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Citizenship: Singapore

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

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

Visiting Senior Fellow, National University of Singapore, 2022-2024
Visiting Associate Professor, Florida State University, 2021-2024

PUBLICATIONS

RESEARCH STREAMS: **S** = STATE-TO-STATE SIGNALING, **D** = DEESCALATING CRISES AND PREVENTION OF WAR, **C** = CHINA, **M** = MASS BELIEFS: CAUSES, CONSEQUENCES, CROSS-NATIONAL INTERACTIONS

**Perspective Taking and Security Dilemma Thinking:
Cross-National Experiments in China and the United States**
(with Ryan Brutger and Joshua Kertzer)^{D, C}
World Politics, Forthcoming

**Managing the Costs of Backing Down: A “Mirror Experiment”
on Reputations and Audience Costs in a Real-World Conflict**
(with Shoko Kohama and Atsushi Tago)^{D, M}
Journal of Politics, Forthcoming

Asymmetrical Fairness in Trade Preferences (with Injoo Sohn)^{M, C}
Research and Politics, 2023

Relative Gains in the Shadow of a Trade War (with Eddy Yeung)^{M, C}
International Organization, 2022

Conditioning China’s Influence: Intentionality, Intermediaries, and Institutions
(with Courtney Fung, Enze Han, and Austin Strange)^C
Journal of Contemporary China, 2022

Untying Hands: Deescalation, Reputation, and Dynamic Audience Costs^{S, D}

British Journal of Political Science, 2022

Four Costly Signaling Mechanisms^S

American Political Science Review, 2021

HKU RESEARCH OUTPUT PRIZE 2022

Public Attitudes on Internal and Foreign Migration: Evidence from China

(with David Andrew Singer)^C

Public Opinion Quarterly, 2021

Guns and Butter in China (with Xiao Han and Michael Sadler)^C

China Quarterly, 2020

FEATURED IN THE WASHINGTON POST

Violence Exposure and Support for State Use of Force in a Non-Democracy (with Yue Hou)^C

Journal of Experimental Political Science, 2019

BEST JEPS ARTICLE AWARD, AMERICAN POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION

Authoritarian Public Opinion and the Democratic Peace (with Mark Bell)^{M, C}

International Organization, 2018

Can China Back Down? Crisis Deescalation in the Shadow of Popular Opposition (with Alastair Iain Johnston)^{D, C}

International Security, 2018

FEATURED IN THE ECONOMIST

REPRINTED IN ESSENTIAL READINGS IN WORLD POLITICS, WW NORTON, 7TH EDITION

Type II Audience Costs^{D, S}

Journal of Politics, 2017

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

Journal of Politics, 2016

Nuclear Proliferation and the Use of Nuclear Options: Experimental Tests^D

Political Research Quarterly, 2016

Rationalist Experiments on War^D

Political Science Research and Methods, 2015

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

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^{S, C}

International Relations of the Asia Pacific, 2015

WORKING PAPERS

Signal, Noise, and Politics

Are Costly Signals Perceived Asymmetrically?

The Robustness Properties of Grand Strategies

Are There 1,621 Types of Nationalism?

Deescalating an Accidental Crisis

Collaborations

Do States Signal by Sinking Costs? (with Dan Altman, Georgia State) **R&R**

Reneging on Alliances (with Mark Souva, FSU / Weifang Xu, FSU) **R&R**

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

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

Collaborations (Students from HKU)

Containing Nationalism: Experiments in China (with Samuel Chan) **R&R**

Self-Reported Political Ideology (with Eddy Yeung, Emory) **R&R**

The Sources of National Pride: Evidence from China and the United States
(with Felix Wang, UIBE China / Jiaqian Ni, Berkeley) **R&R**

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

War Apologies in the Shadow of Chinese Nationalism (with Jiaqian Ni, Berkeley)

What is a Patriot? (with Eddy Yeung, Emory / Felix Wang, UIBE China)

Win-Win Deescalation (with John Koo, Harvard)

Deescalating a Trade War (with Eddy Yeung, Emory)

GRANTS (>HK\$100,000)

HKU University Research Output Prize, 2022 (HK\$120,000)

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)

2024 (Scheduled): Stanford University, University of Southern California

2023: Cornell University, Oxford University, Waseda, NUS/SMU Singapore

2019: ANU, Cambridge University, Princeton University

2018: Harvard University, MIT, Waseda University

2017: Cambridge University, Cornell University, Seoul National University

**CONFERENCES
(Recent)**

2023: APSA, MPSA, PIPC
2022 (Online): APSA, ISA, MPSA
2021 (Online): APSA, ISA, PIPC
2019: APSA, ISA, MPSA, PIPC
2018: APSA, ISA, MPSA, Pacific International Politics Conference (PIPC)

SERVICES

Internal

Chair, Department Research Postgraduate Committee, 2019 –
Deputy Chair, Department Research Postgraduate Committee, 2017-19
Head of Department (Acting), 11/2019
Member, Taskforce for Hong Kong General Social Survey, 2023 –
Member, Exceptional Hiring Committee (Appointed by Provost), 2023 –
Member, Headship Committee (Elected by Department), 2023 –
Member, Faculty Human Resource Committee, 2021 –
Member, Faculty Teaching and Learning Committee, 2014-20
Member, Faculty Library Committee, 2014-19
Member, Hiring Committee (IR), 2015-16, 2019-20
Member, Hiring Committee (Methods), 2020-21
Member, Hiring Committee (Public Administration), 2021-22
Member, Hiring Committee (Sociology), 2021-22
Member, Hiring Committee (Data Science/Methods Hub), 2023
Member, Hiring Committee (Clinical Psychology), 2023 –
Convener, Department Methods Working Group, 2015

External

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 –
Board of Editors, *International Organization*, 2023 –
Editorial Board, *Chinese Journal of International Politics*, 2023 –

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, Political Science
Research and Methods; World Politics; Hong Kong Research Grant Council,
Oxford Encyclopedia of Crisis Analysis (External Assessor)

REFERENCES

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