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CURRENT POSITIONS

Director, Indo-Pacific Policy Lab, Stanford University
Center Fellow, Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies, Stanford University
Courtesy Assistant Professor of Political Science, Stanford University
Policy Leader Fellow, European University Institute
Nonresident Scholar, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
Deputy Chief, Reserve China Global Strategy, Pentagon

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Princeton University, Politics, 2013
M.A., Princeton University, Politics, 2009
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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| Non-Resident Senior Fellow, American Enterprise Institute | 8/19-12/23 |
| Studies Assistant Professor of Security, School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University | 9/13-8/20 |
| Jeane Kirkpatrick Visiting Scholar, American Enterprise Institute | 9/17-8/19 |
| Center for a New American Security (CNAS), Fellow | 3/12-5/13 |
| Project 2049, Summer Associate | 6/10-9/10 |
| U.S. Pacific Command (PACOM), Analyst | 6/09-9/09 |
| RAND Corporation, Summer Associate | 6/08-9/08 |
| Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, China Program, Junior Fellow | 8/06-8/07 |

MILITARY CAREER

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| Deputy Chief, Reserve China Global Strategy, Pentagon <ul style="list-style-type: none">Supports senior Air Force leaders on great power competition efforts | 4/24-pres |
| IMA to the Policy and Posture Branch Chief, J5, INDOPACOM, Camp Smith <ul style="list-style-type: none">Awarded 2022 Individual Reservist of the Year (Field Grade Officer category) | 7/20-4/24 |
| Senior China Analyst, HAF A2/6A, Pentagon <ul style="list-style-type: none">Awarded Meritorious Service Medal | 7/18-7/20 |
| Political Military Affairs Strategist, PACAF A5X, Hawaii <ul style="list-style-type: none">Awarded the 2016 Individual Reservist of the Year (CGO) for strategic contributionsAwarded Meritorious Service Medal | 2/16-7/18 |
| Reserve Air Attaché, Asia-Pacific Region <ul style="list-style-type: none">Certified as a Regional Area Strategist (RAS) in China, 16F3K | 12/14-2/16 |

Asia-Pacific Strategist, Asia-Pacific Cell (A8XS-APC), Pentagon 4/13-12/14

- A8X 2013 CGO (Company Grade Officer) of the Year
- Awarded Air Force Commendation medal for service to CSAF

China Strategist, Strategic Studies Group (SSG), Pentagon, 9/10-4/13

- Awarded Air Force Achievement medal for service to CSAF

Professional Military Education

Joint and Combined Warfighting School, hybrid course, 2024

Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence 2020

Squadron Officer School, by correspondence, 2014

Officer Intelligence Course, Goodfellow, AFB, 2011; Lonestar exercise top briefer award, graduated with 97% academic average

Officer Training School, Maxwell AFB, 2010; Distinguished graduate, wing commander, sole recipient of USAA leadership award

SELECT FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Major Academic Fellowships and Awards

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| Policy Leader Fellow, European University Institute | 2025-26 |
| John H. McArthur Distinguished Fellowship, Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada | 2022 |
| Smith Richardson Foundation Strategy and Policy Fellows Program | 2021 |
| International Security Section of the American Political Science Association | |
| Best Book by an Untenured Faculty Member | 2020 |
| Diplomatic Studies Section of the ISA Book Award, Honorable Mention | 2020 |
| American in the World Consortium Best Policy Article on U.S. Foreign Policy and Grand Strategy given by Johns Hopkins SAIS | 2020 |
| Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, China Fellow | 2020 |
| Korea Foundation Next Generation Fellowship | 2019-20 |
| Stanton Nuclear Security Fellowship, Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) | 2016-17 |
| Faculty Research Grant on the Domestic Dimensions of IR, Asia Foundation | 2016 |
| Summer Research Fellowship, Georgetown University | 2016 |
| Junior Faculty Research Fellowship Award, Georgetown University | 2015 |
| Georgetown University Professor in Residence, Campion Hall, Oxford University | 2015 |
| Scholar in Residence, School of International Service, American University | 2012-13 |
| Predocotrual Fellowship, Miller Center, University of Virginia | 2012-13 |
| Summer Research Grant, Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies (PIIRS) | 2012 |
| Research Grant, Mamdouha S. Bobst Center for Peace and Justice, Princeton University | 2012 |
| World Politics and Statecraft Pre-doctoral Fellowship, Smith Richardson Foundation | 2010-11 |
| Predocotrual Fellowship, George Washington University, ISCS | 2010-11 |
| Bradley Fellow, recipient of grant to conduct research Beijing, Seoul | 2009-12 |
| Woodrow Wilson School Undergraduate Program Preceptor Award | 2009 |
| Parker D. Handy Fellow, Princeton University, (PhD student with most promising future) | 2007-09 |

Other Awards and Fellowships

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| HQ AFRC Annual Award Winner (Field Grade Officer category) | 2025 |
| Council on Foreign Relations Member | 2024-pres |

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| Individual Reservist of the Year (Field Grade Officer category) | 2022 |
| Council on Foreign Relations Term Member | 2018-pres |
| Jeane Kirkpatrick Scholar, American Enterprise Institute (AEI) | 2017-19 |
| National Committee on U.S.-China Relations Public Intellectuals Program | 2016-18 |
| Ellis Joffe Prize for PLA Studies Winner for outstanding research contributions | 2017 |
| Individual Reservist of the Year (Company Grade Officer category) | 2016 |
| A8X Company Grade Officer (CGO) of the Year | 2013 |
| Pacific Forum CSIS nonresident Sasakawa Peace Fellow | 2012-13 |
| Institute for Defense Studies and Analysis (IDSA), Summer Visiting Fellow | 2012 |
| One of Top 99 Most Influential International Professionals Under 33, <i>Diplomatic Courier</i> | 2011 |
| Officer Training School Distinguished Graduate and USAA Leadership Award | 2010 |

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Upstart: How China Became a Great Power (New York, NY: Oxford University Press, June 2024).

Silver Medalist in the 2026 Axiom Business Book Awards (International Business / Globalization category)

Reviewed in *US Army War College, The China Journal, The China Quarterly, Asian Affairs, Foreign Affairs, Claremont Review of Books, New Statesman, Financial Times, Kirkus Review, and War on the Rocks*

The Costs of Conversation: Obstacles to Peace Talks in Wartime (Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, Security Affairs Series, 2019).

Winner of the 2020 International Security Section of the American Political Science Association (APSA) Best Book by an Untenured Faculty Member.

Honorable Mention, Diplomatic Studies Section Award, International Studies Association (ISA)

Reviewed in *Foreign Affairs, The China Quarterly, Political Science Quarterly, Strategic Studies Quarterly, the Australian Strategic Policy Institute, War on the Rocks, Pacific Affairs* and *The Journal of Chinese Political Science*.

Reviewed in H-Diplo Roundtable 12-6, January 21, 2021 by: James Fearon, Todd Hall, Xiaoyu Pu, Kristopher Ramsay, and Robert Trager, with an introduction from Avery Goldstein and my response: <https://issforum.org/roundtables/12-6>.

Reviewed in an *Asia Policy* Book Review Roundtable by Dan Reiter, Prashanth Parameswaran, Patricia M. Kim, John H. Gill, Carlyle A. Thayer with my response, *Asia Policy*, Vol 14, No 3 (July 2019): 169-191.

Edited Volumes

“Close Encounters with the PLA Regional Experiences and Implications for Deterrence,” in Oriana Skylar Mastro (eds.), *Encounters and Escalation in the Indo-Pacific* (National Bureau of Asian Research Special Report #108, May 2024).

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).
Reviewed in *The China Quarterly*, *The China Journal*, *Strategic Studies Quarterly*

Peer-Reviewed

“Human vs. Machine: Behavioral Differences Between Expert Humans and Language Models in Wargame Simulations,” with Max Lamparth, Anthony Corso, Jacob Ganz, Jacquelyn Schneider, and Harold Trinkunas, *AI, Ethics, and Society Conference* (San Jose, CA, October 2024).

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“Talking to the Enemy: Explaining the Emergence of Peace Talks in Interstate War,” with David Siegel, *Journal of Theoretical Politics* 35:3, July 2023, 182–203.

“The Next Flashpoint? China, the Republic of Korea, and the Yellow Sea,” *Asia Policy* 18:1 (January 2023), 67-93.

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“Deterrence in the Indo-Pacific,” in “Roundtable: Minilateral Deterrence in the Indo-Pacific,” *Asia Policy*, 17:4 (October 2022), 8-18.

“Understanding the Challenge of China’s Rise: Fixing Conceptual Confusion about Intentions,” *Journal of Chinese Political Science*, June 2022.

“Teach What You Preach: A Comprehensive Guide to the Policy Memo as a Methods Teaching Tool,” *Journal of Political Science Education*, Winter 2021.

“It Takes Two to Tango: Autocratic Underbalancing, Regime Legitimacy and China’s Responses to India’s Rise,” *Journal of Strategic Studies*, Vol 42, No 1, (2019): 114-152.

“Conflict and Chaos on the Korean Peninsula: Can China’s Military Help Secure North Korea’s Nuclear Weapons?” *International Security*, Vol. 43, No. 2 (Fall 2018): 84-116.

“The Theory and Practice of War Termination: Assessing Patterns in China's Historical Behavior,” *International Studies Review*, Vol. 20, No. 4 (December 2018): 661-84.

“In the Shadow of the Thucydides Trap: International Relations Theory and the Prospects for Peace in U.S.-China Relations,” *Journal of Chinese Political Science*, Vol. 24, No. 1, November 2018: 25-45.

“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, Issue 2, 2016: 63-81.

“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 of Strategic Studies* 34, No. 2 (April 2011): 219-244.

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