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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

University of San Diego August 2020 – Present
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science and International Relations

Harvard Kennedy School August 2019 – June 2020
Predoctoral Research Fellow, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs

EDUCATION

Massachusetts Institute of Technology May 2020
PhD in Political Science
Dissertation Title: “Commerce and Coercion in Contemporary China”
Visiting student, Peking University, School of International Studies, 2017-2018

Yale University, Jackson Institute for Global Affairs May 2013
Master of Arts in International Relations

University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa May 2009
Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Journalism

Language Study:

Tsinghua University (Beijing, China)
Inter-University Program for Chinese Language Studies August 2013 – June 2014

Hainan University (Haikou, China) June 2007 – August 2007

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, forthcoming).

“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 AND MEDIA

“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).

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

“China and the Biden Administration,” *China Voices Podcast*, AmCham Shanghai, December 2020.

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

“The Domestic Roots of Chinese Assertiveness,” *Précis*, MIT Center for International Studies, Spring 2019.

“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).

WORKS-IN-PROGRESS

Commerce and Coercion in Contemporary China (book manuscript)

“Agents of Punishment? Local Leaders and Economic Coercion in China”

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

“Second Image Squared: The Interactive Effects of Bureaucratic Politics in US-China Relations, 2009-2016” (with Rachel Esplin Odell)

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

- US-Korea NextGen Scholar, 2020-2021
- Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation Dissertation Fellowship, 2019
- MIT Center for International Studies, Research Grant, 2019
- Confucius China Studies Program PhD Research Fellowship, 2017-2018
- MIT Center for International Studies, Summer Study Grant, 2016
- Presidential Fellowship, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2014-2015
- Richard U. Light Fellow, 2013-2014 (Tsinghua University)
- Yale University Fellow, 2011-2013 (full tuition)

- Frazier Jelke Fellow, Yale University, 2012-2013
- Peace Corps Fellow, Yale University, 2011-2013
- University of Hawaii Regents Scholar, 2005-2009 (full tuition)
- Phi Beta Kappa, 2009

CONFERENCES AND TALKS

- ISA Annual Meeting: 2021 (scheduled); 2020 (cancelled); 2019; 2018, 2017
- APSA 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
- China-US Young Leaders Dialogue, China Institute of International Studies, Beijing, May 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

Instructor of Record, University of San Diego

Politics in China (Spring 2021); Introduction to International Relations (Spring 2021); Chinese Foreign Policy (Fall 2020); Chinese Foreign Policy (graduate seminar, Fall 2020)

Teaching Assistant, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Causes and Prevention of War (taught by Dr. Daniel Altman, Spring 2017); Introduction to International Relations (taught by Dr. Richard Nielsen, Fall 2017)

U.S. Peace Corps Volunteer, Yangtze Normal University (Fuling, China) 2009 –2011

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant to M. Taylor Fravel, MIT May 2015 – June 2019

Research Assistant to Jessica Chen Weiss, Yale University September 2012 – August 2013

Summer Associate, International Crisis Group (Beijing, China) May 2012 – August 2012

LANGUAGES AND FIELDWORK

- Mandarin Chinese
- Fieldwork experience: June-July 2015 in China (Beijing, Dalian); August 2017-June 2018 in China (Beijing, Chengdu, Dalian, Guangzhou, Shanghai, Shenyang, Xi’an); May-July 2019 (Beijing, Chongqing, Dongguan, Guangzhou)