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Education

Ph.D. September 2004
Massachusetts Institute of Technology Department of Political Science
Received Lucian Pye Award for best MIT dissertation in Political Science, 2004

Bachelor of Arts (with Honors) June 1988
Swarthmore College Political Science Major; History Minor

Professional Experience

MIT Center for International Studies, Principal Researcher 2016 – present
Responsibility for formulating and executing research on Asia-related security issues, teaching, advising graduate students, and promoting policy-relevant work at the Center for International Studies.

RAND Corporation, Senior Political Scientist 2005 – 2016
Primary investigator (PI) on numerous Asia-related research projects. Led research teams in formulating research design, writing and editing reports, and briefing defense and intelligence officials.

Council on Foreign Relations, Senior Fellow of Asia Studies 2002 – 2005
Responsible for formulating and executing research on Asian security topics, conducting seminars for members, and outreach to media. Project director, CFR-Sponsored Independent Korea Task Force.

Boston College, Visiting Professor, Dept. of Political Science 2001 – 2002
U.S. Army National Guard and Reserves, Cpt., Military Intelligence 1983 – 2001

Publications

“China’s Relations with Africa, Latin America, and the Middle East” (with Joshua Eisenman), in David Shambaugh, ed., *China and the World*, Oxford University Press, 2020.

“Building a More ‘Democratic’ and ‘Multipolar’ World: China’s Strategic Engagement with Developing Countries” (with Joshua Eisenman), *The China Review*, Vol. 19, No. 4, November 2019.

“Of Bombs and Bureaucrats: Internal Drivers of Nuclear Force Building in China and the United States” (with Christopher P. Twomey and Jacob Heim), *Journal of Contemporary China*, July 2019.

“Active Denial: Redesigning Japan’s Response to China’s Military Challenge” (with Richard Samuels), *International Security*, Spring 2018.

China Steps Out: Beijing’s Major Power Engagement with the Developing World, co-edited with Joshua Eisenman, Routledge, 2018.

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The U.S.-China Military Scorecard: Forces, Geography, and the Evolving Balance of Power (PI, with thirteen other authors), RAND Corporation, 2015.

"Deterrence without Dominance: Discouraging Chinese Adventurism under Austerity" (with Jacob Heim), *Washington Quarterly*, spring 2015.

"Whither the PLA: External Drivers" (with Jacob Heim), in Roy Kamphausen and David Lai, eds., *Whither the PLA*, U.S. Army War College, 2015.

The U.S. Army in Asia, 2030-2040 (with Terrence Kelly, PI, and five other authors), RAND Corporation, 2014.

"Double Trouble: A Realist View of Chinese and Indian Power" (with George Gilboy), *Washington Quarterly*, summer 2013.

Chinese and Indian Strategic Behavior: Growing Power and Alarm (with George Gilboy), Cambridge University Press, March 2012.

"Tokyo's Transformation: How Japan is Changing – And What It Means for the United States" (with Ely Ratner and Richard Samuels), *Foreign Affairs*, September/October 2011.

Shaking the Heavens and Splitting the Earth: Chinese Air Force Employment Concepts in the 21st Century (with Roger Cliff, PI, and four other authors), Santa Monica: RAND Corporation, 2011.

"U.S. Strategy in East Asia: The China Factor," in Yuki Tatsumi, ed., *Strategic Yet Strained: U.S. Force Realignment in Japan and its Effects on Okinawa*, Stimson Center, 2008.

Pacific Currents: The Responses of U.S. Allies and Security Partners in Asia to China's Rise (with Evan Medeiros, PI, and five other authors), Santa Monica: RAND Corporation, 2008.

China and the Developing World: Beijing's Strategy for the 21st Century, co-edited with Derek Mitchell and Joshua Eisenman, M.E. Sharpe, 2007.

"America's Bismarckian Asia Policy" (with Christopher P. Twomey), *Current History*, September 2005.

"The Latin Americanization of China?" (with George Gilboy) *Current History*, September 2004.

Meeting the North Korean Nuclear Challenge (with Morton I. Abramowitz and James T. Laney), Council on Foreign Relations Task Force Report, CFR, spring 2003.

"The Fall and Rise of Navies in East Asia: Military Organizations, Domestic Politics, and Grand Strategy," *International Security*, fall 2002.

"Japan's Dual Hedge" (with Richard J. Samuels), *Foreign Affairs*, September/October 2002.

"Getting Realism: U.S. Asia Policy Reconceived" (with George Gilboy), *The National Interest*, fall 2002.

"Japan" (with Richard J. Samuels), in *Strategic Asia 2002-2003: Asian Aftershocks*, edited by Richard J. Ellings and Aaron L. Friedberg, Seattle, Washington: National Bureau of Asian Research, 2002.

“China’s Coming Transformation” (with George Gilboy), *Foreign Affairs*, July/August 2001.

Reprinted in *Ronza* (Japanese monthly), August 2001; and *The Rise of China* (a CFR book), New York: W.W. Norton & Company, 2002.

“Japan” (with Kenneth B. Pyle), in *Strategic Asia 2001-2002: Power and Purpose*, Edited by Richard J. Ellings and Aaron L. Friedberg, Seattle, Washington: National Bureau of Asian Research, 2001.

“Japan’s Choices: At the Threshold of a New Century for the Global Economy and International Security” (with George Gilboy, Richard J. Samuels, and Christopher P. Twomey), *Bungei Shunjuu*, June 2000 (special edition).

“Military Learning,” *Military Review*, May-June 2000.

“Mercantile Realism and Japanese Foreign Policy” (with Richard Samuels), *International Security*, spring 1998. Reprinted in *Unipolar Politics: Realism and State Strategies After the Cold War*, Ethan B. Kapstein and Michael Mastanduno, Editors, New York: Columbia University Press, 1999.

“The Conventional Military Balance in Korea” (with Nick Beldecos), *Breakthroughs*, spring 1995.

Op-Eds, Online, and Conference Reports

“A New Military Strategy for Japan” (with Richard Samuels), *Foreign Affairs* (online), July 2018.

“With Friends Like These: Japan-ROK Cooperation and US Policy (with Richard Samuels)” *The Asan Forum*, March 1, 2018.

“Will Tokyo’s Arms Exports Help or Hurt U.S. Interests in Asia?” (with Richard Samuels), *The Cipher Brief*, July 14, 2017.

“China’s ADIZ in the East China Sea,” *Lawfare blog*, Brookings Institution, August 24, 2014.

“Impact of a North East Asian NWFZ on Taiwan Strait and Korea Deterrence,” paper for conference on New Approach to Security in Northeast Asia: Breaking the Gridlock, Nautilus Institute, January 8, 2013.

“U.S.-China Cooperation in the Nuclear Realm: From Non-Proliferation to Arms Control,” in Lewis A. Dunn, editor, *Building Toward a Stable and Cooperative Long-Term U.S.-China Strategic Relationship*, December 31, 2012.

“China and India: A Reality Check,” *East Asia Forum* (online), July 15, 2012.

“Raising the Bar on the Military: Is Japan Ready?” *International Herald Tribune*, December 19, 2003.

“Ambiguity Over Taiwan Is Better than Clarity,” *Wall Street Journal* (Asian edition), December 18, 2003.

“Bush Plays Trump Card in Iraq, But Little in Hand for North Korean Gamble” (with Lee Feinstein), *The Australian*, February 17, 2003.

“The British and American Armies in World War II: Explaining Variations in Organizational Learning Patterns,” MIT Defense and Arms Control Studies Working Paper (WP #96-2), February 1996.

Affiliations, Fellowships, and Awards

RAND President's Merit Bonus, Silver Award for Research, 2011

Winner, Lucian Pye Award for best MIT dissertation in Political Science, 2004-2005

Visiting Fellow, *Fudan University*, Center for American Studies, Shanghai, 1997-1999

Recipient, Social Science Research Council Fellowship, International Peace and Security Program, 1995-1997

Associate Fellow, *Atlantic Council of the United States*, 1995-1996

Research Fellow, *Harvard University*, Center for Science and International Affairs, 1995-1996

Research Fellowship, *Keio University* (under U.S. Air Force Grant), Tokyo, 1992-1993

Languages

Japanese: Full Primary Source Research capability (fluent reading, spoken, and writing)

Chinese (Mandarin): Primary Source Research capability (strong reading, rusty spoken)