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### Academic Positions

<b>University of Virginia</b>	Charlottesville, VA	08/2017 – 06/2018
Lecturer, Department of Politics		
<b>Yale University</b>	New Haven, CT	07/2016 – 06/2017
Postdoctoral Fellow, Council on East Asian Studies		

### Education

<b>University of Virginia</b>	Charlottesville, VA	12/2012 – 08/2016
Ph.D., Foreign Affairs		
Dissertation: Fighting the People, Fighting for the People: Insurgent Governance and Conflict Outcomes in China, Malaya, and Vietnam		
Committee: David Waldner (co-chair), Brantly Womack (co-chair), Jonah Schulhofer-Wohl, Bradley Reed		
M.A., Foreign Affairs		09/2010 – 12/2012
<b>Furman University</b>	Greenville, SC	09/2006 – 05/2010
B.A., Magna Cum Laude, Political Science and Asian Studies.		

### Academic Publications

Boo Chih Fu and the First Malayan Communist Party Split. 2019. Forthcoming in *Journal of the Malaysian Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society* 91 (2).

*Magong diyici dangnei fenlie de zhujue: Wu Chifu* 馬共第一次黨內分裂的主角：鄔熾夫 [The Main Actor in the First Malayan Communist Party Split: Boo Chih Fu]. 2019. In *Zuyin jianxun* 足印簡訊 [Footprints Bulletin]. Vol. 13: 1-8.

*Shengzhe weiwang, baizhe weikou: Xifang shijiaoxia de kang-Ying zhanzheng* 勝者為王，敗者為寇：西方視角下的抗英戰爭 [The Victor a King, the Defeated a Bandit: Western Perspectives on the Malayan Emergency]. 2018. In *Zuyin jianxun: jinian Maliya kang-Ying zhanzheng baofa 70 zhounian zhuanji* 足印簡訊 紀念馬來亞抗英戰爭爆發 70 周年專輯 [Footprints Bulletin: Special Issue Commemorating the Seventieth Anniversary of the Outbreak of the Malayan Emergency]. Vol. 12: 4-14.

Revolution Defeated: The Collapse of the Chinese Soviet Republic. 2018. *Twentieth-Century China* 43 (1): 45-66.

Gene Z. Hanrahan: Elusive Historian of the Malayan Emergency. 2017. *Journal of the Malaysian Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society* 90 (2): 71-95.

Framing in Context: How Interest Groups Employ Framing to Lobby the European Commission. 2015. *Journal of European Public Policy* Vol. 22, Issue 4. Pg. 481-498. (With Heike Klüver and Christine Mahoney)

### **Book Manuscripts**

*People's Wars in China, Malaya, and Vietnam* (Forthcoming, University of Michigan Press)

*The Life of Lai Teck*

*Fellow Travelers: Revolutionary Ideology in Southeast Asia, 1921-1989* (Editor)

*Renmin ribao Malaiya gongchandang lishi ziliao huiji* 《人民日報》馬來亞共產黨歷史資料匯集》  
[Compilation of Historical Materials on the Malayan Communist Party from the People's Daily]  
(Manuscript complete)

### **Working Papers**

"Politics is Not Always Local: Master and Local Cleavage Congruence in Civil War"

"Fighting the People, Fighting for the People: Insurgent Governance and Conflict Outcomes"

"The Logic of Insurgent Courts"

"The Pangu Mountain Uprising"

"The Ideology of the Malayan Communist Party, 1945-1960"

"Black Box in the Fog: The History of the Malayan Communist Party" (with Jason Sze-Chieh Ng)

"Everyday Forms of Resistance to Insurgent Rule"

"Testing Prospect Theory in the Real World: Studying the Impact of Gain Versus Loss Frames on Lobbying Success Using Quantitative Text Analysis" (with Christine Mahoney and Heike Klüver)

"Just Not Feelin' It: Emotive Appeals in European Union Policy Debates" (with Christine Mahoney)

### **Peer Review**

Reviewer for *Journal of the Malaysian Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society*

### **Other Work**

"Xu Shoupeng: Diplomat of the Late Qing Era." 2018.

### **Commentary**

"Xuexi Zhongwen; Mei Wei Cheng Qihou?" 學習中文 美未成氣候? [Studying Chinese: Not Yet a Trend in the United States?] 2012. In *Shijie ribao* 世界日報 [World Journal]. February 12. Pg. B7.

"Landuo Meiguo; anyu xianzhuang?" 懶惰美國 安於現狀? [Lazy America: At Ease with the Status Quo?]. 2011. In *Shijie ribao* 世界日報 [World Journal]. October 9. Pg. B6.

### **Translations**

Doris Kearns Goodwin. *Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln* [Chinese title: *Linken yu jingdi muliao* 林肯與勁敵幕僚]. 2010. Shanghai: Shanghai renmin chubanshe. (With You Yiding 尤以丁)

**Conferences**

2017. "Fighting the People, Fighting for the People: Insurgent Governance and Conflict Outcomes." Paper presented at the Harvard-MIT-Yale-Tufts Political Violence Conference. New Haven, Connecticut. April 22.

2017. "Black Box in the Fog: The MCP and the Historiography of the Malayan Emergency." Paper presented at the Boston College New England Regional Conference for the Association for Asian Studies. Boston, Massachusetts. January 28.

2016. "Everyday Forms of Resistance to Insurgent Rule." Paper presented at Conference on Micro-Comparative Studies of 20th Century Conflicts. New Haven, Connecticut. April 24.

2015. "Creating 'Masses' from 'People': Institutions and Socio-Economic Cleavages in the Chinese Soviet Republic, 1931-1934" Paper presented at the 2015 Southeast Conference of the Association for Asian Studies. Charlottesville, Virginia. January 17.

2014. "How to Deal Effectively With Information Overload and the Proliferation of Consultations?" Paper presented at INTEREURO Outreach Workshop. Brussels, Belgium. December 2.

2014. "Fighting the People, Fighting for the People: Insurgent Governance and Conflict Outcomes." Paper presented at the 2014 Harvard-MIT-Yale Graduate Conference on Political Violence. New Haven, Connecticut. April 18.

2013. "Revolutionary Failure: The Collapse of the Jiangxi Soviet." Paper presented at the 2013 Southeast Conference of the Association for Asian Studies. Wilmington, North Carolina. January 19.

**Other Professional Activities**

Research consultant to Singaporean artist Ho Tzu Nyen for his project "The Mysterious Lai Teck." (December 2017 – April 2019) and "The Name" (June 2017 – April 2019).

**Courses Taught**

Contemporary State Building in East and Southeast Asia (instructor), Chinese Politics (instructor, TA), Politics of Developing Areas (TA), Ethics and Human Rights in World Affairs (TA), Global Studies Data Core: Global Development (TA)

**Academic Honors**

2016-17 Postdoctoral Fellowship, Council on East Asian Studies, Yale University  
 2015 Harry Frank Guggenheim Dissertation Fellowship  
 2012 Young Scholars Delegation to Taiwan  
 2011 Ellen Bayard Weedon Travel Grant  
 2010-2011 University of Virginia Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship  
 2010 Furman University Dept. of Asian Studies Award for Outstanding Work in Chinese Studies  
 2008 United States Department of State and Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC) Critical Language Scholarship  
 2008 Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honors Society  
 2007 Furman University Department of Asian Studies, Award for Excellence in Chinese  
 2007 Phi Eta Sigma Academic Honors Society  
 2006 Furman University Asian Studies Curry Scholarship

**Research Experience**

**University of Virginia**

Head Research Assistant

Dr. Jonah Schulhofer-Wohl

05/2015 – 08/2015

Head research assistant for project examining alliances and tactics among armed groups in civil wars.

Research Assistant                                      Dr. Jonah Schulhofer-Wohl                                      06/2013 – 01/2014  
Researched levels of violence and organization of armed actors for cross-country project on civil wars.

Head Research Assistant                                      Dr. Christine Mahoney                                      09/2011 – 08/2014  
Head research assistant for “Framing Policy Debates in the European Union” (NSF Award Number 1102978). Responsible for the organization and compilation of documents, maintenance of databases, and supervision of 15 graduate and undergraduate research assistants.

**Furman University**

Translator                                      Dr. Richard Letteri                                      07/2011  
Translation into English of Wang Xiaoshuai's *Chongqing Blues* (*Rizhao Chongqing* 日照重慶) for upcoming comparative volume of Michelangelo Antonioni's and Wang Xiaoshuai's films by Dr. Richard Letteri and Dr. Harry Kuoshu.

Asian Studies Research Associate                                      Dr. Kate Kaup                                      03/2010  
Assisted with translation of primary sources and data collection for research on contradictions between Chinese state law and Chinese minority customary law.

Translator                                      Dr. Richard Letteri                                      02/2010  
Translation into English of Jia Zhangke's *The Pickpocket* (*Xiaowu* 小武) for publication by Dr. Richard Letteri.

**Languages**

*Chinese*: Reading (fluent), writing (fluent), speaking (Mandarin) (fluent)

*Japanese*: Reading (elementary)