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Appointments

- Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Saint Louis University (2018-present)
 - Coordinator of International Studies (2019-)
- Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Saint Louis University (2015-2018)
- Assistant/Associate Professor, Department of International Security Studies, Air War College (2010-2015)
- Faculty Associate in Research, Southeast Asia Program, Cornell University (2010-present)

Education

- PhD, University of Pennsylvania (Political Science, 2010)
- MA, University of Pennsylvania (Political Science)
- MA, Columbia University (International Affairs)
- BA, University of South Carolina (International Studies)

Book

- *Adapting to Win: How Insurgents Fight and Defeat Foreign States in War* (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2015)
 - Nominated for the Arthur Ross Book Award, Council on Foreign Relations
 - Book reviewed by Sir Lawrence Freedman, *Foreign Affairs* (March/April 2015), Ahmed Hashim, *Global Change, Peace & Security* (June 2016), and Robert Bunker, *Parameters*, Vol. 44, No. 4 (Winter 2014)
 - Book of the Day, *Foreign Affairs*, March 11, 2015

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- “A Critical Assessment of the Asia Rebalance,” forthcoming in *Chinese Journal of International Politics* (2019)
- “North Korea’s Nuclear and Missile Development from a Japanese Perspective,” forthcoming in *Journal of Peace and War Studies* (March/April 2019)
- “Organized Insurgency, Lethality, and Target Selection: Abu Sayyaf Group and Jemaah Islamiyah,” forthcoming in *Small Wars and Insurgencies*, Vol. 30, No. 2 (2019)
- “Between Structural Realism and Liberalism: Japan’s Threat Perception and Response,” *International Studies Perspectives*, Vol. 19, No. 4 (Fall 2018)
- “The Evolution of Sino-Japanese Relations: Implications for Northeast Asia and Beyond,” E-IR project on *New Perspectives on China’s Relations with the World: National, Transnational, and International* (forthcoming)
- “What Democratization, Trade Expectations, and Military Power All Mean for the Future of Sino-US Relations,” *Asian Security*, Vol. 13, No. 1 (2017)
- “Strategy and Grand Strategy for the Future of Asia,” *Asian Survey*, Vol. 55, No. 6 (Nov/Dec 2015)

- “Great Power Politics in the Asia Pacific: Scenarios and Strategies between China and the United States,” *Harvard Asia Quarterly*, Vol. 15, No. 3 and 4 (Spring 2014)
- “Suicidal Armies: Why Do Insurgents Fight Like an Army and Keep Losing?” *Comparative Strategy*, Vol. 32, No. 4 (Fall 2013)
- “Drawing Strategic Lessons from Dahomey’s War,” *Air and Space Power Journal – Africa and Francophonie* (Fall 2012)
- “Winning Hearts and Minds to Lose Control? Exploring Various Consequence of Popular Support in Counterinsurgency Operations,” *Small Wars and Insurgencies*, Vol. 21, No. 1 (Spring 2011)
- “Containing the Somali Insurgency: Learning from British Experiences in Somaliland,” *African Security Review*, Vol. 19, No. 1 (Spring 2010)

Non-Peer Reviewed Articles

- “Building the Strategy of Deterrence in Cyberspace: Proposals for Japan,” Mansfield Foundation U.S.-Japan Network for the Future (2018)
- “Japan’s July 10 Upper-House Election: Implications on US National Security” Modern War Institute, United States Military Academy (July 19, 2016)
- “ISIL, Insurgency Strategies for Statehood, and the Challenge for Security Studies,” *Small Wars and Insurgencies*, Vol. 26, No. 3 (2015)
- Book Review, *Terrorism and Political Violence*, Vol. 22, No. 2 (2010) on David Ucko, *The New Counterinsurgency Era: Transforming the U.S. Military for Modern Wars*
- “Bush to the United Nations: Failure to Take on Saddam Means Failure as an Organization,” *Terrorism Project*, Center for Defense Information (Oct. 2002)
- “Deja-Vu? A Sino-American Rapprochement via High-Level Military Contacts,” *CDI Weekly*, (Oct. 2002)
- “International Ageing” (with Eric Wiideman) in John Tessitore and Diana Ayton-Shenker, eds., *A Global Agenda: Issues Before the General Assembly of the United Nations, 2001-2002* (New York: UNA/USA Publication, 2001), pp. 233-5.

Works in Progress

- “Remember Pearl Harbor the Japanese Way”: Security Policy at the Intersection of Norms, Law, and Institutions”
- “A Critical Assessment of the ISIS War: The US, Syria, and Jabhat Fatah al-Sham”
- “Varieties of Grand Strategy: Comparative Analysis of Major Powers in East Asia”
- “Exercising to Win: How East Asian Nations Conduct Military Exercise”

Invited Talks

- US Marine Corps Futenma Air Station (December 2018)
- Washington University in St Louis (November 2018)
- Center for Airpower Studies, Japan Air Self-Defense Force (October 2018)
- Norwich University, Peace and War Center (September 2018)
- Air War College, Department of International Security Studies (March 2017, declined)
- Washington University in St Louis, International and Area Studies (February 2017)
- University of California at Berkeley, Center for Japanese Studies (September 2016)
- Washington University in St Louis, International and Area Studies (April 2016)
- Yale University, Council on East Asian Studies (March 2016)

- Southern Methodist University, John Goodwin Tower Center for Political Studies (February 2016)
- Air Staff College, Japan Air Self-Defense Force (December 2015)
- Center for Airpower Studies, Japan Air Self-Defense Force (June 2015)
- National Chengchi University, Taiwan (May 2015)
- National Defense University, Taiwan (May 2015)
- International Geopolitics Institute, Japan (December 2014)
- University of South Carolina, Walker Institute of International and Area Studies (October 2014)
- National Defense Academy, Japan (2013, 2009)
- University of the Philippines – Diliman, Third World Studies Center, 2011
- Texas Tech University, Vietnam Center (October 2010)
- Duke University, Triangular Institute for Security Studies, New Faces Conference (September 2009)

Awards and Fellowships

- APSA Small Grant, American Political Science Association, 2018
- Faculty Research Leave, Department of Political Science, Saint Louis University, 2018
- Meritorious Civilian Service Award, U.S. Department of the Air Force, 2015
- Faculty Award for Research Excellence, Air War College, 2015
- Research Grant, US Air Force Institute for National Security Studies, 2015
- Young Leaders Fellowship, CSIS Pacific Forum, 2012
- Faculty Award for Teaching Excellence, Air War College, 2011
- Fit to Fight Recognition, Air War College, 2011
- Research Grant, US Air Force Institute for National Security Studies, 2011
- World Politics and Statecraft Fellowship, Smith Richardson Foundation, 2009
- Summer Research Fellowship, Project Air Force, RAND Corporation, 2008
- James Bryce Fellowship for International Political Science, APSA Centennial Center (declined), 2008
- Research Grant, Christopher H. Browne Center for International Politics, Penn, 2008, 2007
- Dissertation Research Grant, Matsushita International Foundation, 2007
- Straus Research Fellowship, Center for Defense Information (CDI), Washington, D.C., 2007
- Penn Graduate Student Associations Council Grant, 2007
- International Scholar Travel Grant, APSA, 2007
- Penn School of Arts and Sciences Travel Grant, 2007, 2006
- Nominated for Graduate Student Best TA Prize, 2006, 2005
- Scholarship for the Asia-Pacific Week Conference, Australian National University (declined), 2006, 2005
- William Penn Fellowship (2003-2008), Penn
- Summer Research Grant, SIPA, Columbia University, 2001
- *Sigma Iota Rho*, International Studies Honor Society, University of South Carolina, 2000
- Dean's List (1997-2000), University of South Carolina
- Best Article Award, Professional Society of International Studies, University of South Carolina, 2000
- President's List Award, University of South Carolina, 1999

Conferences and Participation

- “Nontraditional Threats to the US-Japan Alliance,” Council on Foreign Relations, 2018
- “What Democratization, Trade Expectations, and Military Power All Mean for the Future of Sino-US Relations,” Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), 2016
- “Strategy and Grand Strategy for the Future of Asia,” MPSA, 2016
- “Why Is Japan ‘Losing’ the Senkakus? A Second-Image Explanation for the Decline of Territorial Control,” International Studies Association (ISA), 2015
- “Second-Image Explanations for Why Japan is Losing the Senkakus” APSA, 2014
- “What Civilizations Fight and Win: Examining Clashes of Civilizations 1991-2014” and “Second-Image Explanations for Why Japan is Losing the Senkakus” ISA, 2014, European Political Science Association, 2014, and APSA, 2013
- “Great Power Politics in the Asia Pacific: Scenarios and Strategies between China and the United States,” ISA, 2014
- Chair and Discussant, “Reevaluating Counterinsurgency Strategies,” ISA, 2014
- Chair, “Cybersecurity: Future Challenges and Directions,” ISA, 2014
- Lecture, “US-Japan Alliance and East Asian Security,” National Defense Academy and Keio University, Japan, 2013
- Lecture, “US Pivot to Asia-Pacific,” National Security Forum, Air War College, 2013
- Lecture, “United States Security and Rebalancing to Asia-Pacific,” National Institute for Defense Studies, Japan, 2012
- “Military Balance, Democratization, and Economic Interdependence: What They All Mean for the Future of Sino-American Relations,” APSA, 2012
- “Suicidal Armies: Why Insurgents Fight Like an Army and Lose?” International Political Science Association, 2012, APSA, 2010, and Air War College, 2010
- Participant, “18th Annual Japan-US Security Seminar, San Francisco, Center for Strategic and International Studies and Japan Institute for International Affairs, 2012
- Panel on Japan, Alabama Political Science Association, 2012
- “Irregulars Fighting Like Regulars? Lessons from the Dahomey War of 1890-1894,” APSA, 2011
- “How Non-State Actors Fight and Defeat Foreign States in War,” Keio University, Japan, 2011
- Philip Merrill Strategic Studies Teacher’s Workshop, John Hopkins University SAIS, 2011
- “Japanese Perspectives on North Korea” Joint Faculty Forum, Air War College, 2011
- “Hegemonic Stability: Rise of Democratizing Challenger to Primacy” APSA, 2009
- Lectures on “Iraq War and the Future of Japanese Security Policy,” “Crisis Management,” and “European Security,” National Defense Academy, Japan, 2009
- “Why ‘Winning Hearts and Minds’ Is Not Enough: Comparative Analysis of Institutions in Counterinsurgency Operations in Malaya, Indochina, and Iraq” ISA, 2009
- “Communicating Strategically to Neutralize Al Qaeda: Challenges and Opportunities.” RAND Corporation, Project AIR FORCE, Washington, D.C., 2008
- “Winning Hearts and Minds to Lose the War: Reevaluation of the British Counterinsurgency Strategy in Malaya (1948-60)” ISA, 2008
- “Evolving to Win: Sequencing Theory of Extra-Systemic Warfare.” APSA, 2008
- Lecture on “Wars in Afghanistan and Iraq,” Brigham Young University, 2007
- “East Asian Regional Community: Chances of Conflict in the Process of Regionalization,” Young Lions, Tokyo, 2007

- Senior Advisor to U.S. Naval Academy Foreign Affairs Conference (NAFAC), Annapolis, 2007
- “Political and Military Dimensions of the Malayan Emergency (1948-60): Why Britain Did Not Really Win It and How,” East Asian Studies Graduate Student Colloquium, Penn, 2007
- “The Art of Strategic Judo: Empowering the Weak to Defeat the Strong,” APSA, 2006
- Summer Workshop on Analysis of Military Operations and Strategy (SWAMOS), Columbia University, 2006
- Chair and speaker, “Japanese Foreign Policy” at the Joint Conference of the International University of Japan, Center for Global Communications and Young Lions, Tokyo, 2006
- “Terrorism and Japan’s War on Terrorism (in Japanese),” International University of Japan, Center for Global Communications, Tokyo, 2005
- Chair and speaker, “Japanese Foreign Policy, Terrorism, and Iraq (in Japanese),” Young Lions Conference, Tokyo, 2004
- “Assessing North Korea’s Military Threats and Its Political Implications,” Lecture Series – North Korea and its Implications in Asian Economies, Wharton Asian Exchange, Penn, 2004
- “Theater Missile Defense and Japan’s Security Policy,” East Asian Security Group Conference, Columbia University, 2002
- Chair and panel speaker, “Japan, Nationalism, and National Security Conference,” East Asian Security Forum, Columbia University, 2001
- “Japan’s Foreign Policy towards Russia and the Territorial Dispute,” Fourth Graduate Student Conference, Harvard East Asia Society, Boston; Seventh Graduate Student Conference on East Asia, East Asian Institute, Columbia University, 2001
- Student Conference on United States Affairs (SCUSA) 52, United States Military Academy, 2000
- “Political Development behind the Second Rise of Japanese Neo-Nationalism,” Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs, 2000
- “Japan’s Diplomacy: Explaining Foreign Policy from the Viewpoint of Education,” Pacific Affairs Study Society Annual Conference, George Washington University, 1999

Courses Taught

St Louis University	<i>Theories of World Politics</i> (graduate) <i>War, Peace, and Politics</i> (graduate) <i>U.S. Foreign Policy</i> (graduate) <i>Introduction to International Politics</i> (undergraduate) <i>U.S. Strategy in Asia</i> (undergraduate) <i>Politics of Asia</i> (undergraduate)
Air War College	<i>National Security Decision Making</i> (graduate seminar on US Foreign Policy) <i>Global Security</i> (graduate seminar on comparative politics) Regional studies on Northeast Asia Regional studies on Southeast Asia <i>The Asian Century</i> (graduate seminar on US-East Asia Relations)
University of Pennsylvania	<i>American Foreign Policy</i> , TA (Leader) <i>International Relations Theory and Practice</i> , TA (Leader) <i>War, Strategy, and Politics</i> , TA <i>International Security</i> , TA

Political Change in the Third World, TA

Services and Activities

St Louis University

- Member, Undergraduate Curriculum, Department of Political Science
- Faculty member, Board of Graduate Education (2016-2018)
- Core faculty member, Center for Intercultural Studies (2016-2018)

Air War College

- Contributing Editor, *Strategic Studies Quarterly* (2012-2015)
- Committee member, Excellence Paper Award (2012-2015)
- Member, Global Challenge Wargame Steering Committee (2013-2015)
- Core Elective Committee representative from the Department of International Security Studies (2012-2015)
- Supervised Master's papers (4 students in 2015, 6 in 2014, 3 in 2013, 2 in 2012, 1 in 2011)
- International Officer School summer course instructor, Maxwell AFB (2012)
- Committee member, Northrop Grumman Paper Award (2011)

University of Pennsylvania

- Founding Chair, iDEAS (Interdisciplinary Dialogue in East Asian Studies), a graduate student study group on East Asian affairs (2008-2010)
- Vice Representative, Graduate Student Association Council (Political Science, 2006-2007)
- Vice Chair, Scott Nearing Award Committee (Political Science, 2006-2007)
- Chair, Graduate Student Paper Workshop (Political Science, 2005-2007)
- Representative, Graduate Student Organization (Political Science, 2005-2006)
- Speaker, "Japan's Common Images and Misperceptions," Center for East Asian Studies Asia Day, High School Outreach Event (2004)
- Member, Disciplinary Hearing Board, Graduate and Professional Student Assembly (2003-2004)

Columbia University

- Founding Chair, East Asian Security Forum (2001-2002)
- Editorial Assistant, *Journal of International Affairs* (2001-2002)

Past Affiliations

- Visiting Research Fellow, Air Staff College, Japan Air Self-Defense Force (2016-2018)
- Fellow Cohort 4, U.S.-Japan Network for the Future, Mansfield Foundation (2016-2018)
- Non-Resident Fellow, Modern War Institute, United States Military Academy (2016-2017)
- Visiting Scholar, National Defense University, Taiwan (2015)
- Visiting Fellow, Asan Institute for Policy Studies, South Korea (2012)
- Visiting Research Fellow, Third World Studies Center, University of the Philippines – Diliman (2011)
- Visiting Researcher, Law Faculty, Keio University, Japan (2011)
- Visiting Fellow, Research Institute for Peace and Security, Japan (2007, 2009)

Work Experience

- Summer Research Associate, RAND Corporation Washington DC, worked on counter-terrorism and strategic communication (2008)
- Research intern, Brookings Institution, Center for Northeast Asian Studies (2003)
- Research intern, Center for Defense Information (2002)
- Summer intern, Heritage Foundation (2002)

Reviewed books and journals

Oxford University Press

International Studies Quarterly

Security Studies

Asian Security

Journal of Asian and African Studies

European Journal of Political Research

Defense Studies

International Relations of the Asia-Pacific

Strategic Studies Quarterly

Professional Membership

American Political Science Association

International Studies Association

European Political Science Association