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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

2016 – Assistant Professor – U.S. Naval War College, China Maritime Studies Institute

EDUCATION

2011 – 2016 **Ph.D. – Cornell University**, Government Department (ABD, degree expected June 2016)
Subfields: International Relations, International Law, Comparative Politics (China)
Dissertation: “Rising Power, Creeping Jurisdiction: China’s Law of the Sea”

2007 – 2009 **M.Phil. – University of Oxford**, Modern Chinese Studies (St. Antony’s College)
Thesis: “‘China’s Tibet’ in the Global War on Terror” (Distinction)

2001 – 2005 **B.A. – Dartmouth College**, History

JOURNAL ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

2017 “China’s Hierarchical Response to the Philippines’ UNCLOS Arbitration,” *Asian Law Review* (Spring 2018) [forthcoming]

2015 “[Domesticating Public International Maritime Law: China and Global Maritime Norms and Practices](#),” chapter in John Garrick and Yan Bennett, eds. *China’s Socialist Rule of Law: Deepening Reforms, International Implications* (New York: Routledge)

2015 “[Reconsidering the People’s Liberation Army as an Interest Group](#),” chapter in *The PLA Role in Chinese National Security Policy* (Stanford: Stanford UP) [with Phillip C. Saunders]

2013 “[How Great is ‘Great’? A Perspective on the ‘New Type of Great Power Relations’ Between China and the United States](#),” *Journal of East Asia & International Law*, Vol. 6, no. 2 (with Zhang Xinjun)

2013 “[Oil for the Lamps of China: Managing Uncertainty and Vulnerability in World Energy Markets](#),” *Journal of Global Policy and Governance*, Vol. 2, no. 2

2011 “[China and Pakistan: Emerging Strains in the Entente Cordiale](#)” *Project 2049 Institute Occasional Papers*

2010 “[China’s Out of Area Naval Operations](#),” *China Strategic Perspectives*, No. 3 (Washington, DC: National Defense University Press) [with Chris Yung and Ross Rustici]

2009 “[Finding a Place for Taiwan](#),” *Pacific Forum – CSIS, Issues & Insights*, Volume 10, no. 1 [co-author]

MEDIA PUBLICATIONS

2017 “[Forget the FONOPs – Just Fly, Sail, and Operate Wherever International Law Allows](#),” *Lawfare* [with Peter Dutton]

2015 “[The Other Gulf of Tonkin Incident: China’s Forgotten Maritime Compromise](#),” *Asia Maritime Transparency Initiative (AMTI) Analysis*

2015 “[The Enabling Role of UNCLOS III in PRC Maritime Policy](#),” *AMTI Analysis*

2015 “[Maritime Rights and Interests](#),” *AMTI Analysis*

2014 “[Hainan Revises Fishing Regulations in the South China Sea: New Language, Old Ambiguities](#),” *The Jamestown Foundation China Brief*, Volume XIV, Issue 2

2010 “[China’s Emerging Debate on Military Transparency](#),” *Jamestown Foundation China Brief*, Vol. X, No 18

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TEACHING

Aug 2016 –	Visiting Lecturer, “Chinese Attitudes Toward International Law,” NYU Law
Fall 2016	Governing China, U.S. Naval War College
2014	Visiting Lecturer, Tsinghua Law School
Spring 2013	Chinese Foreign Policy (TA for Allen Carlson), Cornell University
Winter 2012	Advanced International Political Economy (TA for Peter Katzenstein), Cornell University

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Jul 2017 –	Associate in Research, Harvard University Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies
Sep 2016 – Jun 2017	Post-Doctoral Fellow, Princeton-Harvard China & the World Program
Jun 2015 – Jun 2016	Visiting Scholar, NYU Law, US-Asia Law Institute (New York, NY)
May – Jun 2015	Research Fellow, Naval War College, China Maritime Studies Institute (Newport, RI)
Jan – Apr 2015	Visiting Fellow, Academia Sinica (Taipei, Taiwan)
Apr – Dec 2014	Visiting Scholar, National Institute for South China Sea Studies (Haikou, P.R.C.)
2013-14	Affiliated Scholar, NYU Law School, U.S.-Asia Law Institute (New York City, NY)
2011-15	Adjunct Research Fellow, National Defense University/INSS (Washington, DC)

AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2015 – 2016	Sage Fellowship, <i>Cornell University</i>
2014 – 2015	New Generation China Scholarship, <i>University of Chicago</i>
2014 – 2015	Jeffrey S. Lehman Fund for Scholarly Exchange With China, <i>Cornell University</i>
2013 – 2014	Fulbright-Hays DDRA, <i>Department of Education</i>
2013	Lee Teng-Hui Fellowship in World Affairs, <i>Cornell University</i>
2013	Reppy Institute Graduate Fellowship, <i>Cornell University</i>
2013	Lam Family Travel Grant, <i>Cornell University</i>
2012	Foreign Languages and Area Studies Fellowship, <i>US Department of Education</i>
2011 – 2012	Sage Fellowship, <i>Cornell University</i>
2009	MTC Scholarship, <i>National Taiwan Normal University</i>
2009	M.Sc Modern Chinese Studies Research Award, <i>University of Oxford</i>
2008 – 2009	Carr & Stahl Funds, <i>University of Oxford</i>
2004	Richter Memorial Research Grant, <i>Dartmouth College</i>

LANGUAGE TRAINING

2012	Inter-University Program for Chinese Language Studies, Tsinghua University (advanced)
2009	National Taiwan Normal University, Language Certificate (advanced)
2008	Peking University, Language Certificate (intermediate)
2007 – 2009	Oxford University, Center for Chinese Studies (beginner-intermediate)

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CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- July 2017 “China’s Response to the South China Sea Arbitration,” *Center for Strategic & International Studies*, 7th Annual South China Sea Conference (Washington, DC)
- Mar 2017 “Rising Power, Creeping Jurisdiction: China’s Law of the Sea,” *Princeton University*, Woodrow Wilson School
- Mar 2017 “China’s Maritime Transformation: A Continental State Goes Global,” *U.S. Naval War College*, 14th Regional Alumni Symposium, Escuela Superior de Guerra Naval (Lima, Peru)
- Feb 2017 “Ruling the Waves & Waiving the Rules: China’s Day in Court with the Philippines,” *Issues in Arbitration in Asia: The Arbitral Landscape After the South China Sea Arbitration*, University of Pennsylvania School of Law (Philadelphia, PA)
- Nov 2015 “China at the Law of the Sea Conference: Closing the Door on the Unequal Treaty System,” *China and International Relations Graduate Research Workshop*, University of Pennsylvania (Philadelphia, PA)
- Sep 2015 “Rising Power, Creeping Jurisdiction: China’s Law of the Sea,” *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, International Security Division (San Francisco, CA)
- Jul 2015 “Organizing for Maritime Power: China’s Maritime Rights and Interests,” *China as a “Maritime Power,”* Center for Naval Analyses (Arlington, VA)
- Dec 2014 “Not an Open and Shut Case: Explaining Sino-US Differences Over the Law of the Sea,” Workshop Presentation at *Harmonizing China-US Visions for Maritime Security in East Asia*, National Institute of SCS Studies, [personally organized with Peking University and Cornell University] (Haikou, PRC)
- Jun 2014 “Chinese maritime law enforcement operations in disputed zones,” *The Paracel and Spratly Islands: Historical and Legal Aspects*, DaNang University (DaNang, Vietnam)
- Oct 2013 “Legal, political and historical meanings of the Chinese U-shaped Line,” *Law of the Sea Institute Annual Conference*, University of California-Berkeley Law School (Berkeley, CA)
- Aug 2012 “Evaluating Potential Outcomes in the South China Sea: Cui Bono?” *Regional Integration in Asia Conference*, University of International Business and Economics (Beijing, PRC)
- Jul 2012 “中国的‘九段线’及国际法的政治方面” [China’s U-shaped Line: political and legal effects] *中国的海洋权益及南海的和平与稳定 [Workshop on China’s Maritime Rights and Interests, South China Sea Peace and Stability]*, Linyi University (Shandong, PRC)
- Apr 2012 “China’s U-Shaped Line in the South China Sea: international law, history, and politics,” *Changing Faces in Legal Thinking: Revisiting Legal Methodologies*, Cornell Law School (Ithaca, NY)
- Feb 2012 “The PLA as an Interest Group in Chinese Politics,” *Jamestown Foundation Annual China Defense and Security Conference* (Washington, DC)
- Nov 2011 “Reconsidering the PLA as an Interest Group,” *CAPS-CEIP-NDU-RAND 2011 International Conference on PLA Affairs* (Taipei, ROC)
- Nov 2010 “Responses to Attacks on Chinese Citizens in Pakistan,” *Managing Instability on China’s Periphery Workshop*, Council on Foreign Relations (Washington, DC)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2013 - **Participant**, Maritime Disputes Track 2 Dialogue, National Committee on U.S.-China Relations
Annual meetings with Chinese academics and officials discussing Chinese maritime disputes
- 2012 - 2014 **Rapporteur**, Stanford University, The Hoover Institution
Participate in ongoing Track 1.5 Dialogues co-organized by China Institute for International Studies (CIIS)

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- 2011 - **Adjunct Research Fellow**, National Defense University, Institute for National Strategic Studies (NDU/INSS)
Co-author papers on Chinese civil-military relations, military and diplomatic strategy
- 2009 – 2011 **Research Analyst**, NDU/INSS, Center for the Study of Chinese Military Affairs
Research, writing, editing on Chinese security issues; conference planning and organization
- 2005 – 2007 **Journalist**, *United Press International, New York Sun, Time Out New York, Gawker Media*
Wrote articles on international business and politics, food and nightlife
- 2004 **Research Assistant**, Stanford University, The Hoover Institution
Archival research on Iran-Contra affair for George P. Shultz Senior Fellow, Abraham D. Sofaer

MEMBERSHIPS

Council on Foreign Relations (Term Member)
National Committee on U.S.-China Relations

LANGUAGES

Mandarin: Advanced reading & speaking (primary source research and interviews in Chinese); intermediate writing
Italian: Advanced reading, intermediate speaking and writing
Spanish: Advanced reading, basic speaking and writing

PERSONAL INTERESTS

Music: Play and perform on piano, banjo, bass, guitar & vocals
Sport: Rugby (Dartmouth Rugby Football Club), Squash (Oxford Varsity Seconds), Badminton, Golf, Yoga

ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

Jerome A. Cohen, Professor of Law
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