

# Sara A. Newland

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## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## INTERESTS

Domestic politics of mainland China and Taiwan, political economy of development, local government responsiveness, ethnic politics, civil society in authoritarian regimes, US-Taiwan relations

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

**Smith College** (July 2018–)  
*Assistant Professor of Government.*

**Villanova University** (2016–2017)  
*Assistant Professor of Political Science.*

**Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government** (2015–2016, 2017–18)  
*China Public Policy Postdoctoral Fellow, Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation.*

**Harvard University** (2012–2015)  
*Full-time lecturer (preceptor) in the Expository Writing Program.*

## EDUCATION

### University of California, Berkeley

Ph.D., Political Science, August 2015

- Dissertation: *Diversity and Distribution: Essays on Local Governance and Public Service Provision in Multiethnic China*
- Fields: Comparative Politics (with distinction), East Asian Politics (with distinction)
- 2009 Peter H. Odegard Memorial Award winner (awarded annually to the top third-year graduate student on the basis of coursework and comprehensive examinations)

M.A., Political Science, May 2007

- M.A. Essay: “The Enemy of My Enemy is My Friend: Regional Security Complex Theory and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization” (Advisor: T.J. Pempel)

### Wellesley College

B.A., Political Science (*magna cum laude* and departmental honors), May 2003

## PUBLICATIONS

“Direct Election, Bureaucratic Appointment, and Local Government Responsiveness in Taiwan.” Forthcoming, *China Quarterly*.

“Paradiplomacy as a Response to International Isolation: The Case of Taiwan.” 2022. *Pacific Review*. DOI: [10.1080/09512748.2022.2025889](https://doi.org/10.1080/09512748.2022.2025889).

- CGOTS Best Paper Award, APSA Conference Group on Taiwan Studies, 2022.

“Ethnic Identity and Local Government Responsiveness in Taiwan” (with John Chung-En Liu). 2021. *Governance* 34(3): 875–892. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1111/gove.12546>

“More than Multiple Choice: A Toolbox for Incorporating Clickers into Political Science Courses” (with Bridget Black, student coauthor). 2020. *Journal of Political Science Education* 16(2): 158–175. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/15512169.2018.1544906>

“Innovators and Implementers: The Multilevel Politics of Civil Society Governance in Rural China.” 2018. *China Quarterly* 233: 22–42.

“Which Public? Whose Goods? What We Know (and What We Don’t) About Public Goods in Rural China.” 2016. *China Quarterly* 228: 881–904.

*Responding to China’s Rise: US and EU Strategies*, edited by Vinod K. Aggarwal and Sara A. Newland. 2014. Springer.

“Introduction.” (with Vinod K. Aggarwal), pp. 3–26. In *Responding to China’s Rise: US and EU Strategies*, edited by Vinod K. Aggarwal and Sara A. Newland. 2014. Springer.

#### WORK IN PROGRESS “Who Governs Multiethnic China?”

“‘Mayor, Please Work Harder!’ Online Deliberation and Local Politics in Taiwan” (with John Chung-En Liu and Emily Paule, SC ’22)

“E-governance and Taiwan’s Digital Divide”

“Teaching Chinese Politics in Difficult Times”

#### PRESENTATIONS

AAS: 2016, 2017, 2019, 2020 (cancelled due to COVID-19), 2021

APSA: 2010, 2013, 2017, 2019, 2021, 2022 (scheduled)

SPSA: 2016

MPSA: 2014

WPSA: 2010, 2012

“The Study of Taiwan Politics Overseas: The New Frontier,” online panel discussion hosted by the University of Texas at Austin Center for Taiwan Studies, April 2022.

“Domestic and International Politics of Taiwan,” National Consortium for Teaching About Asia seminar for teachers, March 2022.

“The Week that Changed the World: Nixon and the Beginning of US-China Engagement,” webinar for the National Consortium for Teaching about Asia organized by the Five-College Center for East Asian Studies, January 2022.

“US-China Relations Under Biden and Trump,” Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) Distinguished Speaker Program, November 2021.

“Cross-Strait Relations One Year After Biden’s Election,” online panel co-hosted by the Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies and Taiwan’s Legislative Yuan, November 2021.

“New Paths for U.S.-Taiwan Ties,” East Asia National Resource Center, George Washington University, October 2021 (virtual panel discussion primarily for a media and policy audience).

“Taiwan and the Future of US-China Relations,” National Committee on US-China Relations China Town Hall (organized by the World Affairs Council of Western Massachusetts and the Five College Center for East Asian Studies), October 2021.

“Decentralizing the Narrative: City Diplomacy and Taiwan’s International Space,” panel organized by the Taiwan NextGen Foundation, August 2021.

“Paradiplomacy as a response to international isolation: The case of Taiwan” US-Taiwan Next Generation Working Group, August 2020.

“The 2019 Hong Kong Protests: Causes and Consequences,” World Affairs Council of Western Massachusetts, January 2020.

“Taiwan’s Democratization and the 2020 Elections,” Webinar for the National Consortium for Teaching about Asia (NCTA) online seminar, *Taiwan: Identity and Place in the World Today*, February 2020.

“Who Governs Multiethnic China?” University of Pennsylvania Center for the Study of Contemporary China (2017), Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation, HKS (2018).

“Identity and Local Representation in Taiwan.” Temple University Comparative Politics Colloquium (2017).

“Diversity and Distribution,” MIT Comparative Politics Colloquium (2016); Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation, Harvard Kennedy School (2015).

“The Subnational Logic of Regional Trade-Security Linkages.” Conference on Linking Trade and Security in Asia, The East-West Center (2012).

“The Political Geography of Public Service Provision in China’s Poor and Minority Areas.” Graduate Seminar on China, University Services Center, Chinese University of Hong Kong (2012).

#### OTHER WRITING

Sara A. Newland. 2021. Review: Julia Strauss, State Formation in China and Taiwan. *Journal of Asian Studies* 80(3): 730–732.

Sara A. Newland. “What Challenges Lie Ahead for Tsai’s DPP?” *Blog of the Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies, Harvard University*, January 13, 2020.  
<https://medium.com/fairbank-center/taiwan-votes-9163fe29557c>

Sara A. Newland. 2019. Review: Learning Catalytics (student response software). *Journal of Political Science Education*. DOI: 10.1080/15512169.2019.1651652.

Sara A. Newland and John Chung-En Liu. 2016. “Identity and Local Representation in Taiwan.” Pre-analysis plan registered with EGAP (Evidence in Governance and Politics).

Sara A. Newland. 2016. “Growing Apart? Challenges to High-Quality Local Governance and Public Service Provision on China’s Ethnic Periphery.” Ash Center Policy Brief, Harvard Kennedy School.

Sara A. Newland. 2014. Review: Thomas Mullaney, Coming to Terms with the Nation: Ethnic Classification in Modern China. *Pacific Affairs* 87(1): 136–138.

Sara A. Newland. 2014. Review: Björn Alpermann, ed., Politics and Markets in Rural China. *Chinese Journal of Political Science* 19(2): 225–226.

Sara A. Newland. 2011. Review: Minzi Su, China’s Rural Development Policy: Exploring the “New Socialist Countryside.” *Chinese Journal of Political Science* 16(1): 117–118.

Sara A. Newland. 2009. Review: Robert E. Gamer, ed., Understanding Contemporary China. *Chinese Journal of Political Science* 14(2): 223–224.

HONORS AND  
AWARDS

- Public Intellectuals Program, National Committee on U.S.-China Relations (2021–2023)
- Humanities and Social Sciences Lab Pilot Grant, Smith College, 2021-2023 (\$10,000)
- Associate in Research, Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies, Harvard University
- Chiang Ching-Kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange Scholar Grant (\$28,000, 2020)
- U.S.-Taiwan Next Generation Working Group (10 scholars and policy professionals selected, 2020–2022)
- CFCD Student Research Assistant Award, Smith College (2018–21)
- Fuehrbringer Summer Research Grant, Harvard College Writing Program (2013, 2014)
- American Association of University Women Dissertation Fellowship, 2012 (alternate)
- National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant, 2010
- Reinhard Bendix Memorial Award, UC-Berkeley Institute for International Studies, 2010–2011
- Liu Graduate Fellowship, UC-Berkeley Center for Chinese Studies, 2010–2011
- Boren Fellowship, National Security Education Program, 2010–2011 (declined)
- Dean’s Normative Time Fellowship, UC-Berkeley, Spring 2010 & Spring 2012
- APSA Travel Grant, Fall 2010
- Peter H. Odegard Award, UC-Berkeley Political Science Department, 2009
- Pacific Rim Research Program Mini-Grant, UC Office of the President, 2009
- Institute for East Asian Studies Graduate Fellowship, UC-Berkeley, 2009
- Horton-Hallowell Fellowship for Graduate Study, Wellesley College, 2008
- National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program, 2008 (honorable mention)
- Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship for Mandarin Chinese, 2006–2008

TEACHING  
EXPERIENCE

**Smith College Government Department**

- Comparative Political Economy (Fall 2018, Spring 2020, Spring 2021)
- Chinese Politics (Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Fall 2021)
- Government Lab: Designing and Conducting Research (Intersession 2021, Spring 2022)
- Introduction to Comparative Politics (Spring 2019, Fall 2019, Fall 2020)
- Seminar: Comparative Politics of East Asia (Spring 2019)
- Seminar: Taiwan: Internal Politics and Cross-Strait Relations (Spring 2020)

**Villanova University Political Science Department**

- Comparative Political Economy (graduate seminar, Fall 2016)
- Chinese Politics (graduate seminar, Spring 2017)
- Introduction to Comparative Politics (undergraduate lecture course, Spring 2017)

## Harvard College Writing Program

- The Rise of China (first-year writing course, 2012–2015)

## Chung Chi College, Chinese University of Hong Kong

- Taught English and General Education classes to English-language learners (2004–2006)

## COLLEGE SERVICE

- Public lectures: “The US-China trade war” (Chinese Students Association), “Legalization of gay marriage in Taiwan” (Chinese Students Association), “The Hong Kong Protests: Causes and Consequences” (Lewis Global Studies Center), “Responses to the 2020 US Election in East Asia” (East Asian Languages and Cultures).
- Search committee member, Assistant Professor of Government and Statistical & Data Sciences, Fall 2019
- Search committee member, Assistant Professor of Government, Fall 2021
- STRIDE advisor, 2019-2020 and 2021-2022
- Member, Student Fellowships Nomination and Advisory Committee (college-appointed committee, 2019-2022)

## SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE

**APSA Qualitative and Multimethods Research Section**, Sage Paper Award Committee (2018–19)

**Reviewer**, *American Political Science Review*, *Asian Survey*, *British Journal of Chinese Studies*, Cambridge University Press, *China Information*, *Comparative Politics*, *International Affairs*, *Issues and Studies*, *Journal of Asian and African Studies*, *Journal of Contemporary China*, *Journal for Peace and Justice Studies*, *Modern China*, *Nationalism and Ethnic Politics*, National Science Foundation, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Political Science Quarterly*, *Politics and Gender*, *Social Science Research*, *Social Science Quarterly*.

**Panel Organizer**, AAS (2017, 2019, 2020, 2021), APSA (2017)

**Panel Chair**, SPSA (2016)

**Discussant**, APSA (2019, 2021), Harvard-Yenching and SSK Conference on Human Rights and the Environment (2016), SPSA (2016)

## MEDIA APPEARANCES

*BBC World News (TV)*, *Inside Higher Ed*, Central News Agency (Taiwan), *OZY*

## SKILLS

*Languages*: English (native), Mandarin Chinese (highly proficient)

*Statistical Packages*: R, Stata

*Applications*: L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, ArcGIS, QGIS