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**EDUCATION**

**Princeton University** Princeton, NJ |2008–2014

*Ph.D., M.A. in Politics*

**London School of Economics** London, UK | 2003–2004

*M.Sc., International Relations with Merit*

**Wesleyan University** Middletown, CT | 1997–2001

*BA, College of Social Studies (politics, economics, and history), summa cum laude*

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Political Scientist**,*RAND Corporation*Pittsburgh, PA | 2021–

* Researching Asian security, foreign aid, force acquisition, drug trafficking, extremism, and other topics**.**

**Executive Director**,*Midwest International Policy Institute*Minneapolis, MN | 2018–2020

* Created think tank developing Midwest trade and migration policies. Researched impact of US-China trade war on regional agriculture, manufacturing, and export industries. Conducted local needs assessment and initial fundraising; developed strategic plan and budget**.**

**Assistant Professor of Political Science**, *Fordham University & University at Albany – SUNY* 2014–2018

* Taught graduate and undergraduate courses on East Asian security, trade, and development. Created courses on statecraft and negotiation and international order.
* Served as Chair in International Security for new Master’s of International Affairs program. Managed six research assistants. Served on two hiring committees.

**Program Officer**, *National Democratic Institute*Washington, DC | 2005–2008

* Designed democracy development strategies for programs in China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Cambodia, and 50 other countries aligned with local stakeholder interests.
* Secured $30 million in USAID, UNDP, and DFID grants. Managed one employee and six interns.
* Conducted on-site needs assessment and evaluations in Indonesia and Iraq. Led international team rescuing $5 million program in DR Congo. Wrote best practices guides on surveys, focus groups, and program evaluation.

**Consultant**, *The United Nations, Department of Political Affairs*New York, NY | 2004–2005

* + Conducted threat assessments on the Taiwan Strait and North Korea’s nuclear program. Supported UN policy process on the Six Party Talks, writing talking points for Secretary-General Kofi Annan.
  + Researched reports and briefed Principals on East Asian military balance, Iranian-Chinese energy relations, and terrorist activity in the Middle East.

**Foreign Policy Analyst**, *Democratic Progressive Party (Taiwan)*Taipei, TAIWAN | 2001–2003

* + Analyzed US-China-Taiwan political, military, and economic relations. Researched reports on Chinese foreign policy and conducted military scenario planning to inform Executive branch decision-making.
  + Drafted speeches for the Vice President. Supported three campaign tours for 30 diplomats during 2001 legislative and 2002 municipal elections.

**Other Positions and Consultancies**

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| * International Center for Transitional Justice (2008) * Natural Resource Governance Institute (2008) * Council for International Exchange of Scholars (2005) | * Coalition for Asian American Children and Families (2003) * Taipei Times (2001–2003) |

### RESEARCH

**Books**

* [*Following the Leader: International Order, Alliance Strategies, and Emulation*](https://www.sup.org/books/title/?id=33551). Stanford University Press, 2021.
* [*Contests of Initiative: Confronting China’s Gray Zone Maritime Strategy*](https://westphaliapress.org/2021/02/06/contests-of-initiative/). George Mason University-Westphalia Press, 2021.

### Peer-Reviewed Publications

* Kuo, Raymond and Brian Blankenship. (2022). “[Deterrence and Restraint: Do Joint Military Exercises Escalate Conflict?](https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/00220027211023147)” *Journal of Conflict Resolution*. 66:1, 3-31.

### Kuo, Raymond. (2020). “[Secrecy among Friends: Covert Military Alliances and Portfolio Consistency](https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/0022002719849676).” *Journal of Conflict Resolution*. 64:1, 63-89.

* Kuo, Raymond. (2019). “[Communal Violence and Economic Migration in Pakistan](https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1111/imig.12590).” *International Migration*. 57:5.

### Kuo, Raymond. (2014). “[Evolution and Territorial Conflict](https://rkuo.weebly.com/uploads/5/8/0/4/58044943/kuo2015.pdf).” *International Security*. 39:3.

### Kuo, Raymond. (2008). “[Occupation and the Just War](https://rkuo.weebly.com/uploads/5/8/0/4/58044943/occupation.pdf).” *International Relations.* 22:3.

* Steele, Liza and Raymond Kuo. (2007). “[Terrorism in Xinjiang](https://rkuo.weebly.com/uploads/5/8/0/4/58044943/terrorism_in_xinjiang.pdf)?” *Ethnopolitics.* 6:1.

**Under Review**

* Kuo, Raymond and Jennifer Spindel. “The Unintended Consequences of Arms Embargoes.” Revise & Resubmit.

### ASIA-RELATED MEDIA APPEARANCES

### 3/9/2022 Panelist, “[Gray Zone Operations or Cross-Channel Invasion?](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=95Gcf-fpsDQ)” Global Taiwan Institute.

### 2/3/2022 Interview, “[Strategic Clarity and the Future of U.S.-Taiwan Foreign Relations](https://www.nbr.org/publication/strategic-clarity-and-the-future-of-u-s-taiwan-foreign-relations/).” NBR.

2/25/2022 Invited Talk. “Contests of Initiative.” Air Command and Staff College.

1/12/2021 Interview. “[Responding to China’s Maritime Strategy](https://kymnradio.net/2022/01/12/national-security-this-week-with-alan-carlson-china-taiwan-and-the-south-china-sea/).” National Security This Week.

### 12/6/2021 Article. "[The Counter-Intuitive Sensibility of Taiwan's New Defense Strategy.](https://warontherocks.com/2021/12/the-counter-intuitive-sensibility-of-taiwans-new-defense-strategy/)"  War on the Rocks.

### 11/19/2021 Panelist. “[Taiwan’s Security: The View from Political Science](https://global.utexas.edu/events/taiwans-security-view-political-science).” University of Texas, Austin.

### 11/16/2021 Guest Analyst. “[China's Xi Jinping Warns 'Old Friend' About 'Playing With Fire' On Taiwan](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rt5POfsSFxM).” The Gist, *StratNews Global* (India).

### 10/11/2021 Interview. "[The Many Signals China is Sending with Its Taiwan Flyovers](https://www.vox.com/22713517/china-taiwan-tensions-united-states-xi-biden)." Vox Media.

### 7/30/2021 Panelist. “[PRC Pressure on Taiwan: Same Strategy, New Tactics](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F_p3VAqWHoo).” National Bureau of Asian Research.

### 5/18/2021 Invited Talk. “[Contests of Initiative](https://www.stimson.org/event/contests-of-initiative-countering-chinas-gray-zone-strategy-in-the-east-and-south-china-seas/).”  The Stimson Center.

### 5/11/2021 Guest Analyst. “[Countering China’s Goal of ‘Reunifying’ Taiwan by Force](https://stratnewsglobal.com/china/countering-chinas-goal-of-reunifying-taiwan-by-force/).” The Gist, *StratNews Global* (India).

### 3/24/2021 Panelist, “[China in a Biden Foreign Policy](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CRyxLy5H5Vw).” NYU Center for Global Affairs.

### 3/11/2021 Invited Talk and Book Launch. “[Contests of Initiative](https://www.hhh.umn.edu/event/contests-initiative-countering-chinas-gray-zone-strategy-east-and-south-china-seas).” George Mason University Schar School and University of Minnesota Humphrey School.

### 6/21/2018 Podcast, “[North Korea Visit More Photo Op than Summit](https://news.fordham.edu/politics-and-society/north-korea-visit-more-a-goat-rodeo-than-a-summit/).” Fordham News

### 6/22/2017   Podcast, “[Can Trump Be a Bismarck in Asia?](https://www.carnegiecouncil.org/studio/multimedia/2017-0622-raymond-kuo-can-trump-be-a-bismarck-in-asia)”, Carnegie Endowment for Ethics in International Affairs

### 1/6/2017  Article, “[Can Trumpian Triangular Diplomacy Work?](http://thediplomat.com/2017/01/can-trumpian-triangular-diplomacy-work/)”, *The Diplomat*

### 12/6/2016   Op-Ed, “[Will Trump, like Reagan and Bush, Walk Back His Approach to Taiwan?](http://nationalinterest.org/blog/the-buzz/will-trump-reagan-bush-walk-back-his-approach-taiwan-18634)”, *The National Interest*

### 9/12/2016   TV, Taped Interview on Clinton foreign policy, *YLE Broadcasting Company* (Finland)

### 3/2/2016 “[Compelling Compliance? How Taiwanese Identity Disrupts Cross-Strait Deterrence](https://cpianalysis.org/2016/03/02/compelling-compliance-how-taiwanese-identity-disrupts-cross-strait-deterrence/)”, *China Policy Institute*

### ADDITIONAL SKILLS

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| *Language* |  | Advanced Chinese (中文), intermediate Modern Standard Arabic (الفصحى العربية اللغة), advanced French (*le français* – reading) |
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| *Methods* |  | Elite Interviewing; History and Archival Analysis; Survey experiments; Machine Learning; Spatial Econometrics; Social Network Analysis; Hierarchical Modeling; Bayesian Statistics; Computer-Assisted Text Analysis; Agent-Based Modeling; Data Visualization; Webscraping; Synthetic Controls |
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| *Technical* |  | R, Python, SQL, Stata, LaTeX, HTML, MS Office Applications, Tableau |
| *Interests* |  | Public lectures for Great Decisions; Manage family scholarship for San Fernando Valley HS; Inventing cocktails, target shooting, video and board games |