Xiaoou CHENG

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Education

Texas Tech University, Lubbock

Ph.D. in Political Science   Expected 2025 Summer

    Fields: Public Administration, American Politics, Methods (minor)

    Dissertation: Understanding the Role of Collaboration in Sustainable Governance

    Committee: Sung-Wook Kwon (chair), Wesley Wehde, Dahee Bak, Ricardo Bello-Gomez

Texas Tech University, Lubbock

Master of Public Administration   August 2018 - May 2020

Nanjing Normal University, Nanjing

B.A. Public Administration   September 2013 - June 2017

Research Interests

Substantive: Collaborative governance, intergovernmental relations, local politics, sustainability, rural politics.

Methodology: Quantitative political analysis, survey experiments, network analysis, item response theory, text-as-data.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Cheng, Xiaoou, Kwon, Sung-Wook, & Hawkins, Christopher. (2024). "Examining the Factors of Interlocal Economic Development Collaboration in Rural Areas." *Public Performance & Management Review, 47*(2), 449-475.

Book Chapters

Bello-Gomez, Ricardo, and **Xiaoou Cheng**. (2024). "Intergovernmental Collaboration and Service Delivery", edited by Christopher Reddick, and Tansu Demir (pp. 136-151). *Handbook of Public Service Delivery*, Edward Elgar.

Kwon, Sung-Wook & **Cheng, Xiaoou**. (2023). "Interlocal Economic Development Collaboration in Rural America: A Case of West Texas", edited by James Clinger, Donna Handley and Wendy L. Eaton (pp. 340-353), *Local Government Administration in Small Town America*, Routledge.

Working Papers

"Disasters, Institutions, and Citizen Preferences as Drivers of Local Environmental Sustainability"

"Local Elections and Public Service Performance"

"Policy Preferences and Interlocal Economic Development Collaboration in Rural Regions" (with Sung-Wook Kwon and Chang Gyu Kwak)

"Policy Learning and Diffusion of Comprehensive Emergency Management Practices during the COVID-19 Pandemic." (with Wesley Wehde, Sean Hildebrand, and Matthew Malon)

"Women legislators in Single-Party States" (with Hoan La)

Presentations

Selected Conference Presentations

2024. "Disasters, Institutions, And Citizen Preferences as Drivers of Local Environmental Sustainability." Presented at the American Society for Public Administration Conference, Minneapolis, MN, April.

2024. "Local Elections and Public Service Performance." Presented at the Southern Political Science Association Conference, New Orleans, LA, January.

2023. "Disasters, Institutions, And Citizen Preferences as Drivers of Local Environmental Sustainability." Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL, April.

2021. "Determinants of Interlocal Economic Development Collaboration in Rural Areas: A Study of West Texas Regions." With Dr. Sung-Wook Kwon, Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL, April.

Invited Talks

2022. "Interlocal Collaboration and Sustainability Performance." PUAD 5340, Public Administration Theory and Practice, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX, November.

Teaching Experiences

Instructor of Record

POLS 1301 American Government (undergraduate): 2024 Spring, 2024 Fall

Guest Lectures

"Social Network Analysis Workshop". PUAD 5353 Collaborative Management, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX, April 2024.

"Bureaucracy". POLS 1301 American Government, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX, October 2023.

Teaching Assistant

POLS 3341 Administrative Process, Fall 2023

POLS 1301 American Government, Fall 2023

POLS 3314 Public Choice, Spring 2023

POLS 3375 Latin American Politics, Spring 2023

POLS 3323 Congress, Fall 2022

POLS 3303 Social Entrepreneurship, Spring 2022

POLS 3300 State Politics, Fall 2021

POLS 3317 Campaigns and Elections, Fall 2021

POLS 2306 Texas Politics & Topics, Summer 2024; Summer 2022; Summer 2021; Spring 2021; Fall 2020; Spring 2020; Fall 2019; Spring 2019; Fall 2018

Additional Training and Certifications

Introduction to Python, Texas Tech University

Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research

Multivariate analysis (EITM certificate); Multilevel modeling I & II; Structural equation models; Time series and panel data analysis; Machine learning; Data science and text analysis; Bayesian modeling

Stats Camp, Introduction to Social Network Analysis using R and Rsiena

Data visualization; Network statistics and regression; Exponential random graph model; Stochastic actor-oriented model

Professional Experience

MPA Intern, City of Lubbock, Office of City Secretary   2019 Summer

Honors & Awards

Scholarship of Cochran Public Administration in Political Science, TTU   9/2024

Graduate School Conference Travel Fund, TTU   4/2024

William A. Jackson Scholarship, TTU   9/2023

Scholarship of Cochran Public Administration in Political Science, TTU   9/2022

Scholarship of Presson in Political Science, TTU   9/2021

Graduate School Conference Travel Fund, TTU (conference canceled)   2/2020

Cunningham Scholarship for Academic Excellence, TTU   7/2019

Service and Outreach

Treasurer, Public Administration Graduate Association, TTU   9/2019-6/2021

Skills

Software: Stata, R, LaTeX, Python

Language: Chinese (native), English (advance)

Professional Memberships

American Society for Public Administration

Midwest Political Science Association

Southern Political Science Association