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## **ACADEMIC POSITION**

### **Harvard Kennedy School**

Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs  
Predoctoral Fellow, International Security Program

August 2019 –

## **EDUCATION**

### **Massachusetts Institute of Technology**

PhD Candidate in Political Science (expected summer 2020)

Dissertation Title: “Commerce and Coercion in Contemporary China”

Fields: International Relations, Comparative Politics

Visiting student, Peking University, School of International Studies, 2017-2018

August 2014 –

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

Master of Arts in International Relations

May 2013

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

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Journalism

May 2009

### ***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

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### ***Peer Reviewed:***

“Campaign Rhetoric and Chinese Reactions to New Leaders” (with Jessica Chen Weiss), *Asian Security*, Online First (August 2019), <https://doi.org/10.1080/14799855.2019.1651717>

### ***Other:***

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

“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*, A Strategic Multilayer Assessment Periodic Publication, January 2018.

“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**

“Stormy Seas: The South China Sea in US-China Relations” (with M. Taylor Fravel)  
Submitted for inclusion in *Security and US-China Relations: Differences, Dangers, and Dilemmas*, eds. Avery Goldstein and Jacques deLisle.

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

“A 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**

- Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange Dissertation Fellowship, 2019-2020
- MIT Center for International Studies, Research Grant, 2019
- Confucius China Studies Program PhD Research Fellowship, 2017-2018 (Peking University)
- 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, Honolulu, March 2020 (scheduled)
- “Bridging Asia” US-Asia Grand Strategy Conference, University of Southern California, January 2020

- International Security Brown Bag 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)
- ISA Annual Meeting, Toronto, April 2019
- APSA Annual Meeting, Boston, September 2018
- ISA Annual Meeting, San Francisco, April 2018
- ISA Annual Meeting, Baltimore, February 2017
- State-Mobilized Contention Conference, Hong Kong University, January 2017
- School of International Studies Speaker Series, Renmin University, Summer 2016 (with Jessica Chen Weiss)

## **TEACHING**

### **The MIT Kaufman Teaching Certificate**

June 2019

### **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 AND OTHER EXPERIENCE**

### **Research Assistant, Massachusetts Institute of Technology**

Research assistant to M. Taylor Fravel

June 2019

May 2015 –

### **Research Assistant, Yale University**

Research assistant to Jessica Chen Weiss

2013

September 2012 – August

### **Summer Associate, International Crisis Group (Beijing, China)**

2012

May 2012 – August

## **LANGUAGES**

- Mandarin Chinese