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### **EDUCATION**

- 2004 Ph.D., Stanford University: Political Science  
Fields of Study: International Relations and Comparative Politics (China)
- 1996 M.Sc., with Distinction, London School of Economics: International Relations
- 1995 M.A., University of Oxford (New College): Philosophy, Politics and Economics
- 1993 B.A., *summa cum laude*, Middlebury College: History

### **ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

- 2008- Associate Professor of Political Science, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- 2006-07 Visiting Scholar, American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Cambridge, MA
- 2006-07 Fellow, Princeton-Harvard China and the World Program, Harvard University
- 2004-08 Assistant Professor of Political Science, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- 2003-04 Postdoctoral Fellow, John M. Olin Institute for Strategic Studies, Harvard University

### **AFFILIATIONS**

- 2004- Research Faculty, Security Studies Program, MIT
- 2004- Associate in Research, Fairbank Center for East Asian Research, Harvard University
- 2004- Member, National Committee on US-China Relations
- 2004-2009 Term Member, Council on Foreign Relations
- 2004-2008 Faculty Associate, John M. Olin Institute for Strategic Studies, Harvard University

### **FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS**

- 2008-11 Cecil and Ida Green Career Development Chair, MIT
- 2001-03 Predoctoral Fellowship, Center for International Security and Cooperation, Stanford University
- 1999-00 Asia/Pacific Scholar, Stanford University
- 1998-01 Graduate Research Fellowship, National Science Foundation
- 1993-96 Rhodes Scholar
- 1992 Truman Scholar
- 1992 *Phi Beta Kappa*, Middlebury College

## RESEARCH GRANTS

- 2008-11 United States Institute of Peace, Unsolicited Grant Program (\$54,375)
- 2008-10 Smith Richardson Foundation, International Security and Foreign Policy Program, Junior Faculty Research Grant (\$60,000)
- 2008-10 Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation, Research Grant (\$8,000)
- 2008 School of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences Research Grant, MIT (\$2,000)
- 2001-03 David L. Boren Graduate Fellowship
- 2001 Dissertation Research Grant, Institute for the Study of World Politics (declined)
- 2001 Dissertation Research Grant, Social Science History Institute, Stanford University
- 1999 Foreign Language Area Scholarship, Department of Education

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books

*Strong Borders, Secure Nation: Cooperation and Conflict in China's Territorial Disputes.* Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2008. Princeton Studies in International Relations and History.

### Journal Articles and Book Chapters

"China's Search for Military Power," *The Washington Quarterly*, Vol. 31, No. 3 (Summer 2008)

"Power Shifts and Escalation: Explaining China's Use of Force in Territorial Disputes," *International Security*, Vol. 32, No. 3 (Winter 2007/2008)

"Securing Borders: China's Doctrine and Force Structure for Frontier Defense," *Journal of Strategic Studies*, Vol. 30, No. 4 (August 2007)

"The Structural Sources of China's Compromises," *International Security*, Vol. 31, No. 2 (Fall 2006)

"Regime Insecurity and International Cooperation: Explaining China's Compromises in Territorial Disputes," *International Security*, Vol. 30, No. 2 (Fall 2005)

"The Evolution of China's Military Strategy," in David Finkelstein and James C. Mulvenon, eds., *China's Revolution in Doctrinal Affairs*, (Alexandria: Center for Naval Analysis, 2005)

"China's New Diplomacy," *Foreign Affairs*, Vol. 82, No. 6 (November/December 2003) (with Evan S. Medeiros)

Reprinted in Chinese as "Zhongguo xin waijiao," in Men Honghua, ed., *Zhongguo: Daquo Jueqi* (Hangzhou: Zhejiang Renmin Chubanshe, 2004)

Reprinted in Liu Guoli, ed., *Chinese Foreign Policy in Transition*, (New York: Aldine de Gruyter, 2004)

"The Revolution in Research Affairs: Online Sources for the Study of the PLA," in James C. Mulvenon and Andrew N.D. Yang, eds., *Poverty of Riches: New Challenges and Opportunities in PLA Research*, (Santa Monica: RAND Corp, 2003)

"Towards Civilian Supremacy: Civil-Military Relations in Taiwan's Democratization," *Armed Forces & Society*, Vol. 29, No. 1 (Fall 2002)

"Online and On China: Research Sources in the Information Age," *The China Quarterly*, No. 163 (September 2000)

“China and United Nations Peacekeeping Operations, 1990-1995,” *Asian Survey*, Vol. 36, No. 11 (November 1996)

### **Other Publications**

“US-China Relations and China’s New Diplomacy,” Working Paper Series, No. 18, Rohatyn Center for International Affairs, 2005

“The United States as an Asian Power: Realism or Conceit?,” Center for International Studies Audit of the Conventional Wisdom, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, April 2005 (with Richard J. Samuels)

*Net Assessment: Online Sources for the Study of the PLA* (Santa Monica: RAND Corp, DRR-3283, April 2004)

“The Changing Face of Chinese Diplomacy,” *The Asian Wall Street Journal*, 25 November 2003 (with Evan S. Medeiros)

Editor, *China Foreign Policy Net*, ([www.stanford.edu/~fravel/chinafp.htm](http://www.stanford.edu/~fravel/chinafp.htm)), 1999-2004. An online portal for information sources on Chinese foreign policy.

“How the Internet Will (Not) Change China,” Asia/Pacific Research Center, *Intelligence Fax*, No. 18, (September 2000)

“The Bureaucrats’ Battle over the Internet in China,” *Virtual China*, (Feb. 18, 2000)

“Red Herring Hegemon: China and the South China Sea,” *Current History*, Vol. 96, No. 611 (September 1997) (with William J. Dobson)

### **Manuscripts**

“The Limits of Diversion: Rethinking Internal and External Conflict”

“China’s Territorial Future: Will Conquest Pay?”

“Doing Nothing: The Sources of Delay in International Disputes”

### **CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS**

“China’s Territorial Disputes”

International Studies Association Annual Conference, March 2008

“China’s Territorial Future: Will Conquest Pay?”

- International Studies Association Annual Conference, March 2008
- IR Colloquium, Princeton University, March 2008
- CENTRA, Washington, DC, February 2008
- Waseda University, Tokyo, October 2007
- Work in Progress Colloquium, Department of Political Science, MIT, September 2007
- American Political Science Association Annual Conference, August 2007
- CENTRA, Washington, DC, June 2007
- Department of Government and Political Science, University of Maryland, February 2006

“Securing China: Cooperation and Escalation in Territorial Disputes”

- American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Cambridge, April 2007
- Fairbank Center for East Asian Studies, Harvard University, April 2007

“China’s Management of Territorial Disputes: Comparing Land and Maritime Conflicts”

- Naval War College, Newport, March 2007
- National Defense University, Washington, DC, August 2006

“Explaining China’s Use of Force in Territorial Disputes”

- Department of Government, University of Texas, Austin, March 2007
- Princeton-Harvard China and the World Program workshop, March 2007
- National Security Seminar, Olin Institute, Harvard University, February 2007
- Dickey Center for International Understanding, Dartmouth College, November 2006
- China and the World Seminar, Princeton University, October 2006
- American Political Science Association Annual Conference, September 2006

“Rising Power and International Conflict: Three Perspectives”

- Draper Laboratory, November 2006
- Middlebury College, October 2006
- Cornell University, July 2006
- Lincoln Laboratory, May 2006
- Department of Political Science, Stanford University, March 2006

“Exploding the Diversionary Hypothesis: Rethinking Internal and External Conflict”

- Work in Progress colloquium, Department of Political Science, MIT, April 2006
- Workshop in International Relations, Stanford University, March 2006
- American Political Science Association Annual Conference, September 2005

“Regime Insecurity and International Cooperation: Explaining China’s Compromises in Territorial Disputes”

- The Fletcher School, Tufts University, April 2006
- Program on International Security Policy, University of Chicago, May 2005
- RAND, Washington, DC, October 2004
- International Security Program, Belfer Center, Harvard University, November 2003
- National Security Seminar, Olin Institute, Harvard University, October 2003

“Measuring Civilian Supremacy of the Armed Forces”

American Political Science Association Annual Conference, September 2005

“Explaining China’s Settlement of Territorial Disputes”

- Center for International Security and Cooperation, Stanford University, January 2003
- American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Boston, MA September 2002
- Triangle Institute for Security Studies, Duke University, September 2002
- Center for International Security and Cooperation, Stanford University, February 2002
- Stanford-Berkeley Contemporary China Network, Berkeley, November 2001

“Getting It Together: Territorial Consolidation and the Settlement of Territorial Disputes”

International Studies Association Annual Conference, March 2002. Panel Organizer.

“Explaining China’s Behavior in the South China Sea”

American Political Science Association Annual Conference, September 2001

“China and Territorial Disputes”

Department of Political Science, Stanford University, April 2001

“Towards Supremacy: Civil-Military Relations in Taiwan’s Democratic Consolidation”

Western Political Science Association Annual Conference, March 2001

“China in the South China Sea: Facts in Search of a Theory”

International Studies Association Annual Conference, February 2001

“Using the Internet to Study China”

China Seminar, Center for East Asian Studies, Stanford University, October 2000

“China’s Participation in Multilateral Security Institutions”  
Stanford Law School, April 2000

“China Goes Online: Topic and Tools for Research”  
Stanford China Group, Stanford University, May 1999

“China in the South China Sea”  
Department of Political Science, Stanford University, February 1999

“Neoconservatism and Chinese Foreign Policy”  
RAND Corporation, August 1995

## **SPECIALIZED AND INVITED CONFERENCES**

“Foreign Policy and the Next U.S. Administration: China”  
Starr Forum, MIT, September 2008

“Territorial Disputes in the Trilateral Relationship: Opportunities and Challenges in the Senkaku / Diaoyu Dispute”  
Peking University, June 2008

“China as a Rising Power”  
Workshop on US-Japan Relations and a Changing Asia, Endicott House, MIT, February 2008

“China’s Search for Military Power: Internal Control, Peripheral Denial and Limited Force Projection”

- MIT-Japan Program Symposium on ‘Meeting a Rising China,’ Tokyo, January 2008
- International Symposium, National Institute for Defense Studies, Tokyo, February 2007

“Territorial Disputes and US-Japan-China Cooperation”  
Japan Center for International Exchange, Conference on Trilateral Cooperation, Tokyo, October 2007

Sino-American Security Dialogue

- University of Oklahoma, May 2007
- East-West Center, Honolulu, June 2006
- Fudan University, Shanghai, June 2005
- Mershon Center, Ohio State University, June 2004
- Institute for Asia-Pacific Studies, CASS, Beijing, October 2003
- Inaugural Participant, University of Colorado, May 2002

“Cross-Straits Relations: The View from the Mainland”  
Taiwan Studies Workshop trip report, Fairbank Center, Harvard University, February 2007

“Securing the Borders: China’s Doctrine and Force Structure for Frontier Defense”

- RAND, January 2007
- CAPS-RAND-CEIP International Conference on the PLA, Taipei, November 2005

“Studying the PLA Through Open Sources”

- CENTRA, Washington, D.C., January 2007
- CENTRA, Washington, D.C., September 2004

- “Regional Responses to PLA Modernization”  
CAPS-RAND-CEIP International Conference on the PLA, Taipei, December 2006
- “New Stability Across the Straits?”  
Shanghai Institute of American Studies, roundtable discussion, June 2005
- “Strategic Coincidence and US-China Relations”  
China Institute for Contemporary International Relations, Beijing, July 2004
- “The Future of the New Stability in US-China Relations”  
5<sup>th</sup> US-China Conference on Arms Control, China Arms Control and Disarmament Association and the Monterey Institute of International Studies, Beijing, July 2004
- “US-China Relations and China’s New Diplomacy”  
Rohatyn Center for International Affairs, Middlebury College, May 2004
- “Rising Power and China’s Territorial Future”  
Borders Group, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, April 2004
- “China’s New Diplomacy and US-China Relations”  
FACES Conference, Stanford University, April 2004
- “China as a Regional Hegemon?”  
Warburg Conference, Simmons College, April 2004
- “China’s New Diplomacy”
- Institute for American Studies, CASS, Beijing, October 2003
  - Shanghai Institute for American Studies, Shanghai, October 2003
- “US-China Relations and Neoconservatism”  
Center for American Studies, Fudan University, Shanghai, October 2003
- “The Evolution of China’s Military Strategy: Comparing the 1987 and 1999 *Zhanlue Xue*”  
RAND-CNAC Conference on the PLA, Washington DC, December 2002
- “Information Warfare and Modernization of the PLA: Emerging Doctrine and Capabilities”  
CAPS-RAND International Conference on the PLA, Taipei, November 2002
- “Civil-Military Relations and the Consolidation of Taiwan’s Democracy”  
International Workshop on Challenges for Taiwan’s Democratic Consolidation, Institute of National Policy Research and Hoover Institution
- Stanford, October 2002
  - Taipei, June 1999
- “Prospects for US-China Relations after 9/11”  
Conference on the Asia Pacific Strategic Structure and Cross-Straits Relations, China Institute for Contemporary International Relations, Beijing, April 2002
- “The Revolution in Research Affairs: Online Sources for the Study of the PLA”  
CAPS-RAND Conference on the PLA, Washington DC, June 2001
- “Uncertain China: Dealing With a Potential Great Power”  
Stanley Foundation Forty-First Strategy for Peace Conference, October 2000

“China Views the World: Security from a Chinese Perspective”  
Clifford Symposium on China, Middlebury College, February 1998

#### **OTHER EXPERIENCE**

- 1998-01     *Research Fellow*, Asia/Pacific Research Center, Stanford University  
Lead investigator for the ARCO China History Project.
- 1996-98     *Senior Associate Consultant*, Bain & Company, San Francisco, CA
- 1995         *Graduate Intern*, RAND Corporation

#### **SERVICE ACTIVITIES**

- 2004-             Reviewer for *Asian Security*, *Asian Survey*, *Cambridge Review of International Affairs*, *Critical Asian Studies*, *International Relations of the Asia Pacific*, *International Security*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Journal of Chinese Political Science*, *Journal of East Asian Studies*, M. E. Sharpe, *Review of International Studies*, Rowman & Littlefield, *Security Studies*, *The China Quarterly*, and *World Politics*
- 2008             Concentration and Minor Advisor, East Asian Studies, MIT
- 2005-06, 2007-08     Transfer Credit Examiner, Department of Political Science, MIT
- 2005-06, 2007-08     Undergraduate Program Committee, Department of Political Science, MIT
- 2005-06             Personnel Committee, Department of Political Science, MIT
- 2004-06, 2007-08     Foreign Scholarships Committee, MIT
- 2004-06, 2007-08     Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Political Science, MIT
- 2004             Selection Committee, Boren Fellowship
- 2001-03             British Scholarship Committee, Stanford University
- 2001-02             Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Political Science, Stanford University
- 2001-02             Graduate Chair, Stanford-Berkeley Contemporary China Network
- 2000-01             Convener, Stanford—Monterey Asian Security Seminar
- 2000-01             Graduate Chair, China Seminar Series, Center for East Asian Studies, Stanford University
- 1999             Co-convener, The Next Generation: China, Taiwan and the US, Stanford University
- 1998-02             Member, Nevada Rhodes Scholar Selection Committee

#### **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

- American Political Science Association
- International Studies Association
- International Institute for Strategic Studies

#### **LANGUAGES**

- Mandarin Chinese