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**EDUCATION**

2011 Ph.D., Government, Harvard University

2006 M.A., Government, Harvard University

2004 M.A., Political Science, Emory University

2004 B.A., *phi beta kappa, summa cum laude*, International Studies and Chinese Studies, Emory University

**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

**Harvard University**

2017- F. Warren MacFarlan Associate Professor of Business Administration, Harvard Business School

2011-2017 Assistant Professor of Business Administration, Harvard Business School

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Book**

* *Unfaithful Friends: Political and Business Elites in Authoritarian Asia*. Manuscript in Progress. Expected submission: fall 2021.
* *Land Bargains and Chinese Capitalism: The Politics of Property Rights under Reform.* Cambridge University Press. 2015.

Reviewed in *China Journal* (2016), *China Quarterly* (2016), *Perspectives on Politics* (2018)

**Peer-Reviewed Articles**

* “Going Out or Opting Out? Capital, Political Vulnerability, and the State in China’s Outward Investment.” *Comparative Politics* (April 2022, online summer 2021).
* “The Emergence of Mafia-Like Business Systems in China.” *China Quarterly*. (Forthcoming 2021). With Hao Chen.
* “The Rise of the Investor State: State Capital in the Chinese Economy.” *Studies in Comparative and International Development*. (September May 2020). With Hao Chen.
* “Land Institutions and Chinese Political Economy: Institutional Complementarities and Macroeconomic Management.” *Politics & Society*. Vol 54, No. 1 (February 2017): pp. 123-153.
* “China’s ‘New Regionalism’: Subnational Analysis in Chinese Political Economy.” *World Politics* Vol. 66, No. 1. (January 2014): pp. 165 – 194.
* "Land Politics and Local State Capacities: The Political Economy of Urban Change in China." *China Quarterly*. Issue 216. (December 2013): pp. 872-895.

**Working Papers**

* “China’s Political Economic Transformation: Security Dilemma Dynamics and International Backlash.” With Margaret Pearson and Kellee Tsai. Under Review.

**Book Chapters**

* “Is China’s Political Economic System Generating Global Backlash?” Jennifer Rudolph and Michael Szonyi, eds. *The China Questions II: Critical Insights on U.S.-China Relations*. Harvard University Press (2021). With Margaret Pearson and Kellee Tsai.
* “Local States of Play: Land and Urban Politics in Reform-Era China,” in Agustina Giraudy, Eduardo Moncada, and Richard Snyder, eds. *Inside Countries: Subnational Research in Comparative Politics.* Cambridge University Press (2019).
* “Will Urbanization Save the Chinese Economy or Destroy it?” Jennifer Rudolph and Michael Szonyi, eds. *The China Questions: Critical Insights into a Rising Power*. Harvard University Press (2018).

**Commissioned (not peer-reviewed)**

* “Party-State Capitalism in China.” *Current History*. September 2021. With Margaret Pearson and Kellee Tsai.
* “The Chinese Debt Trap is a Myth.” *The Atlantic (website)* With Deborah Brautigam (February 6, 2020)
* “The State Department Says the Chinese Communist Party Controls Chinese Companies. It’s Not That Simple.” *Washington Post* (September 8, 2020).
* “The Resurgent Role of the State in China’s Economy: Experimentation, Domestic Politics, and U.S. Policy.” Penn Project on the Future of U.S.-China Relations, October 2020.
* “China’s Gamble on Modernizing through Urbanization.” *Current History*. September 2017. With Kristen Looney.

**Cases and Notes**

* “The Clean Network and the Future of Global Technology Competition.” Harvard Business School Case 721-045. April 2021.
* “Snapp: Scaling Under Sanctions in Iran” (A and B) Harvard Business School Case 721-020. January 2021.
* “Capitalism and the Party-State: The People’s Republic of China at 70.” Harvard Business School Case 721-040. March 2021 (Revised May 2021).
* “China’s Management of COVID-19: People’s War or Chernobyl Moment?” Harvard Business School Case 720-035, March 2020.
* “Political Legitimacy and Global Capital Markets: Malaysia’s 1MDB.” Harvard Business School Case 720-030, March 2020.
* “Chinese Infrastructure Investments in Sri Lanka: A Pearl or Teardrop along the Belt and Road?” Harvard Business School Case 719-046, January 2019 [35].
* “Lattice Semiconductor and the Future of Chinese High-Tech Acquisitions in the United States.” Harvard Business School Case 719-059, January 2019.
* “Philippines: From Sick Man to Strong Man.” Harvard Business School Case 717-078, June 2017. (Revised October 2017) [39].
* "Egypt: The End of the Revolution?" Harvard Business School Case 715-041, April 2015. (Revised September 2015) [34].
* Rithmire, Meg, and Julio J. Rotemberg. “Business and Politics in the Age of Inequality.” Harvard Business School Case 715-051, May 2015. (Revised May 2015) [27].
* Di Tella, Rafael, Meg Rithmire, and Kait Szydlowski. "Governing the 'Chinese Dream': Corruption, Inequality and the Rule of Law." Harvard Business School Case 715-023, December 2014. (Revised November 2015) [34].
* Werker, Eric, Meg Rithmire, Benjamin Kennedy, and Andrew Knauer. "Pittsburgh." Harvard Business School Case 713-035, January 2013. (Revised October 2015) [33].
* "The “Chongqing Model” and the Future of China." Harvard Business School Case 713-028, December 2012. (Revised July 2013) [36].

**Reviews**

* Review of *Red Swan: How Unorthodox Policy Making Facilitated China’s Rise,* by Sebastian Heilmann, *China Review International*, vol. 23, no. 4, (2016).
* Review of *Integrating Regions: Asia in Comparative Context*, by Miles Kahler and Andrew MacIntyre, editors. *Perspectives on Politics*. vol. 14, no. 1, (March 2016): pp. 283-284.
* Review of *State-Market Interactions in China’s Reform Era: Local State Competition and Global Market-Building in the Tobacco Industry,* by Junmin Wang. *China Quarterly*, vol. 215, (September 2013).

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Harvard University**

2019- 2021 Managing International Trade and Investment, Elective Curriculum, Harvard Business School

(reviews range from 6.7-6.9 out of 7)

2019 Immersive Field Course: China’s Internationalization (China, Myanmar, Sri Lanka)

Full semester research course on China’s internationalization and field immersion to China, Hong Kong, Myanmar, and Sri Lanka in January 2020.

2011-2016 Business, Government, and the International Economy, Required Curriculum, Harvard Business School

(reviews range from 6.4-6.9 out of 7, 2014 Student Association Teaching Award, 2015 Dean’s Teaching Award)

**AWARDS AND HONORS**

2020 Greenhill Award for Outstanding Service to the HBS Community

2018 Public Intellectual Fellow, National Committee on U.S.-China Relations

2015 Charles M. Williams Award for Teaching Excellence, Harvard Business School

2015 HBS Student Association Teaching Award, Required Curriculum

2010 Derek Bok Award for Excellence in Graduate Student Teaching of Undergraduates (one of five annual recipients university-wide, nominated by department).

2009 Derek Bok Certificate for Excellence in Teaching (based on student evaluations), Sophomore Tutorial and State-Society Relations in China

2008 Derek Bok Certificate for Excellence in Teaching (based on student evaluations): Introduction to Comparative Politics and Political Economy of Reform in China

2007 Derek Bok Certificate for Excellence in Teaching (based on student evaluations), Sophomore Tutorial

2007 Nominee, Joseph Levenson Memorial Teaching Prize, Harvard University Undergraduate Council

2006 Derek Bok Certificate for Excellence in Teaching (based on student evaluations): Introduction to Comparative Politics and State-Society Relations in China

**RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS**

2018-2020 Harvard Global Institute Grant, project on Regions and Global Problems

2013-2019 Hellman Faculty Fellow, Harvard Business School

2016-2017 Global Research Fellow, Harvard Business School

2016 Visiting Research Affiliate, Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore

2010-2011 Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Graduate Student Associate.

2010 Norton Long Young Scholars Award, Urban Politics Section of the American Political Science Association for excellent paper proposal for the APSA annual meeting.

2009-2010 Eliot Dissertation Completion Fellowship for the Social Sciences, Harvard Graduate School of Arts and Sciences.

2009-2010 Justice, Welfare and Economics Program, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs Research Grant.

2008-2009 Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Graduate Student Associate.

2009 Research Associate, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences Center for Urban Development (Fall).

2009 Real Estate Academic Initiative at Harvard Research Grant (Summer–Fall).

2007-2008 Fulbright Student Fellowship (Institute of International Education), for dissertation fieldwork in Northeastern China.

2007-2008 GSAS Sheldon Traveling Fellowship, Harvard University, supplemental funding for fieldwork.

2007-2008 China Government Scholarship, Awarded by Chinese Ministry of Education, funding for dissertation fieldwork in Harbin, Heilongjiang Province.

2007-2008 Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Award (declined)

2005 Harvard Asia Center Director’s Fund, for independent fieldwork research on the relationship between minorities and state economic institutions in Xinjiang Autonomous Region, China (Summer).

2004 Lucius Lamar McMullan Award given to one graduating senior each year for scholarship and citizenship, Emory University.

2004 Eliot Levitas Award for Best All-Around Political Science graduate, Emory University.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**CONFERENCES PRESENTATIONS:** American Political Science Association (2020, 2018, 2017, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2010); Association of Asian Studies (2010, 2011, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020)

**WORKSHOPS:** State Capitalism in China (CSIS, May 2021); Penn Project on U.S-China Relations (Summer 2020); China’s Industrial Policy,U.C. San Diego (November 2020);Regions in a Multipolar World, Radcliffe Institute (co-convener, September 2018); Workshop on Land and Politics, Radcliffe Institute (April 2018); Chinese Politics Research Workshop, Harvard University (December 2017); Workshop on Property Rights, University of Chicago Center in Beijing (June 2015); Workshop on Property Rights and Urbanization in China, Columbia University (March 2015); Workshop on Land Grabbing in China, Harvard Fairbank Center (March 2014); Workshop on Subnational Comparative Politics (Brown University, May 2013 and Harvard University, March 2014); Workshop on the History of Land and Power, Center for History and Economics, Harvard University (November 2012)

**INVITED TALKS AND SEMINARS:** China Economic Security and Review Commission, United States Congress (2021); U.S.-China Business Council Annual Meeting (2021); King’s College London (2021); Georgetown University (2021), Stanford Center for Democracy, Development, and Rule of Law (2020) and Political Science Department (2021), Johns Hopkins SAIS (2020), Hong Kong University (2021), G.W. University Elliot School (2021), Wharton School (2019), Harvard Asia Center (2018), MIT Sloan China Seminar (Fall 2018), Wharton School (Spring 2018), Fudan University (June 2017),Yale-NUS (2016),University of Michigan Contemporary China Series (November 2015); Critical Issues Facing China, Harvard Fairbank Center (December 2017, October 2015); Harvard Business School International Seminar (September 2013); East China Normal University, Shanghai (June 2013); Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation, Harvard Kennedy School (April 2013); Fidelity Investments, Boston (March 2013); Department of Urban Studies and Planning, MIT (March 2013); New England China Seminar (February 2012); New York University Wagner School (April 2011)

**OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Member: American Political Science Association (2009-present), Association of Asian Studies (2009–present), Society for the Advancement of Socioeconomics (2017-present)

Co-chair: Business, Government, and the International Economy Seminar Series (with Matt Weinzierl), 2015

Business History and Trajectories of Capitalism Seminar Series (with Kristin Fabbe and Geoff Jones), 2017.

Convener: Seminar on the Chinese Economy (2018- present)

2020- Member of the Board, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs

2017-Present Harvard University Faculty Committee on Southeast Asia

Harvard University Asia Center Council

2014-2020 Selection Committee for Visiting Scholars and Fellows, Harvard-Yenching Institute

2011-Present Faculty Associate, Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies

2011-Present Faculty Associate, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs

2015-2018 Advisory Committee member, Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies

**SPECIAL SKILLS**

* Fluency in Mandarin Chinese, reading, speaking and writing
* Beginner Indonesian