

## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT & AFFILIATIONS

### University of Texas at Austin (2020-present)

- Associate Professor (tenured), Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs & (by courtesy) Department of Government, School of Civic Leadership
- Editor-in-Chief, *Texas National Security Review* (July 2024--)
- Director, Asia Policy Program, Clements & Strauss Centers ([asiapolicy.utexas.edu](http://asiapolicy.utexas.edu))
- Faculty Affiliate/Senior Fellow: Center for East Asian Studies, Civitas Institute

### U.S. Army War College, Strategic Studies Institute (2023-2026)

- Visiting Associate Professor in Indo-Pacific Security, China Landpower Studies Center

### University of Missouri (2015-2020)

- Assistant Professor of Political Science
- Founding Co-Director, Institute for Korean Studies (2017-2020)

### Current External Affiliations:

- Non-Resident Scholar, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace (2024-present)
- Non-Resident Fellow, European Centre for North Korean Studies (2022-present)
- Associate in Research, Harvard Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies (2013-present)

## EDUCATION

### Harvard University

- PhD, Department of Government, 2013
- Dissertation: “Coercive Institutions and State Violence under Authoritarianism.”  
Awarded APSA’s Walter Dean Burnham Award & Harvard’s Richard J. Herrnstein Prize.

### Oxford University (St. Antony’s College)

- M.Phil in International Relations, 2007

### Stanford University

- B.A in Political Science with Distinction & Honors in Security Studies, 2005

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

### BOOKS

2023. *Politics of the North Korean Diaspora*. Cambridge University Press, Elements Series in East Asian Society & Politics.  
▪ Related coverage: *NKNews* ([print](#) & [podcast](#)); U.S. Army War College *Dialogues* [podcast](#).
2016. *Dictators and Their Secret Police: Coercive Institutions and State Violence*. Cambridge University Press (Studies in Contentious Politics, Studies of the Weatherhead East Asian Institute).  
▪ Winner, 2017 Best Book Award, International Studies Association  
▪ Winner, 2017 Best Book Award, Comparative Democratization section, APSA  
▪ Hon. Mention, 2017 J. David Greenstone Best Book Award, Politics & History section  
▪ Reviewed in *Democratization*, *Foreign Affairs*, *Global Asia*, *Governance*, *H-Diplo ISSF roundtable*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Political Science Quarterly*.

## PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

22. Sheena Chestnut Greitens, “Out of the Shadows? Why Authoritarian Secret Police (Sometimes) Go Public.” *Security Studies* (forthcoming).
21. Sheena Chestnut Greitens, “China’s Internal Security Spending: An Assessment of New Data.” *China Quarterly*, OnlineFirst (March 2026), <https://doi.org/10.1017/S030574102610201X>.
20. Sheena Chestnut Greitens, “The U.S. & Asia in 2025: A Year of Disruption.” *Asian Survey* (forthcoming, Spring 2026).
19. Sheena Chestnut Greitens and Isaac Kardon, “Security without Exclusivity: Hybrid Alignment under U.S.-China Competition.” *International Security*, Vol. 49, No. 3 (Winter 2024-25): 122-163.
  - Related coverage: [Foreign Affairs](#); [Foreign Policy](#); [Irregular Warfare Initiative](#) ([print](#) & [podcast](#)); Carnegie Endowment [“The World Unpacked”](#) podcast.
18. Sheena Chestnut Greitens, “Pathways to Protraction: Rethinking U.S.-China Conflict.” *The Washington Quarterly* (Spring 2025).
  - Related coverage: [Lawfare](#); FPRI [webinar](#); [Why Should We Care about the Indo-Pacific](#) podcast.
17. Sheena Chestnut Greitens, “Inter-Korean Relations: The Yoon Administration in Historical Context.” *Korea Observer*, Vol. 56, No. 1 (Spring 2025): 19-49.
16. Sheena Chestnut Greitens, “The U.S. & Asia in 2024: Evolving Contours of Competition & Cooperation.” *Asian Survey*, Vol. 65, No. 2 (Spring 2025): 308-322.
15. Sheena Chestnut Greitens, “China’s Use of Non-Traditional Strategic Landpower in Asia.” *Parameters*, Vol. 54, No. 1 (Spring 2024): 35-50.
  - Related coverage: [Irregular Warfare](#) podcast; U.S. Army War College [Decisive Points](#) podcast.
14. Heather Ba, Sheena Chestnut Greitens, and Yu Bin Kim, “Authoritarian Audiences: Subnational Propaganda Targeting in North Korea.” *Comparative Politics*, Vol. 56, No. 1 (October 2023).
13. Sheena Chestnut Greitens, “China’s Response to War in Ukraine.” *Asian Survey*, Vol. 22, No. 5-6 (Nov./Dec. 2022): 751-781.
12. Sheena Chestnut Greitens and Benjamin Katzeff Silberstein, “Toward Market Leninism in North Korea: Assessing Kim Jong Un’s First Decade.” *Asian Survey*, Vol. 62, No. 2 (March/April 2022): 211-239.
11. Huirong Chen and Sheena Chestnut Greitens, “Information Capacity and Social Order: The Local Politics of Information Integration in China.” *Governance*, Vol. 35/2 (Apr. 2022): 497-523.
10. Sheena Chestnut Greitens “The Geopolitics of Citizenship: Evidence from North Korean Claims to Membership in the South.” *Journal of Korean Studies*, Vol. 26/1 (March 2021): 117-151.
9. Eva Bellin, Sheena Chestnut Greitens, Yoshiki Herrera, and Diane Singerman, “Research Transparency in Authoritarian & Repressive Contexts.” *Perspectives on Politics*, Vol. 19, No. 1 (January 2021).
8. Sheena Chestnut Greitens, “Surveillance, Security, & Liberal Democracy in a Post-COVID World.” *International Organization* (Fall 2020).
7. Sheena Chestnut Greitens, Myunghye Lee, and Emir Yazici, “Counterterrorism and Preventive Repression: China’s Changing Strategy in Xinjiang.” *International Security* Vol. 44, No. 3 (Winter 2019/20).

6. Edward Goldring and Sheena Chestnut Greitens, "Rethinking Democratic Diffusion: Bringing Regime Type Back In." *Comparative Political Studies* Vol. 53, No. 2 (2020): 319-353.
5. Sheena Chestnut Greitens and Rory Truex, "Repressive Experiences among China Scholars: New Evidence from Survey Data." *China Quarterly* Vol. 242 (June 2020): 349-275.
4. Sheena Chestnut Greitens, "Rethinking China's Coercive Capacity: An Examination of PRC Domestic Security Spending, 1992-2012." *China Quarterly*, Vol. 232 (Dec. 2017): 1002-1025.
3. Sheena Chestnut Greitens, "Authoritarianism Online: What Can We Learn from Internet Data in Non-Democracies?" *PS: Political Science & Politics*, Vol. 46, No. 2 (April 2013): 262-270.
  - Reprint: *Review of the North Korean Economy* (Korea Development Institute, 2013). In Korean.
2. Sheena Chestnut Greitens and Gabriel Koehler-Derrick. "Editors' Introduction: Technology, Data, and Political Science." *PS: Political Science & Politics*, Vol. 46, No. 2 (April 2013): 259-261.
1. Sheena Chestnut, "Illicit Activity & Proliferation: North Korean Smuggling Networks." *International Security* Vol. 32, No. 1 (Summer 2007): 80-111.

## BOOK CHAPTERS

14. "China's Global Perspective," in *Forecasting China's Posture for a Global War* (U.S. Army War College, 2026).
13. "North Korea: Transnational Repression for Regime Security." In *Transnational Repression: A Comparative Perspective* (Cambridge Univ. Press, 2026).
12. "Teaching Autocracy in a Democratic Context." In *Teaching Autocracy & Autocratic Politics* (Elgar, 2026).
11. "China's Surveillance State." In *Surveillance* (Washington: Georgetown Univ. Press, 2026).
10. "Asian Allies & Partners in a Taiwan Scenario: What Should the United States Expect?" In *Defending Taiwan* (Washington: American Enterprise Institute, 2022). With Zack Cooper.
9. "How Does China Think about National Security?" in *The China Questions 2: Critical Insights into the US-China Relationship* (Harvard University Press, 2022).
8. "Dealing with Global Demand for China's Surveillance Exports." In *Global China: Assessing China's Growing Role in the World* (Brookings, 2021).
7. "Claiming Citizenship: Rights-Claiming & Recognition for North Koreans Entering South Korea." In *Rights Claiming in South Korea*, Celeste Arrington and Patricia Goedde, eds. (Cambridge University Press, 2021).
6. "The North Korean Diaspora." In *Handbook of Contemporary North Korea*, Adrian Buzo, ed. (Routledge, 2020).
5. "Explaining Economic Order in North Korea." In *Korea and the World: New Frontiers in Korean Studies*, Gregg Brazinsky, ed. (Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield, 2019).
4. "The U.S.-Philippine Alliance: Opportunities and Challenges." In *Strategic Asia 2014-15* (National Bureau of Asian Research, 2013).
3. "Nuclear Weapons and Proliferation." In *The Globalization of World Politics*, John Baylis, Steve Smith, and Patricia Owens, eds. (Oxford University Press, 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> eds., 2013-2025).

2. “Humanitarian Intervention and Peace Operations.” In *Strategy in the Contemporary World*, John Baylis, James Wirtz, & Colin Gray, eds. (Oxford University Press, 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> eds., 2012-2025).
1. “Is China Rising?” In *Global Giant: Is China Changing the Rules of the Game?* Eva Paus, Penelope Prime, and Jon Western, eds. (Palgrave Macmillan, 2007). With Alastair Iain Johnston.  
Other versions published as:

- “The People’s Republic of China at 60: Is it Rising?” in William C. Kirby, ed., *The People’s Republic of China at 60: An International Assessment* (Harvard Univ. Press, 2011).
- “‘中国崛起’: 对概念运用的探讨” [‘China’s Rise’: Investigating Operationalization of a Concept]. 中国国际战略评论 [*China International Strategy Review*]. (Peking Univ, 2011). In Chinese.

### SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS

- *Regime Security and Grand Strategy: China under Xi Jinping* (book manuscript in progress)
- “Seizing the Initiative: China’s Mobilizational Foreign Policy & Global Security Order” (w/Isaac Kardon and Cameron Waltz, R&R)
- “Migration in the Shadow of Enforcement: Evidence from N. Korea” (w/ M. Lee, R&R)
- “Exporting Autocratic Social Control? China’s Global Surveillance Exports” (w/Ed Goldring)

### CONGRESSIONAL & GOVERNMENT TESTIMONY:

2026. “China’s National Security Strategy and the State of Texas.” Testimony to the Texas Advisory Commission on Geopolitical Conflict. 18 February.
2025. “China, Regime Security, & Authoritarian Collaboration.” Testimony before the U.S.-China Economic & Security Review Commission (USCC). 20 February.
2022. “China’s Response to War in Ukraine.” Testimony before the U.S.-China Economic & Security Review Commission (USCC). 3 August.
2021. “Internal Security and Chinese Strategy.” Testimony before the Senate Armed Services Committee, 8 June.
2021. “Internal Security & Grand Strategy: China’s Approach to National Security under Xi Jinping.” Testimony before the U.S.-China Economic & Security Review Commission (USCC). 28 January.
2020. “Technological Surveillance of Religion in China.” Testimony before the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom. 22 July.
2017. “Black Flags Over Mindanao: Terrorism in Southeast Asia.” Testimony before the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Subcommittee on Asia & the Pacific. 12 July.
2017. “Child Welfare Policy Reforms for the 2018 Session.” Testimony before the Joint Committee on Child Abuse and Neglect, Missouri General Assembly. 13 December.

### POLICY & OTHER WRITING

52. “China’s Approach to Social Stability in the Event of a Taiwan Contingency.” In *If China Attacks Taiwan* (German Marshall Fund of the United States, Jan. 2026). With Jake Rinaldi.
51. *China’s Foreign Police Training: A Global Footprint*. Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. Nov. 2025. With Isaac Kardon and Cameron Waltz.

50. "How a 'Safe China' Sells its Security Strategy to the World." *Financial Times*. 21 Sept. 2025.
49. *A New World Cop on the Beat? China's Internal Security Outreach under the Global Security Initiative*. Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. Aug. 2025. With Cameron Waltz & Isaac Kardon.
49. "The Changing Face of Chinese Security Cooperation: Implications for U.S. Security Force Assistance." *Gates Forum*, Vol. 4 (forthcoming, Dec. 2025).
48. "China's Authoritarian Exports." Strauss Center, University of Texas at Austin (July 2025). With Adam Klein and Rana S. Inboden.
47. "Does China's Growing Security Outreach Matter? Tracing Implications for Irregular Warfare and U.S. Security Cooperation." *Irregular Warfare Initiative* (4 June 2025). With Isaac Kardon.
46. "Planning for Protracted Conflict with China: Five Questions to Ask." *Lanfare* (22 June 2025).
45. "Local Fiscal Constraints and Grassroots Stability." *China Leadership Monitor* (June 2025).
44. "How S. Korea's Next President Should Handle Kim Jong Un." *Journal of Democracy* (May 2025).
43. "China is Determined to Hold Firm Against Trump's Pressure." *Carnegie Endowment, Series on Trump Administration's First 100 Days* (28 April 2025). With Rick Waters.
42. "Counter-Espionage & State Security: The Changing Role of China's MSS." *China Leadership Monitor* (March 2025).
41. "Refusing to Choose: Vietnam's Security Strategy under US-China Competition." *Foreign Policy* (Jan. 2025). With Isaac Kardon.
40. "The Global Consequences of Yoon's Martial Law Gambit." *Carnegie Endowment* (Dec. 2024).
39. "What's Behind South Korea's New 'Defectors' Day' Holiday?" *Carnegie Endowment* (July 2024).
38. Review of Joseph Torigian's *Prestige, Manipulation, and Coercion*. H-Diplo ISSF Roundtable (2024).
37. "Playing Both Sides of the US-China Rivalry: Why Countries Get External Security from the US—and Internal Security from Beijing." *Foreign Affairs* (March 2024). With Isaac Kardon.
36. "Why North Korea Survives." *Persuasion* (16 February 2024).
35. "How N. Korean Defectors Change Policy in Countries Where They Resettle." *NKNNews/NKPro* (13 Feb. 2024).
34. "New Leaders in 'National Security' after China's 20<sup>th</sup> Party Congress." *China Leadership Monitor* (Dec. 2023).
33. "National Security After China's 20<sup>th</sup> Party Congress: Trends in Discourse and Policy." *China Leadership Monitor* (Sept. 2023).
32. "Strategic Security Environment Estimate: Asia." *Annual Estimate of the Strategic Security Environment* (U.S. Army War College, Strategic Studies Institute, Aug. 2023).
31. "Xi's Security Obsession: Why China is Digging In at Home & Asserting Itself Abroad." *Foreign Affairs*. July 2023.
30. "What's at Stake as Blinken Heads to Beijing." *ChinaFile*. 16 June 2023.
29. "After a Wave of Protests, China's Silent Crackdown." *Journal of Democracy*. Dec. 2022.

28. "How China Has Expanded Its Use of Police Power Abroad." *Washington Examiner*. Dec. 2022.
27. "Xi Jinping's Quest for Order: Security at Home, Influence Abroad." *Foreign Affairs*. Oct. 2022.
26. "China: Two Key Questions." *Democracy: a journal of ideas*. Summer 2021.
25. "Global Impact of China's Surveillance Technology: Issues for US Policy." Wilson Center, 2021.
24. "What to Expect from Japan and Korea in a Taiwan Scenario." In *New Frontiers for Security Cooperation with Seoul and Tokyo* (Washington: NPEC, 2021). With Zack Cooper.
23. "China's Influence on Conflict Dynamics in S. Asia." *USIP Senior Study Group Final Report* (2020).
22. "The *Saohai* Campaign, Protection Umbrellas, & Impact on China's Political-Legal Apparatus." *China Leadership Monitor* (September 2020).
21. "Universities Need a China Strategy." *ChinaFile* "Future of China Studies in the US" roundtable, 27 August 2020.
20. "China's Troubling Vision for the Future of Public Health." *Foreign Affairs*. July 2020. With Julian Gewirtz.
19. "Why Taiwan's Assistance to Hong Kong Matters." *Foreign Policy*. 2 July 2020. With Aram Hur.
18. "Dealing with Global Demand for China's Surveillance Exports." *Brookings Global China Series*. May 2020.
17. "Why U.S.-North Korea relations will stay stable...for now." *The National Interest*. 15 May 2020.
16. "North Korea's leader may be ill. Is the US ready to respond?" *Washington Post*, 22 April 2020.
15. "Domestic Security in China under Xi Jinping," *China Leadership Monitor*, 1 March 2019.
14. Response to Reviews of *Dictators & Their Secret Police*, ISSF H-Diplo roundtable, April 2019.
13. "What Was Behind the Trump-Duterte Phonecall?" *Washington Post (Monkey Cage)*, 16 May 2017.
12. "IS THAAD the Start of a US-China Arms Race?" *ChinaFile*, 10 March 2017.
11. "The US-Philippine Alliance in a Year of Transition," Brookings report, Summer 2016.
10. "Better Late Than Never: Closing Kaesong Is the Right Call," Brookings, 17 February, 2016.
9. "Lost in Translation? Problematic Metaphors in U.S.-China Relations," in *Exploring the Frontiers for US-China Strategic Cooperation* (Center for American Progress, 2014).
8. *Illicit: North Korea's Evolving Operations to Earn Hard Currency* (HRNK, 2014).
  - o Summary in *Review of North Korean Economy* (Seoul: KDI, June 2014). In Korean.
7. "Non-Traditional Security & the U.S.-Philippine Alliance," *Brookings East Asia Commentary*, No. 77 (2014)
6. "U.S.-China Relations & U.S. Alliances in Asia," *Brookings East Asia Commentary*, No. 65 (2013).
5. "Where Was Asia?" *The New York Times/International Herald Tribune*, 22 October 2012.
4. "The China-Philippines Standoff and the US-Philippines Alliance," *Foreign Policy*, 12 April 2012.
3. "A North Korean Corleone," *The New York Times*, 4 March 2012.
2. "Succession & Stability in North Korea," *CSIS Korea Platform*, 23 Jan. 2012.

1. “Sopranos State? North Korean Involvement in Criminal Activity,” Nautilus Institute, 2005.
  - o Cited in testimony to U.S. House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee (2011), U.S. Senate (2006), Republic of Korea National Assembly (2006).

**Editor’s Introductions, *Texas National Security Review***

4. “The (Elusive) Search for Strategic Stability,” *Texas National Security Review*, Vol. 9, No. 2 (Spr. 2026).
3. “When Conventional Wisdom Fails.” *Texas National Security Review*, Vol. 8, No. 3 (Summer 2025).
2. “What’s Old is New Again.” *Texas National Security Review*. Vol. 8, No. 2 (Spr.2025).
1. “Evolving Challenges, Enduring Principles.” *Texas National Security Review*, Vol. 7, No. 4 (Fall 2024).

**GRANTS & FUNDING**

2026-27	Policy Research Institute, LBJ School, UT-Austin (\$19,008)
2023-2026	U.S. Army War College, Strategic Studies Institute (\$382,750)
2025-2026	School of Civic Leadership, Univ. of Texas-Austin (\$10,000)
2025	Provost’s Office, Faculty Mentor Fellowship, UT-Austin (\$10,000)
2023-2025	Smith Richardson Foundation (with Adam Klein & Rana Siu Inboden, \$275,000)
2023-26	Carnegie Corporation of New York (for Asia Policy Program, \$475,000)
2024-26	Policy Research Institute, LBJ School, UT-Austin (\$6,656)
2024	Templeton Fellowship, Foreign Policy Research Institute (\$10,000)
2024	Course Enhancement Grant, UT Center for Taiwan Studies (\$1,000)
2021-23	Carnegie Corporation of New York (for Asia Policy Program, \$300,000)
2020	Woodrow Wilson Center (\$20,000)
2016-21	Academy of Korean Studies, Global Lab Grant on North Korea (\$50,000)
2017	Research Council Grant, University of Missouri (\$7,500)
2012	Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant, National Science Foundation
2009-12	Summer Research Grants, Harvard Fairbank Center, Harvard Asia Center
2008	Foreign Language Area Studies Summer Grant, to study Mandarin in Beijing

**AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS**

2024-25	Provost’s Mentored Faculty Scholar
2022-23	Jeane Kirkpatrick Visiting Fellow, American Enterprise Institute
2022	Frank J. Klingberg award for best paper presented by a faculty member (ISA-Midwest, with Heather Ba and YuBin Kim)
2021	“Extraordinary Reviewer” award, <i>Comparative Political Studies</i>
2014-21	Non-Resident Senior Fellow, Brookings Institution
2016-21	Fellow, Korea Chair, Center for Strategic and International Studies
2020-21	Wilson Center China Fellowship
2019	Provost’s Award for Leadership in International Education, University of Missouri
2019	National Asia Research Fellowship
2017	Major E. Garrett Faculty Fellowship, University of Missouri
2015-16	East Asia Institute Fellowship
2014	Walter Dean Burnham Dissertation Award, APSA Politics & History section

2014	Richard. J. Herrnstein Prize (GSAS, Harvard University)
2014	ISA Human Rights Section's "Best Faculty/Practitioner Paper" award
2014-16	Fellow, Public Intellectuals Program, National Committee on US-China Relations
2013-16	Academy Scholar, Harvard Academy for International & Area Studies
2013-14	Korea Foundation-Mansfield Foundation Scholar
2012-13	Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies, Harvard
2011-12	Jennings Randolph Peace Scholar Fellowship, U.S. Institute of Peace
2011-12	Miller Center National Fellowship in Public Affairs, University of Virginia
2010-11	Frederick Sheldon Traveling Fellowship, Harvard University
2010-11	Graduate Society Merit Fellowship, Harvard University
2009-10	National Security Studies Fellow/Graduate Associate, WCFIA, Harvard University
2009	Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Harvard University Bok Center
2009	Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship, Social Science Research Council
2008	Wilson Carey McWilliams Prize, APSA Politics, Literature, & Film section
2007-12	Graduate School of Arts & Sciences Fellowship, Harvard University
2005-07	Marshall Scholarship
2005	Firestone Medal, for exceptional undergraduate honors thesis
2004	Phi Beta Kappa

## INVITED TALKS & CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Seizing the Initiative: China's Mobilizational Foreign Policy & Global Security Order.

- Oxford China Centre, "Mapping Global China" conference (Mar. 2026)
- Johns Hopkins University (February 2026)
- University of Texas-Austin, Department of Government (Feb. 2026)
- Gates Forum, William & Mary (Dec. 2025)
- Princeton University, Center for International Security Studies (Sept. 2025)
- Martin Colloquium, University of North Texas (Sept. 2025)
- Northeast Asia Cooperation Dialogue, Univ.of California Institute for Global Conflict & Cooperation (Sept. 2025)

Regime vs. Regional Security: Why Countries Engage in Security Cooperation with the U.S. & China.

- West Point Security Conference (U.S. Military Academy, Feb. 2025)
- Sciences-Po/Fondation pour la Recherche Stratégique (Oct. 2024)
- University of Washington, International Security Colloquium (Apr. 2024)
- China and the World Program, Columbia University (Jan. 2024)

Out of the Shadows? Social Media Activity by China's Intelligence & Internal Security Agencies.

- Columbia University, International Politics Seminar (Mar. 2025)
- Brown University (Mar. 2025)
- Center for Strategic & International Studies, "China Open-Source Research" conference (Oct. 2024)

Unveiling North Korean Propaganda.

- University of California-San Diego (March 2024)

Internal Security & Grand Strategy: National Security in China under Xi Jinping.

- Canada School of Public Service (May 2025)
- University of California-San Diego, School of Global Policy & Strategy (Jan. 2025)
- U.S. Army War College, Civil-Military Relations Center (Oct. 2024)

- China Conference, Australian Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade (May 2024)
- National Security College (roundtable), Australia National University (May 2024)
- Australian War College, Defence & Strategic Studies course (Feb. 2024)
- U.S. Army War College, China Strategic Competition course (Feb. 2024)
- University of St. Andrews, Institute for the Study of War & Strategy (Oct. 2023)
- University of Virginia, Miller Center, panel on Repression & Political Violence in China (Oct. 2023)
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology (Apr. 2023)
- Vanderbilt University/Naval War College workshop (Mar. 2023)
- Applied Research Laboratories, University of Texas at Austin (Nov. 2022)
- Naval War College faculty colloquium (Dec. 2021)
- East Asia Institute, National University of Singapore conference (Nov. 2021)
- National War College (Apr. 2021)
- Northwestern University, IR workshop (Apr. 2021)
- Harvard University, Fairbank Center “Critical Issues Confronting China” series (Mar. 2021)
- School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), London (Mar. 2021)
- Oxford University, International Relations colloquium (Nov. 2020)
- Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (Nov. 2020)
- Modern War Institute Annual conference, West Point (Nov. 2020)
- Conversations in Conflict, Maxwell School of Citizenship, Syracuse University (Nov. 2020)
- Yonsei University, Institute of Sinology (July 2020)
- Center for a New American Security, annual National Security Conference (July 2020)
- Kluge Center, Library of Congress (Washington, DC, Dec. 2018)

#### China’s Response to War in Ukraine.

- Year Ahead 2023 conference, Carleton University (Dec. 2022)
- Hoover Institution, Stanford University (Feb. 2023)

#### Surveillance, Security & Liberal Democracy in a Post-COVID World.

- NYU “AI Now” workshop (Apr. 2021)
- University of Notre Dame Law School, “Privacy in the Age of Surveillance” conference (Feb. 2021)
- US-ROK Alliance conference, Univ. of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (Oct. 2020)
- Brookings/NBR workshop, “Asia in Transition: New Technologies & Virtual Divides” (Sept. 2020)
- NBR workshop on Bio-Surveillance in China and Taiwan (August 2020)
- America in the World consortium conference (June 2020)
- Perry World House/*International Organization* conference, University of Pennsylvania (June 2020)
- Asia Society webinar (June 2020)

#### The International Export of China’s Surveillance Technology.

- Smart Cities conference, American Chamber of Commerce, US Embassy-Tirana (Albania, 2022)
- International Studies Association annual conference (Apr. 2021, with Ed Goldring)
- Wilson Center China conference (February 2021)
- U.S. Naval War College (June 2020)
- University of Pennsylvania, U.S.-China conference (June 2020)
- Brookings, “Global China: Assessing China’s Technological Reach,” webinar (May 2020)
- NBR/INDOPACOM conference “The PLA & Emerging Technology” (December 2019)
- Duke University, “Getting China Right” conference (December 2019)
- Princeton University, International Relations colloquium (October 2019)
- University of Texas-Austin (LBJ School/Government Dept., October 2019)
- Bridging the Gap/Center for a New American Security workshop (September 2019)
- American Political Science Association annual conference (Washington, September 2019)
- National Asia Policy Assembly (Washington, DC, June 2019)

The *Saobei* Campaign, Protection Umbrellas, & China's Political-Legal Apparatus.

- Foreign Correspondents' Club of China (Sept. 2020)
- *China Leadership Monitor* virtual briefing (Sept. 2020)

Information Capacity and Social Control: The Local Politics of Information Integration in China.

- Harvard Business School (December 2018)
- George Washington University (December 2018)
- American Political Science Association annual conference (Boston, September 2018)

How Geopolitics Shapes Citizenship: Evidence from the North Korean Diaspora.

- Institute for Korean Studies, Indiana University (September 2020)
- Freeman-Spogli Institute for International Studies, Stanford University (February 2019)
- Institute for Korean Studies, George Washington University (April 2018)
- Association for Asian Studies annual conference (March 2018, April 2016)
- Washington University in St. Louis (February 2018)
- Liu Institute for Asia & Asian Studies, Notre Dame (February 2018)
- Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University (January 2018)
- Stanford University, APARC Korea Program, Koret Workshop (April 2016)
- East Asia Institute (Seoul, March 2016)

Repressive Experiences Among China Scholars: New Evidence from Survey Data.

- China Program, Stanford University ("State of Chinese politics" conference, December 2018)
- Center for Strategic and International Studies (October 2018)
- American Political Science Association annual conference (Boston, September 2018)

Rethinking China's Coercive Capacity: PRC Domestic Security Spending, 1992-2012.

- National Committee on US-China Relations (New York, April 2017)
- Project 2049 Conference, Washington, DC (March 2017)
- Princeton University, Woodrow Wilson School (March 2017)
- George Washington University, Institute for Security & Conflict Studies (March 2016)
- International Studies Association annual conference (March 2015)
- Association for Asian Studies annual conference (March 2015)
- Harvard University, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs (March 2014)
- Cornell University, invited China workshop (May 2013)

Coercive Institutions and State Violence Under Authoritarianism.

- Columbia University Weatherhead East Asia Institute (April 2017)
- University of Pennsylvania, Browne Center/Center for Study of Contemporary China (Jan. 2016)
- Duke University, "Young Turks" Workshop on civil-military relations (May 2015)
- Columbia University Human Rights Program (April 2015)
- Security Studies Program, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (March 2014)
- International Studies Association annual conference (March 2014)
- Mershon Center/Institute for Korean Studies, Ohio State University (November 2013)
- Program on Order, Conflict, and Violence, Yale University (October 2013)
- American Political Science Association annual conference (September 2013, Sept. 2012, Aug. 2011)
- Association for Asian Studies annual conference (March 2013, March 2012)
- Washington University in St. Louis (October 2012)
- Miller Center for Public Affairs, University of Virginia (May 2012)
- Third World Studies Center, University of the Philippines (November 2011)
- Sawyer Seminar on Human Rights, University of Wisconsin-Madison (May 2011)

Methodology for studying state violence and authoritarian politics:

- “Opacity and Transparency in the Study of Authoritarian Politics,” APSA (Sept. 2016)
- “Researching Political Violence under Authoritarianism: Ethics & Methodology,” APSA (Sept. 2015)
- “Authoritarianism Online: How Non-Democracies Deal with Information & Communication Technology,” Washington University in St. Louis (April 2013)
- “Lessons Learned from Archival Research in the U.S. and Asia,” Summer Institute for Conducting Archival Research, George Washington University (May 2011)

North Korea: Illicit Networks and Proliferation.

- Center for East Asia Policy Studies, Brookings Institution (April 2014)
- Brookings–Korea Institute for Defense Analysis annual conference (September 2013)
- Turtle Bay Security Roundtable, “Proliferation Challenges in a Flat World” (January 2013)
- Illicit Networks Summit, CFR/Google Ideas/Tribeca film festival (July 2012)
- Oxford University, “Changing Practices & Discourses of War and Crime” conference (January 2007)
- Naval Postgraduate School conference “Terrorism, Networks & WMD Proliferation” (July 2006)
- Center for International Security & Cooperation/Preventive Defense Project (May-June 2005)
- Harvard Kennedy School, Harvard University (November 2007, March 2012)

## **TEACHING**

### **University of Texas at Austin-LBJ School (\*scheduled)**

Chinese Politics and Foreign Policy (MGPS: F20, Spr23, Spr25)

Democracy & Dictatorship (MGPS: Spr21)

Writing & Communication for Global Policy Studies (MGPS: Spr21, Spr22, Spr23)

Research Design & Qualitative Methods (PhD: F22, F24, F25)

PhD Colloquium (PhD: Spr22)

### **University of Missouri**

America’s Wars in Asia (Undergrad: Spr17, Spr20)

Democracy and Dictatorship (PhD: Spr15, Spr17; F18)

Dictatorship and Democracy (Undergrad: Spr15; F18)

Chinese Politics and Foreign Policy (Undergrad: F15, F19)

China and Political Science (PhD: F15, F19)

Research Design & Qualitative Methods (PhD: Spr16, Spr20)

Research Design & Development Workshop (PhD: Sum19)

Professional Development in Political Science (PhD: Spr20)

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS & SERVICE**

Service to the LBJ School (UT-Austin)

- Chair, Security Studies Search Committee (2025-26)
- Chair, Economics & National Security Search Committee (2025-26)
- Co-Chair, Search Committee on Russia/E. Europe & Security (joint, Clements Center, 2023-24)
- Tenure Review Committee (Chair-2024-25; Chair for prima facie review, 2023-24)
- Mid-Tenure Review Committees (Chair-2021; Member-2020)
- Junior Faculty Mentor (2022-2025)
- Graduate Advisor, PhD program (Jan. 2022-Dec. 2022); Assistant GA (Fall 2021, Spr. 2023)
- Chair, PhD Graduate Studies Committee (August 2021-August 2023)
- PhD Admissions Committee (2020-21, 2022-23)
- Faculty and Student Awards Committee (2025-26)

- Budget Council, PhD GSC, MGPS GSC (2020-present), provisional MNS GSC (2024-present)

#### Service to the University of Texas at Austin

- Faculty Working Group on Academic Integrity, UT-Austin (2025-present)
- Advisory Committee on Classified Research, UT-Austin (2020-present)
- Executive Committee, School of Civic Leadership (2023-2025)
- Ho Distinguished Lecture in China Studies Committee, Center for East Asian Studies (2025)
- Steering Committee, Philosophy, Politics & Economics Program, UT-Austin (2021-2022)
- Search Committee (Civitas Institute Director), Office of the President (2021-2022)
- Executive Committee, Center for East Asian Studies, UT-Austin (2020-2022)

#### Departmental & Campus Service (University of Missouri)

- Department: Executive Committee (2019-2021); Graduate Studies Committee (2018-19); Undergraduate Studies Committee (2015-16); Awards Committee (2015-16)
- Search Committees: Constitutional Democracy (Political Science & Kinder Institute, 2019-20); Korean Politics & Public Policy (Political Science & Truman School, 2018-19)
- Campus: Peace Studies Advisory Committee (2019-20); Internationalization Strategic Planning Committee (2019-20)

#### Disciplinary Service:

- Co-Chair, Security Working Group, Mapping Global China project (2026--)
- Advisory Board, Chicago Council Survey on Global Affairs (2023--)
- Task Force on U.S.-China Policy, Asia Society and University of California-San Diego (2022--)
- Advisory Board, Chinese Language Fellowship Program, NBR (2018--)
- Advisory Board, Interpret: China project, Center for Strategic & International Studies (2021--)
- Selection/Advisory Board, N. Korea Freedom Scholarship, Bush Presidential Library (2017--)
- Korea Foundation, Fellowship Program Advisory Committee (2025)
- Steering Committee, “Emerging Methodologists Workshop,” APSA Section on Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (2023-25)
- Mentor: Univ. of Pittsburgh Afghanistan Project (2024--25); Penn Project on US-China Relations technology fellows (2024--25)
- Editor-in-Chief, *Texas National Security Review* (2024--)
- Associate Editor, *Security Studies* (2020-2022).
- Editorial boards: *Comparative Political Studies* (2021--); *Asian Survey* (2021--); *Asian Politics & Policy* (2020—); *Asia Policy* (2019-2026); *Texas National Security Review* (2020-2024).
- Distinguished Member (advisory), Foreign Area Officer Association, Korea chapter (2020--)
- Member: Academic Freedom Alliance (2021--); Digital Freedom Forum, Center for a New American Security (2020-2022); APSA Qualitative Transparency Deliberations Working Group, “Research in Authoritarian/Repressive Political Regimes” (2016-2020); Committee on Recommendations to AAU, National Committee on US-China Relations (2019).
- Award Committees:
  - APSA Robert Dahl Award (Chair, 2024)
  - ISA Best Book Award (2021-2022)
  - APSA International Security Section, Best Article Award (2019)
  - APSA Comparative Democratization Section, Best Book Award (2016, 2018)
  - APSA International History & Politics Section, Best Article Award (2018)
  - APSA Politics & History Section, Walter Dean Burnham Dissertation Award (2015)
  - APSA Politics, Literature & Film Section, Wilson Carey McWilliams Prize (2009)

- Co-editor, *PS: Political Science & Politics*, symposium, online data in political science (April 2013).
- Panel Chair, Migration & Minority Group Representation, SPSA (2021).
- Program Chair, Asian Politics Section, MPSA (2019-20).
- Conference panel organizer: “Mobilization and Repression under Authoritarianism” (APSA, 2019); “Narrative, Identity, Citizenship: How N. Korean Defectors Shape Politics” (AAS, Seattle, 2016); “China’s Security State: Past, Present, Future” (AAS, Chicago, 2015); “Coercive Institutions Under Authoritarianism” (APSA, New Orleans, 2012)
- Discussant/panelist: Defense Information Sharing dialogue (Sept. 2025); Korea Economic Institute (Feb. 2025); Stanford Next Asia Lab Colloquium (Feb. 2025); West Point Security Conference (Feb. 2025); IPSCON/Johns Hopkins panel (Nov. 2024); Chinese Politics Research Workshop (Nov. 2024); Ohio State Mershon Center panel (Nov. 2024); Army War College PLA Conference (Oct. 2024); Carnegie workshop on nuclear targeting (Jan. 2024); Brookings panel on “Contested Sealift in the Western Pacific (Dec. 2023); CSIS/CAPS conference on Taiwan (Nov. 2023); AEI-Civitas Institute conference (Feb. 2023); Texas Triangle IR conference roundtable (Jan. 2023); U.S.-Philippines Indo-Pacific Conversation Series (CSIS Pacific Forum, Feb. 2022); National Committee on North Korea panel on “North Korea’s Surveillance State” (Oct. 2021); CSIS/SoSI “CCP at 100” conference (Nov. 2021); “Author Meets Critics” roundtables (Erica DeBruin, Kristen Harkness, APSA 2021); America in the World consortium (June 2021); panel “Controlling the Narrative: Public Diplomacy and Propaganda of Autocratic States” (ISA, Apr. 2021); “Author Meets Critics” roundtables (Jennifer Pan, Paul Schuler, SPSA 2021); Carnegie panel on *The Emperor’s New Road* (Fall 2020); Harvard International Relations Colloquium (Fall 2020); Scholars at Risk event (Nov. 2020); Asian Online Political Science Seminar (Fall 2020); Perry World House/*International Organization* conference (Spring 2020).
- Book workshops: Indiana-Bloomington (Apr. 2026, invited); Princeton (Oct. 2025); Indiana-Bloomington (Oct. 2024); Columbia (Mar. 2024); Yale (Sept. 2023); Univ. of Michigan (Sept. 2022); Univ. of Denver (Mar. 2022); Univ. of Virginia (May 2021); Arizona State (Aug. 2020).
- Reviewer: *Administration & Society*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *Asia Policy*, *Asian Politics & Policy*, *Asian Security*, *Asian Survey*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *China Journal*, *China Quarterly*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Democratization*, *European Journal of International Relations*, *Foreign Policy Analysis*, *Government & Opposition*, *Human Rights Review*, *International Security*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *International Studies Review*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Journal of Current Chinese Affairs*, *Journal of East Asian Studies*, *Journal of Korean Studies*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *World Politics*. Brookings Institution; Cambridge University Press; Columbia University Press; Center for American Progress; Center for Security and Emerging Technology (Georgetown); Harvard University Press; Oxford University Press; National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine; National Science Foundation; Routledge; Smith Richardson Foundation; University of California Press; Yale University Press.
- Research-based media commentary and coverage: *Arirang TV*, *Asabi TV*, *Asia Business Daily*, *Associated Press*, *The Atlantic*, *Ave Maria radio*, *BBC*, *Bloomberg*, *Business Insider*, *Buzzfeed*, *Channel News Asia*, *CNN*, *Columbia Daily Tribune*, *Daily Mail*, *Deutsche Welle*, *Financial Times*, *Fox News*, *Fuji TV*, *Global Post*, *The Guardian*, *KBS*, *KFRU*, *Los Angeles Times*, *The Maneater*, *Le Monde*, *NBC News*, *New York Daily News*, *New York Post*, *New York Times*, *Newsweek*, *NKNews*, *National Public Radio*, *Phnom Penh Post*, *Politico*, *Radio Free Asia*, *Reuters*, *Slate (Political Gabfest)*, *South China Morning Post*, *TBS “This Morning”*, *The Telegraph*, *Time Magazine*, *Times Radio*, *U.S. News & World Report*, *USA Today*, *Vice News*, *Vox*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Washington Post*, *Washington Times*, *Wired*.

- Professional Memberships: National Committee on US-China Relations (2015-present); American Political Science Association (2007-present); Association for Asian Studies (2010-present); International Studies Association (2012-present).

## RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### First Lady, State of Missouri (2017-2018)

- Co-led State trade mission to China and South Korea (Fall 2017)
- Led a major policy research & advocacy initiative on foster care, adoption, and prevention of child abuse and neglect, resulting in multiple administrative reforms and passage of two legislative reform packages (SB800 and SB819)
- As the first working spouse to reside in the Governor's Mansion, worked with the Women's Foundation & state leaders to appoint 50+ women to statewide boards & commissions

### Oxford University Press (2006-2012)

- Edited chapters and coordinated production of textbooks on strategy, international relations

### Office of the Secretary of State, Policy Planning Staff (Summer 2006)

- Wrote briefing/decision memos on East Asia, nuclear proliferation, and sanctions.

### International Institute of Strategic Studies (Summer 2004)

- Conducted research and drafted text for *The Military Balance 2004-05*.

### Asia-Pacific Research Center at Stanford University (2002-03)

- Research for *Rethinking Historical Injustice & Reconciliation in Northeast Asia* (Routledge, 2008).

### Brookings Institution, Center for Northeast Asia Policy Studies, Washington, DC (2003)

- Research Korea-China relations for chapter in *Korea at the Center: Dynamics of Regionalism in Northeast Asia* (ME Sharpe, 2005)

## RESEARCH SKILLS & TRAINING

- **Software:** R, LaTeX, ArcGIS
- **Languages:** Mandarin Chinese (proficient); Spanish (intermediate); German, Korean (basic)
- **Overseas field research & travel:** China (2005, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2017, 2025); Taiwan (2010, 2011, 2013); South Korea (2005, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017); North Korea (2012); Japan (2005, 2013, 2014); Philippines (2011, 2012); Burma/Myanmar (2012); Australia (2024); Singapore (2025).
  - Visiting Scholar, Institute of Political Science, Academia Sinica (Taipei, 2010)
  - Visiting Scholar, Institute for China Studies, Seoul National University (Seoul, 2011)
  - Visiting Fellow, Third World Studies Center, Univ. of the Philippines (Manila, 2011)
- **Additional professional training:**
  - Bridging the Gap, International Policy Studies Institute (2021)
  - Responsible Public Engagement Institute (Univ. of Denver, 2021)
  - Faculty Success Program, National Center for Faculty Development & Diversity (2020)
  - Summer Institute on Conducting Archival Research (SICAR, 2011)
  - Institute for Qualitative & Multi-method Research (IQMR, 2011)