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## CURRENT POSITION

**Assistant Professor of Security Studies** 8/13-pres  
*Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University*

## EDUCATION

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**PhD, Princeton University, Politics Department, 2013**  
**M.A., Princeton University, Politics Department, 2009**  
*Fields: International Relations, Comparative Politics (NE Asia), Formal & Quantitative Methods*  
**Dissertation Committee: Thomas Christensen (chair), Aaron Friedberg, Jacob Shapiro**  
**B.A., Stanford University, East Asian Studies with honors in International Security, 2006**

**Languages:** Professionally proficient in Mandarin, Italian; conversational in Spanish, French

## PREVIOUS WORK EXPERIENCE

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**Center for a New American Security (CNAS): Fellow** 3/12-5/13  
• Inform on Asia-Pacific security issues through reports, media, and talks

**Project 2049: Summer Associate** 6/10-9/10  
• Lead on air power trends in East Asia project

**U.S. Pacific Command (PACOM): Analyst** 6/09-9/09  
• Conducted analysis on geopolitics and China

**RAND Corporation: Summer Associate Program** 6/08-9/08  
• Conducted research on Chinese military uses of space in Mandarin Chinese

**Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, China Program: Junior Fellow** 8/06-8/07  
• Researched China's military modernization and Chinese domestic politics

## MILITARY CAREER

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**Political Military Affairs Strategist, PACAF A5X, Hawaii** 2/16-pres  
• Contribute to theater strategy, campaign and contingency planning

**Reserve Air Attaché, Asia-Pacific Region** 12/14-2/16  
• Certified as a Regional Area Strategist (RAS) in China, 16F3K

- Asia-Pacific Cell (A8XS-APC), Pentagon, Asia-Pacific Strategist** 4/13-12/14
- A8X 2013 CGO of the Year
  - Awarded Air Force Commendation medal for service to CSAF
- Strategic Studies Group (SSG), Pentagon, China Strategist** 9/10-4/13
- Awarded Air Force Achievement medal for service to CSAF
- Officer Intelligence Course, Goodfellow, AFB** Dec 2011
- Lonestar exercise top briefer award, graduated with 97% academic average
- Officer Training School, Maxwell AFB** May 2010
- Distinguished graduate, wing commander, sole recipient of USAA leadership award

### **SELECT FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS**

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- Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) Stanton Nuclear Fellowship 2016-17
- Georgetown University Internal Summer Academic Grant 2016
- Asia Foundation Faculty Research Grant on the Domestic Dimensions of IR 2016
- Georgetown University Junior Faculty Research Fellowship Award 2015
- Georgetown University Professor in Residence at Campion Hall, Oxford 2015
- Miller Center National Fellowship, University of Virginia 2012-13
- Pacific Forum CSIS nonresident Sasakawa Peace Fellow 2012-13
- Bradley Fellow, recipient of grant to conduct research Beijing, Seoul 2009-12
- Institute for Defense Studies and Analysis (IDSA), Visiting Fellow Aug 2012
- Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies (PIIRS) Summer Research Grant 2012
- Princeton University's Mamdouha S. Bobst Center for Peace and Justice Research Grant 2012
- One of Top 99 Most Influential International Professionals Under 33, *Diplomatic Courier* Fall 2011
- George Washington University, Institute for Security and Conflict Studies, Visiting Scholar 2010-11
- Smith Richardson Foundation World Politics and Statecraft Pre-doctoral Fellowship 2010-11
- Woodrow Wilson School Undergraduate Program Preceptor Award 2009
- Parker D. Handy Fellow, twice-received for student with future in public affairs 2007-09

### **JOURNAL ARTICLES, BOOK CHAPTERS, EDITED VOLUMES**

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- “A Global People’s Liberation Army: Possibilities, Challenges and Opportunities” with Kristen Gunness, *Asia Policy* 22, (July 2016): 131-155.
- “The Vulnerability of Rising Powers: The Logic Behind China's Low Military Transparency,” *Asian Security* 12, Iss. 2, 2016: 63-81.
- “Dynamic Dilemmas: China’s Evolving Northeast Asia Security Strategy” forthcoming in Gil Rozman (ed), *Joint U.S.-Korea Academic Studies*, (Washington DC: Korea Economic Institute, 2016).
- "A Global Expeditionary People’s Liberation Army: 2025-2030," in *The Chinese People's Liberation Army in 2025*, Roy Kamphausen and David Lai, eds., (Carlisle: Strategic Studies Institute, 2015): 207-234.

Book Review of Andrew Kennedy, *The International Ambitions of Mao and Nehru: National Efficacy Beliefs and the Making of Foreign Policy*, *China Journal* 74 (July 2015): 181-182.

“Why Chinese Assertiveness is Here to Stay,” *The Washington Quarterly* 37, No. 4, 2014: 151-170.

“China Can’t Stay Home,” *The National Interest*, November/December 2014: 38-45.

“China’s Antiaccess-Area Denial (A2/AD) Capabilities: Is the U.S. Rebalancing Enough?” in William H. Natter III and Jason Brooks (eds), *American Strategy and Purpose: Reflections on Foreign Policy and National Security in an Era of Change*, (Lexington: CENSA, 2014): 118-140.

“Noninterference in Contemporary Chinese Foreign Policy: Fact or Fiction?” in Donovan Chau and Thomas Kane (eds), *China and International Security: History, Strategy, and 21st Century Policy*, vol. 2 (Santa Barbara, CA: Praeger, 2014): 95-114.

“The Problems with the Liberal Peace in Asia,” *Survival* 56, (April/May 2014): 129-158.

“The Great Divide: Chinese and Indian Views on Intrawar Negotiations, 1959-1962,” *The Journal of Defence Studies* 6, No. 4, (October 2012): 71-108.

“Signaling and Military Provocation in Chinese National Security Strategy: A Closer Look at the Impeccable Incident of March 2009,” *Journal for Strategic Studies* 34, No. 2 (April 2011): 219-244.

Book Review of Aaron Friedberg, *A Contest for Supremacy: China, America, and the Struggle for Mastery in Asia*, in *Strategic Studies Quarterly* 5, No. 4 (Winter 2011): 147-149.

*Assessing the Threat: The Chinese Military and Taiwan’s Security* with (eds.) Michael D. Swaine, Andrew N.D. Yang and Evan S. Medeiros, (Washington: Carnegie Endowment, July 2007).

## **OPEDS, COMMENTARY, TESTIMONY AND POLICY REPORTS**

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“Developments in China’s Military Force Projection and Expeditionary Capabilities,” *Testimony prepared for the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission*, 21 Jan 2016.

"Why China Will Become a Global Military Power," Brookings Institution Lawfare Blog, January 11, 2015.

“China’s ADIZ: A Test of U.S. Resolve?” *Brookings Institution Lawfare Blog*, December 15, 2013.

“USAF Strategic Approach in the Asia-Pacific: Aspirations and Reality,” *Banyan Analytics Brief*, October 2, 2013.

“The Emerging Asia Power Web: The Rise of Bilateral Intra-Asian Security Ties,” with Patrick Cronin, Richard Fontaine, Zachary Hosford, Ely Ratner and Alexander Sullivan, *Center for a New American Security (CNAS)*, June 2013.

“The Obama-Xi Summit: A New Era in Bilateral Relations?” NBR Commentary, June 12, 2013.

“New CMC Vice Chairmen Strong Advocates for Joint, Modern Chinese Military” with Michael S. Chase and Benjamin S. Purser, III. *China Brief*, November 16, 2012.

“China’s Air Force: Ready for Take Off? With Michael S. Chase, *The Diplomat*, November 6, 2012.

“In Search of ‘Dexter’: Why You Can’t Buy Pirated DVDs in China Anymore,” *The Atlantic Monthly*, October 26, 2012.

“The Sansha Garrison: China’s Deliberate Escalation in the South China Sea,” *Flashpoints Bulletin #5*, Center for a New American Security, September 2012.

“Air Power Trends in Northeast Asia: Implications for Japan and the U.S. Japan Alliance,” with Mark Stokes, *Project 2049 report*, Aug 2011.

“China’s Active Defense Strategy and Its Regional Impact,” *Testimony prepared for the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission*, 27 Jan 2011.

“False Start,” *The New Republic (online)*, December 15, 2006.

“How to Deal with North Korea,” coauthored with Minxin Pei, *Financial Times*, December 13, 2006.

## **WORKING PAPERS**

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- *Diplomacy in War: Obstacles to Peace Talks in Asian Wars, 1950-1975* (book manuscript)
- China Ends Wars (1950-1979): Implications for Future Flashpoints (under review)
- Talking to the Enemy: Explaining Hanoi’s Approach to Diplomacy in the Vietnam War How
- Practice What You Preach: The Art of Policy Memo Writing
- Undermining Prestige for the Sake of Power: China’s Response to India’s Rise
- Pushing the U.S. Military Out: Chinese Military Strategy, Operations, and the Future of the Asia-Pacific Regional Order
- The Ultimate Korea Crisis: China, the United States, and the Rush to Secure DPRK WMD

## **SELECT PAPER PRESENTATIONS**

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“Dynamic Dilemmas: China’s Evolving Northeast Asia Security Strategy,” paper presented at ISA 2016; East Asia and the World Speakers Series, Indiana University.

“Breaking the Silence: How the Tet Offensive Paved the Way for Diplomacy,” presented at the Institute for Security and Conflict Studies (ISCS) research seminar, George Washington University; also presented at ISA 2016.

How China Ends Wars (1950-1979) Implications for Future Flashpoints,” paper presented at APSA 2015; Oxford University China Center, May 2015; U.S. State Department, June 2014; RAND Corporation, April 2014; CAPS-NDU-RAND Conference on PLA Affairs 2013, Taipei.

“Why Chinese Assertiveness is Here to Stay,” paper presented at Observer Research Foundation (ORF), New Delhi, July 2015; St. Andrews, Edinburgh, April 2015; King’s College London, March 2015.

“A Global Expeditionary PLA, 2025-2030,” paper presented at IDSA, New Delhi, August 2015; Norwegian Institute for Defense Studies, Oslo; Institute for Security and Development Policy, Stockholm; Princeton University China and the World Lecture Series, November 2014; Georgetown University, October 2014; Australian National University and Lowy Institute, May 2014; at NBR/SSI annual PLA conference, Feb 2014.

“Costly Conversations: Obstacles to Peace Talks in the Post-WWII World,” paper presented at Campion Hall, Oxford University; Sorbonne, March 2015; ISAC-ISSS conference, November 2014.

“Rising Powers and Military Secrecy: Explaining Chinese Military Transparency,” paper presented at London Policy Dinner, April 2015; ISA 2015, ISAC-ISSS 2014, MPSA 2014.

“Economics Won’t Save Us: The Problem with the Liberal Peace in Asia,” paper presented at Shanghai Forum, Fudan University, May 2014; IISS-SAIS Merrill Center Young Strategists Programme, Bellagio, Italy, July 2013.

“Settling the Score: The Interactive Effect of Combat Outcomes and Bargaining Behavior on War Duration and Termination” paper presented at the Miller Center for Public Policy, University of Virginia, May 2013; MPSA 2011.

“Fighting without Talking: A Closer Examination of the Sino-Indian War,” paper presented at the Center for the Advanced Study of India (CASI), University of Pennsylvania, Indian Security Studies Workshop, April 2013; IDSA, New Delhi, September 2012.

“China’s Antiaccess-Area Denial (A2/AD) Capabilities: Is the U.S. Rebalancing Enough?” paper presented at Five University Workshop, Korea University, December 2012.

“Chinese Ship-Based Air Defense Systems,” paper presented at the China Maritime Studies Institute, Naval War College, “China’s Strategy for the Near Seas,” May 2011.

## **SELECT PANEL PRESENTATIONS, MEDIA**

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“Challenges to the Regional Order,” comments given at PKU-Stanford event, “A Changing Global and Political Order: Perspectives for China-US. Cooperation,” Beijing, June 2016.

“Understanding China as a Responsible Stakeholder,” comments given at Project 2049 Conference, March 22, 2016.

“U.S.-China Relations: Challenges to National Security,” lecture given for White House Seminar program, Andrews AFB, August 2015; October 2014.

“Is the Long Peace Possible in Asia?” comments given at New America and ASU Annual Conference on the Future of War, February 25, 2015.

“China’s Response to Japan’s More Muscular Defense Policy,” comments given at INR, U.S. State Department and National Intelligence Council Conference “Japan’s New Security Direction and Regional Responses,” June 2014.

“The Military Impact of the ADIZ,” comments given at CNAS conference, “Maritime Security in Asia,” March 2014.

“Chinese Naval Modernization and its Implications for the U.S.-Japan Alliance,” talk given at MIT workshop on “China’s Rise, Japan’s Military Posture, and the U.S.-Japan Alliance,” Feb 2014.

“Chinese Conventional Forces and A2/AD,” lecture at the Institute for Security and Conflict Studies (ISCS), George Washington University, January 2014.

“Can the U.S. and China Build a New Model of Major Power Relations,” talk given at Woodrow Wilson Center for Scholars, December 6, 2013.

“USAF Strategic Approach to China’s Rise: Taking the Long View,” talk given at Banyan Analytics Roundtable Series, September 2013.

Over two-dozen appearances on the Voice of America show “Pros and Cons,” a debate show conducted in Mandarin Chinese, March 2007-Sept 2013.

“Chinese Perspective on India’s Naval Modernization,” talk given at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, “Regional Perspectives on India’s Naval Rise,” June 2013.

“Contentious Issues in U.S.-China Relations,” talk given at Fort Dix, 3<sup>rd</sup> BDE (CA/MISO) ‘War Day,’ April 2013.

“Economics Won’t Save Us,” talk given at China-U.S. Forum, “New Trends in Policy and Economics,” April 2013.

“Rebalancing and U.S.-China Relations,” talk given at Georgetown conference on “The U.S. Rebalance to Asia: A One-Year Assessment,” February 2013; Sasakawa Peace Foundation Public Forum, February 2013.

“China’s Asia-Pacific Security Vision,” talk given at SAIS roundtable on Asia-Pacific Security, February 2013.

“Interactions between China and the United States and the Future of Asia,” talk given at China-U.S. Youth Dialogue, CSIS, December 2012.

China’s A2/AD Strategy and its Regional Impact, presentation given to numerous military audiences at Yongsan Garrison, Seoul, South Korea, December 2012.

“China and the Korean Peninsula in 2025-30,” talk given at the Japan Institute for International Affairs Japan-U.S. Kanazawa Conference, January 2012.

“From the Gulf of Aden to the South China Sea: What China’s Expanding Maritime Role Means for the Indian Ocean,” talk given at the Transatlantic Academy, “From Regional Sea to Global Lake: The India Ocean in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century,” November 2010.

## **TEACHING**

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- “China and its Military,” M.A. course in the Security Studies Department, Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University, Spring and Fall 2014; Fall 2015; Spring 2016.
- “Research Seminar in International Security,” M.A. course in the Security Studies Department, Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University, Spring 2016.
- “The Theory and Practice of Security,” M.A. course in the Security Studies Department, Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University, Fall 2013; Spring and Fall 2014; Fall 2015.
- Teaching assistant to Thomas Christensen for “International Relations in East Asia,” (Fall 2009) and “Chinese Foreign Relations,” (Spring 2009). Undergraduate courses, Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University.

## **SELECT PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES, TRAINING AND ASSOCIATIONS**

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**Participant:** Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR) 2015; Pacific Forum CSIS Young Leaders Program; CSIS Project on Nuclear Issues (PONI) China Working Group; Future Leaders Program, Foreign Policy Initiative (FPI); Next Generation National Security Leader Program, CNAS; 2010 Summer Workshop on Analysis of Military Operations and Strategy (SWAMOS)

**Member:** National Committee on United States-China relations (NCUSCR), American Political Science Association (APSA), International Studies Association (ISA)

**Reviewer:** Journal of Conflict Resolution, World Politics, International Studies Quarterly, International Studies Review, International Relations of the Asia-Pacific, China Information, and Pacific Review