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Professor, Department of Government and Politics, 2017-present.
Affiliated Faculty, Center for International Development and Conflict Management, 2003-present.
Associate Professor, Department of Government and Politics, 2009-2017.
Assistant Professor, Department of Government and Politics, 2003-2009.

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO

Ph.D. in Political Science, 2003.
M.A. in Political Science, 1998.

CORNELL UNIVERSITY

A.B. in History and Government, with Distinction in All Subjects, 1995.

PUBLICATIONS

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“Prospects for Stability in the Taiwan Strait.” Presentation given to the China and the World Program Annual Conference, Oxford, UK, March 2025.

“Assessing the Prospects for War and Peace in the Taiwan Strait” (Book Talk), Yale-NUS College, Singapore, September 2024.

“Assessing the Prospects for War and Peace in the Taiwan Strait” (Book Talk), China and the World Forum (online), May 2024.

“Taking a Low Profile on China: Economic Influence and Hedging Behavior.” With Margaret Pearson and Guan Wang. Presentation given to the symposium on “Mapping and Measuring China’s Influence Worldwide,” University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK, April 2024.

“China’s Rise and the Struggle over International Order: Great Power Conflict and the Provision of Global Goods.” With Margaret Pearson and Chad Rector. Presentation given at the International Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, April 2024.

“Taking a Low Profile on China: Economic Influence and Hedging Behavior.” With Margaret Pearson and Guan Wang. Presentation given at the International Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, April 2024.

“China’s Economic Influence.” Presentation given to the China Economic Security Conference, UK Department for Business and Trade, London, UK, February 2024.

“Thinking About the Prospects for Conflict in the Taiwan Strait,” Year Ahead Conference, Ottawa, Canada (participated online), December 2023.

“The Evolving US Approach to Taiwan During the Tsai Ing-wen Administration,” Conference on the Chinese Path to Modernization under One-Party Rule, Taipei, Taiwan (participated online), November 2023.

“Is China-Taiwan Rapprochement Possible?” Miller Center of Public Affairs, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, November 2023.

“Assessing the Prospects for War and Peace in the Taiwan Strait” (Book Talk), University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, November 2023.

“Assessing the Prospects for War and Peace in the Taiwan Strait” (Book Talk), Stanford University (held online), November 2023.

“War and Peace in the Taiwan Strait,” Sadat Chair Book Talk, University of Maryland, College Park, September 2023.

“Taking a Low Profile on China: Economic Influence and Hedging Behavior” (with Margaret M. Pearson and Guan Wang). Paper presented to the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA, September 2023.

“Mitigating the Risk of Conflict in the Taiwan Strait,” International Conference on Securing East Asian Peace: Meeting Challenges and Managing Conflicts, University of Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan, July 2023.

“Assessing the Prospects for Conflict in the Taiwan Strait” (Book Talk), University of California, San Diego, May 2023.

“War and Peace in the Taiwan Strait” (Book Talk), National War College, Washington DC, March 2023.

“Security Challenges in the Taiwan Strait,” presentation given to panel on Xi’s China & Security Challenges in Asia and Beyond, China and the World Conference, Columbia University, New York, NY, February 2023.

“Is China-Taiwan Rapprochement Possible? Experimental Evidence from Taiwan” (with Hsin-Hsin Pan and Margaret M. Pearson). Paper presented to the Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting (held online), February 2023.

“War and Peace in the Taiwan Strait” (Book Talk), United States Institute of Peace, Washington DC, January 2023.

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“An Overview of US-China and US-Taiwan Relations,” Panel on the Prospects for Cross-Strait Relations in 2023 and Beyond, Global Taiwan Institute (held online), December 2022.

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“Assessing the Prospects for Armed Conflict in the Taiwan Strait,” Nobel Symposium 185, “Not Just Another Cold War,” Oslo, Norway, June 2022.

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“The Future of the US-Taiwan Relationship,” Center for National Policy, Washington DC, 2006.

“The Political Consequences of the Proposed US-Taiwan Free Trade Agreement,” Woodrow Wilson Center, Washington DC, 2006.

“Does Economic Interdependence Constrain, Inform or Transform?” Columbia University, 2005.

“Trade and Democracy: Political Institutions and Trade Policies in Developing Countries” (with Michael Hiscox), American Political Science Association, 2005.

“Partisanship and Capital Controls Policy Diffusion in Western Europe, 1960-1986,” (with Kara Heitz and Chad Rector), American Political Science Association, 2005.

“Rethinking the Political Consequences of Economic Integration in Mainland China-Taiwan Relations,” Association of Chinese Political Studies, 2005.

“What can the Relationship across the Taiwan Strait Tell Us about Theories of Economic Interdependence and War?” East-West Center, Washington DC, 2005.

“Trade Policy Openness, Domestic Political Institutions, and the Environment” (with Michael Hiscox and Joanne Manrique), Midwest Political Science Association, 2005.

“Making Self-Restraint Credible: China’s Taiwan Dilemma and Prospects for Political Integration” (with Chad Rector), Midwest Political Science Association, 2005.

“Does Economic Interdependence Constrain, Inform, or Transform? Evidence from the Relationship between Mainland China and Taiwan,” International Studies Association, 2005.

“Prospects for Political Integration across the Taiwan Strait” (with Chad Rector), George Washington University, 2005.

“International Conflict, Domestic Interests and Institutions, and Trade” (Poster), American Political Science Association, 2004.

“Parliamentary Control over International Financial Policies” (with Chad Rector), Midwest Political Science Association, 2004.

“Trade Policy Openness, Government Spending, and Regime Change” (with Michael Hiscox; Poster), American Political Science Association, 2003.

“Partisanship and Response to Currency Crises” (with Chad Rector), American Political Science Association, 2002.

“How and When Conflict Affects Economic Interdependence: The Case of Mainland China-Taiwan Relations,” Midwest Political Science Association, 2002.

“Partisan Cycles and Capital Controls Policy Changes,” (with Chad Rector), Midwest Political Science Association, 2002.

“The Effect of Conflict on International Trade and Investment Flows,” Peking University, 2002.

“International Conflict, Domestic Political Coalitions, and Trade,” American Political Science Association, 2001.

“Taiwan’s Gamble: Democratization and the Tradeoff between Sovereignty and Economic Integration with Mainland China,” National Security Education Program David L. Boren Graduate Fellows’ Symposium on Expanding the Scope of National Security, Washington DC, 2001.

“Veto Players and Capital Control Liberalization in Parliamentary Democracies,” (with Chad Rector), Midwest Political Science Association, 2000.

“Leadership Accountability, Credible Threats, and Asymmetric Interdependence: Economic Relations across the Taiwan Strait,” Southwestern Social Science Association, 1999.

PODCASTS AND INTERVIEWS

“War and Peace in the Taiwan Strait,” National Committee on U.S.-China Relations, January 2023.

“Security in the Taiwan Strait,” The Latest @ USIP (United States Institute of Peace), January 2023

“What is Happening in China and Taiwan,” Liberal Halvtime (Norway), July 2022.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Excellence in Mentorship Award, College of Behavioral and Social Sciences, University of Maryland, 2024.

Faculty-Student Research Award, University of Maryland, 2021-2022.

Fellow, Public Intellectuals Program, National Committee on US-China Relations, 2016-2018.

Faculty Mentor Award, The Winston Family Honors Academic Excellence Awards,

University of Maryland Honors College, 2014.
General Research Board Semester Award, University of Maryland, 2009-2010.
Faculty Mentor Award, Philip Merrill Presidential Scholars Program, University of Maryland, 2010.
China Security Fellow, Institute for National Strategic Studies, National Defense University, 2007-2008.
Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Princeton-Harvard China and the World Program, Princeton University, 2005-2006.
General Research Board Summer Award, University of Maryland, 2004.
International Travel Fund Grant, University of Maryland, 2004.
Peggy Quon Award (awarded to the UCSD political science dissertation most likely to contribute to the scientific study of politics), 2003.
Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation Dissertation Fellowship, 2002-2003.
David L. Boren National Security Education Program Graduate International Fellowship, 2000-2001.
Dean's Social Sciences Research Travel Fund Grant, UCSD, 2000, 2002.

TEACHING

Uncertain Partners: The US and China in a Changing World (GVPT 204, formerly GVPT 289J) Big Questions (formerly I-series) course.
International Politics of East Asia (GVPT 414, formerly 409E).
Honors Seminar: China and the World (GVPT 409H).
U.S.-China-Taiwan Relations (GVPT 409Q).
International Relations Theory and East Asia (GVPT 889B).
Introduction to International Political Relations (GVPT 200).
Graduate Seminar in International Relations Theory (GVPT 708).
International Political Economy (GVPT 761).

SERVICE

Director of Undergraduate Honors Program, UMD Department of Government and Politics (2022-present).

Member, Editorial Board, *China and the World* (2025-present).

Member, Admissions Committee, UMD Department of Government and Politics (2022-present).

Member, Editorial Advisory Board, *Issues & Studies* (2019-present).

Member, Associate Editorial Board, *International Journal of Taiwan Studies* (2018-present).

Member, University of Maryland Fulbright Faculty Committee (2012-Present).

Interim Chair, International Relations field, UMD Department of Government and Politics (2025).

Director Undergraduate Teaching Assistant Program, UMD Department of Government and Politics (2022-2025).

Member, Undergraduate Studies Committee, UMD Department of Government and Politics (2022-2025).

Chair, International Relations Field, UMD Department of Government and Politics (2019-2023).

Member, Executive Committee, UMD Department of Government and Politics (2021-2022).

Member, Graduate Studies Committee, UMD Department of Government and Politics (2020-2022).

Member, Editorial Board, *Asian Survey* (2019-2021).

Member, Appointment, Promotion and Tenure Committee, UMD College of Behavioral and Social Sciences (2017-2019).

Member, Merit Pay Committee, UMD Department of Government and Politics (2018).

Member, Teaching Committee, UMD Department of Government and Politics (2017-2018).

Director of Undergraduate Studies, UMD Department of Government and Politics (2013-2017).

Chair, Undergraduate Studies Committee, UMD Department of Government and Politics (2013-2017).

Member, Executive Committee, UMD Department of Government and Politics (2011-2017).

Political Economy Field Chair, UMD Department of Government and Politics (2012-2017).

Member, Mentorship Committee for Todd Allee, UMD Department of Government and Politics (2011-2017).

Member, Mentorship Committee for Joel Simmons, UMD Department of Government and Politics (2011-2017).

Member, Graduate Studies Committee, UMD Department of Government and Politics (2012-2013).

Member, Search Committee, Baha'i Chair for World Peace, UMD College of Behavioral and Social Sciences (2011-2012).

Member, Salary Committee, UMD Department of Government and Politics (2011).

Member, International Relations Search Committee, UMD Department of Government and

Politics (2010-2011).

Member, Carl Beck Award Committee, International Studies Association (2010-2012).

Coordinator, International Relations Workshop, UMD Department of Government and Politics (2009-2011; 2012-2013).

Member, Executive Committee, UMD Department of Government and Politics (2008-9).

Member, International Relations Search Committee, UMD Department of Government and Politics (2007).

Member, Salary Committee, UMD Department of Government and Politics (2007).

Member, Awards Committee, UMD Department of Government and Politics (2006-7).

Member, International Relations Search Committee, UMD Department of Government and Politics (2006).

Member, Graduate Studies Committee, UMD Department of Government and Politics (2004-5).

Member, International Relations Search Committee, UMD Department of Government and Politics (2004).

Merit review panelist for National Security Education Program David L. Boren Fellowships (March 2005).

Have served as a reviewer for the following journals and presses: *International Organization*, *International Security*, *American Political Science Review*, *Comparative Politics*, *World Politics*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Millennium*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Security Studies*, *Social Sciences Quarterly*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *Political Science Quarterly*, *International Interactions*, *Journal of East Asian Studies*, *International Political Science Review*, *Security Dialogue*, *Issues and Studies*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Asian Security*, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, *Political Studies*, *Asian Perspectives*, *China Quarterly*, *Journal of Contemporary China*, *Journal of Current Chinese Affairs*, *International Relations of the Asia Pacific*, *Journal of Asian and African Studies*, *Journal of Political Power*, *International Journal of Taiwan Studies*, *International Journal of Asia Pacific Studies*, *International Affairs*, *Asian Politics and Policy*, *Journal of the Asia Pacific Economy*, *European Journal of International Relations*, *Asian Survey*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Review of International Political Economy*, Oxford University Press, Columbia University Press, Yale University Press, Cambridge University Press, Stanford University Press, Michigan University Press, Cornell University Press, Routledge, East-West Center, Georgetown University Press, Lynne Rienner, among others.