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### CURRENT POSITION AND AFFILIATIONS

Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
Arthur and Ruth Sloan Professor of Political Science, 2018–  
Director, Security Studies Program, 2019–

### PAST POSITIONS AND AFFILIATIONS

Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
Acting Director, Center for International Studies, 2017–2018  
Associate Professor of Political Science (with tenure), 2011–2018  
Cecil and Ida Green Career Development Chair, 2008–2011  
Associate Professor of Political Science (without tenure), 2008–2011  
Assistant Professor of Political Science, 2004–2008  
Faculty Member, Security Studies Program, 2004–

American Academy of Arts and Sciences  
Visiting Scholar, 2006–2007

Harvard University  
Visiting Fellow, Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies, 2012–2013  
Fellow, Princeton-Harvard China and the World Program, 2006–2007  
Faculty Associate, John M. Olin Institute for Strategic Studies, 2006–2008  
Postdoctoral Fellow, John M. Olin Institute for Strategic Studies, 2003–2004

Stanford University  
Predoctoral Fellowship, Center for International Security and Cooperation, 2001–2003  
Asia/Pacific Scholar, 1999–2000

### EDUCATION

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

### OTHER AFFILIATIONS

Principal Investigator, Maritime Awareness Project, National Bureau for Asian Research, 2015–  
Term Member, Council on Foreign Relations, 2004–2009  
Member, National Committee on U.S.-China Relations, 2004–

## FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Andrew Carnegie Fellow, Carnegie Corporation of New York (\$200,000), 2016–2018

Fellow, Public Intellectuals Program, National Committee on U.S.-China Relations, 2011–2013

Research Associate, National Asia Research Program, National Bureau of Asian Research and Woodrow Wilson International Center, 2010–2012

Graduate Research Fellowship, National Science Foundation, 1998–2001

Rhodes Scholar (Vermont and New College), 1993

Truman Scholar, 1992

*Phi Beta Kappa*, Middlebury College, 1992

## RESEARCH GRANTS

MISTI Greater China Innovation Fund, MIT (Principal Investigator, \$28,000), 2017–2019

Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Japan), (Co-Principal Investigator, \$250,000), 2014–2015

MISTI Greater China Innovation Fund, MIT (Principal Investigator, \$30,000), 2012–2014

U.S. Institute of Peace, Unsolicited Grant Program (Principal Investigator, \$54,375), 2008–2001

Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation, Research Grant (Principal Investigator, \$8,000), 2008-2010

Junior Faculty Research Grant, International Security and Foreign Policy Program, Smith Richardson Foundation (Principal Investigator, \$60,000), 2008–2009

School of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences Research Grant, MIT (\$2,000), 2008

David L. Boren Graduate Fellowship, 2001-2003

Dissertation Research Grant, Institute for the Study of World Politics (declined), 2001

Dissertation Research Grant, Social Science History Institute, Stanford University, 2001

Foreign Language Area Scholarship, Department of Education, 1999

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books

*Active Defense: China's Military Strategy Since 1949*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2019. Princeton Studies in International Relations and History.

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

Japanese edition: *Chūgoku no ryōdo funsō: Buryoku kōshi to dakyō no ronri* (Tokyo: Keiso shobo, 2019).

### Edited Books and Online Readers

*IR Theory Studies in China: A CJIP Reader* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2019) (Co-edited with Sun Xuefeng and Liu Feng) [e-reader]

*Debating China-US Strategic Competition: A CJIP Reader* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2018) (Co-edited with Sun Xuefeng and Liu Feng) [e-reader]

*Contending Theories of Rising Powers: A CJIP Reader* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2017) (Co-edited with Sun Xuefeng and Liu Feng) [e-reader]

*China in the Territorial/Maritime Disputes: A CJIP Reader* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016) (Co-edited with Sun Xuefeng and Liu Feng) [e-reader]

*Debating China-US Relations: A CJIP Reader* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2015) (Co-edited with Sun Xuefeng and Liu Feng) [e-reader]

*Understanding China's Foreign Policy Transformation: A Reader* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2014) (Co-edited with Sun Xuefeng and Liu Feng) [e-reader]

*China in the Asia-Pacific: A CJIP Reader* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013) (Co-edited with Sun Xuefeng and Matt Ferchen) [e-reader]

*China's Rise and International Norms: A CJIP Reader* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012) (Co-edited with Sun Xuefeng and Matt Ferchen) [e-reader]

*China and East Asian Order: A Reader.* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2011) (Co-edited with Sun Xuefeng and Matt Ferchen) [e-reader]

*Rethinking China's Rise: A Reader.* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2010) (Co-edited with Sun Xuefeng and Matt Ferchen)

#### **Journal Articles and Book Chapters**

"China's "World-Class" Military Ambitions: Origins and Implications," *The Washington Quarterly* Vol. 42, No. 4 (Spring 2020)

"Stability in a Secondary Strategic Direction: China and the Border Dispute with India After 1962," in Kanti Bajpai, Selina Ho and Manjari Chatterjee Miller, eds., *Routledge Handbook of China-India Relations* (New York: Routledge, 2020)

"Dangerous Confidence: Chinese Views of Nuclear Escalation," *International Security* Vol. 44, No. 2 (Fall 2019) (with Fiona S. Cunningham)

"Shifts in Warfare and Party Unity: Explaining Changes in China's Military Strategy," *International Security* Vol. 42, No. 3 (Winter 2017/2018)

"Threading the Needle: The South China Sea Disputes and U.S.-China Relations," in Robert Ross and Øystein Tsunjo, eds., *Strategic Adjustment and the Rise of China: Power and Politics in East Asia* (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2017)

"Qualitative Investigations of Theoretical Models: The Value of Process Tracing," *Journal of Theoretical Politics* Vol. 29, No. 3 (2017) (with Peter Lorentzen and Jack Paine)

"Explaining China's Escalation in the Senkaku (Diaoyu) Islands Dispute," *Global Summitry* Vol. 2, No. 1 (June 2016)

"China's Changing Approach to Military Strategy: The *Science of Military Strategy* from 2001 to 2013," in Joe McReynolds, ed., *China's Evolving Military Strategy* (Washington, DC: Brookings Press, 2016)

Reprinted in Japanese as: "Henka shitsutsu aru Chuugoku no Gunji Senryaku Apurochi," *Chuugoku no Shinka suru Gunji Senryaku* (Tokyo: Hara Shobo, 2017)

"Assuring Assured Retaliation: China's Nuclear Strategy and U.S.-China Strategic Stability," *International Security* Vol. 40, No. 2 (Fall 2015) (with Fiona S. Cunningham)

"The PLA and National Security Decisionmaking: Insights from China's Territorial and Maritime Disputes," in Phillip Saunders and Andrew Scobell, eds., *The PLA's Role in National Security Policy-Making* (Palo Alto: Stanford University Press, 2015)

"China's New Military Strategy: 'Winning Informationized Local Wars,'" *China Brief* Vol. 15, No. 13 (June 2015)

"Projecting Strategy: The Myth of Chinese Counter-Intervention," *The Washington Quarterly* Vol. 37, No. 4 (Winter 2015) (with Christopher P. Twomey)

"Things Fall Apart: Maritime Disputes and China's Regional Diplomacy," in Jacques deLisle and Avery Goldstein, eds., *China's Challenges: The Road Ahead* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2015)

"Territorial and Maritime Boundary Disputes in Asia," in Saadia Pekkanen, Rosemary Foot, and John Ravenhill, eds., *Oxford Handbook of the International Relations of Asia* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2014)

"The Challenge of Maritime Disputes," in China Association for Military Science, ed., *Asia-Pacific Security: New Issues and New Ideas* (Beijing: Junshi kexue chubanshe, 2014)

"Growing Competition in the South China Sea," in Michael McDevitt, ed., *The Long Littoral Project: South China Sea* (Washington, DC: Center for Naval Analysis, 2013)

"Maritime Security in the South China Sea and the Competition over Maritime Rights," in Patrick Cronin and William Rogers, eds., *Asia in the Balance: U.S. Strategy in the South China Sea* (Washington, DC: Center for New American Security, 2012)

"China's Strategy in the South China Sea," *Contemporary Southeast Asia*, Vol. 33, No. 3 (December 2011)

"Beyond the Moat: The PLAN's Evolving Interests and Potential Influence," in Phil Saunders *et al.*, eds., *The Chinese Navy: Expanding Capabilities, Evolving Roles* (National Defense University Press, 2011) (with Alex Liebman)

"Economic Growth, Regime Insecurity, and Military Strategy: Explaining the Rise of Non-Combat Operations in China," *Asian Security*, Vol. 7, No. 2 (Fall 2011)

Reprinted in Avery Goldstein and Edward Mansfield, eds., *The Nexus of Economics, Security, and International Relations in East Asia* (Palo Alto: Stanford University Press, 2012)

"China's Assertive Behavior – Part Two: The Maritime Periphery," *China Leadership Monitor*, No. 35 (Summer 2011) (with Michael D. Swaine).

"China Views India's Rise: Deepening Cooperation, Managing Differences," in Ashley Tellis, Travis Tanner, and Jessica Keogh, eds., *Strategic Asia 2011–12: Asia Responds to Its Rising Powers – China and India* (Seattle: National Bureau of Asian Research, 2011)

"International Relations Theory and China's Rise: Assessing China's Potential for Territorial Expansion," *International Studies Review*, Vol. 12, No. 4 (December 2010)

"China's Search for Assured Retaliation: Explaining the Evolution of China's Nuclear Strategy," *International Security*, Vol. 35, No 2 (Fall 2010) (with Evan S. Medeiros)

"The Limits of Diversion: Rethinking Internal and External Conflict," *Security Studies*, Vol. 19, No. 2 (May 2010)

"Explaining Stability in the Senkaku (Diaoyu) Dispute," in Gerald Curtis, Ryosei Kokubun and Wang Jisi, eds., *Getting the Triangle Straight: Managing China-Japan-US Relations* (Washington, DC: The Brookings Institution Press, 2010)

Reprinted in Japanese as: "Senkaku/Diaoyu Shoto mondai ha naze antei shite iru no ka," in *Sankyoku o toku: Nichibeichu kankei no kizo to tenbo* (Iwanami Shoten, 2010)

"Zhongguo junshi jueqi chutan [A Preliminary Analysis of China's Military Rise], *Zhongguo Guoji Zhanlue Pinglun*, No. 2, 2009, pp. 292-311

"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: Daguo 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)

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

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

### **Other Publications (Selected)**

"China's Sovereignty Obsession," *Foreign Affairs*, June 26, 2020

"Why are China and India Skirmishing at Their Border? Here's 4 Things to Know." *Washington Post*, June 2, 2020

"Does the Global Pandemic Open New South China Sea Opportunities for Beijing? Not Really," *Washington Post*, May 7, 2020

"Mike Pompeo Criticized China for Not Respecting Its Neighbors' Territorial Integrity. What's the Story?," *Washington Post*, February 21, 2020

"Why India Did Not 'Win' the Standoff with China," *War on the Rocks*, September 1, 2017

"Danger at Dolam," *Indian Express*, July 18, 2017

"Why Does China Care So Much About the South China Sea? Here are 5 Reasons," *The Washington Post*, July 13, 2016.

"What Will Guide China's Response to the South China Sea Tribunal Ruling?," *South China Morning Post*, Friday, July 8, 2016.

*Conflict and Cooperation in the Asia-Pacific Region: A Strategic Net Assessment* (Washington, DC: Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, 2015) (with Michael D. Swaine, Nicholas Eberstadt, Mikkal Herberg, Albert Keidel, Evans J.R. Revere, Alan Romberg, Eleanor Freund, Rachel Esplin Odell, and Audrye Wong)

*U.S. Policy toward the Disputes in the South China Sea since 1995*, Policy Brief, S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (Singapore: Nanyang Technological University, March 2014)

Reprinted and updated in Chinese as "Meiguo dui Nanhai youguan zhengyi de zhengce: 1995-2017," *Dangdai Meiguo pinglun* No. 1 (2017)

Reprinted in Enrico Fels and Truong-Minh Vu, eds., *Power Politics in Asia's Contested Waters: Territorial Disputes in the South China Sea* (Springer, 2016)

"Q & A: M. Taylor Fravel on China's Dispute with Vietnam," *Sinosphere*, *The New York Times*, May 8, 2014

"Chinese Signaling in the East China Sea?," *The Monkey Cage*, *The Washington Post*, April 12, 2014

"The Dangerous Math of Chinese Island Disputes," *The Asian Wall Street Journal* and *The Wall Street Journal*, October 28, 2012

"How to Defuse South China Sea Conflicts," *The Asian Wall Street Journal*, June 26, 2012

"The Asian Arms Race that Wasn't," *Foreign Policy*, May 8, 2012 (with Vipin Narang)

"All Quiet in the South China Sea: Why China is Playing Nice (For Now)," *Foreign Affairs*, March 22, 2012

"Why 'Non-Combat' PLA Operations Are Vital for China's Regime Stability," *Global Asia*, Vol. 6, No. 2 (Summer 2011)

"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)

### **Work in Progress**

"Stormy Seas: The South China Sea in US-China Relations" (with Kacie Miura)

"China in the World: A New Paradigm for Scholarship" (with Melanie Manion and Yuhua Wang)

"U.S. Policy Toward China in the South China Sea" (with Charles Glaser)

"China, Russia, and the Arctic: Melting and Freezing Alliances as the Climate Changes in the Polar Zone" (with Kathryn Lavelle and Liselotte Odgaard)

"Perfect Storm: Power Transitions and Territorial Disputes" (with Kacie Miura)

"Life on the Great Power Frontier: Capabilities, Influence and Trajectory in China's Rise" (with David Edelstein)

"PRC Behavior in Inter-state Security Crises: What Deters China and How China Sends Signals" (with Alastair Iain Johnston and Rachel Esplin Odell)

### **SEMINARS AND PRESENTATIONS**

"The India-China Border Clash"

- US Institute of Peace, July 2020
- Council on Foreign Relations, July 2020
- Asia Society, July 2020

"China's Military Strategy and the China-India Border Dispute"  
Jamestown Foundation, July 2020

"Prospects for US-China Nuclear Competition"  
National Defense University, June 2020

"Active Defense: China's Military Strategy Since 1949"

- Naval War College, June 2020
- INDOPACOM, May 2020
- Stanford University, January 2020
- King's College, London, November 2019
- National Committee on U.S.-China Relations, October 2019
- University of Michigan, September 2019
- World Affairs Council, San Francisco, September 2019
- Center for Advanced Policy Studies, Taipei, Taiwan, August 2019
- Business Executives for National Security, Boston, April 2019
- Princeton University, March 2018
- Brown University, November 2017
- Georgetown University, October 2017

"U.S. Policy Toward China in the South China Sea"  
George Washington University, May 2020

“China’s Military Strategy and U.S.-China Relations”

- Business Executives for National Security, New York, October 2019
- Business Executives for National Security, Chicago, September 2019

“China’s National Military Strategy”

- Consuls General Briefing, MIT, September 2019
- MIT Congressional and Executive Branch Seminar, April 2019

Testimony before the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission, hearing on “A ‘World-Class’ Military: Assessing China’s Global Military Ambitions,” June 2019

“The Military Strategic Guidelines in the New Era”

Naval War College, May 2019

“Stormy Seas: The South China Sea in US-China Relations”

University of Pennsylvania, May 2019

“The South China Sea and US-China Relations,” Harvard Salon, November 2018

“US-China Relations on the Eve of the Mid-Terms,” MIT, November 2018

“China and North Korea”

- MIT, Washington DC, April 2018
- Starr Forum, MIT, October 2017

“China’s Calculus in the South China Sea”

- MIT, April 2018
- Harvard University, March 2018
- Department of State, March 2017

“Chinese Views of Nuclear Escalation”

- George Washington University, April 2018
- International Studies Association, April 2018
- George Washington University, September 2017

“China and the U.S.-China-Russia Nuclear Relationship”

New Nuclear Age Initiative, American Academy of Arts and Sciences, December 2017

“Life on the Great Power Frontier”

American Political Science Association Annual Conference, September 2017

“China’s Territorial Disputes: Past, Present, and Future”

Stanford University, May 2017

“China’s Maritime Disputes”

- Royal Danish Defense College, May 2017
- Seminar XXI, Arlie House, May 2015
- Hoover Institution Working Group on Foreign Policy and Grand Strategy, Washington DC, June 2014
- Seminar XXI, Arlie House, May 2014
- Lincoln Laboratory, March 2014
- Harvard Kennedy School, March 2014
- Harvard Kennedy School, November 2013
- Princeton University, November 2013
- Seminar XXI, Arlie House, April 2013



- Congressional and Executive Workshop, MIT, April 2013
- Boston Committee on Foreign Relations, January 2013
- World Affairs Council, Houston, October 2012
- Public Intellectuals Program, National Committee on U.S.-China Relations, Burlingame, CA, October 2012
- Pacific Council for International Policy, September 2012

“Explaining the Evolution of China’s Military Strategy”

- Lone Star Forum, LBJ School, University of Texas, April 2017
- School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University, September 2016
- Georgetown University, December 2015
- University of Washington, April 2015
- RAND, Washington, DC, April 2014
- Harvard Kennedy School, March 2014
- Tulane University, February 2014
- Harvard University, March 2013
- Northwestern University, March 2013
- University of Chicago, March 2013
- Lincoln Laboratory, February 2013
- National Institute for Defense Studies, Tokyo, Japan, November 2012
- University of Michigan, October 2012
- Tufts University, October 2012
- International Studies Association Annual Conference, April 2012
- American Political Science Association Annual Conference, September 2011
- George Washington University, April 2011
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology, April 2011
- Stanford University, February 2011
- Mershon Center, Ohio State University, January 2011

“China’s Approach to Preventing Conflict”

Harvard Kennedy School, March 2017

“China’s Approach to the South China Sea: Insights from China’s Other Territorial Disputes”

University of Pennsylvania, December 2016

“China’s Response to the South China Sea Tribunal”

Boston University, November 2016

“Regime Insecurity and Chinese Foreign Policy”

CENTRA, Washington, DC, October 2016

“Maritime Disputes in U.S.-China Relations”

Fairbanks Center for Chinese Studies, Harvard University, October 2016

“Assuring Assured Retaliation: China’s Nuclear Posture and U.S.-China Strategic Stability”

- Woodrow Wilson Center, Washington, DC, May 2016
- International Studies Association, Atlanta, GA, March 2016

“China’s Military Strategy”

- Seminar XXI, May 2016
- Lincoln Laboratory, April 2016

“China’s Foreign and Security Policies Under Xi Jinping”

Association for Asian Studies, Seattle, WA, April 2016

“Sources of Conflict and Stability in Asia,”  
Asia Vision 21, Fung Global Institute, Hong Kong, June 2015

“Evolving Security Dynamics in Asia”  
Starr Forum, MIT, May 2015

“Counterintervention in China’s Military Strategy”  
Congressional and Executive Workshop, MIT, April 2015

“China’s Military”

- Defense Technology Seminar, Lincoln Laboratory, April 2015
- NATO Parliamentary Seminar, MIT, April 2015

“Explaining the Absence of Armed Conflict over the Senkaku/Diaoyu Islands Since 2012”  
Free University of Berlin, Germany, January 2015

“China’s Search for Stability: Chinese Views of U.S. Nuclear Strategy and Forces”  
George Washington University, December 2014

“The Management of Maritime Disputes in East Asia”  
5<sup>th</sup> Xiangshan Forum, Beijing, China, November 2014

“Steps to Promote Strategic Trust between China and Japan”  
SIPRI, Stockholm, July 2014

“East Asian Territorial Disputes and Great Power Relations”

- Norwegian Institute for Defense Studies, Oslo, Norway, May 2014
- Peking University, Beijing, China, November 2013

“China’s Maritime Disputes Under Xi Jinping: The South and East China Seas”

- Security Studies Program, Washington, DC, April 2014
- CNA China Studies Roundtable Event, February 2014

“China, Japan and the Senkaku/Diaoyu Islands Dispute”  
Harvard University, February 2014

“Conflict Avoidance in Close Quarters”

Workshop on the Development of the Global Commons and Order at Sea, Beijing, China, November 2013

“China and the US ‘Pivot’ to Asia”  
Harvard University, October 2013

“The History of China’s ‘Nine-dashed line’ in the South China Sea”  
Center for Naval Analysis, Arlington, VA, August 2013

“China’s Nuclear Strategy”

Council on Foreign Relations, New York City, May 2013

“Things Fall Apart: The Challenge of Maritime Disputes to China’s Regional Foreign Policy” University of Pennsylvania, April 2013

“The Danger of Instability in the Senkaku/Diaoyu Dispute”  
Starr Forum, MIT, April 2013

“The Challenge of Maritime Disputes in the Asia Pacific”  
4<sup>th</sup> Xiangshan Forum, Beijing, China, November 2012

“China and Maritime Disputes in East Asia: American Perspectives”

- Institute of American Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing, China, November 2012
- Institute of American Studies, China Institutes of Contemporary International Relations, Beijing, China, November 2012

“Future Challenges for Chinese Foreign Policy”  
World Affairs Council, Houston, October 2012

“The United States in the South China Sea Disputes,” Berlin Conference on Asian Security, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik, Berlin, Germany, June 2012

“China Views India’s Rise,” Brown University, May 2012

“China and Sudden Instability in North Korea: Interests, Priorities, and Likely Responses”

- Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, May 2012
- United States Institute of Peace, Washington, DC, February 2012

“From Assertiveness to Moderation: Explaining China’s Behavior in the South China Sea”

- Seminar XXI, Arlie House, April 2012
- Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, February 2012
- Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, January 2012

Witness, House Foreign Affairs Committee, Hearing on “Investigating the Chinese Threat, Part One: Military and Economic Aggression,” Washington, DC March 2012

“China’s Changing Approach to the South China Sea”  
Department of State, January 2012

“China’s Territorial Disputes: Past, Present, and Future”

- US-Japan Kanazawa Conference, Ishikawa, Japan, January 2012
- Systems Planning Corporation, Alexandria, VA, February 2011

“The PLA’s Role in National Security Policymaking in Territorial Disputes”

- CAPS-NDU-CEIP-RAND Conference on the PLA, Taipei, Taiwan, November 2011
- Department of Political Science, National University of Singapore, August 2011
- Center for Naval Analysis, Alexandria, VA, April 2011

“China’s Strategy in the South China Sea”

- MIT, November 2011
- East Asian Institute, National University of Singapore, August 2011
- Conference on China’s Strategy in the Near Seas, Naval War College, Newport, RI, May 2011

“Is China Becoming Assertive in its Territorial Disputes?”

Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, DC, October 2011

“Maritime Security in the South China Sea and the Competition over Maritime Rights”  
Center for New American Security, Washington, DC, September 2011

“Conflict and Cooperation in the East China Sea”

Center for Naval Analysis, Washington, DC, September 2011

“China and National Security”

President’s Intelligence Advisory Board, Washington, DC, September 2011

“China’s Military Rise: Assessing Military Capabilities and National Influence”

- American Political Science Association Annual Conference, September 2011
- International Studies Association Annual Conference, February 2009
- China Rising Workshop, MIT, February 2009

“Assessing the U.S. Security Commitment to Taiwan”

Tobin Project workshop, Cambridge, MA, August 2011

“Myths about China’s Military Modernization and the Potential for US-China Conflict”

- S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore, August 2011
- Tobin Project Workshop on the Prudent Use of Force, December 2010

“China and the South China Sea: American Perspectives”

- Institute of American Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing, China, July 2011
- Institute of American Studies, China Contemporary Institutes of International Relations, Beijing, China, July 2011

“China’s Grand Strategy: Implications for South Asia”

Harvard Kennedy School, May 2011

“Economic Growth, Regime Security, and Military Strategy in China”

- Harvard University, May 2011
- University of California, Berkeley, September 2010
- China Foundation for International Strategic Studies, Beijing, China, July 2010
- Draper Laboratory, Cambridge, MA, June 2010
- Lincoln Laboratory, Lincoln, MA, May 2010
- Department of Political Science, McGill University, October 2009
- Browne Center Workshop on the Political Economy of National Security in East Asia, University of Pennsylvania, July 2009

“Chinese Military Capabilities and Doctrine”

National Asia Policy Assembly, Washington, DC, June 2010

“Major Change in Military Strategy: The PLA’s Adoption of the 1956 Strategic Guidelines,” National Security Studies Program, Harvard University, April 2010

“The Sources of China’s Nuclear Strategy”

- Working Group on the Strategic Use of Force, MIT, November 2009
- Workshop on Classical Realism, Cornell University, April 2009

China Team Member, Simulation on Iran, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard University, November 2009

Participant, Scenarios Workshop on the Future of China, Center for Global Affairs, New York University, October 2009

Participant, Conference on Strategic Implications of Military Activities in the EEZ Naval War College, Newport, RI, July 2009

“Three Perspectives on China’s Rise: Threat, Opportunity or Menace?”

- Lifetime Learning, Newton, MA, April 2009
- Burchard Scholars Program, MIT, February 2009

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

- Cornell University, April 2009
- Tsinghua University, Beijing, China, November 2008
- International Studies Association Annual Conference, March 2008
- IR Colloquium, Princeton University, March 2008
- CENTRA, Washington, DC, February 2008
- Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan, 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
- University of Maryland, February 2006

“Explaining Inaction in the Senkaku / Diaoyu Dispute: Implications for China-Japan U.S. Relations”  
East-West Center, Honolulu, March 2009

“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, China, June 2008

“China's Territorial Disputes”  
International Studies Association Annual Conference, March 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, Japan, January 2008
- National Institute for Defense Studies, Tokyo, Japan, February 2007

“Territorial Disputes and US-Japan-China Cooperation”  
Japan Center for International Exchange, Conference on Trilateral Cooperation, Tokyo, Japan, 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, China, October 2003
- Inaugural Participant, University of Colorado, May 2002

“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

“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

“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

“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, China, 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, China, 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, China, October 2003
- Shanghai Institute for American Studies, Shanghai, China, October 2003

“US-China Relations and Neoconservatism”

Center for American Studies, Fudan University, Shanghai, October 2003

“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

“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, China, April 2002

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

International Studies Association Annual Conference, March 2002.

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

American Political Science Association Annual Conference, September 2001

“The Revolution in Research Affairs: Online Sources for the Study of the PLA”

CAPS-RAND Conference on the PLA, Washington DC, June 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

“Uncertain China: Dealing with a Potential Great Power”  
Stanley Foundation Forty-First Strategy for Peace Conference, October 2000

“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

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

## **OTHER EXPERIENCE**

Research Fellow, Asia/Pacific Research Center, Stanford University, 1998-2001  
Lead investigator for the ARCO China History Project.

Senior Associate Consultant, Bain & Company, San Francisco, CA, 1996-1998

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Member, Advisory Board, National Asian Research Program, National Bureau of Asian Research, 2018–

Member, Editorial Board, *Chinese Journal of International Politics*, 2018–

Member, Advisory Board, China Power Project, Center for Strategic and International Studies, 2016–

Member, Editorial Board, *Journal of Strategic Studies*, 2016–

Member, Board of Directors, National Committee on U.S.-China Relations, 2015–

Member, Editorial Board, *Security Studies*, 2015–

Member, U.S. China Policy Task Force, The Asia Society, 2015–

Member, Editorial Board, *International Studies Quarterly*, 2014–2019

Member, International Editorial Board, *Foreign Affairs Review* (外交评论), 2014–

Member, Editorial Board, *The China Quarterly*, 2013–

Associate Editor, *Research & Politics*, 2013–2018

Member, U.S.-China Working Group, Project on Nuclear Initiatives, CSIS, 2012–2013

Participant, U.S.-China Strategic Dialogue, Preventive Defense Project, 2011–

Member, Steering Committee, U.S.-China Crisis Management Project, 2011–

Co-editor, *Chinese Journal of International Politics* (Oxford University Press), 2009–2018

Workshop Organizer, “Assessing China’s Rise: Power and Influence in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century,” MIT (with Liselotte Odgaard), 2009



Selection Committee, Boren Fellowship, 2004

Workshop Organizer, "The Next Generation: China, Taiwan and the US," Stanford University (with Randall Schriver), 1999

Member, Nevada Rhodes Scholar Selection Committee, 1998–2002

Reviewer for Ashgate, *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *Asian Security*, *Asian Survey*, *Cambridge Review of International Affairs*, Cambridge University Press, Carnegie Corporation, *China Information*, *China Perspectives*, *Cold War History*, *Critical Asian Studies*, *Defense and Peace Economics*, *Foreign Policy Analysis*, Grawemeyer Award for Ideas Improving World Order (University of Louisville), *International Affairs*, *International Interactions*, *International Organization*, *International Relations of the Asia-Pacific*, *International Security*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *International Studies Review*, *Issues & Studies*, Johns Hopkins University Press, *Journal of Chinese Political Science*, *Journal of Cold War Studies*, *Journal of Contemporary China*, *Journal of East Asian Studies*, *Journal of Strategic Studies*, M. E. Sharpe, *Modern China*, Palgrave, Polity Press, Princeton University Press, *Pacific Review*, *Political Science Quarterly*, *Review of International Studies*, Rowman & Littlefield, *Security Studies*, the Smith Richardson Foundation, *Terrorism and Political Violence*, *The China Journal*, *The China Quarterly*, University of Michigan Press, University of Pennsylvania Press, and *World Politics*.

## DEPARTMENTAL AND INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

Presidential Committee on Distinguished Fellowships, MIT, 2004–06, 2007–08, 2010–12, 2014–16, 2017–

Member, Search Committee, Security Studies, MIT, 2019

Chair, Graduate Program Committee, Department of Political Science, MIT, 2018–2019

Placement Coordinator, Department of Political Science, MIT, 2018–2019

Member, Summer Grant Committee, Center for International Studies, MIT, 2011–2012, 2017–2018

Member, Search Committee, Security Studies, MIT, 2017

Member, Executive Board, Seminar XXI, Center for International Studies, MIT, 2016–

Chair, Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Political Science, MIT, 2014–2016

Member, Selection Committee, d'Arbelloff Fund for Excellence in Education, MIT, 2013–2014

Undergraduate Program Committee, Department of Political Science, MIT, 2005–06, 2007–09, 2010–12, 2013–14

Chair, Fellowship Committee, Security Studies Program, MIT, 2011–2012

Field Chair, International Relations, Department of Political Science, MIT, 2011–

Minor Advisor, Department of Political Science, MIT, 2011–2012

Member, Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Political Science, MIT, 2004–06, 2007–09

Transfer Credit Examiner, Department of Political Science, MIT, 2005–06, 2007–09

Concentration and Minor Advisor, East Asian Studies, MIT, 2008

Personnel Committee, Department of Political Science, MIT, 2005–2006

British Scholarship Committee, Stanford University, 2001–2003

Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Political Science, Stanford University, 2001–2002

Graduate Chair, Stanford-Berkeley Contemporary China Network, 2001–2002

Convener, Stanford—Monterey Asian Security Seminar, 2000–2001

Graduate Chair, China Seminar Series, Center for East Asian Studies, Stanford University, 2000–2001

## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

American Political Science Association  
International Studies Association  
National Committee on U.S.-China Relations

## **MEDIA**

AFP, Bloomberg, BBC News, *Christian Science Monitor*, CNN.com, CCTV-4, *Financial Times*, Foreign Policy.com, *Newsweek*, National Public Radio, New England Cable News, Reddiff.com, Reuters, *The Atlantic*, *The Boston Globe*, *The Economist*, *The Guardian*, *The Hindu*, *The Japan Times*, *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Washington Post*, Time.com, and *USA Today*.

## **LANGUAGES**

Mandarin Chinese