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EMPLOYMENT **Old Dominion University**, Norfolk, VA

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

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 “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/>

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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

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

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. 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

Introduction to International Relations, Spring 2021-2023
 International Relations Theory, Fall 2020
 International Relations of East Asia, Spring 2018-2023
 Comparative Politics (Graduate), Spring 2018-2022, Fall 2022
 Politics of East Asia, Fall 2017-2022
 Asian Politics (Graduate), Fall 2017-2021, Spring 2023

St. Edward's University

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

GRANTS AND
 FELLOWSHIPS

External

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*, *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- (Secretary, 2021-2023).
 Field Co-head, Comparative Cultural & Political Studies, Graduate Program in International Studies (GPIS). 2022-.
 College's Doctoral Mentoring Award Committee. 2021.
 Co-advisor, Pi Sigma Alpha Honor Society. 2020-.
 Social Science Research Center Advisory Board. 2019-.

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
Pamela Antwi-Nimarko (ongoing)

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^AT_EX, Python, SQL, Mathematica, ArcGIS
INFORMATION Languages: Mandarin Chinese (native), Hokkien (native), Cantonese (conversational), French
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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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