

North American Taiwan Studies Association(NATSA)
Application Form for the President of 2024

Candidate Name

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Have you worked with NATSA before? If yes, year/position?

- 2020/2021 Organizer of Inward Networking Session
- 2022 Program Commissioner
- 2023 Program Director

Education

	Name	Year (from/to)	Degree	Major
University	National Taiwan University	2010-14	B.A.	Sociology
Graduate School	National Taiwan University	2014-18	M.A.	Sociology
Graduate School	Rutgers University, New Brunswick	2019-2021	M.A.	Sociology
Graduate School	Rutgers University, New Brunswick	2021-present	Ph.D	Sociology

Experience (ex. work experience, organizing conference experience)

CONFERENCE ORGANIZING-RELATED

- Organizer 2015
East Asian Junior Sociologists Workshop (National Taiwan University, Kyoto University, Seoul National University)

Manifesto

Drawing on my background in sociology, I am committed to fostering an environment in which NATSA members from diverse social positions can exercise their agency in pursuing and practicing what they believe to be “Taiwan Studies” while receiving support in navigating various structural constraints. To this end, I would like to begin with the following initiatives,

First, the institutionalization of a framework that explicitly states NATSA’s core values, including, but not limited to, the respect and practice of diversity, equity, and inclusion across gender, sexual orientation, race, national origin, and other forms of identity and characteristics, and the prevention and correction of harassment based on these characteristics. The institutionalization of this framework shall include the discussion and possible establishment of coping mechanisms and trained investigators to address situations in which these core values are violated before, during, or after NATSA’s annual conferences and in all NATSA-related situations. The framework may also serve as a guide for the NATSA conference planning team when organizing events and considering potential invited speakers.

Second, working with the board members and building on the previous efforts of NATSA’s former staff, I would like to continue to expand NATSA’s potential collaborators and sponsors by exploring and reaching out to organizations in new areas and brainstorming together the potential, creative ways to collaborate.

Third, NATSA is a meaningful platform that bridges Taiwan studies in/from Taiwan and those in/from North America. I am committed to exploring innovative ways to facilitate meaningful exchanges, collaborations, and dialogues between scholars, researchers, and institutions in both regions.

In conclusion, my vision for NATSA includes institutionalization within the organization to ensure that the desired values are practiced and the mistakes within NATSA are corrected; venturing into new and diverse areas in search of new collaborators and sponsors; and continuing efforts to bring Taiwan to the world and the world to Taiwan.

Signature
Yung-Ying Chang

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