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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

Jan 2016 – current Assistant Professor (tenure-track)
Department of Government and Public Administration
Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK)

Nov 2017 – current Director, International Affairs Research Centre
Hong Kong Institute of Asia-Pacific Studies, CUHK

EDUCATION

2015 University of Southern California (USC)
Ph.D. in Political Science and International Relations
Committee: Patrick James, David Kang, Brian Rathbun and Peter Carnevale
Fields: International Politics and Security; Comparative Politics;
Culture, Gender and Global Society

2005 Hopkins-Nanjing Center for Chinese and American Studies, Nanjing
Certificate in China Studies

2004 University of Chicago
M.A. in International Relations
B.A. in Political Science, with general honors and minor in Economics

OTHER TRAINING

2015 International Society of Political Psychology Summer Academy, San Diego, CA

2013 Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, Syracuse University

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

International relations theory; security studies; foreign policy analysis; diplomacy; political psychology; East Asia (particularly China); nationalism, identity and intergroup conflicts; qualitative and experimental methods

JOURNAL ARTICLES

2019. “Stoics and Hotheads: Leaders’ Temperament, Anger, and the Expression of Resolve in Face-to-face Diplomacy,” *Journal of Global Security Studies* 4(2), 190-208.

2018. “Mapping the Repertoire of Emotions and their Communicative Functions in Face-to-face Diplomacy,” *International Studies Review*.

2018 (with Hak Yin Li). "The Evolution of Chinese Public Diplomacy and the Rise of Think Tanks," *Place Branding and Public Diplomacy* 14(1), 36-46.

2016. "Emotions and the Communication of Intentions in Face-to-face Diplomacy," *European Journal of International Relations* 22(1), 144-167.

Co-winner of the 2016 Diplomatic Studies Section Article Award, International Studies Association (awarded for published article that "best advances the theoretical and empirical study of diplomacy").

2006. "What's in a Dumpling? The Chinese Fast Food Industry and the Spread of Indigenous Cultures under Globalization," *Stanford Journal of East Asian Affairs* 6(1), 25-32.

Reprinted in Greta Uehling, ed. 2018. *International Studies: Perspectives on a Rapidly Changing World* (Cognella), and;

Joan T. Mims and Elizabeth M. Nollen. 2011. *Mirror on America: Essays and Images from Popular Culture*, 5th edition (Bedford/St. Martin's).

2005. "Economic Statecraft across the Strait: Business Influence in Taiwan's Mainland Policy," *Asian Perspective* 29(2), 41-72.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

2017. Review of Marcus Holmes' "You Never Get a Second Chance to Make a First Impression? First Encounters and Face-based Threat Perception," *H-Diplo*

2015. "The Passion of Face-to-face Diplomacy," *Border Crossing* 1(6), 18-19. *Diplomat Magazine*.

WORK IN PROGRESS

"Diplomatic Negotiations" (handbook chapter under contract; revise and resubmit)

"Who Blinked? Performing Resolve (or Lack thereof) in Face-to-face Diplomacy" (under review)

"One-upmanship and Putdowns: The Aggressive Use of Interaction Rituals in Face-to-Face Diplomacy" (under review)

The Microsociology of Diplomacy (book project; tentative title)

"Emotions and Self-Assessment of Resolve in Times of Crisis"

"Ah Q" Spirit and Audience Costs"

GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS (SELECTED)

2017 – 2019 Early Career Scheme (ECS) Grant, University Grants Committee, Hong Kong (Project Number: 24602217; HKD320,000)

2017 – 2018 Direct Grant, Faculty of Social Science, CUHK (HKD94,750)
Research Grant, Greater China Research Programme, CUHK (HKD20,000; with Hak Yin Li)
Seed Grant, Social Mentality Research Programme, CUHK (RMB9,000)

FELLOWSHIPS

2009 – 2014 Elizabeth von KleinSmid Bannerman Fellowship, USC

2012 – 2013 Center for International Studies Dissertation Fellowship, USC

2004 – 2005 Stephen D. Hassenfeld Fellowship, Johns Hopkins University

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

- 2019 “The Strategic Nature of Rituals in Face-to-face Diplomacy”
Annual Convention, International Studies Association, Toronto, Canada
- 2018 “The Strategic Nature of Rituals in Face-to-face Diplomacy”
5th European Workshops in International Studies, Groningen, Netherlands
- 2018 “Who Blinked? Projecting Resolve (or Lack thereof) in Face-to-face Diplomacy”
Annual Convention, International Studies Association, San Francisco, USA
Annual Meeting, American Political Science Association, Boston, USA
12th Pan-European Conference on International Relations, Prague, Czech Republic
Annual Congress, Korean International Studies Association, Seoul, South Korea
- 2017 “Language, Emotions, and Symbols: Diplomatic Culture and the Communication of Intentions”
11th Pan-European Conference on International Relations, Barcelona, Spain
International Studies Association International Conference, Hong Kong
Annual Convention, International Studies Association, Baltimore, USA
- “Mapping the Repertoire of Emotions and their Functions in Face-to-face Diplomacy”
Empirical Political Science Research Workshop, HKUST, Hong Kong
- 2016 “Political Psychology Analysis on State Leaders”
25th Harvard Project for Asian and International Relations (HPAIR) Asia Conference, Hong Kong
- “Mapping the Repertoire of Emotions and their Functions in Face-to-face Diplomacy”
New Diplomatic History Conference, University of Copenhagen, Denmark
Annual Convention, International Studies Association, Atlanta, USA
- 2015 “Stoics and Hotheads: Anger as an Expression of Resolve in Face-to-face Diplomacy”
Annual Meeting, American Political Science Association, San Francisco
Annual Meeting, International Society of Political Psychology, San Diego
USC Center for International Studies International Relations Workshop
- 2014 “Emotions and the Communication of Intentions in Face-to-face Diplomacy”
Annual Convention, International Studies Association, Toronto, Canada
- 2012 “Assessing the Role of Myanmar in the World from Various International Relations Theories”
Master of Social Science in Global Political Economy Programme, CUHK
- “Contemporary Chinese Youth and Nationalism: A Search for Ontological Security”
Annual Graduate Seminar on China, CUHK
- 2010 “Chinese Policy towards Overseas Diasporas and its Implications for the PRC’s Foreign Relations,”
Annual East-West Center International Graduate Student Conference, Honolulu, USA
- 2005 “Comparative Chinese and American Media Coverage of the 2004 South Asian Tsunami,”
Forum for American/Chinese Exchange at Stanford, Palo Alto, USA

GUEST PRESENTATIONS

- 2019 School of International Relations and Public Affairs, Fudan University, Shanghai
- 2018 Department of Politics and Public Administration, University of Hong Kong
Institute for Political Studies, Seoul National University

2016 Department of Political Science, National University of Singapore

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Chinese University of Hong Kong
Fall 2016, Spring and Fall 2017 GPAD2111 Political Research Methodology
Spring and Fall 2016, Spring 2018 GPAD4225 Theories of International Relations
Spring 2016 and Fall 2018 GPAD2345/UGEC2610 International Politics
Spring 2013 and 2014 GPAD2185 International Organizations
GPEC5421 Terrorism and Counterterrorism
Fall 2013 GPEC5016 Introduction to Comparative Politics

University of Hong Kong
Fall 2012 SPACE344 Introduction to Political Science

POSTGRADUATE SUPERVISION (SELECTED)

Supervisor, Mohid Chakar, Ph.D. thesis on the “Belt and Road Initiative” (2016-current)

Supervisor, Milin Yu, Ph.D. thesis on China-North Korea relations (2016-current)

Supervisor, Jadice Lau, M.Phil. thesis: “Self-weaking Expedients: Explaining the Impact of UN Peacekeeping on Long-Term Statebuilding” (2016-18)

ACADEMIC SERVICES (SELECTED)

2017 – current Reviewer, *European Journal of International Relations*; *International Studies Quarterly*; *International Security*; *British Journal of Political Science*; *International Studies Review*; *Political Psychology*

Area Advisor, *Oxford Bibliographies* (International Relations)

Member, Committee on New Asia Lectures on Contemporary China, CUHK

2016 – current Member, Global China Research Programme, CUHK

Member, Committee, B.S.Sc in Global Studies Programme, CUHK

NON-ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

2007 – 2009 Senior Consultant, Roland Berger Strategy Consultants, Detroit and Hong Kong
Provided management consulting services to multinational corporations in the automotive, financial services and energy sectors

2005 – 2007 Consultant, Booz Allen Hamilton, Shanghai
Advised multinational companies on their market entry and growth strategies in China

LANGUAGES

Native fluency in English and Chinese (Mandarin and Cantonese); Basic French