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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

Princeton and Harvard University
China and the World Program September 2017- June 2018
Conducting research and participating 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

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 Annual Conference 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 Annual Conference March 2012
Presented Paper: "Chinese Civil-Military Relations and the Roots of Political Change"

International Studies Association Annual Conference 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

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"
"The Problem with 'Factions': Chen Yun and Deng Xiaoping in the Age of Reform"
"Exchange or Domination? The Case of Kim Il Sung's Rise to Power"
"Historical Legacies and Leaders' Worldviews: Communist Party History and Xi Jinping's Learned (and Unlearned) Lessons"

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

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
SERVICE**

Massachusetts Institute of Technology Fall 2011 and Fall 2012
Job Search Committee

Massachusetts Institute of Technology Fall 2011 and Spring 2012
Graduate Student Working Group Coordinator

**PROFESSIONAL
SERVICE**

Journal of Cold War Studies, International Security
Reviewer