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M.A., Economics, National Taiwan University, 2004  
M.A., Strategic Studies, Australian National University, 2003, *High Distinction*  
B.A., Business Administration, National Taiwan University, 1998

**Dissertation:** *Buying Your Way to Periphery Influence: Patronage Politics at Great Powers' Peripheries*

This dissertation project seeks to systematically explain great powers' patronage distribution in their own backyards. Using a formal model adapted from the probabilistic electoral competition literature and complementing it with insights acquired from in-depth interviews, I argue that a neighbor's alignment predisposition, together with the level of regional power rivalry, explains the variations in great powers' patronage distribution towards their neighboring countries. I test my theoretical predictions with detailed process-tracing case studies on China's aid to North Vietnam from 1964 to 1972, using extensive archival resources. The results of this research demonstrate that when facing a potent but moderate outside competitor involving in its peripheries, a regional power will concentrate its resources on inducing neutral neighbors. In contrast, if great powers are locked in an uncompromising rivalry in the region, the regional power will distribute benefits to neighbors with established allegiance.

**Research Interests:** International relations theory, International security, Domestic politics and foreign policy, East Asian international politics

**Publications:**

"How to Interpret China's Assertive Diplomacy?" *Taipei Perspective*, Taipei Forum, January 8, 2014.

"Taiwan's 2012 Presidential Election, Evolving Sino-US Relations, and the Prospect of Taiwan's Security," *Ballots & Bullets*, University of Nottingham, December 2011.

"New Asia Pivot: Obama's Double Balancing Strategy," *United Daily News*, April 25, 2014, with Philip Yang.

**Work in Progress:**

"The Fallacy of the Abandoning Taiwan Arguments," with Chang-liao Nien-chung.

"Bring Geopolitics Back."

**Conference Presentations:**

"Buying Your Way to Peripheral Influence: Patronage Politics in Great Powers' Peripheries." Paper Presented at the IPSAS Lecture Series, Institute of Political Science, Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan. April 24, 2014.

"Buying Your Way to Periphery Influence." Paper Presented at the Workshop on Theories and Methods of International Relations, Institute of International Relations, National Cheng-chi University, Taipei, Taiwan. December 3, 2014.

"Power Relations and Neighborhood Policies: Revisiting China's Vietnam Policy, 1965-1979." Paper presented at the 8th Graduate Seminar on China, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong. January 4-7, 2012.

"Good Neighbor or Bad Neighbor? Explaining China's Neighborhood Policies." Paper presented at the 16th Annual Conference of North American Taiwan Studies Association, Berkeley, CA. June 18-20, 2010.

**Teaching Experiences:**

Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, UW-Madison: Problems in American Foreign Policy (online course), 2011; China in World Politics, 2011; Intro to International Relations, 2007-10.

**Selected Awards and Honors:**

Institute of Political Science at Academia Sinica Predoctoral Fellowship, 2013-14.

Government Scholarship for Study Abroad, Ministry of Education, Taiwan, 2011-2013.

Dissertation Fellowships, Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange, 2011-12.

Fulbright Scholarship, 2005-07.

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