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### **Education**

Ph.D. (Political Science), Harvard University, 1991

M.A. (Political Science), Harvard University, 1989

Master of Fine Arts (Creative Writing), University of Pittsburgh, 1986

B.A. (English), the Shanghai International Studies University, 1982

### **Employment and Teaching Experience**

Tom and Margot Pritzker Professor of Government, Claremont McKenna College, since July 2009 –

Senior Associate, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Washington DC, Jan. 1999 – June 2009)

Assistant Professor, Department of Politics, Princeton University, 1992-1998

MacArthur Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Davidson College, Davidson, North Carolina, 1991-1992

Teaching Fellow, Government Department, Harvard University, 1988-1991

Teaching Assistant, English Department, University of Pittsburgh, 1984-1986

Instructor, English Department, the Shanghai International Studies University, 1982-1984

**Courses Taught at Davidson College and Princeton University (1991-1998)**

Introduction to International Relations

Introduction to Comparative Politics

Politics in Asia

The Rise of Democracies

Politics in East Asia

International Relations in Asia

Asian Politics (Graduate Seminar)

Federalism (Graduate Seminar)

**Administrative Experience**

Director, the Keck Center for International and Strategic Studies, Claremont McKenna College, since July 2009

Director, the China Program, Carnegie Endowment, April 2004 – March 2008

Co-Director, the China Program, Carnegie Endowment, January 2002 -- March 2004

**Honors, Awards and Fellowships**

The Olin Faculty Fellowship, Olin Foundation, 1997-98

LaPorte Preceptorship, Princeton University, 1995-98

(An award given to outstanding junior faculty at Princeton)

The Robert McNamara Fellowship, the World Bank, 1994-95

Edward Teller National Fellowship, Hoover Institution, Stanford University, 1994-95

Edward Chase Prize for the Best Dissertation in a field of political science, Harvard University, 1992

Outstanding Senior Thesis Award, the Shanghai Bureau of Higher Education, 1982

## Major Grants

Luce Foundation, \$330,000, for a project on energy security and climate change in China (2007-10)

General Motors, \$80,000, for Carnegie Endowment's work in China (2004-08)

Smith Richardson Foundation, \$100,000, for a research project on assessing medium-term risks in China (2006-08)

Smith Richardson Foundation, \$200,000, for a research project on diverging governance in Chinese provinces (2005-06)

James Kimsey Foundation, \$100,000, for operating costs of the China Program's office in Beijing (2002-04)

Henry Luce Foundation, \$300,000, for a research project on legal reform in Shanghai (2002-04)

Smith Richardson Foundation, \$375,000, for a research project on political reform in China (2001-03)

Unsolicited Grant, the United States Institute of Peace, \$35,000 (1994-95)

## Board Membership

Board member, the Pacific Basin Institute at Pomona College, 2005-08

Editorial board, *Journal of Democracy*, since 2001

Advisory board, *East Asia: International Quarterly*, since 2007

**Columnist** for *L'espresso*, Italy's largest newsweekly

## Publications:

### 1. Books:

*China's Trapped Transition: The Limits of Developmental Autocracy* (Harvard University Press, 2006)

*From Reform to Revolution: The Demise of Communism in China and the Soviet Union* (Harvard University Press, 1994)

Editor, *Zhongnanhai's Choice: Challenges for China's New Leaders* (Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co., 2004) (in Chinese)

## 2. Journal Articles and Book Chapters:

"The Hype about Asia's Rise," *Foreign Policy*, July/August, 2009

"Will The Chinese Communist Party Survive the Crisis?" *Foreign Affairs.com* March 2009

"Looming Stagnation," *The National Interest*, (March/April 2009)

"How China is Ruled," *The American Interest*, (March/April 2008), pp. 46-51.

"Fighting Corruption: A Difficult Challenge for Chinese Leaders," in Cheng Li ed., *China's Changing Political Landscape: Prospects for Democracy* (Washington, D.C.: Brookings Institution Press, 2008), pp. 229-50.

"China's Hedged Acquiescence: Coping with US Hegemony," in Byung-Kook Im and Anthony Jones, eds., *Power and Security in Northeast Asia: Shifting Strategies* (Boulder: Lynne Rienner, 2007), pp. 99-126.

"How Will China Democratize," *Journal of Democracy*, Vol. 18, No. 3 (July 2007), pp. 53-57.

"China: Can Economic Growth Continue without Political Reform," in *Strategic Asia 2006*, eds., Ashley Tellis and Michael Willis (Seattle, Bureau for Asian Research 2006), pp. 302-331.

"The Dark Side of China's Rise," *Foreign Policy* (March/April 2006).

"Building Nations: Lessons from the American Experience," (co-authored with Samia Amin and Seth Garz), in *The Politics and Lessons of Nation-Building*, ed., Francis Fukuyama (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2006), pp. 64-85.

"Rotten From Within: Decentralized Predation and Incapacitated State," in *The Nation State in Question*, eds. by T. V. Paul, John Ikenberry, and John Hall (Princeton University Press, 2003), pp. 321-349.

"Domestic Changes in China and Implications for American Policy," in *U.S.-China Relations in the Twenty-first Century: Policies, Prospects, and Possibilities*, eds., Christopher Marsh and June Dreyer (Lexington Books 2003), pp. 43-62.

"The Paradoxes of American Nationalism," *Foreign Policy* May/June 2003, pp. 31-37.

"Contradictory trends and confusing signals," *Journal of Democracy* vol. 14, no. 1 (January 2003), pp. 73-81.

"China's Governance Crisis," *Foreign Affairs* (September/October 2002), pp. 96-109.

"Implementing the Institutions of Democracy," *International Journal on World Peace*, Vol. XIX, No. 4 (December 2002), pp. 3-31.

"Bullish on Democracy: Research Notes on Multinationals and the Third Wave" *The National Interest*, Number 70, (Winter/2002-03) (co-authored with Merritt Lyon), pp. 79-86.

"Self-Administration and Local Autonomy: Reconciling Conflicting Interests in China," in *The Self-Determination of Peoples* ed. by Wolfgang Danspeckgruber (Boulder: Lynne Rienner 2001), pp. 315-334.

"Legal Reform and Secure Commercial Transactions: Evidence from China," in *Assessing the Value of Law in Transition Economies* ed. Peter Murrell, (University of Michigan Press, 2001), pp. 180-210.

"Political Institutions, Democracy, and Development," in *Democracy, Market Economics and Development: An Asian Perspective*, eds., Farruch Iqbal and Jong-Il You (Washington DC: The World Bank 2001), pp. 25-48.

"China's Evolution Toward Soft-Authoritarianism," in Barret McCormick, ed., *What If China Does Not Democratize* (M.E. Sharpe, 2000), pp.74-98.

"Political Change in Post-Mao China: Progress and Challenges," in Ted Galen Carpenter and James A. Dorn, eds., *China's Future: Constructive Partner or Emerging Threat?* (Cato Institute Press, 2000), pp. 291-316.

"Why Recessions Don't Start Revolutions," *Foreign Policy* (Spring 2000), (co-authored with David Adesnik), pp.138-151.

"Rights and Resistance: The Changing Context of the Dissident Movement in China," in Elizabeth Perry and Mark Selden, eds., *Chinese Society: Change, Conflict and Resistance* (London: Routledge, 2000), pp. 20-40.

"Will China Become Another Indonesia?" *Foreign Policy* (Fall 1999), pp. 94-109.

"Democratization in the Greater China Region," *Access Asia* (July 1998), pp. 5-40.

"Civic Associations in China: An Empirical Analysis," *Modern China* (July 1998), pp. 285-318.

"The Political Economy of Banking Reform in China, 1993-97," *Journal of Contemporary China* (July 1998), pp. 321-350.

"The Fall and Rise of Democracy in East Asia," in Larry Diamond and Marc Plattner, eds., *Democracy in East Asia* (Johns Hopkins University Press, 1998), pp. 57-78.

"Is China Democratizing?" *Foreign Affairs*, Vol. 77, No. 1 (January-February 1998), pp. 68-82.

"Citizens v. Mandarins: Administrative Litigation in China," *China Quarterly* (December 1997), pp. 832-862.

"Constructing the Political Foundations for Rapid Economic Growth," in Henry Rowen, ed. *Behind East Asia's Growth: The Political and Social Foundations of an Economic Miracle* (London: Routledge, 1997), pp. 39-59.

"Racing Against Time: Institutional Decay and Renewal in China," in William Joseph, ed. *China Briefing 1996* (M.E. Sharpe, 1997), pp. 11-49.

"The Microfoundations of State-Socialism and Patterns of Economic Transition" in *Post-Communist Studies*, Vol.29, No. 2 (July 1996), pp. 131-146.

"Creeping Democratization in China," *Journal of Democracy* Vol. 6, No. 4 (October 1995), pp. 65-79.

"The Puzzle of East Asian Exceptionalism," *Journal of Democracy*, Vol. 5, No. 4 (October 1994), pp. 90-103.

"Societal Take-Over in China and the USSR," *Journal of Democracy*, Vol.3. No. 1 (January 1992), pp. 108-118.

### **3. Book Reviews**

Review of Philip Pan's *Out of Mao's Shadow* in *Slate*, August 2008

Review of Kellee Tsai's *Capitalism without Democracy* in *The China Journal*, No. 60 (July 2008), pp. 187-189.

Review of *Chinese Intellectuals Between State and Market*, eds. Merle Goldman and Edward Gu, in *The China Journal*, January 2005, pp. 187-189.

Review of Andrew Nathan's *China's Transition*, in *Political Science Quarterly* (spring 1999), pp. 152-153

Review of "Guoji xingshi fenxi baogao 1997-98" in *Foreign Policy* (Summer 1998), pp. 138-141

#### **4. Policy Briefs and Op-Eds**

"Uighur Riots Show Need for Rethink by Beijing," *The Financial Times*, July 10, 2009

"Fixing the Odds," (with Ali Wyne), *The International Herald Tribune*, June 25, 2009

"How Beijing Kept its Grip on Power," *The Financial Times*, June 3, 2009

"A Freer China Would Stimulate Spending" (with Ali Wyne), *The Financial Times*, April 8, 2009

"Government by Corruption," *Forbes.com*, January 26, 2009

"How Beijing can Boost Human Capital," *The Financial Times*, January 9, 2009

"Out into the World," *Newsweek International*, December 31, 2008

"Were China's Glittering Games All Gold?" *The Washington Post*, August 31, 2008

"China's Repression of Civil Society will Haunt it," *The Financial Times*, August 4, 2008

"Rumors and Riots," *International Herald Tribune*, July 8, 2008

"Taiwan Poll Offers Hope of Peace with China," *The Financial Times*, March 26, 2008

"A Crash is China's Chance for Reform," (co-authored with Wayne Chen) *The Financial Times*, January 21, 2008

"An Unlikely Ally," *Newsweek International*, January 21, 2008

"How Hu Can Break Free From Political Gridlock," *The Financial Times*, October 12, 2007

"Corruption Threatens China's Future," *Carnegie Policy Brief No. 55 (October 2007)*

"Made in China Label Won't Survive without Rule of Law," *Global Viewpoint*, June 16, 2007

"Ways to End Sino-Japanese Chill," (co-authored with Danielle Cohen), *The Financial Times*, April 9, 2007

"The High Cost of Prosperity," *International Herald Tribune*, March 5, 2007

"How to Deal with North Korea," (Co-authored with Oriana Mastro) *The Financial Times*, December 13, 2006

"The Tide of Corruption Threatening China's Prosperity," *The Financial Times*, September 27, 2006

"How Rotten Politics Feeds a Bad Loan Crunch in China," *The Financial Times*, May 7, 2006.

"A Smoke Screen: China Needs Better Leadership, Not Another Morality Campaign," *Newsweek International*, March 10, 2006

"China Is Stagnating in Its 'Trapped Transition,'" *The Financial Times*, February 24, 2006.

"A Vicious Sino-Japanese Cycle of Rhetoric," *The Financial Times*, December 21, 2005 (co-authored with Danielle Cohen)

"A Simmering Fire in Asia: Averting Sino-Japanese Strategic Conflict," *Carnegie Policy Brief* No. 44 (November 2005) (co-authored with Michael Swaine)

"China is Paying the Price of Rising Social Unrest," *The Financial Times*, November 7, 2005

"A Fresh Approach on China," *International Herald Tribune*, September 9, 2005

"Time to Reflect How Far China Has to Go," *The Financial Times*, January 18, 2005

"China Eyes Democracy," *International Politik*, Vol. 5, No. 4 (Winter 2004), pp. 91-96.

"Time to Reflect on How Far China Has to Go," *The Financial Times*, January 19, 2005

"A Turning Point in Beijing: With Jiang Gone, China Can Rebalance," *International Herald Tribune*, September 21, 2004

"Beijing's Closed Politics Hinders 'New Diplomacy'," *The Financial Times*, September 9, 2004

"China Is Still Far From Being a Free-Market Economy," *The Asian Wall Street Journal*, August 24, 2004

"China's Social Contract Is Starting to Fray," *The Financial Times*, June 4, 2004

"Democratic Contagion," *Newsweek International*, March 22, 2004

"Why nation-building fails in mid-course," co-authored with Samia Amin and Seth Garz, *International Herald Tribune*, March 17, 2004

"China's Ruling Party Can't Have It All," *The Financial Times*, January 14, 2004

"Where Taiwan Support Stops," co-authored with Michael Swaine, *The Washington Post*, December 7, 2003

"Power grows out of a populist agenda," *The Financial Times*, October 8, 2003

"Beijing should bid farewell to the hapless Tung," *The Financial Times*, July 24, 2003

"Lessons from the Past: The American Record on Nation Building," *Carnegie Policy Brief*, No. 24 (May 2003) (co-authored with Sara Kasper)

"Don't hold your breath for openness in China," *The Financial Times*, May 7, 2003

"A country that does not take care of its people," *The Financial Times* April 8, 2003

"A docile China is bad for global peace," *The Financial Times*, March 11, 2003

"The real test of China's appetite for reform," *The Financial Times*, January 28, 2003

"The morning after regime change: should the US force democracy again?" *The Christian Science Monitor*, January 15, 2003 (co-authored with Sara Kaspser)

"China's long march against graft," *The Financial Times*, December 10, 2002

"Beijing Drama: China's governance crisis and Bush's new challenge," *Carnegie Policy Brief*, No. 21 (November 2002)

"China's Split Personality," *Newsweek International* (Fall/Winter 2002 Special China Issue), pp. 6-13.

"China's Red Tape," book review published in *Foreign Policy* September/October 2002

"A soul-searching mission in Beijing," *The Financial Times*, October 8, 2002

"Rebalancing U.S.-China Relations," *Carnegie Policy Brief* No. 13 (February 2002) (co-authored with Michael Swaine).

"China's Chance," *Asiaweek* October 5, 2001

"Beijing's chance to forge true alliance," *The South China Morning Post*, September 19, 2001.

"Cracked China," book review in *Foreign Policy* (September/October 2001) pp. 78-80.

"Village Elections: China's Experiment in Rural Self-government" in *Democracy at the Local Level: The International IDEA Handbook on Participation, Representation, Conflict Management and Governance* (Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance: Stockholm 2001), pp. 137-141

"Hearing the Voice of the People at Last," *Newsweek International*, May 7, 2001

"China's fragile mindset," *Christian Science Monitor*, April 9, 2001

"Future Shock: The WTO and Political Change in China" *Carnegie Endowment Policy Brief*, Vol. 1, No. 3 (February 2001)

"China's Political Institutions and Legal System", in *China Economic Briefing* (Center for Strategic and International Studies, 2001), pp. 29-36

"The Roots of China's Corruption" *Far Eastern Economic Review*, February 15, 2001

"It's now the politics, stupid," *The South China Morning Post*, January 4, 2001

"The Inscrutable Hegemon" in *Foreign Policy* (September/October 2000), pp. 92-96

"Democracies Grow More Resilient to Economic Crisis," co-author with David Adesnik, in *International Herald Tribune*, March 4/5, 2000

"A Long Road Ahead," *The Far Eastern Economic Review*, January 27, 2000, pp. 44-45

"The Political Lessons of the East Asian Financial Crisis," *China Business Review* (September-October 1999), pp. 8-10.

"The corruption conundrum," *The South China Morning Post*, September 28, 1999

"Is China Stable?" *The Asian Wall Street Journal*, July 28, 1999

"June 4 will fuel Sino-US disputes," co-authored with Catharin Dalpino, *The South China Morning Post*, February 21, 1999

"Here's Evidence of a Kinder, Gentler China," *The Asian Wall Street Journal*, March 30, 1994

"Don't Link China Trade to Human Rights," *The New York Times*, May 22, 1993

"The Student Dilemma: To Return Home or Stay," *The Boston Globe*, June 25, 1989

"Put China in an Economic Vise," *Los Angeles Times*, June 23, 1989

"As Mr. Bush Partied in Beijing..." *The New York Times*, February 28, 1989

"Can the Leaders Ever Be Trusted?" *The Washington Post*, February 10, 1987