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Academic Appointment

Chair, International Studies Department, Rhodes College

July 2021 – present

Associate Professor of International Studies, Rhodes College

August 2019 – present

Assistant Professor of International Studies, Rhodes College

August 2013 – July 2019

Courses: Introduction to International Relations (INTS 110), Introduction to Comparative Politics (INTS 120), Government and Politics of China (INTS 261), China's Foreign Policy (INTS 262), Comparative Political Economy of East Asia (INTS 263), China-Taiwan-US Relations (INTS 264), International Relations and Comparative Politics Theories (INTS 300)

Education

Ph.D. in Political Science, Boston University

September 2007 – May 2013

- Major: International Relations; Minor: Comparative Politics; Sub-field: China's Foreign Policy
- Dissertation: Cross-Strait Economic Ties, Taiwan's Domestic Politics, and China-Taiwan Relations, 1990-2008

M.A. in Political Science, The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa

August 2005 – May 2007

- Major: Comparative Politics; Minors: International Relations and American Politics

B.A. in Political Science, National Taiwan University, Taiwan

September 1999 – June 2003

- Fields of Concentration: Political Theory and Comparative Politics

Research and Teaching Interests

Political Economy of East Asian Countries, International Politics of East Asia, China's Domestic Politics and Foreign Relations, China-Taiwan-US Relations, Democratization, State-Society Interactions, Economic Interdependence

Publications

Book

Political Economy of China-Taiwan Relations: Origins and Development (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2018).

Refereed Journal Articles

“China's Debt Trap in Pakistan? A Case Study of the CPEC Project.” (Co-authored with Rizwan Shaikh). *South Asia Research* (forthcoming).

“China in Latin America Then and Now: A Systemic Constructivist Analysis of China's Foreign Policy.” *Journal of Current Chinese Affairs* (forthcoming).

“China in the Middle East: An Analysis from a Theoretical Perspective of ‘Path Dependence’.” *East Asia: An International Quarterly* 38(2) (June 2021): 105-121.

“The Politics of Population Aging in Singapore and Taiwan: A Comparison.” (Co-authored with Jennifer Dabbs Sciubba). *Asian Survey* 57(4) (July/August 2017): 641-664.

“China in Africa: A Threat to African Countries?” *Strategic Review for Southern Africa* 38(2) (November 2016): 100-122.

“The Effect of International Relations on Cross-Border Economic Ties: A Case Study of Taiwan's Economic Policies toward China.” *International Journal of China Studies* 7(1) (April 2016): 53-78.

“China-Taiwan Economic Ties and the 2012 Taiwanese Presidential Election.” *American Journal of Chinese Studies* 23(1) (April 2016): 77-96.

“China-Taiwan Relations Through the Lens of the Interaction Between China's Association for Relations Across the Taiwan Straits and Taiwan's Straits Exchange Foundation.” *East Asia: An International Quarterly* 31(3) (September 2014): 223-248.

“Comparing Jiang Zemin's Impatience with Hu Jintao's Patience Regarding the Taiwan Issue, 1989 – 2012.” *Journal of Contemporary China* 21(78) (November 2012): 955-972.

“The State-Society Interaction in the Process of Taiwan's Democratization from 1990 to 1992.” *East Asia: An International Quarterly* 28(2) (June 2011): 115-134.

Other Publications

“Book Review: Yun-Han Chu, Larry Diamond, and Kharis Templeman (eds.), *Taiwan’s Democracy Challenged: the Chen Shui-bian Years*.” *American Journal of Chinese Studies* 24(1) (April 2017): 62-64.

“Book Review: Peter Kien-Hong Yu, *The Second Long March: Struggling Against the Chinese Communists Under the Republic of China (Taiwan) Constitution*.” *Journal of Chinese Political Science* 16(3) (September 2011): 347-348.

“China and Taiwan: A Future of Peace? A Study of Economic Interdependence, Taiwanese Domestic Politics, and Cross-Strait Relations.” *Josef Korbel Journal of Advanced International Studies* Issue 1 (Summer 2009): 14-25.

Honors and Grants

J.S. Seidman Junior Faculty Research Fellowship, Rhodes College, July 2017 – June 2019

Honorarium for Participation, Conference Group on Taiwan Studies, American Political Science Association, August 2018 and August 2017

Conference Travel Grant, Taiwan and Asia Program, Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the US, November 2018, October 2017, and October 2016

International Travel Grant, Buckman Faculty International Curricular Fund, Rhodes College, June 2015

Artinian Travel Award, Southern Political Science Association, January 2014

Postdoctoral Research Fellowship in Taiwan Studies, University of Oxford, October 2013 – September 2015 (declined)

Senior Teaching Fellow Scholarship, Boston University, January 2013 – May 2013, January 2011 – May 2011, and January 2009 – May 2009

Graduate Scholarship, Boston University, September 2012

Studying Abroad Scholarship, Ministry of Education, Taiwan, September 2008 – May 2010

Academic Travel Grant, Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Boston, July 2010 and July 2009

Student Service Education Award, National Taiwan University, May 2003

Presidential Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement, National Taiwan University, May 2001

Experience

Teaching Experience at Boston University

Instructor, The State and Public Purpose in Asia (IR520/PO562), Spring 2013 and Spring 2011

Guest Lecturer, The Pacific Challenge (IR275/PO365), Spring 2013; China: From Revolution to Reform (IR370/PO369), Fall 2012, Fall 2011, and Fall 2009; The State and Public Purpose in Asia (IR520/PO562), Fall 2011, Spring 2010, and Spring 2009; Seminar on China in the Contemporary World (IR764), Fall 2010; Foreign Policy of People's Republic of China (IR577/PO578), Spring 2010

Grader, The Rise of China (IR365/PO374), Fall 2012 and Fall 2010; Foreign Policy of the People's Republic of China (IR577/PO578), Spring 2010; China: From Revolution to Reform (IR370/PO369), Fall 2009

Teaching Assistant, The State and Public Purpose in Asia (IR520/PO562), Fall 2011 and Spring 2009; The Rise of China (IR365/PO374), Fall 2010; China: From Revolution to Reform (IR370/PO369), Fall 2009

Other Experience

Administrative Assistant, Department of Foreign Languages, Republic of China Military Academy, Taiwan, December 2004 – April 2005

Military Officer (Rank: Second Lieutenant), Taiwan Army, October 2003 – May 2005

Campaign Assistant, Taipei City Council Election, October 2002 – December 2002

Manager's Assistant, Teh Lin Prosthetic & Orthopedic Inc., Taiwan, July 2001 – August 2001

Deputy Representative of Students, Department of Political Science, National Taiwan University, September 2000 – February 2001

Conference Presentations

“China in the Middle East: An Analysis from a Theoretical Perspective of ‘Path Dependence’.” *Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association*, online, January 9, 2021.

“China's Policy toward Latin America: Then and Now.” *Annual Meeting of the Southeast Conference of the Association for Asian Studies*, Sarasota, Florida, January 19, 2020.

“The Rise of China in Europe: A Factor for Disintegration?” *Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association*, Chicago, Illinois, April 6, 2019.

“Taiwan's China Policy under the Tsai Administration.” *Annual Meeting of the American Association for Chinese Studies*, Baltimore, Maryland, October 6, 2018.

“Analyzing the Tsai Administration's Policy toward China: Lessons from the Chen Administration's and the Ma Administration's Policies.” *Annual Meeting of the Taiwan and Asia Program* (hosted by Illinois State University), Normal, Illinois, October 14, 2017.

“China in Africa: A New Colonizer?” *Annual Meeting of the Southeast Conference of the Association for Asian Studies*, Oxford, Mississippi, January 15, 2017.

- “Politics of Population Aging in Taiwan: The Impact of Democratization.” *Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association*, Chicago, Illinois, April 8, 2016.
- “China-Taiwan Relations and Taiwan’s Economic Policy toward China.” *Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association*, New Orleans, Louisiana, January 16, 2015.
- “China-Taiwan Relations through the Lens of the Interaction between China’s ARATS and Taiwan’s SEF.” *Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association*, Chicago, Illinois, April 5, 2014.
- “The China Factor in the 2012 Taiwanese Presidential Election.” *Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association*, New Orleans, Louisiana, January 10, 2014.
- “China-Taiwan Economic Ties and the 2012 Taiwanese Presidential Election.” *Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association*, Boston, Massachusetts, November 16, 2012.
- “Taiwanese Nationalism and China-Taiwan Relations, 1990 – 2008.” *Annual Meeting of the New England Political Science Association*, Portsmouth, New Hampshire, April 27, 2012.
- “The Effect of China-Taiwan Economic Ties on the Formation of Political Coalitions in Taiwan, 1990 – 2008.” *Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association*, Chicago, Illinois, April 12, 2012.
- “Taiwan’s Ambiguous International Status.” *Annual Boston University Graduate Research Conference in International Relations*, Boston, Massachusetts, February 19, 2011.
- “The Effect of China-Taiwan Economic Ties on Taiwan’s Presidential Electoral Platforms, 2004 – 2008.” *Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association*, Boston, Massachusetts, November 13, 2010.
- “Taiwan’s China Policy and the Cross-Strait Relations.” *Annual Meeting of the Association of Chinese Political Studies*, Beverly, Massachusetts, July 31, 2010.
- “China as a Status Quo State in Today’s International System.” *Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association*, Chicago, Illinois, April 22, 2010.
- “Explaining the Difference between Jiang Zemin’s and Hu Jintao’s Attitudes towards the Taiwan Issue.” *Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association*, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, November 20, 2009.
- “The Role of Taiwan’s Domestic Politics in the Relationship between the China-Taiwan Economic Ties and Peace in the Taiwan Strait.” *Annual Meeting of the New England Political Science Association*, Portland, Maine, May 8, 2009.
- “Do Economic Ties between China and Taiwan Lead to Peace in the Taiwan Strait? A Study of the Relationship among the China-Taiwan Economic Exchanges, Taiwan’s Domestic Politics, and the Cross-Strait Relations.” *Boston University Conference on East Asia*, Boston, Massachusetts, February 14, 2009.

Professional Service

Service at Rhodes College

Committee Member, (1) Asian Studies Program, August 2013 – present; (2) Nomination Committee for the James C. Gaither Junior Fellowship, December 2020 – present; (3) Educational Program Committee, August 2017 – May 2019; (4) International Studies Careers and Professional Development Subcommittee, August 2017 – May 2018; (5) Search Committee (visiting assistant professor for international studies), January 2018 – May 2018; and (6) Parking Appeals Committee, September 2016 – May 2017

Academic Adviser, (1) First-Year Students and International Studies Majors, August 2014 – present; and (2) Open Rhodes Orientation, June 2017, 2018, and 2020

Member, Safe Zone Program, September 2014 – present

Course Coordinator, International Studies 235: Great Decisions in Foreign Policy, January 2021 – May 2021

Event Coordinator, International Studies Career Series, August 2020 – October 2020

Faculty Adviser, Sigma Iota Rho, August 2016 – May 2019

Faculty Representative, (1) Spring Crossroads (Office of Admissions), April 2021; (2) Academic Preview (Office of Admissions), February 2021; and (3) Homecoming Reception (International Studies Department), October 2013

Instructor of Sample Class, (1) Rhodes College Preview Day, on “US-China Relations: Is War Inevitable?” (April 2019), “Rise of China: Are Sino-US Conflicts Avoidable?” (April 2018), and “Global Rise of China” (April 2015); and (2) Rhodes College Open House, on “China and the North Korea Crisis” (November 2017) and “The United States and the Rise of China” (November 2016)

Public Lecture Organizer, (1) “US-Taiwan Relations from Trump to Biden” by John Copper, Distinguished Professor Emeritus of International Studies, Rhodes College (March 2021); (2) “The Flavors and Feelings of the New Youth: Capitalist Soft Power and the Rise of a Global Technological Society” by Josef Gregory Mahoney, Professor of Politics, East China Normal University (February 2019); (3) “Emerging China: A Geographic Perspective” by Hsiang-Te Kung, Director of Confucius Institute, University of Memphis (November 2016); and (4) “Taiwan & USA: Closer Than You Think” by Huei-Yuan Tai, Director-General of Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Atlanta (December 2015)

Invited Speaker, (1) All Students Interested in Asia, on “What’s Going on in Myanmar?” (March 2021); (2) Great Decisions Lecture Series, on “Sino-US Relations: Challenges and Prospects” (February 2021), “Decoding US-China Trade” (January 2019), “China and America: the New Geopolitical Equation” (January 2018), “One Belt, One Road” (September 2017), “Conflict in the South China Sea” (February 2017), “Korean Choices” (February 2016), “India Changes Course” (February 2015), and “China’s Foreign Policy” (January 2014); (3) Book Talk on “Political Economy of China-Taiwan Relations: Origins and Development” (March 2019); (4) Society of World Affairs Today, on “Sino-US Trade War” (October 2018), “China’s Responses to the North Korea Crisis” (September 2017), “Impeachment of Park Geun-hye” (April 2017), “President-elect Trump’s Policy toward China” (November 2016), “Territorial Disputes over the South China Sea” (November 2015), and “Internet Censorship in China” (December 2014); and (5) Mid-South Model United Nations, on “South China Sea” (February 2018 and February

2015), “Sovereignty of Hong Kong and Macau” (February 2017), and “Rights of Migrant Workers” (February 2016)

Other Service

Editorial Board Member, East Asia: An International Quarterly, June 2021 – present

Manuscript Reviewer, (1) *East Asia: An International Quarterly* (May 2021, March 2017, April 2016, and March 2013); (2) *Journal of Political and Military Sociology* (April 2021); (3) *Government and Opposition* (April 2020); (4) *Journal of Current Chinese Affairs* (May 2019); (5) *Journal of Asian and African Studies* (October 2018 and March 2017); (6) *Georgetown Journal of International Affairs* (April 2018); (7) *Asian Survey* (March 2018); (8) *International Relations of the Asia-Pacific* (March 2018 and December 2014); (9) *International Studies Quarterly* (October 2017); (10) *Polity* (August 2017); (11) *Journal of Strategic Studies* (June 2017); (12) *Pacific Affairs* (September 2015); (13) *Fudan Journal of the Humanities and Social Sciences* (August 2015); (14) *Journal of Election Studies* (July 2015); (15) *Journal of Contemporary China* (June 2014); and (16) *Millennium: Journal of International Studies* (July 2012)

Associate Conference Organizer, *Annual Meeting of the Southeast Conference of the Association for Asian Studies*, January 2019

Conference Panel Chair/Discussant, (1) *Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association*, for the panel on “China and the International System” (Chair and Discussant) (January 2021); (2) *Annual Meeting of the Southeast Conference of the Association for Asian Studies*, for the panels on “Railwaymen and Workers in the (Post-)Wartime Asia” (Chair) (January 2019) and “Political Development and International Relations” (Chair and Discussant) (January 2017); (3) *Annual Meeting of the Taiwan and Asia Program*, for the panels on “Political Attitudes and Behavior” (hosted by Kennesaw State University) (Discussant) (November 2018) and “Identity, Politics, and Governance” and “Taiwan in the Realm of East Asia” (hosted by Wake Forest University) (Discussant) (October 2016); (4) *Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association*, for the panels on “Taiwan Security and Foreign Policy” (Discussant) (August 2018) and “Legitimacy Issues in Taiwanese Politics” (Discussant) (August 2017); and (5) *Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association*, for the panels on “International Political Economy in East and Southeast Asia” (Chair and Discussant) (April 2017) and “Ideology, Elections, and Representation in Taiwan” (Discussant) (April 2016)

Research/Paper Proposal Reviewer, (1) Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities and Social Sciences (June 2020); and (2) Annual Conference of the North American Taiwan Studies Association (January 2015)

Invited Speaker, (1) Lecture Series for Challenges in World Politics, Trezevant Manor, Memphis, on “China-Taiwan-US Relations during COVID-19” (October 2020), “The Sino-US Trade War” (March 2019), “Geopolitics of the South China Sea” (March 2018), “Chinese Dream” (November 2017), and “Taiwan between the US and China” (October 2016); and (2) Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month Program, US Customs and Border Protection, Port of Memphis, on “Trade between the US and Asia” (May 2015)

Commentator, “RCEP, CPTPP, and US-Taiwan Dialogue,” interviewed by South China Morning Post (newspaper), Hong Kong, November 2020; and “Taiwan President’s US Visit,” interviewed by Morning Wave in Busan (radio program), South Korea, January 2017

References

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