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## **Academic Appointment**

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### **Chair, International Studies Department, Rhodes College**

July 2021 – present

### **Director, Asian Studies Program, Rhodes College**

July 2022 – June 2023

### **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), Research Methods in International Studies (INTS 270), International Relations and Comparative Politics Theories (INTS 300), International Human Rights (INTS 336), Senior Tutorial (INTS 485)

## **Education**

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### **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

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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

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### *Book*

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

### *Refereed Journal Articles*

"The Rise of China in Europe: A Challenge to Integration?" *International Journal of China Studies* 12(2) (December 2021): 245-270.

"China's Debt Trap in Pakistan? A Case Study of the CPEC Project." (Co-authored with Rizwan Shaikh). *South Asia Research* 41(3) (November 2021): 399-414.

"China in Latin America Then and Now: A Systemic Constructivist Analysis of China's Foreign Policy." *Journal of Current Chinese Affairs* 50(2) (August 2021): 111-136.

"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.

“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.

### ***Book Reviews***

“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.

### **Honors and Grants**

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**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 2017 and August 2018

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

**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 2009 – May 2009, January 2011 – May 2011, and January 2013 – May 2013

**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 2009 and July 2010

**Student Service Education Award**, National Taiwan University, May 2003

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

### **Experience**

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*Teaching Experience at Boston University*

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

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

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

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

### *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**

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“China-Taiwan Economic Ties: Taiwan's Policy and China's Strategy.” *Annual Meeting of the Project on Taiwan in the Indo-Pacific Region* (hosted by Hoover Institute, Stanford University), Stanford, California, May 22, 2023.

“Middle East Policy: A Comparison between the US and China.” *Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association*, Chicago, Illinois, April 15, 2023.

“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

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### *Service at Rhodes College*

**Committee Member**, (1) Parking Appeals Committee, September 2016 – May 2017; (2) International Studies Careers and Professional Development Subcommittee, August 2017 – May 2018; (3) Educational Program Committee, August 2017 – May 2019; (4) Search Committee (visiting assistant professor for international studies), January 2018 – May 2018; (5) Nomination Committee for the James C. Gaither Junior Fellowship, December 2020 – January 2022; (6) Working Group on Appointment and Reappointment of Program/Department Chair, January 2023 – May 2023; and (7) Asian Studies Program, August 2013 – present

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

**Member**, Safe Zone Program, September 2014 – present

**Course Coordinator**, (1) International Studies 235: Great Decisions in Foreign Policy, January 2021 – May 2021; (2) International Studies 460 and 461: Internship in International Studies, August 2021 – present; and (3) International Studies 470: Summer Internship Abroad, August 2021 – present

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

**Faculty Adviser**, Sigma Iota Rho (International Studies Honor Society), August 2016 – May 2019

**Faculty Representative**, (1) Homecoming Reception (International Studies Department), October 2013; (2) Academic Preview (Office of Admissions), February 2021; (3) Spring Crossroads (Office of Admissions), April 2021; (4) Sophomore Declaration Week (Class Council), February 2022; (5) Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Accreditation Meeting, May 2022; (6) International Students Orientation, August 2022; (7) Admission Information Session (Office of Admissions), March 2023; and (8) Asian American and Pacific Islanders Graduation Ceremony (Office of Student Life), May 2023.

**Instructor of Sample Class**, (1) Rhodes College Preview Day (April 2015, 2018, 2019, and 2022); and Rhodes College Open House (November 2016, 2017, 2021, and 2022)

**Public Lecture Organizer**, (1) “Taiwan & USA: Closer Than You Think” by Huei-Yuan Tai, Director-General of Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Atlanta (December 2015); (2) “Emerging China: A Geographic Perspective” by Hsiang-Te Kung, Director of Confucius Institute, University of Memphis (November 2016); (3) “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); (4) US-Taiwan Relations from Trump to Biden” by John Copper, Distinguished Professor Emeritus of International Studies, Rhodes College (March 2021); (5) “The Weaponization of Supply Chains: The Role of the US-China Race for IA Supremacy in the Japan-South Korea Chip War” by June Park, Fung Global Fellow, Princeton University (October 2021); and (6) “Why Is There No NATO in Northeast Asia?: The Origin of US Alliances and Its Implications of Future

Security Order in the Indo-Pacific” by Aki Nakai, Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science, Boston University (March 2023)

**Invited Speaker**, (1) Mid-South Model United Nations, on “Rights of Migrant Workers” (February 2016), “Sovereignty of Hong Kong and Macau” (February 2017), and “South China Sea” (February 2015 and February 2018); (2) Book Talk on “Political Economy of China-Taiwan Relations: Origins and Development” (March 2019); (3) Great Decisions Lecture Series, on “China’s Foreign Policy” (January 2014), “India Changes Course” (February 2015), “Korean Choices” (February 2016), “Conflict in the South China Sea” (February 2017), “One Belt, One Road” (September 2017), “China and America: the New Geopolitical Equation” (January 2018), “Decoding US-China Trade” (January 2019), “Sino-US Relations: Challenges and Prospects” (February 2021), and “Xi’s China Takes on the Quad” (March 2022); and (4) Society of World Affairs Today, on “Internet Censorship in China” (December 2014), “Territorial Disputes over the South China Sea” (November 2015), “President-elect Trump’s Policy toward China” (November 2016), “Impeachment of Park Geun-hye” (April 2017), “China’s Responses to the North Korea Crisis” (September 2017), “Sino-US Trade War” (October 2018), “Human Rights Diplomacy: Prospects and Limitations” (March 2022), and “Taiwan: A Forever Flashpoint?” (October 2022)

**Panelist**, (1) All Students Interested in Asia, on “What’s Going on in Myanmar?” (March 2021); and (2) Buckman Center for International Education, on “Seeing International Students Succeed” (September 2021)

#### ***Other Service***

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

**Associate Coordinator**, Conference Group on Taiwan Studies, American Political Science Association, September 2022 – present

**Manuscript Reviewer**, (1) *Millennium: Journal of International Studies* (July 2012); (2) *Journal of Contemporary China* (June 2014); (3) *Journal of Election Studies* (July 2015); (4) *Fudan Journal of the Humanities and Social Sciences* (August 2015); (5) *Pacific Affairs* (September 2015); (6) *Journal of Strategic Studies* (June 2017); (7) *Polity* (August 2017); (8) *International Studies Quarterly* (October 2017); (9) *International Relations of the Asia-Pacific* (December 2014 and March 2018); (10) *Asian Survey* (March 2018); (11) *Georgetown Journal of International Affairs* (April 2018); (12) *Journal of Asian and African Studies* (March 2017 and October 2018); (13) *Journal of Current Chinese Affairs* (May 2019); (14) *Government and Opposition* (April 2020); (15) *Journal of Political and Military Sociology* (April 2021); and (16) *East Asia: An International Quarterly* (March 2013, April 2016, March 2017, May 2021, November 2021, September 2022, and February 2023)

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

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

*Political Science Association*, for the panel on “China and the International System” (Chair and Discussant) (January 2021); and (5) *Midwest Political Science Association*, for the panels on “Ideology, Elections, and Representation in Taiwan” (Discussant) (April 2016), “International Political Economy in East and Southeast Asia” (Chair and Discussant) (April 2017), “Political Economy of Protests in/against China” (Chair and Discussant) (April 2022), and “Great Power Politics” (Discussant) (April 2023)

**Research/Paper Proposal Reviewer**, (1) Annual Conference of the North American Taiwan Studies Association (January 2015); and (2) Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities and Social Sciences (June 2020, September 2021, August 2022, and May 2023)

**Invited Speaker**, (1) Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month Program, US Customs and Border Protection, Port of Memphis, on “Trade between the US and Asia” (May 2015); (2) Lecture Series for Challenges in World Politics, Trezevant Manor, Memphis, on “Taiwan between the US and China” (October 2016), “Chinese Dream” (November 2017), “Geopolitics of the South China Sea” (March 2018), “The Sino-US Trade War” (March 2019), and “China-Taiwan-US Relations during COVID-19” (October 2020); (3) Advanced Research Center for Humanities and Social Sciences, National Chung Hsing University, Taiwan, on “China’s Foreign Policy and the Development of the Quad” (March 2022); (4) Conference on Trilateral Relationship between Taiwan, the US, and China, University of St. Thomas (sponsored by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Taiwan), on “China-Taiwan Conflicts: Lessons from the Russian Invasion of Ukraine” (October 2022); and (5) International Information Technologies University, Kazakhstan, on “Re-emergence of the China Threat Theory” (November 2022)

**Panelist**, (1) Panel on “A Different Way of Thinking about the World Order: Mainstream and Contesting Approaches and Narratives on International Relations,” Latin American Studies Association Continental Congress (LASA/Asia), February 2022; and (2) Roundtable about Taiwan-Japan Relations, Stimson Center, August 2022.

**Commentator**, (1) Morning Wave in Busan (radio program), South Korea, on “Taiwan President’s US Visit” (January 2017); (2) South China Morning Post (newspaper), Hong Kong, on “RCEP, CPTPP, and US-Taiwan Dialogue” (November 2020); (3) Radio Student (radio program), Slovenia, on “China-Taiwan Relations” (October 2021); (4) Nikkei Asia (newspaper), Japan, on “China in Central America” (October 2021); (5) New Tang Dynasty Television, US, on “Sino-US Relations after the US Midterm Elections” (November 2022); and (6) Epoch Times (newspaper), US, on “Sino-US Relations after the 20<sup>th</sup> CCP Party Congress” (November 2022), “China’s Policy toward Taiwan and the US” (January 2023), and “China-Taiwan Relations” (March 2023)



## References

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