

## Cathy Xuanxuan Wu, Ph.D.

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### ACADEMIC POSITIONS

**Old Dominion University**, Norfolk, VA

Assistant Professor of Political Science and International Studies, 2017-2024

**St. Edward's University**, Austin, TX

Instructor of Political Science and Global Studies, 2016-2017

### EDUCATION

**The University of Texas**, Austin, TX

Ph.D., Government, 2017

- Fields: International Relations, Political Methodology

**The University of Colorado**, Boulder, CO

M.A., Political Science, 2012

**The University of Hong Kong**, Hong Kong, China

M.Phil., Politics and Public Administration, 2010

**Peking University**, Beijing, China

B.A., International Politics, 2008

### PEER- REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Wu, Cathy Xuanxuan. 2024. "A Bargaining Theory of US-China Economic Rivalry: Differentiating the Trade and Technology Wars." *Chinese Journal of International Politics* 17(4): 323-345.

Wu, Cathy Xuanxuan, Amanda Licht, and Scott Wolford. 2021. "Same as the Old Boss?: How Domestic Politics Affects Turnover-induced Information Traps." *International Studies Quarterly* 65(1): 173-183.

- Research Quoted in "The leftovers: What happens to foreign policy in power transitions?" *The World, Public Radio International*, March 16, 2021.

Wu, Cathy Xuanxuan, and Scott Wolford. 2018. "Leaders, States, and Reputations." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 62(10): 2087-2117.

### WORKING PAPERS

"China's Economic Statecraft towards Taiwan."

"Untying Hands after Public Threats: Signaling Domestic Preferences in International Crisis Bargaining."

### RECENT CONFERENCES

2022. "Uncertainty vs. Prevention: Existing Confrontations and Future Prospects in US-China Relations," Association of Chinese Political Studies Conference. Dallas, TX. 11-12 November.

2020. "Understanding the US-China Trade Wars: Sources of Uncertainty and Signaling Effectiveness" (with Richard W. Hu), Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, USA. 16 April (cancelled due to COVID-19).

2020. "Understanding the US-China Trade Wars: Sources of Uncertainty and Signaling Effectiveness" (with Richard W. Hu), International Studies Association. Honolulu, USA. 26 March (cancelled due to COVID-19).

2019. "Reputation and Turnover Types" (with Amanda Licht and Scott Wolford), International Studies Association. Toronto, Canada. 30 March.

2018. "When does Going Public Lead to Flexibility: Open Threats, Domestic Resolve, and Crisis Bargaining," American Political Science Association. Boston, MA, August.

2018. “Managing Attention: Public Opinion, Open Threats, and Credible Signaling,” Formal Models of International Relations Conference, University of South California, February.

2018. “Explaining the Intensity of Chinese Popular Nationalism.” Conference on Domestic Drivers of U.S.-China Relations, University of Texas at Austin, 1 February.

2017. “Learning Public Resolve: Endogenous Publicity and Crisis Bargaining,” International Studies Association. Baltimore, MD, February.

MEDIA  
INTERVIEWS  
& QUOTES

Interviewed in “2024 US Presidential Election,” *Phoenix Television*, November 5, 2024.

Interviewed in “Tsai Ing-wen Meets Kevin McCarthy,” *Phoenix Television*, April 6, 2023.

Quoted in “Tsai and McCarthy vow closer U.S.-Taiwan ties, despite China’s ire,” *The Japan Times*, April 6, 2023. Available at <https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2023/04/06/asia-pacific/politics-diplomacy-asia-pacific/tsai-ing-wen-kevin-mccarthy/>

Quoted in “Official or unofficial? How Taiwan is rethinking diplomatic engagement,” *The Japan Times*, March 29, 2023. Available at <https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2023/03/29/asia-pacific/politics-diplomacy-asia-pacific/taiwan-china-diplomatic-recognition-analysis/>

Quoted in “For China’s next premier, a subservient role to the powerful Xi,” *The Japan Times*, March 3, 2023. Available at <https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2023/03/03/asia-pacific/politics-diplomacy-asia-pacific/china-new-premier-li-qiang/>

Interviewed in “Taiwanese High-level Officials Visited Washington,” *Phoenix Television*, February 23, 2023.

Interviewed in “Taiwan Policy: White House vs. Congress,” *Phoenix Television*, September 14, 2022.

Interviewed in “Beijing’s Reactions to Pelosi’s Visit,” *Phoenix Television*, August 8, 2022.

Interviewed in “Prospects for Pelosi’s Visit to Taiwan,” *Phoenix Television*, July 28, 2022.

Interviewed in “The Taiwan Issue in East Asia,” *Phoenix Television*, May 19, 2022.

Interviewed in “The Philippine Presidential Election,” *Phoenix Television*, May 11, 2022.

Interviewed in “Pelosi’s Potential Visit to Taiwan,” *Phoenix Television*, April 6, 2022.

Interviewed in “US-China Meeting Roma,” *Phoenix Television*, March 15, 2022.

Interviewed in “Indo-Pacific strategy of the U.S.,” *Phoenix Television*, February 22, 2022.

Quoted in “Winter Olympics Opening Gives China a Chance to Spin Its Image,” *Bloomberg*, February 3, 2022. Available at <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2022-02-03/beijing-s-olympic-opening-is-new-chance-to-win-over-the-world>.

Interviewed in “Russia’s gamble in Ukraine,” *Phoenix Television*, January 10, 2022.

Interviewed in “Lithuania Stands Up to China,” *Phoenix Television*, November 23, 2021.

Interviewed by *Tiger Talk*, “The Biden-Xi virtual summit and the China-US relations,” *Phoenix Television*, November 17, 2021.

Interviewed in “The Biden-Xi virtual summit and the Taiwan issue,” *Phoenix Television*, November 17, 2021.

Interviewed in “US lawmakers visit Taiwan,” *Phoenix Television*, November 10, 2021.

Interviewed in “Biden vows to protect Taiwan,” *Phoenix Television*, October 22, 2021.

Interviewed in “Will Taiwan cross the red line?” *Phoenix Television*, September 14, 2021.

Interviewed in “Taiwan and U.S. sign cost guard MOU,” *Phoenix Television*, March 26, 2021.

Quoted in “The leftovers: What happens to foreign policy in power transitions?” *The World, Public Radio International*, March 16, 2021. Available at <https://theworld.org/stories/2021-03-16/leftovers-part-i>.

Quoted in “Why there’s talk about China starting a war with Taiwan,” *Vox*, May 5, 2021. Available at <https://www.vox.com/22405553/taiwan-china-war-joe-biden-strategic-ambiguity>.

Interviewed in “The second impeachment of Donald Trump,” *Phoenix Television*, February 10,

2021.

Interviewed in “PLA military exercise across the Taiwan Strait,” *Phoenix Television*, January 29, 2021.

Quoted in “Will Trump attack Iran?” *The Paper*, January 9, 2021. Available at [https://www.thepaper.cn/newsDetail\\_forward\\_10721342](https://www.thepaper.cn/newsDetail_forward_10721342)

INVITED  
ACADEMIC  
TALKS

2020. “Shifting Power vs. Shifting Order: US-China Relations and the International Order.” The Workshop on US-China Relations, Harvard-Yenching Institute, Boston, MA. 28 February.

2019. “The Thucydides’ Trap, Rationalist Theories of War, and the US-China Relations.” The Conference on the Past, Present, and Future of U.S.-China-Taiwan Relations, Institute of European and American Studies, Academia Sinica, Taipei, 9-10 December

2018. “Untying Hands after Public Threats: Signaling Domestic Preferences in International Crisis Bargaining.” Department of Politics and Public Administration, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong. 11 December.

2016. “Public Resolve, Endogenous Publicity, and Crisis Bargaining.” Online Peace Science Colloquium, Peace Science Society, 16 December.

NON-PEER-  
REVIEWED  
WRITING

“Understanding Biden’s Visit to Asia,” *The Paper*, 26 May, 2022 (in Chinese).

“What Afghanistan withdrawal tells us about Biden’s foreign policy,” *The Paper*, 20 August, 2021 (in Chinese).

“Biden’s first 100 days in foreign policy,” *The Paper*, 2 May, 2021 (in Chinese).

“Biden’s foreign policy: challenges and responses,” *The Paper*, 21 January, 2021 (in Chinese).

“The Capitol Insurrection: Trump’s dangerous game went out of control,” *The Paper*, 7 January, 2021 (in Chinese).

“Biden’s fragile victory: Why the Blue Wave did not happen?” *The Paper*, 8 November, 2020 (in Chinese).

“How a possible Biden victory is shaping international politics, even before Nov. 3,” *Washington Post* Monkey Cage blog, 21 October, 2020 (with Scott Wolford).

“Why did George Floyd protests spread nationwide?” *The Paper*, 5 June, 2020 (in Chinese).

“Trump and Xi will soon meet. What can political science tell us about current U.S.-China tensions?” *Washington Post* Monkey Cage blog, 30 November, 2018.

INVITED  
POLICY &  
PUBLIC TALKS

2023. “US-China Relations and East Asian Security.” Jiangsu Association for Friendship and International Exchanges, Nanjing, China. 31 October.

2021. “Taiwan’s Security: The View from Political Science.” University of Texas at Austin (virtual), 19 November.

2020. “China’s Road into Latin America.” World Affairs Council of Greater Hampton Roads, Norfolk, VA. 15 February ([Link](#)).

2019. “The Role of Public Opinion on the Cross-Taiwan Strait Relations’.” The 13th Conference of Overseas Chinese Scholars on the Taiwan Issue, Xiamen, China. 30 July.

2018. “China: Domestic Politics and Foreign Relations.” Faculty Forum at the ODU Annual Model UN Conference, Norfolk, VA. 17 February.

2018. “China’s Belt and Road Initiative.” World Affairs Council of Greater Hampton Roads, Norfolk, VA. 27 January ([Link](#)).

2016. Local speaker at the 10th China Town Hall, The National Committee of United States-China Relations, St. Edward’s University, Austin, TX. 18 October.

TEACHING  
EXPERIENCE

**Instructor of Record**

*Old Dominion University*

International Relations of East Asia, 2018-2024  
Comparative Politics (Graduate), 2018-2024  
Politics of East Asia, 2017-2024  
Asian Politics (Graduate), 2017-2024  
Introduction to International Relations, 2021-2023  
International Relations Theory, Fall 2020

*St. Edward's University*

International Organizations, Spring 2017  
Introduction to International Relations, Fall 2016

GRANTS AND  
FELLOWSHIPS

**External**

2020-2022 US-Taiwan Next Generation Working Group, East Asian Institute at UC Berkeley  
2016 Graduate Student Travel Grants, American Political Science Association  
2015 Graduate Student Travel Grants, Peace Science Society  
2015 Grants to attend EITM Summer Institute at the University of Michigan  
2013 Grants to attend EITM Summer Institute at the University of Houston

**Internal**

*Old Dominion University*

2020 College Summer Research Grant

*The University of Texas*

2016-2017 Brumley Next Generation Fellowship of the Strauss Center  
2016-2017 Graduate School Continuing Fellowship  
2016 College of Liberal Arts Dissertation Writing Fellowship  
2016, 2015 The Clements Center Research Grants  
2015 Ward Fellowship for field research on China-Taiwan relations  
2013 AidData Center for Development Policy (now IPD) Graduate Fellowship

*Peking University*

2008 Outstanding Graduate Award  
2006-2007 President's Undergraduate Research Grant

SERVICE

**Discipline**

Editorial board, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*. 2021-.

Reviewer, *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *Chinese Journal of International Politics*, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, *European Journal of International Relations*, *Foreign Policy Analysis*, *International Interactions*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Journal of Politics*, *Pearson Education*, *Political Research Quarterly*.

Program Co-Chair, Conflict and Security Section, the 2019 Annual Conference of the Southern Political Science Association.

Discussant, Association of Chinese Political Studies Conference (2020, 2018), International Studies Association Conference (2020, canceled), Midwest Political Science Association Conference (2020, canceled), American Political Science Association Conference (2019), Southern Political Science Association Conference (2019), International Relations of East Asia Online Colloquium (2019).

**University/College/Department**

Vice President, Asian Caucus. 2023-2024 (Secretary, 2021-2023).  
Field Co-head, Comparative Cultural & Political Studies, Graduate Program in International Studies (GPIS). 2022-2024.  
College's Doctoral Mentoring Award Committee. 2021.

Co-advisor, Pi Sigma Alpha Honor Society. 2020-2023.  
 Social Science Research Center Advisory Board. 2019-2024.  
 Comparative Studies Field Coordinator, GPIS. 2018-2022.  
 International Relations (Middle Eastern Politics) Search Committee. 2019.  
 College Dean's Advisory Council, 2018-2020.  
 Department Resource Committee. 2017-2020.

### Graduate Advising

#### *Ph.D. dissertation committee member*

Ian Birdwell, defended 2024  
 Brian Cole, defended 2022  
 Natalie Cruz (Ph.D. in Education), defended 2021  
 Negar Moayed, defended 2020  
 Joshua Hastey, defended 2020  
 Nurullah Ayyilmaz, defended 2018

#### *M.A. thesis committee member*

Jared Sykes, defended 2023  
 Hameed Hassani, defended 2023  
 Afra Herr, defended 2020  
 Ian Birdwell, defended 2019  
 Yanu Widiyono, defended 2018

TRAINING      2015 EITM Summer Institute, University of Michigan  
 2013 EITM Summer Institute, University of Houston  
 2011 ICPSR: Advanced Game Theory; Maximum Likelihood Estimation

ADDITIONAL      Computer skills: Stata, R, SPSS, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Python, SQL, Mathematica, ArcGIS  
 INFORMATION      Languages: Mandarin Chinese (native), Hokkien (native), Cantonese (conversational), French  
 (conversational)

REFERENCES	Scott Wolford Professor Department of Government The University of Texas swolford@austin.utexas.edu	Terrence Chapman Associate Professor Department of Government The University of Texas t.chapman@austin.utexas.edu	Songying Fang Associate Professor Department of Political Science Rice University sfang@rice.edu
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