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## **Academic Appointment**

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### **Assistant Professor of International Studies, Rhodes College**

August 2013 – present

- 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**

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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: Its Origin and Development* (under contract with Lexington Books)

### **Refereed Journal Articles**

“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

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**J.S. Seidman Junior Faculty Research Fellowship**, Rhodes College, July 2017 – present

**Conference Travel Grant**, Taiwan and Asia Program, Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the US, 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**

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### *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**

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

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

“Politics of Population Aging in Taiwan: The Impact of Democratization.” Paper presented at the *Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association*, Chicago, Illinois, on April 8, 2016.

“China-Taiwan Relations and Taiwan’s Economic Policy toward China.” Paper presented at the *Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association*, New Orleans, Louisiana, on January 16, 2015.

“China-Taiwan Relations through the Lens of the Interaction between China’s ARATS and Taiwan’s SEF.” Paper presented at the *Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association*, Chicago, Illinois, on April 5, 2014.

“The China Factor in the 2012 Taiwanese Presidential Election.” Paper presented at the *Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association*, New Orleans, Louisiana, on January 10, 2014.

“China-Taiwan Economic Ties and the 2012 Taiwanese Presidential Election.” Paper presented at the *Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association*, Boston, Massachusetts, on November 16, 2012.

“Taiwanese Nationalism and China-Taiwan Relations, 1990 – 2008.” Paper presented at the *Annual Meeting of the New England Political Science Association*, Portsmouth, New Hampshire, on April 27, 2012.

“The Effect of China-Taiwan Economic Ties on the Formation of Political Coalitions in Taiwan, 1990 – 2008.” Paper presented at the *Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association*, Chicago, Illinois, on April 12, 2012.

“Taiwan’s Ambiguous International Status.” Paper presented at the *Annual Boston University Graduate Research Conference in International Relations*, Boston, Massachusetts, on February 19, 2011.

“The Effect of China-Taiwan Economic Ties on Taiwan’s Presidential Electoral Platforms, 2004 – 2008.” Paper presented at the *Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association*, Boston, Massachusetts, on November 13, 2010.

“Taiwan’s China Policy and the Cross-Strait Relations.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association of Chinese Political Studies, Beverly, Massachusetts, on July 31, 2010.

“China as a Status Quo State in Today’s International System.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, on April 22, 2010.

“Explaining the Difference between Jiang Zemin’s and Hu Jintao’s Attitudes towards the Taiwan Issue.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on 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.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the New England Political Science Association, Portland, Maine, on 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.” Paper presented at the Boston University Conference on East Asia, Boston, Massachusetts, on February 14, 2009.

## **Professional Service**

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### *Service at Rhodes College*

**Committee Member**, (1) Asian Studies Program, August 2013 – present; (2) Educational Program Committee, August 2017 – present; (3) International Studies Careers and Professional Development Subcommittee, August 2017 – present; and (4) 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

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

**Faculty Adviser**, Sigma Iota Rho, August 2016 – present

**Faculty Representative**, Homecoming Reception for the International Studies Department, October 2013

**Instructor of Sample Class**, (1) Rhodes College Open House, on “China and the North Korea Crisis” (November 2017) and “The United States and the Rise of China” (November 2016); and (2) Rhodes College Preview Day, on “Global Rise of China” (April 2015)

**Public Lecture Organizer**, (1) “Emerging China: A Geographic Perspective” by Hsiang-Te Kung, Director of Confucius Institute, University of Memphis (November 2016); and (2) “Taiwan & USA: Closer Than You Think” by Huei-Yuan Tai, Director-General of Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Atlanta (December 2015)

**Guest Speaker/Lecturer**, (1) Society of World Affairs Today, on “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); (2) Great Decisions Lecture Series, on

“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); and (3) Mid-South Model United Nations, on “Sovereignty of Hong Kong and Macau” (February 2017), “Rights of Migrant Workers” (February 2016), and “South China Sea” (February 2015)

***Other Service***

**Manuscript Reviewer**, (1) *International Studies Quarterly* (October 2017); (2) *Polity* (August 2017); (3) *Journal of Strategic Studies* (June 2017); (4) *Journal of Asian and African Studies* (March 2017); (5) *East Asia: An International Quarterly* (March 2017, April 2016, and March 2013); (6) *Pacific Affairs* (September 2015); (7) *Fudan Journal of the Humanities and Social Sciences* (August 2015); (8) *Journal of Election Studies* (July 2015); (9) *International Relations of the Asia-Pacific* (December 2014); (10) *Journal of Contemporary China* (June 2014); and (11) *Millennium: Journal of International Studies* (July 2012)

**Chair and Discussant**, (1) *Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association*, for the panel on “International Political Economy in East and Southeast Asia” (April 2017); and (2) *Annual Meeting of the Southeast Conference of the Association for Asian Studies*, for the panel on “Political Development and International Relations” (January 2017)

**Discussant**, (1) *Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association*, for the panel on “Legitimacy Issues in Taiwanese Politics” (August 2017); (2) *Annual Meeting of the Taiwan and Asia Program* (hosted by Wake Forest University), for the panels on “Identity, Politics, and Governance” and “Taiwan in the Realm of East Asia” (October 2016); and (3) *Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association*, for the panel on “Ideology, Elections, and Representation in Taiwan” (April 2016)

**Paper Proposal Reviewer**, *Annual Conference of the North American Taiwan Studies Association*, January 2015

**Guest Speaker/Lecturer**, (1) Lecture Series for Challenges in World Politics, Trezevant Manor, Memphis, on “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**, “Taiwan President’s US Visit,” interviewed by the radio program of Morning Wave in Busan, South Korea, January 2017

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