin Chinese —native; Taiwanese —native; English —fluent; Indonesian —intermediate

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