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EDUCATION

Massachusetts Institute of Technology , Cambridge, MA Ph.D. Candidate, Political Science Fields: International Relations (Distinction) and Comparative Politics (Distinction)	2017- Present
University of Chicago , Chicago, IL M.A., with honors, in International Relations	June 2016
Cornell University , Ithaca, NY B.A., <i>summa cum laude</i> , in History and Asian Studies	June 2010

ONGOING PROJECTS

Working Paper , “Democratic Governance Costs and Chinese Foreign Investment”	2019
Work in Progress , “Explaining the Motives Behind China’s Belt and Road Initiative” (with M. Taylor Fravel)	2019

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

“China’s Xi is Eyeing a Return to Supreme Power,” <i>Newsweek</i> https://www.newsweek.com/chinas-xi-jinping-eyeing-return-supreme-power-dictator-491894	2016
“Prelude to a Japanese Revival,” <i>RealClearWorld</i> https://www.realclearworld.com/articles/2015/04/29/prelude_to_a_japanese_revival_111154.html	2015
“China’s Fragile Evolution” (With Roger Baker), <i>RealClearWorld</i> https://www.realclearworld.com/articles/2015/03/25/chinas_fragile_evolution_111070.html	2015
“The End of Consensus Politics in China,” <i>RealClearWorld</i> https://www.realclearworld.com/articles/2014/08/06/the_end_of_consensus_politics_in_china.html	2015

SELECTED GRANTS & HONORS

Junior Fellow , Carnegie International Policy Scholars Consortium (IPSCOM)	2019
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Full-Tuition Scholarship , The University of Chicago	2015-2016
Finalist , Chinese Bridge Chinese Language Competition	2011
Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellow , U.S. Department of Education	2010
Phi Beta Kappa , Cornell University	2010
College Scholar , Cornell University	2007-2010
Telluride Scholar , Cornell University	2006-2010
Einhorn Discovery Grant , Cornell University	2009

TEACHING

Causes and Prevention of War (17.42) , Teaching Assistant for Stephen Van Evera	Fall 2019
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LEADERSHIP & SERVICE

International Relations Works-In-Progress (IRWIP) , Chair	2019-2020
▪ Coordinates bi-weekly workshops of graduate student works-in-progress	
Mentorship Committee , Co-Chair	2018-2019
▪ Organizes mentorship programs for MIT political science graduate students	
Graduate Student Council , Ex Officio Member	2017-2019

RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Massachusetts Institute of Technology , Cambridge, MA	2018-2019
<i>Research Assistant</i>	
▪ Conducted research and data collection for Professor M. Taylor Fravel	
Stratfor , Austin, TX	2012-2017
<i>Senior Asia-Pacific Analyst</i>	
▪ Produced over 200 analyses on Chinese politics and East Asian security affairs	
▪ Served as lead investigator on 3 large-scale team-based client research projects and more than fifteen smaller team-based client projects	
▪ Delivered more than fifty client briefings, including keynote addresses at industry conferences in London, Atlanta, Houston, Dallas and Austin	
▪ Work featured or cited in Newsweek, The Wall Street Journal, Fortune, Forbes, South China Morning Post	

LANGUAGES & SOFTWARE

English (Native)
Chinese (Fluent, spoken and reading; Advanced Professional Proficiency, writing)
R, LaTeX, STAN