**Joseph Torigian**  email: jptori@gmail.com

**EDUCATION** Massachusetts Institute of Technology

PhD in International Relations Theory and Comparative Politics

Dissertation - Prestige, Manipulation, and Coercion: Elite Power Struggles and the Fate of Three Revolutions

Committee: Richard Samuels, Kathleen Thelen, Taylor Fravel, Barry Posen

Defended August 2016

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI (Highest Distinction)

Major in Political Science (04/2006) and Minor in Asian Studies (04/2006)

William Jennings Bryan Prize (Departmental Political Science Award for graduating seniors)

**RESEARCH** Authoritarian regimes, grand strategy, qualitative methods, Chinese, Russian, and North Korean politics

**EXPERIENCE** *American University*

School of International Service August 2018- Present

Assistant Professor

*Wilson Center*

History and Public Policy Program October 2018- Present

Global Fellow

*Princeton and Harvard University*

China and the World Program September 2017- June 2018

Conducted research and participated in CWP events

*Stanford University*

CISAC Visiting Scholar October 2015- June 2017

Conducted research and participated in CISAC events as Predoctoral and Postdoctoral Fellow

*George Washington University*

Institute for Security and Conflict Studies Predoctoral Fellow September 2014- June 2015

Conducted dissertation research and participated in ISCS events

*Higher School of Economics, Moscow*

IREX Scholar November 2013- July 2014

Conducted dissertation research in Soviet archives

*Fudan University, Shanghai*

Fulbright Scholar September 2008- June 2009

Conducted research on Chinese foreign policy norms and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization

Audited and participated in graduate-level Chinese language courses on Sino-American relations Presented research findings to other scholars

*Council on Foreign Relations*

Research Associate December 2006- June 2008

Assisted Senior Fellow Adam Segal in research by writing over 100 memos

Prepared more than $250,000 budget for Dr. Segal’s programs and planned roundtables

Conducted conference for peers and presented paper on Chinese and Russian foreign policy

**LANGUAGES** Chinese: Fluent reading and speaking

Russian: Fluent reading and speaking

*Critical Language Scholarship* (US State Department) June 2010- July 2010

Spent two months in Ufa, Russia, studying Russian

*Rep. of China Chinese Language Fellowship (*FLAS*)* September 2004- August 2005

Spent full year at ICLP at National Taiwan University studying Chinese

**CONFERENCES** *Harvard University Weatherhead Center* November 2018

Participant in Harvard International Security Cluster

*Wilson Center* October 2018

Presented on “Xi Zhongxun” at Conference “China Since the Cultural Revolution”

*APSA* August 2018

Presented paper: “The Civil-Military Relations of Tiananmen Square”

*The Society of Historians for American Foreign Relations* June 2018

Presented paper: “Khrushchev and the Bomb”

*Tianwen lianhe xuehui wenge bowuguan chouwei hui* [Tianwen Lianhe Society Cultural Revolution Museum Preparatory Committee] June 2018

Presentation: “Did the Gang of Four Have Their Own Ideology?” (In Chinese)

*Association for Asian Studies* March 2018

Presented paper: “Problems with Factions in Chinese Politics: The Case of Chen Yun”

*Brookings-Carnegie-Tobin* January 2018

Presented at Workshop on Policy Implications of New Research in Politics and International History

*Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies* November 2017

Participated in panel “New Opportunities in the Russian Archives”

*Stanford Dialogue* August 2016- ongoing

Note-taker for meetings between American, Chinese, and Russian retired military officers on strategic stability

*Tobin Project*  March 2017- ongoing

Participating in Tobin Project on Nuclear Threat Assessment

*Stanford Nuclear Youth Forum with MEPhI* May 2016

Participated in conference in Moscow with Russian nuclear experts

*Clements Center, UT Austin* July 2015

Participant in Summer Seminar in History and Statecraft

*International Studies Association* March 2015

Presented paper: “Scientific Realism and Qualitative Methods”

*SICAR (Summer Institute on Conducting Archival Research)* Summer 2012

Spent one week at seminar on archives at George Washington University

*International Studies Association* March 2012

Presented paper: “Chinese Civil-Military Relations and the Roots of Political Change”

*International Studies Association* March 2011

Chaired panel: “Reassessing Power Transitions”

Presented paper: “The Rhetoric of Rise”

*New Era Foreign Policy Conference*  March 2010

Participated in two day workshop for young scholars interested in policy issues

**INVITED TALKS** *Commemoration of the 30th Parinirvana Ann. of 10th Panchen Rinpoche* January 2019

“The Relationship between the 10th Panchen Lama and Xi Zhongxun”

*American University Centr. for Asian Studies and Complex Gov. Cluster* October 2018

“Xi Jinping’s Father and the Chinese Revolution”

*Asia-Pacific Nuclear History Institute (Wilson Center)* March 2018

“Khrushchev and the Bomb”

*University of Southern California Center for International Studies* February 2018

“Explaining North Korean Regime Resiliency: Kim Il Sung and the Partisan Legacy”

*Princeton-Harvard China and the World Program* November 2017

“China’s History of Failed Interventions in North Korean Elite Politics”

*Hoover Institution Workshop on Authoritarian Regimes* July 2016

“Prestige, Manipulation, and Coercion: Elite Power Struggles and the Fate of Three Revolutions”

*Stanford Russian History Kruzhok* March 2016

“Elite Power Struggles in the Soviet Union: The Cases of Beria and the Anti-Party Group”

*Stanford University CISAC* February 2016

“Communist Coups: Authoritarianism and the Fate of Three Revolutions”

*SICAR (Summer Institute on Conducting Archival Research)* May 2015

“How to Conduct Archival Research”

*George Washington University ISCS* March 2015

“Cleaning Up the Revolution: The Rise of Deng Xiaoping 1977-1981”

**WORKING PAPERS** “How Should We Explain Single Cases? Scientific Realism and Qualitative Methods” (under review)

“Exchange or Domination? The Case of Kim Il Sung’s Rise to Power” (under review)

“Was Khrushchev Dumb or Unlucky? Contingency and the Fall of Khrushchev”

**AWARDS** *Stanford Center on International Conflict and Negotiation* February- June 2016

Fellow and winner of Goldsmith Research Award (April 2016)

*MIT International Science and Technology Initiatives China Seed Fund* June and July 2013

Spent two months in Beijing and Hong Kong interviewing party historians and collecting dissertation material

*MIT**Center for International Studies Summer Study Grant* June 2012

Spent one month in Beijing interviewing party historians and collecting dissertation material

**TEACHING**  *Massachusetts Institute of Technology* Fall 2012

Teaching assistant for “American Foreign Policy”

*Massachusetts Institute of Technology*  Spring 2013

Teaching assistant for “Graphic Novels and Political Violence”

**PUBLICATIONS** “Elite Politics and Foreign Policy in China from Mao to Xi,” in *Revolution or Evolution? Xi Jinping and the Future of China’s Foreign Policy*, Brookings Institution, January 22, 2019.

“Historical Legacies and Leaders’ Worldviews: Communist Party History and Xi’s Learned (And Unlearned) Lessons” in *China Perspectives,* 2018/1-2

Review: *The Cultural Revolution: A People's History, 1962―1976* by Frank Dikotter, forthcoming in *Journal of Cold War Studies*

“Don’t count on China to rein in North Korea. Here’s why” in *Washington Post’*s Monkey Cage, February 17, 2017

“The Shadow of Deng Xiaoping on Chinese Elite Politics” in *War on the Rocks*, January 30, 2017

“Khrushchev’s Fate and China’s Future” in *The Diplomat*, November 24, 2016

“Mass Atrocity Monday: Tiananmen Square” on Justice in Conflict blog, June 6, 2016

“Taiwan is not America's Geopolitical Chess Piece” in Dongfang Zaobao (Chinese language), June 24, 2009

“The Xinjiang Incident in the Eyes of an American” in Chinese Reuters (Chinese language), August 31, 2009

**DEPARTMENTAL** *Massachusetts Institute of Technology* Fall 2011 and Fall 2012

**SERVICE** Job Search Committee

*Massachusetts Institute of Technology* Fall 2011 and Spring 2012

Graduate Student Working Group Coordinator

**PROFESSIONAL** *Journal of Cold War Studies, International Security, Journal of Historical Sociology*

**SERVICE** Reviewer