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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS
Colgate University
Assistant Professor of Political Science (Tenure-Track) 2023-
Singapore Management University
Assistant Professor of Political Science (Tenure-Track) 2019-2023
Notre Dame International Security Center, University of Notre Dame
Post-Doctoral Fellow 2018-2019
Institute for Security and Conflict Studies, George Washington University
Pre-Doctoral Fellow 2017-2018

EDUCATION
University of Virginia, Department of Politics
Ph.D., Political Science, August 2018
- Dissertation: "The Dog that Barks: Understanding Propaganda Campaigns on Territorial Disputes"
- Committee: John M. Owen (chair), Brantly Womack, Philip Potter, Harry Harding
George Washington University, Elliott School of International Affairs
National University of Singapore, Department of Political Science
Joint M.A., International Relations & Comparative Politics
Peking University, School of International Studies
B.A., International Relations

RESEARCH INTERESTS
International security; domestic politics of foreign policy; mass media and public opinion; authoritarian politics; East Asia and China

BOOK
The Art of State Persuasion: China's Strategic Use of Media in Interstate Disputes,
Oxford University Press, 2024
- International Studies Association (ISA) Asia Pacific Best Book Award
- Honorable Mention, ISA International Security Studies Section (ISSS) Best Book Award
- Reviews in *Political Science Quarterly*, *Choice*, and an H-Diplo Robert Jervis International Security Studies Forum roundtable are forthcoming

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES
"Authoritarian Propaganda Campaigns on Foreign Affairs: Four Birds, One Stone?", *International Studies Quarterly* 2023 (with Andrew Chubb).
"Barking Without Biting: Understanding Chinese Media Campaigns During Foreign Policy Disputes," *Security Studies* 2021.
"Jawing through Crises: Chinese and Vietnamese Media Strategies in the South China Sea," *Journal of Contemporary China* 2019 (with Brantly Womack).

BOOK/ARTICLE REVIEWS	H-Diplo Article Review of Kosal Path. “The Politics of China’s Aid to North Vietnam during the Anti-American Resistance, 1965-1969,” <i>Diplomacy Statecraft</i> , 27:4 (2016):682-700.
PAPERS UNDER REVIEW/IN PROGRESS	<p>“Scripts of Escalation and Restraint: State Messaging and Public Opinion in International Crises,” (Revise and Resubmit).</p> <p>“Unveiling China’s Behavioral Patterns of Maritime Incursions into the Disputed Waters of the Diaoyu/Senkaku Islands,” with Chen Wang (preparing for submission).</p> <p>“Truth or Trust? The Effects of Nationalism on Disinformation Perception of Chinese Netizens” (with Zeying Wu), presented at APSA 2025.</p> <p>“Borrowing the Boat: The Effectiveness of China’s Outsourced Propaganda” (with Jay C. Kao), presented at APSA 2025.</p> <p>“Racial Stereotypes toward Chinese and Foreign Policy Preference toward China” (with Boliang Zhu), work in progress.</p> <p>“Shared Regimes or Common Enemies? Ingroup Dynamics among Authoritarian States” (with Jiyoung Ko), work in progress.</p> <p>“Curated Defiance: Moralized Authoritarianism and the Politics of People-First Legitimacy” (with Greg Sheen), to be presented at APSA 2026.</p>
OTHER PUBLICATIONS /MEDIA APPEARANCES	<p>Book interviews: “Throttling the Nationalist Spirit” <i>U.S. China Perception Monitor</i>, July 8, 2025; New Books Network, April 8, 2025; Campaign for the American Reader “The Page 99 Test”, September 1, 2024.</p> <p>“How a Rusting Warship Became the Hotspot of the South China Sea,” National Committee on U.S.-China Relations, March 8, 2024.</p> <p>“The Flawed Logic Behind Beijing’s Senkaku/Diaoyu Policy,” <i>The Diplomat</i>, May 16, 2013.</p> <p>“Tensions in the East China Sea: Here To Stay,” <i>The Diplomat</i>, October 23, 2012.</p> <p>“Is U.S.-China Distrust Inevitable?” <i>The Diplomat</i>, May 1, 2012.</p> <p>“The Myths Surrounding the EU and China,” <i>The Independent</i>, May 1, 2012.</p> <p>“Where Do Chinese Interests Stand on the RMB Issue in U.S.-China Relations?” Voice of America Television <i>Pro and Con</i>, June 10, 2011.</p> <p>“The Political Risks of China’s Overseas Investments,” Voice of America Television <i>Issues and Opinions</i>, April 14, 2011.</p> <p>“Missed Cues on Tibet” <i>South China Morning Post</i>, February 28, 2009.</p>
AWARDS AND RESEARCH GRANTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation 2025 Support for second book project <i>Buying Influence: Analyzing Chinese Outsourced Foreign Propaganda in Asia</i>. \$26,000 ● ISA DPLST Anthony Deos Young Scholar Award 2025 ● The Public Affairs and Policy Research Initiative (PAPR), Colgate University 2026 Support for fielding survey experiment “Shared Regimes or Common Enemies? Ingroup Dynamics among Authoritarian States.” \$7,500

- Lampert Institute, Colgate University 2024
Support for fieldwork for second book project *Buying Influence: Analyzing Chinese Outsourced Foreign Propaganda in Asia*. \$5,000
- Singapore Ministry of Education Tier 1 Academic Research Fund 2021
Survey Experiments in the US on Asian hate and US policy towards China: “Racial Stereotypes toward Chinese and Foreign Policy Preference toward China.” \$30,000
- Singapore Ministry of Education Tier 1 Academic Research Fund 2020
Survey Experiments in China, Vietnam and the Philippines: “Media’s Effect on the Public’s Foreign Policy Preferences in Diplomatic Crises.” \$30,000
- Singapore Management University Research Capacity Building Fund 2019
For Book Manuscript Improvement. \$7,500
- Minerva-USIP Peace and Security Early Career Scholar Award, \$7,500 2019
- Minerva-USIP Peace and Security Scholarship, \$20,000 2017-2018
- Huskey Research Exhibition, University of Virginia 2017
Second Place Award in Oral Presentations
- Albert Gallatin Graduate Research Fellowship, \$8,000 2016-2017
- Dumas Malone Graduate Research Fellowship, \$10,000 2016-2017
- The Quandt Fund for International Research, \$2,500 2016
- Ellen Bayard Weedon Travel Grant (declined), \$1,600 2016
- Sally and Bruce Nelson Travel Grant for Southeast Asia, \$3,000 2016
- Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences (AHSS) Summer Research Award 2014
University of Virginia
- Graduate Fellowship, 2013-2018
Department of Politics, University of Virginia
- Freeman Fellowship, 2005-2006
Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University
- National University of Singapore Summer Research Grant 2004
- National University of Singapore Research Scholarship 2003-2005

OTHER
EMPLOYMENT

Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
Senior Editor, Research Analyst

Washington DC
2007 to 2019

INVITED TALKS

- Book talks: Academia Sinica, Taiwan (7/29/2025), Australia National University (5/22/2025), Columbia University (4/28/2025), Colgate University (4/2/2025), George Washington University (3/28/2025), Oxford University (2/11/2025), SOAS University of London (2/10/2025), Stanford University (1/10/2025)
 - “Mobilization or Pacification? Comparing Authoritarian Media Campaigns in Conflicts.” George Washington University Institute for Security and Conflict Studies Security Studies Workshop Series, Washington DC, 2023
 - “A China-Led World Order?” Bucerius Summer School, Hamburg, Germany, 2018 and 2022
 - East Asian Institute, National University of Singapore, invited presenter, Singapore, 2022
 - Singapore Ministry of Education China Studies Seminar, Singapore, 2021
 - “The Changing Asia 2019: Perspective on Regional and Global Cooperation,” German Institute of Global and Area Studies (GIGA) and China Foreign Affairs University, Beijing, China, 2019
 - University of Chicago’s Workshop on International Politics, Chicago, IL, 2019
 - Workshop at the Columbia-Harvard China and the World Program, Manhattan, NY, 2019
 - Workshop at the Liu Institute, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN, 2018
 - Yale Brady-Johnson International Security Studies Research Workshop, New Haven, CT, 2018
 - *Journal of Contemporary China* Special Issue Conference at University of Texas, Austin and University of Denver, Austin, TX and Denver, CO, 2018
 - Chinese University of Hong Kong Graduate Seminar on China, Hong Kong, China, 2018
 - “Mistrust in U.S.-China Relations,” Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences, Shanghai, China, 2012
- SELECT
CONFERENCE
PARTICIPATION
- American Political Science Association Annual Conference Annual Conference, presenter
2015, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025
 - International Studies Association Annual Convention, presenter
2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2022
 - 11th Annual Conference on New Directions in Analyzing Text as Data 2021
 - The Notre Dame International Security Center Emerging Scholars Conference,
discussant 2019
 - Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference, presenter 2018
 - International Studies Association International Conference, Hong Kong, China, presenter
2017
 - 9th and 11th Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia Pacific
(CSCAP) General Conference, discussant 2015, 2017

- International Security Studies Section (ISSS)-International Student Associations Council (ISAC) Annual Conference, presenter 2017
- Chinese University of Hong Kong Graduate Seminar on China, presenter 2017
- Journeys in World Politics, Iowa City, IA, presenter 2016

METHODS
TRAINING

- Summer Institute in Computational Social Science (SICSS)-Rutgers 2021
- *Workshops*: Automated Text Analysis, Machine Learning, Surveys and Experiments, Network Analysis
- Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) Summer Workshop 2017: “Machine Learning for the Analysis of Text as Data”
- *Workshops*: R Quanteda Package, Topic Modeling, Dictionary Methods, Sentiment Analysis, Neural Network and Deep Learning Approaches
- Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR) 2015
- *Workshops*: Web Scraping with R, Classification and Topic Models, GIS

TEACHING

- Assistant Professor, Colgate University
- Fundamentals of International Relations, 2024
- International Relations of East Asia, 2024
- Media and International Relations, 2024
- Chinese Foreign Policy, 2023
- Honor thesis advising, 2024
- Summer research advising, 2024
- Assistant Professor, Singapore Management University
- International Relations of East Asia, 2019
- Chinese Foreign Policy, 2019, 2020, 2022
- Media and International Relations, 2019, 2020, 2022
- Senior thesis advising, 2019, 2020, 2022
- Graduate Instructor, University of Virginia
- Intro to International Relations, Fall 2015
- Chinese Politics, Fall 2015, Fall 2014, Fall 2013
- Ethics and Human Rights in World Affairs, Spring 2014
- Winner: University of Virginia Best Graduate Teacher Award, Spring 2015
- Teaching Assistant, National University of Singapore
- Introduction to Comparative Politics, Spring 2005

SERVICE

- ISA Diplomatic Studies section committee 2025
- Planning Committee, American Political Science Association Chinese Politics Mini-Conference 2024
- Asian Studies Program Council member, Colgate University 2023-
- IR Faculty Search Committee, Singapore Management University 2019, 2022
- Co-leader, APSA Dissertation Workshop “Nationalism And Populism In International Relations” 2019
- Reviewer, *International Security*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, Oxford University Press, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Security Studies*, *International Relations of the Asia-Pacific*, *Mercatus Center Research Paper Series*, Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences, Lexington Books

LANGUAGES AND
PROGRAMMING

- *Languages*: Chinese (native); English (fluent); French (intermediate); Vietnamese (basic reading)
- *Programming*: Stata, Python, R, SPSS, GIS, HTML, L^AT_EX

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