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## **APPOINTMENTS**

### **University of San Diego**

Assistant Professor, Political Science and International Relations, 2020-

### **Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars**

China Fellow, 2021-22

### **Harvard Kennedy School, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs**

Predoctoral Fellow, 2019-20

## **EDUCATION**

### **Massachusetts Institute of Technology**

PhD in Political Science, September 2020

Member, Security Studies Program

### **Yale University, Jackson Institute for Global Affairs**

Master of Arts, May 2013

### **University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa**

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Journalism, May 2009

## **JOURNAL ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS**

“Stormy Seas: The South China Sea in US-China Relations” (with M. Taylor Fravel), *Security and US-China Relations: Differences, Dangers, and Dilemmas*, eds. Avery Goldstein and Jacques deLisle (Washington, DC: Brookings Institution Press, April 2021).

“COVID-19 and Fieldwork: Challenges and Solutions,” *PS: Political Science & Politics*, January 2021 (with Peter Krause, Ora Szekeley, Mia Bloom, Fotini Christia, Sarah Zukerman Daly, Chappell Lawson, Zoe Marks, Aidan Milliff, Richard Nielsen, Emil Asian Souleimanov, William Reno, Aliyu Zakayo).

“Campaign Rhetoric and Chinese Reactions to New Leaders” (with Jessica Chen Weiss), *Asian Security*, Vol. 16, No. 2 (2020).

“The Implications of Increased Internal Control on China’s International Behavior,” in Nicholas D. Wright, ed., *AI, China, Russia, and the Global Order: Technological, Political, Global, and Creative Perspectives* (Maxwell, AL: Air University Press, January 2018).

## **OTHER PUBLICATIONS**

“The Domestic Sources of China’s Maritime Assertiveness Under Xi Jinping,” in Lucas Myers, ed. *Essays on China and US Policy*, Wilson Center, June 2022.

“Ukraine a Cautionary Tale for a China Eyeing Taiwan,” *360info*, May 24, 2022.

“Engagement Revisited: Progress Made and Lessons Learned from the US-China Strategic and Economic Dialogue,” *National Committee on American Foreign Policy*, September 2021 (with Tiffany Barron, Rorry Daniels, M. Patrick Hulme, Daniel Jasper, and Craig Kafura).

“China’s leaders say that Biden offers a ‘new window of hope.’ Their experts are more skeptical,” *Washington Post* Monkey Cage blog, January 21, 2021 (with Jessica Chen Weiss).

“America and China Have Hampered Peace Progress on the Korean Peninsula,” *The National Interest*, June 2020.

“How Will China Treat the New President?” *The Washington Quarterly*, December 2016 (with Jessica Chen Weiss)

“Will Beijing Cut Trump Some Slack After that Phone Call with Taiwan?,” *Washington Post* Monkey Cage blog, December 6, 2016 (with Jessica Chen Weiss).

## **WORKING PAPERS**

“Agents of Punishment? Local Leaders and Economic Coercion in China” (Revise & Resubmit)

“Strongman Politics and Foreign Policy: Explaining China’s Maritime Assertiveness under Xi Jinping”

“Perfect Storm: Power Transition and Territorial Disputes in the South China Sea” (with Taylor Fravel)

## **WORK IN PROGRESS**

“Fighting from a Position of Weakness: China’s Response to Unfavorable Changes in the Local Balance of Power”

## **FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS**

- Jimmy Carter Award for Best Paper on US-China Relations and Chinese Foreign Policy (given by the Carter Center), 2022
- Lucian Pye Award for Outstanding PhD Thesis (given by Dept. of Political Science at MIT), 2021
- University of San Diego Fellowship Award, Office of Sponsored Programs, 2021
- US-Korea NextGen Scholar, 2020-2021
- Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation Dissertation Fellowship, 2019
- Confucius China Studies Program PhD Research Fellowship, 2017-2018
- Presidential Fellowship, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2014-2015
- Richard U. Light Fellow, 2013-2014 (Tsinghua University)
- Yale University Fellow, 2011-2013

- Phi Beta Kappa, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, 2009
- University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa Regents Scholar, 2005-2009
- Philip Jacob Award for Political Science, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, 2009

## **CONFERENCES, TALKS, AND WORKSHOPS**

- Seventh Young Scholars Forum on US-China Relations, September 2022
- China Research Workshop, 21<sup>st</sup> Century China Center, UC San Diego, March 2022
- International Studies Association Annual Meeting: 2021; 2020 (cancelled); 2019; 2018, 2017
- American Political Science Association Annual Meeting: 2020; 2018
- “China’s Challenges in a Post-COVID World,” San Diego World Affairs Council, May 2020
- “Bridging Asia” US-Asia Grand Strategy Conference, USC, January 2020
- International Security Seminar, Belfer Center, Harvard Kennedy School, December 2019
- “Security and US-China Relations: Differences, Dangers, and Dilemmas,” Center for Contemporary China, University of Pennsylvania, May 2019 (with M. Taylor Fravel)
- State-Mobilized Contention Conference, Hong Kong University, January 2017
- Renmin University, Summer 2016 (with Jessica Chen Weiss)

## **TEACHING**

### **University of San Diego:**

- Research Methods in Political Science (Spring 2023)
- Chinese Foreign Policy (Undergraduate: Fall 2020 & Fall 2021; Graduate: Fall 2020)
- Politics in China (Undergraduate: Spring 2021, Fall 2022; Graduate: Fall 2022)
- Senior Capstone: The Changing Global Order (Fall 2021)
- Introduction to International Relations (Spring 2021, Fall 2021, Fall 2022)
- Workshop in International Relations (Graduate: Summer 2021)

**U.S. Peace Corps Volunteer, Yangtze Normal University (Fuling, China; 2009-2011):**  
English as a Second Language

## **SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION AND OTHER ENGAGEMENTS**

- Consultant, U.S. Department of State on Subnational Actors in Chinese Foreign Policy, June 2022
- Reviewer for: *International Security*, *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of East Asian Studies*, *The Pacific Review*, *Asian Survey*, *International Area Studies Review*, *Journal of Peace Research*
- Track II Dialogue, The National Committee on American Foreign Policy, March 2021
- China-US Young Leaders Dialogue, China Institute of International Studies, Beijing, 2019

## **UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

- Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, University of San Diego (2022-present)
- Historian, Phi Beta Kappa, University of San Diego Chapter (2021-present)

## **LANGUAGES**

- Mandarin Chinese