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EDUCATION

Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)
PhD in Political Science, 2013
(*High Pass in General Exams*)

Cornell University
BA in Economics and Government, 2005
(*Double Cum Laude; Distinction in All Subjects*)

APPOINTMENT

University of Hong Kong (HKU)
Associate Professor of Politics, 2019
Assistant Professor of Politics, 2013

FELLOWSHIPS

Outstanding Young Researcher, HKU, 2018
(*First awardee from social science faculty since 2010*)
Presidential Fellow, MIT, 2007
Presidential Research Scholar, Cornell, 2002

PUBLICATIONS

Relative Gains in the Shadow of a Trade War (with Eddy Yeung)
International Organization, forthcoming

Untying Hands: Deescalation, Reputation, and Dynamic Audience Costs
British Journal of Political Science, forthcoming

Conditioning China's Influence: Intentionality, Intermediaries, and Institutions
(with Courtney Fung, Enze Han, and Austin Strange)
Journal of Contemporary China, forthcoming

Public Attitudes on Internal and Foreign Migration: Evidence from China
(with David Andrew Singer)
Public Opinion Quarterly, forthcoming

Four Costly Signaling Mechanisms
American Political Science Review, 2021

Guns and Butter in China (with Xiao Han and Michael Sadler)
China Quarterly, 2020
(*Featured in The Washington Post*)

Violence Exposure and Support for State Use of Force in a
Non-Democracy (with Yue Hou)
Journal of Experimental Political Science, 2019
(*Best JEPS Article Award, American Political Science Association*)

Authoritarian Public Opinion and the Democratic Peace (with Mark Bell)
International Organization, 2018

Can China Back Down? Crisis Deescalation in the Shadow of
Popular Opposition (with Alastair Iain Johnston)

International Security, 2018

(Featured in *The Economist*)

(Reprinted in *Essential Readings in World Politics, WW Norton, 7th Edition*)

Type II Audience Costs

Journal of Politics, 2017

Are Costly Signals More Credible? Evidence of Sender-Receiver Gaps

Journal of Politics, 2016

Nuclear Proliferation and the Use of Nuclear Options: Experimental Tests

Political Research Quarterly, 2016

Rationalist Experiments on War

Political Science Research and Methods, 2015

Closeness Counts: Increasing Precision and Reducing Errors in Mass Election
Predictions (with Michael Sances)

Political Analysis, 2015

(Adopted by *American National Election Study (ANES) 2016*)

Discontinuities in Signaling Behavior upon the Decision for War:
An Analysis of China's Prewar Signaling

International Relations of the Asia Pacific, 2015

WORKING PAPERS

A Signaling Theory of War

Are Costly Signals Perceived Asymmetrically?

The Robustness Properties of Grand Strategies

Mnemonic Conflict Reconciliation

Containing Nationalism: An Experiment

Collaborations

Perspective Taking and the Security Dilemma

(with Joshua Kertzer, Harvard / Ryan Brutger, Berkeley) *R&R*

How Intractable is the Security Dilemma? (with Mark Bell, Minnesota)

Do States Signal Resolve by Sinking Costs? (with Dan Altman, Georgia State)

The Impact of Reneging on Alliances: Experimental Evidence

(with Mark Souva, FSU / Weifang Xu, FSU)

Nationalism, Deescalation, and Audience Costs
(with Shoko Kohama, Hokkaido / Atsushi Tago, Waseda)

Heterogenous Chinese Nationalism
(with Erin Carter Baggott, USC / Alastair Iain Johnston, Harvard)

Collaborations (HKU)

Preference Relativities: An Experiment (with Kwan Nok Chan)

Female Leaders in International Crises (with Wilfred Chow)

Reputations in Interaction (with John Koo)

The Sources of National Pride: Evidence from China and the United States
(with Jiaqian Ni / Felix Wang)

Aid for Status? Cross-National Evidence from China and the United States
(with Zenobia Chan, Princeton)

Asymmetric Fairness and International Trade (with Injoo Sohn, SNU)

GRANTS (>HK\$100,000)

GRF Grant, Hong Kong Research Grant Council, 2020 (> HK\$800,000)
HKU Outstanding Young Researcher, 2018 (HK\$300,000)
ECS Grant, Hong Kong Research Grant Council, 2016 (> HK\$400,000)
HKU Seed Funding for Basic Research, 2014-16 (> HK\$200,000)

INVITED TALKS (Recent)

2019: ANU, Cambridge University, Princeton University
2018: Harvard University, MIT, Waseda University
2017: Cambridge University, Cornell University, Seoul National University
2016: Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

CONFERENCES (Recent)

2019: APSA, ISA, MPSA, PIPC
2018: APSA, ISA, MPSA, PIPC
2017: APSA, ISA, MPSA, Pacific International Politics Conference (PIPC)
2016: APSA, ISA, MPSA

SERVICES

Departmental

Chair, Department Research Postgraduate Committee, 2019 –
Deputy Chair, Department Research Postgraduate Committee, 2017-19
Head of Department (Acting), 11/2019
Member, Faculty Human Resource Committee, 2021 –
Member, Faculty Teaching and Learning Committee, 2014-20
Member, Faculty Library Committee, 2014-19
Member, Search Committee (IR), 2015-16, 2019-20

Member, Search Committee (Methods), 2020-21
Member, Search Committee (Sociology), 2021-22
Member, Search Committee (Public Administration), 2021-22
Convener, Department Methods Working Group, 2015

Organizational

Chair, Experimental Research Section, MPSA Annual Conference, 2020
Co-Organizer, Workshop on Measuring China's Influence, HKU, 2020
Co-Organizer, Asian PolMeth, Society of Political Methodology, 2020
Co-Organizer, Pacific International Politics Conference, 2018

Editorial

Associate Editor, *Japanese Journal of Political Science*, 2018 –

Reviewer

American Journal of Political Science
American Political Science Review
British Journal of Political Science
Chinese Journal of International Politics
Conflict Management and Peace Science
European Journal of International Relations
Foreign Policy Analysis
International Interactions
International Organization
International Relations of the Asia-Pacific
International Security
International Studies Quarterly
Journal of Conflict Resolution
Journal of Experimental Political Science
Journal of Peace Research
Journal of Politics
Political Psychology
World Politics
Oxford Encyclopedia of Crisis Analysis (External Assessor)

REFERENCES

Kenneth Oye (MIT), James M. Snyder (Harvard), Stephen Van Evera (MIT)