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## **CURRENT APPOINTMENTS**

### **University of San Diego**

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science and International Relations, 2020-

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

China Fellow, 2021-2022

## **EDUCATION**

### **Massachusetts Institute of Technology**

PhD in Political Science, May 2020

Dissertation Title: “Commerce and Coercion in Contemporary China”

### **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 (Mandarin):***

**Tsinghua University**, Inter-University Program for Chinese Language Studies, Beijing, 2013-2014

**Hainan University**, Haikou, China, Summer 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, April 2021).

“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**

“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).

“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).

## **MEDIA**

“The Power of China’s Cancel Culture on Foreign Brands Over Xinjiang Cotton,” *Vice Media*, June 2021.

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

## **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**

- Lucian Pye Award for Outstanding PhD Thesis (given by the Dept. of Political Science at MIT), 2021
- University of San Diego Fellowship Award, Office of Sponsored Programs, 2021
- US-Korea NextGen Scholar, 2020-2021

- Predoctoral Research Fellow, Harvard Kennedy School, Belfer Center for Science and International, 2019-2020
- 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**

- 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)

### **OTHER ENGAGEMENTS**

- The National Committee on American Foreign Policy, Forum on Asia-Pacific Security, March 2021
- China-US Young Leaders Dialogue, China Institute of International Studies, Beijing, 2019

### **TEACHING**

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

Politics in China, undergraduate, Spring 2021

Introduction to International Relations, undergraduate, Spring 2021 (x2)

Chinese Foreign Policy, undergraduate, Fall 2020

Chinese Foreign Policy, graduate, Fall 2020

**U.S. Peace Corps Volunteer, Yangtze Normal University (Fuling, China)**

2009 –2011

## **SERVICE**

- Historian, Phi Beta Kappa, University of San Diego Chapter (2021-present)
- Reviewer for: *International Security*, *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of East Asian Studies*

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

S&ED Project Member, National Committee on American Foreign Policy      April 2021 – Present

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 in China (Beijing, Chongqing, Dongguan, Guangzhou)

## **MEMBERSHIPS**

- American Political Science Association
- International Studies Association
- National Committee on United States-China Relations