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## **Yi-Wen Wei**

**College: Fine Arts**

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**Degree: Doctorate**

Yi-Wen Wei is a current doctoral student in the [FSU Department of Art Education in the College of Fine Arts](#) at Florida State. After being an elementary school teacher for seven years, she was inspired by a dedicated Taiwanese arts education professor to follow her dream and pursue a doctoral degree in the United States. Her life journey and work experiences with children from a variety of social and cultural backgrounds have cultivated her research interest in exploring the relationship between social class and arts education. Social class, as “an elephant in the room,” plays a crucial role in arts education but is rarely discussed. Yi-Wen is committed to devoting her life to promoting arts education for all children. “I feel encouraged when my research topic is recognized by the [National Art Education Foundation Research Grants](#). To be a committed teacher and future scholar, I will continue to deepen my understanding of art education, gaining real-life experiences and cultivating my leadership skills.”

