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EDUCATION

Massachusetts Institute of Technology: Ph.D. candidate in Political Science, 2012-Present
Subfield: International Relations and Comparative Politics
Research Interests: Chinese foreign policy and East Asian Security
International Relations and Comparative Politics General Examinations: High Pass

University of Wisconsin-Madison: B.A. in Political Science and Sociology, 2010-2012
Graduated Phi Beta Kappa; With Distinction in Political Science

Zhejiang University: 2008-2010
Major: International Relations

AFFILIATIONS

The Institute for Security and Conflict Studies (ISCS) at George Washington University,
August 2016-June 2017
Pre-doctoral fellow

Tsinghua University, Department of International Relations, August 2015-August 2016
Visiting student

The China National Institute of South China Sea Studies (NISCSS), January and April, 2016
Visiting scholar

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

- Pre-doctoral Research Fellowship at the Institute for Security and Conflict Studies (ISCS) at George Washington University, August 2016-June 2017
- World Politics and Statecraft Fellowship (Smith Richardson Foundation), March 2016-March 2017
- Participant in the Prospectus Development Workshop at the Tobin Project, May 2015
- MIT Center for International Studies MISTI Grant for China, Summer 2014
- Ida M. Green Fellowship, Summer 2013
- MIT Energy Fellow, 2012-2014
- Phi Beta Kappa, 2012
- Jay C. Halls Scholarship (University of Wisconsin-Madison), 2011

- Political Science Department Scholarship (University of Wisconsin-Madison), 2011
- Study Abroad Scholarship (Zhejiang University), 2010
- National Scholarship for University Students (Chinese Ministry of Education), 2009

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles (Non-Peer Reviewed)

- Zhang, Ketian. "Challenges and Opportunities to the United States Regarding China's Rise," *Journal of Undergraduate International Studies*, 2011 (Fall), pp. 85-95.

Op-Eds/Other Short-Form Publications

- Zhang, Ketian. "'Patriots' with Different Characteristics: Deconstructing the Chinese Anti-Japan Protests in 2012," *Précis (MIT Center for International Relations)*, 2015 (Spring), http://web.mit.edu/cis/precis/2015spring/chinese_antijapan_protests.html#.VdfdNlOqqko
- Yang, Vivian.¹ "The Silver Lining in China's Crackdown." *Foreign Policy in Focus*. http://www.fpif.org/articles/the_silver_lining_in_chinas_rights_crackdown (2011).
- Yang, Vivian. "Is China's String of Pearls Real?" *Foreign Policy in Focus*. http://www.fpif.org/articles/is_chinas_string_of_pearls_real (2011).
- Yang, Vivian. "China and the U.S. Debt." *Foreign Policy in Focus*. http://www.fpif.org/articles/china_and_the_us_debt (2011).
- Yang, Vivian. "Review: America's Challenge." *Foreign Policy in Focus*. http://www.fpif.org/articles/review_americas_challenge (2011).
- Yang, Vivian. "Review: China, the United States, and Global Order." *Foreign Policy in Focus*. http://www.fpif.org/articles/review_china_the_united_states_and_global_order (2011).

Works in Progress

- "Smart Bully: Explaining China's Decisions to Impose Economic Sanctions."
- "Smart Bully – Explaining Chinese Coercion in The South China Sea (1990-2015)."
- "Third Party Intervention And Alliance Choices In Civil Wars – The Chinese Civil War As A Case."
- "Patriots of Diverse Characteristics: Deconstructing China's Anti-Japan Protests."

SEMINARS AND PRESENTATIONS

"Smart Bully – Explaining Chinese Coercion in The South China Sea (1990-2015)."
Presented at:

¹ For sensitivity issues that might raise concerns from the Chinese government, I used the pseudo name, Vivian Yang.

- The Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association (ISA), Panel on “China’s Regional Diplomacy: New Theories and New Evidence,” March 16, 2016
- MIT International Relations Work In Progress Working Group (IRWIP), March 28, 2016
- MIT Strategic Use of Force Working Group (SFWG), March 30, 2016
- The National Institute for South China Sea Studies (NISCSS) of China, April 7, 2016
- China Institute of Boundary and Ocean Studies (CIBOS) of Wuhan University, April 20, 2016

“Third Party Intervention And Alliance Choices In Civil Wars – The Chinese Civil War As A Case.” Presented at:

- The Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association (ISA), Panel on “Politics In Civil Wars,” March 17, 2016

“The Carrots and Sticks in China’s South China Sea Policies.” Presented at:

- The Conference on Solving the South China Sea Issue, held by the School of Political Science and Public Administration at Wuhan University, April 18, 2016

“Smart Bully: Explaining Chinese Coercion.” Presented at:

- The Department of International Relations at Tsinghua University of China, September 24, 2015
- MIT International Relations Work In Progress Working Group (IRWIP), February 24, 2015

“Smart Bully: Explaining China’s Decisions to Impose Economic Sanctions.” Presented at:

- The Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), Panel on “New Challenges in Chinese Security Policy,” April 17, 2015
- The Annual Meeting of the International Security Studies Section of ISA & the International Security and Arms Control Section of APSA (ISSS-ISAC), Panel on “China’s Economic Statecraft,” November 15, 2014
- Harvard-MIT-BU Chinese Politics Workshop (CCPRW), November, 2014
- MIT Strategic Use of Force Working Group (SFWG), April 8, 2014

“Patriots of Diverse Characteristics: Deconstructing China’s Anti-Japan Protests.”

- The Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (APSA), Panel on “Public Opinion and State Society Relations in China,” September 3, 2015

TEACHING EXPERIENCE AND RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

- Research Assistant to Professor M. Taylor Fravel, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (Summer 2015)
- Research Assistant to Professor M. Taylor Fravel, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (Summer 2014)

- Teaching Assistant to Professor Steve Van Evera, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, *Causes of Prevention of War* (Spring 2015, 6.8/7.0)
- Completion of the Kaufman Teaching Certificate Program (KTCP) at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (2015 Spring)
- Teaching Assistant to Professor Steve Van Evera, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, *American Foreign Policy* (Fall 2014, 6.0/7.0)
- Volunteer Lecturer for the Splash Program, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, *China, the United States, and the Korean War* (November 22, 2014)
- Guest lecturer, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, *Rise of Asia* (March 11 and April 6, 2015)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Discussant, The Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (APSA), Panel on "The Future of U.S. Grand Strategy: New Vulnerabilities, New Tools, New Threats?," September 5, 2015
- Coordinator, Harvard-MIT-BU Chinese Politics Workshop, 2013-2015
- Co-coordinator, MIT International Relations-Work-In-Progress Workshop, 2014-2015
- Repertoire, Conference "Japan in East Asian Security," organized by the Center for International Studies of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in collaboration with Graduate School of East Asian Studies of the Free University of Berlin, January 2015
- Expert judge for the Political Science Category, MIT INSPIRE, National High School Research Competition in the Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, January-April 2015
- Research Assistant, Institute for Policy Studies, May-August 2011
- Research Assistant, Hebei Provincial Government Research Office of China, January-February 2009

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ACADEMIC ASSOCIATIONS

- American Political Science Association; International Studies Association; Phi Beta Kappa

RESEARCH SKILLS AND TRAINING

- Chinese: native
- English: proficient
- Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR), Syracuse University, June 2015
- Fieldwork conducted: Summer 2013 (2 months, China); Winter 2014 (1 month, China); Summer 2014 (6 weeks, China); Winter 2014 (1 month, China); Summer 2015 to Summer 2016 (12 months, China)