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Research interests

International relations theory, revisionism from rising powers, information warfare, US-China relations, Asia

Academic appointments

University of British Columbia

Assistant Professor, School of Public Policy and Global Affairs

2025-

University of Notre Dame

Nonresidential Affiliated Faculty, Notre Dame International Security Center

2025-

Senior Research Fellow and Assistant Director, Notre Dame International Security Center

2021-Present

Harvard University

Research Fellow, International Security Program, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs 2019-2021

George Washington University

Research Fellow, Institute for Security and Conflict Studies, Elliott School of International Affairs 2018-2019

Education

University of Southern California

PhD, Political Science and International Relations

2014-2021

University of British Columbia

MA, Political Science (Distinction)

2010-2011

University of British Columbia

BA, Political Science (First class standing)

2006-2010

Book manuscript

Contestation from Below: Status and Revisionism in World Politics

◇ Recipient, 2022 International Studies Association (ISA)

International Security Studies Section (ISSS) Patricia Weitsman Award

Refereed publications

“Creating Status Loss: Delegitimation and Revisionism through Information Warfare”

International Studies Quarterly, forthcoming.

“Contestation from Below: Status and Revisionism in Hierarchy”

International Studies Quarterly, Vol. 68, Issue 3 (2024).

“Manufacturing Consensus: China’s Strategic Narratives and Geoeconomic Competition in Asia”

European Journal of International Relations, Vol. 30, Issue 3 (2024): 725-755. (first author, with Saori Katada)

“Striving for Greatness: Status Aspirations, Rhetorical Entrapment, and Domestic Reforms”

Review of International Political Economy, Vol. 29, Issue 1 (2022): 175-201. (first author, with Saori Katada)

“US Bias in the Study of Asian Security: Using Europe to Ignore Asia” *Journal of Global Security Studies*, Vol. 4, Issue 3 (2019): 393-401. (with David Kang)

Under review/ available upon request

“Moving Status Beyond Material Suboptimality”

“Misinformation and Misperception: The Political Logic of Security Dilemmas”

“Can China Reassure the US? Survey Evidence from US Policymakers, Experts, and the Public on the Belt and Road Initiative” (with Robert Ralston)

“Strategic Empathy in US-China Relations” (with Robert Ralston)

“Chinese Threat Perception: Evidence from Diplomatic Text Data” (with Paul MacDonald and Joseph Parent)

Work in progress

“Fair Play: Backlash in Information Warfare”

“Sources of China’s Revisionism” (with Jackie S.H. Wong)

“Status as Duty and Privilege in Global Governance” (with Averell Schmidt)

“Exit America, Enter China? Counterhegemonic Narratives and the Contest for Influence” (with Rachel Hulvey)

Other publications

“China Won’t Rush to Join CPTPP. Neither Should the US” *The Diplomat*, January 2021
(first author, with Saori N. Katada; received inquiry from the Parliament of Australia)

“Regional Order Reconfigured: China, Japan, and the United States in the Evolving Asia Pacific” *Asia Pacific Bulletin, East-West Center*, August 2017 (first author, with Saori N. Katada).

External awards, grants, and affiliations

US Foreign Policy Fellowship, Charles Koch Foundation (\$14700)	2022
Peace Psychology Grant, American Psychological Association (\$2000, Co-PI with Hyun-Binn Cho)	2020
Hans J. Morgenthau Fellow, Notre Dame International Security Center (\$10000)	2020
Young Scholar Award, China Times Cultural Foundation (\$6000)	2019
World Politics and Statecraft Fellowship, Smith Richardson Foundation(\$7500)	2019
Dissertation Research Grant, Charles Koch Foundation (\$10000)	2018 – 2020

Selected internal awards

University of Southern California, Final Year Fellowship (school-wide competitive)	declined
University of Southern California, Russell Endowed Fellowship (school-wide competitive)	2018 – 2019
University of Southern California, Outstanding Teaching Assistant (department-wide competitive)	2016

Teaching experience

Instructor of Record (University of British Columbia)	2026-
◇ Domestic and Global Policy Processes (Spring 2026)	
◇ Emerging Powers (Spring 2026)	
Instructor of Record (University of Notre Dame)	2025
◇ Security Affairs of the Asia Pacific (Spring 2025)	

Seminar Instructor (University of Notre Dame, Hans J. Morgenthau Fellowship)	2022-2024
◇ Session: Politics of Grand Strategy	
Teaching Assistant (University of Southern California)	2015-2018
◇ Introduction to International Relations (Fall 2015, Fall 2016, Fall 2017, Spring 2017, Spring 2018)	
◇ Foreign Policy Analysis (Fall 2016, Fall 2017)	

Invited workshops and talks

Roundtable on US-China Competition, College of William and Mary	2025
Centre for Chinese Research Seminar Series, University of British Columbia	2025
Power Vacuums and Power Competition Conference, College of William and Mary	2025
Future of Grand Strategy Workshop, Texas A&M University	2025
Institute of Political Science Seminar Series, Academia Sinica	2024
New Wave Realism Conference Redux, Ohio State University	2024
Asia Pacific Studies Group Seminar Series, Naval War College	2024
US Grand Strategy in Asia Workshop, Defense Priorities	2024
Teaching, Research, and International Policy Survey Workshop, College of William and Mary	2024
Program on Grand Strategy Seminar Series, Texas A&M University	2024
GRADNAS Asian Security Seminar Series, Australian National University	2023
Frontiers in Empirical Research on East Asia, New York University	2023
Varieties of Restraint, Texas A&M University & RAND Corporation	2023
Taiwan's Security Cooperation, US Department of Defense	2022
Great Power Competition in the 21st Century, UC Berkeley	2022
Belfer International Council Briefing on China, Harvard University	2021
New Wave Realism Conference, Ohio State University	2021
Belfer Policy Chats on China's rise, Harvard University	2020
Emerging Scholars in Grand Strategy, University of Notre Dame	2020

Workshops

Conflict, Security, and Public Policy Workshop, Harvard University	2020
International Security Program Seminar, Harvard University	2019
Junior Scholar Symposium, CATO Institute	2019
POLTEXT Natural Language Processing Workshop, Waseda University	2019
Great Power Competition Workshop, UC San Diego	2019
Third International Relations Theory Workshop, Tsinghua University	2019
New Era Workshop, Bridging the Gap Project, American University	2019
Research in Progress Workshop, George Washington University	2018
China and International Relations Workshop, University of Pennsylvania	2017

Conferences

American Political Science Association Annual Conference	2019 - 2022
International Studies Association Annual Conference	2017 - 2023
International Studies Association International Conference	2016, 2017
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference	2017

Service to the discipline

Journal Reviewer	2019-Present
◇ <i>Australian Journal of International Affairs, Chinese Journal of International Politics, European Journal of International Relations, Foreign Policy Analysis, Global Studies Quarterly, International Security, Review of International Organizations, World Politics</i>	

Service to university

University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame International Security Center

- ◇ Selection Committee: 2021 – Present
Hans J. Morgenthau Fellowship
- ◇ Coordinator: 2022 – 2025
International Relations Working Paper Group
- ◇ Organizer: 2022 – 2025
Emerging Scholars Conference
Notre Dame International Security Center Seminar Series Fall 2023

Skills

Programming and Software

- ◇ L^AT_EX, R, Qualtrics

Methods Training

- ◇ Survey Methods (National University of Singapore, 2015)
- ◇ Computational Social Science and Quantitative Text Analysis (National University of Singapore, 2016; University of Southern California, 2017; Waseda University, 2019)

Languages

- ◇ Mandarin Chinese: Native

References

Available upon request

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