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EDUCATION

PhD in Political Science, University of Pennsylvania, 2020
Certificate in College and University Teaching, 2017
AM in Political Science, University of Pennsylvania, 2016
AB (*cum laude*) in Government, with High Honors, Dartmouth College, 2009

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Continental Great Powers, Naval Development, and the Quest for Influence on Land and Sea
(book project)

Sovereignty and Territory Project: The Cross-Taiwan Strait Sovereignty Dispute and the China Seas Territorial Disputes

- “PRC and ROC Maritime Claims: Problems and Prospects for New Imagined Geographies”
- “Three’s a Crowd: The Impact of Two Chinas on Multilateral Territorial Disputes”

“IR in a Maritime Region: Security in the Asia-Pacific and Signaling at Sea,” with Hyun-Binn Cho

PUBLICATIONS

“Protecting the Taiwan Strait in the 21st Century.” East Asia Forum. February 4, 2021.

“A Brilliant Second: France as a Naval Great Power.” In *Navies in Multipolar Worlds: From the Age of Sail to the Present*, edited by Paul Kennedy and Evan Wilson, 23-46. Cass Series: Naval Policy and History 66. Abingdon, UK: Routledge, 2021.

“Coast Guards Could Accidentally Spark War in the South China Sea.” *The National Interest*. June 28, 2016.

“East Asia’s Lessons from World War I.” *The Diplomat*. July 16, 2014.

“China’s Military Political Commissar System in Comparative Perspective,” with Kenneth Allen and Ryan Kinsella. *China Brief* 13, no. 5 (March 4, 2013): 15-19.

NB: also included in the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees’ [Refworld](#).

“South Korea Accepts Japanese Yellow Sea Deployment.” *Atlantic Sentinel*. June 12, 2012.

“Mass Killing: Politics by Other Means?” *Cornell International Affairs Review* 4, no. 2 (Spring 2011): 44-47.

“Of Navies and Power Transitions: The United States, Naval Power, and the Rise of China.” *Journal of Politics & Society* 21 (2010): 103-46.

“Of Rights and Robots.” *Dialogue* 52, no. 2-3 (April 2010): 97-102.

“The US Naval Question in Southeast Asia.” *Journal of International Relations* 12 (Spring 2010): 90-105.

“The U.S. Naval Question in East Asia.” *Journal of Undergraduate International Studies* 6 (Spring 2009): 31-36.

“The Chinese Recognition Question in U.S.-British Relations.” *World Outlook*, no. 36 (Spring 2009): 22-45.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Perry World House Graduate Associate, University of Pennsylvania, 2017-2019

Dean’s Award for Distinguished Teaching by Graduate Students, University of Pennsylvania, 2017

Pottruck Graduate Prize Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania, 2016-2017

Mellon Ethnopolitics Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania, 2015-2016

Mellon Asch Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania, 2014-2015

Feirson Family Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania, 2014-2015

GRANTS

Travel grant, United States Naval Academy McMullen Naval History Symposium, 2019

Research grant, University of Pennsylvania Christopher H. Browne Center for International Politics, 2019

Travel grant, University of Pennsylvania Graduate Student Government of the School of Arts and Sciences, 2019

Graduate student grant, University of Pennsylvania Center for the Study of Contemporary China, 2017

Research grant, University of Pennsylvania Christopher H. Browne Center for International Politics, 2017

Travel grant, University of Pennsylvania Graduate Student Government of the School of Arts and Sciences, 2016

Research student travel grant, University of Pennsylvania Graduate and Professional Student Assembly, 2015

Research grant, University of Pennsylvania Christopher H. Browne Center for International Politics, 2015

CONFERENCES

Paper Presentations

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting and Convention, September 2021 (scheduled)

United States Naval Academy McMullen Naval History Symposium, September 2021 (scheduled)

United States Naval Academy McMullen Naval History Symposium, 2019
University of Pennsylvania Conference on International Borders in a Globalizing World, 2019
Cornell University Interdisciplinary Graduate Workshop on Peace and Conflict, 2019
International Studies Association Annual Convention, 2019
Yale University Naval History Conference, 2018
University of Pennsylvania Center for the Study of Contemporary China Weekly Forum, 2018
George Washington University Asian Politics Workshop, 2018
International Studies Association International Conference, 2017
Columbia University in the City of New York Conference on East Asia, 2016
Mid-Atlantic Region Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference, 2015
Council on Asian Affairs Young Researchers Symposium, 2015
University of California, San Diego Minerva China Scholars Conference, 2012

Other Participation

Discussant, Cornell University Interdisciplinary Graduate Workshop on Peace and Conflict, 2019
Panel moderator and discussant, University of Pennsylvania Pi Sigma Alpha Beta Tau Chapter Undergraduate Research Conference, 2018
Co-organizer, University of Pennsylvania China and International Relations Graduate Research Workshop, 2017
Panel discussant, University of Pennsylvania China and International Relations Graduate Research Workshop, 2016
Co-organizer and panel discussant, University of Pennsylvania China and International Relations Graduate Research Workshop, 2015

TEACHING

“International Crises,” with Christopher Chiego: guest lecturer, Spring Semester 2020, Haverford College
“Introduction to International Relations,” with Alex Weisiger: teaching assistant, 2019 Fall Term, University of Pennsylvania
“Critical Inquiries,” with Maya Pindyck: guest lecturer, Spring Semester 2019, Moore College of Art and Design
“American Foreign Policy,” with Michael C. Horowitz: teaching assistant, 2017 Spring Term, University of Pennsylvania
“War, Strategy, and Politics,” with Michael C. Horowitz: teaching assistant, 2016 Fall Term, University of Pennsylvania
“International Security,” with Avery Goldstein: teaching assistant, 2016 Spring Term, University of Pennsylvania
“Chinese Politics,” with Avery Goldstein: teaching assistant, 2015 Fall Term, University of Pennsylvania

FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Chinese: full proficiency.

Spoken: Mandarin.

Written: Simplified and Traditional.

French: moderate proficiency.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Political Science Association

Corbett Centre for Maritime Policy Studies, King's College London

International Institute for Strategic Studies

International Studies Association

United States Naval Institute

Young Professionals in Foreign Policy

PRIOR EXPERIENCE

Wikistrat Inc.: Contributing Analyst, Asia-Pacific Desk, 2012-2015.

Defense Group Inc.: Research Associate for East Asia, Center for Intelligence Research and Analysis, 2011-2014.

US Department of Defense: Country Director and Dartmouth College Class of 1964 Public Policy Intern; China, Taiwan, and Mongolia Team; Office of the Secretary of Defense, 2008.

US National Archives and Records Administration: Intern, Presidential Materials Staff, Office of Presidential Libraries, 2007.

World Affairs Council of Northern California: Intern, Schools Program | Associate *ad interim*, Public Programs, 2006.

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