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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  
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

2021. “Who Blinked? Performing Resolve (or Lack thereof) in Face-to-face Diplomacy,” *Security Studies*.  
<https://doi.org/10.1080/09636412.2021.1951831>.

2021. “One-upmanship and Putdowns: The Aggressive Use of Interaction Rituals in Face-to-face Diplomacy,” *International Theory* 13(2), 341-71.

2020. "Mapping the Repertoire of Emotions and their Communicative Functions in Face-to-face Diplomacy," *International Studies Review* 22(1): 77-97.
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 (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*, 5<sup>th</sup> 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**

- "Explaining the 'Cult of Toughness': In-group Fear, Kennedy's Reputation for Weakness, and the Berlin Crisis of 1961" (revise and resubmit)
- "Face-to-face with a Madman" (working paper)
- "How China Deals with Humiliation in International Conflicts" (working paper)
- "'Just like Dunkirk': Indian Response in the Aftermath of the 1962 Sino-Indian Border War" (work-in-progress)
- "Collective Self-esteem and Audience Costs: An Experimental Analysis" (work-in-progress)
- "Diplomatic Negotiations" (handbook chapter under contract with De Gruyter)
- "'Ah Q Spirit' at Work? How State Propaganda Engineers a Sense of Victory in International Crises" (book project)

## **GRANTS**

- 2022 – 2023      General Research Fund (GRF) Grant, University Grants Committee, Hong Kong (Project Number: 14619721; HKD510,852)

- 2020 – 2021 Direct Grant, Faculty of Social Science, CUHK (HKD100,000)
- 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)

### INVITED SPEECH

- 2021 Sino-US Relations in the Biden Era: Conflict, Competition or Cooperation?, Hong Kong Baptist University
- 2020 Global Perspectives on US 2020 Election Forum, University of Oregon

### CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

- “Face-to-face with a Madman”  
 2021 Annual Meeting, Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (virtual)
- “‘Ah Q’ Spirit at Work? How State Propaganda Engineer a Sense of Victory in International Crises”  
 2021 Annual Convention, International Studies Association (virtual)
- “The Strategic Nature of Rituals in Face-to-face Diplomacy”  
 2019 Annual Convention, International Studies Association, Toronto, Canada  
 2018 5<sup>th</sup> European Workshops in International Studies, Groningen, Netherlands
- “国际关系史研究的理论意义”  
 2019 第十二届政治学与国际关系学术共同体年会, Beijing, China
- “Who Blinked? Performing Resolve (or Lack thereof) in Face-to-face Diplomacy”  
 2019 Pacific International Politics Conference, Taipei, Taiwan  
 2018 Annual Convention, International Studies Association, San Francisco, USA  
 Annual Meeting, American Political Science Association, Boston, USA  
 12<sup>th</sup> Pan-European Conference on International Relations, Prague, Czech Republic  
 Annual Congress, Korean International Studies Association, Seoul, South Korea
- “Language, Emotions, and Symbols: Diplomatic Culture and the Communication of Intentions”  
 2017 11<sup>th</sup> 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”  
 2017 Empirical Political Science Research Workshop, HKUST, Hong Kong  
 2016 New Diplomatic History Conference, University of Copenhagen, Denmark  
 Annual Convention, International Studies Association, Atlanta, USA
- “Political Psychology Analysis on State Leaders”  
 2016 25<sup>th</sup> Harvard Project for Asian and International Relations (HPAIR) Asia Conference, Hong Kong
- “Stoics and Hotheads: Anger as an Expression of Resolve in Face-to-face Diplomacy”  
 2015 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

“Emotions and the Communication of Intentions in Face-to-face Diplomacy”

2014 Annual Convention, International Studies Association, Toronto, Canada

### **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

GPAD2111 Political Research Methodology Taught three times

GPAD4225 Theories of International Relations Taught four times

GPAD2345/UGEC2610 International Politics Taught twice

GPAD2185 International Organizations Taught four times

GPEC5421 Terrorism and Counterterrorism Taught once

GPEC5016 Introduction to Comparative Politics Taught once

University of Hong Kong

SPACE344 Introduction to Political Science Taught once

### **ACADEMIC SERVICES (EXTERNAL)**

2021 – current Editor, *International Relations of the Asia-Pacific*

Advisory Board member, *Indian Journal of Asian Affairs*

2017 – current Area Editor, *Oxford Bibliographies* (International Relations)

Reviewer, *European Journal of International Relations*; *International Studies Quarterly*; *International Security*; *Journal of Global Security Studies*; *British Journal of Political Science*; *International Studies Review*; *Foreign Policy Analysis*; *Political Psychology*; *British Journal of Politics and International Relations*; *Global Studies Quarterly*; *Cambridge Review of International Affairs*; *Diplomacy & Statecraft*; *International Relations*; *Political Behavior*

2016, 2017 Member, Award Committee, Bertha Lutz Prize and Article Award, Diplomatic Studies Section, International Studies Association

### **ACADEMIC SERVICES (INTERNAL)**

2020 – current Member, Undergraduate Panel, Department of Government and Public Administration, CUHK

2019 – current External Reviewer of courses, School of Humanities and Social Science, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen (GLB5110 Foundation of International

Relations; GLB5210 Foundation of Global Political Economy; GLB5430 International Security Affairs; GLB5480 Economic Statecraft & Negotiations; HSS2101 Chinese Foreign Policy)

- 2018 – current      Member, Research Panel, Department of Government and Public Administration, CUHK
- 2017 – current      Member, Committee on New Asia Lectures on Contemporary China, CUHK  
Member, Global China Research Programme, CUHK  
Member, Committee, B.S.Sc in Global Studies Programme, CUHK  
Member, Advisor, CUHK Model United Nations Club  
Advisor, *Civilitas* (a student academic journal of the Department of Government and Public Administration, CUHK)
- 2016 – 2018        Member, Admissions and Publicity Panel, Department of Government and Public Administration, 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

#### **COMPUTER SKILLS**

STATA; Qualtrics; MTurk; Excel

#### **LANGUAGES**

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