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EXPERIENCE

ACADEMIA SINICA **12, 2022 – Present Taipei, Taiwan**

Assistant Research Fellow (equivalent to Assistant Professor), Institute of Modern History

UNIVERSITY OF COPENHAGEN **10, 2021 – 12, 2022, Copenhagen, Denmark**

ADI-NIAS Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Department of Political Science/Nordic Institute of Asian Studies

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE **03, 2019 – 09, 2021, Cambridge, UK**

Postdoctoral Research Associate, Department of East Asian Studies

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE **02, 2018 – 02, 2019, Cambridge, UK**

Research Assistant, Department of East Asian Studies

SANSIA JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL **09, 2013 – 06, 2014, Taipei, Taiwan**

Teacher

MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE **08, 2011 – 07, 2012, Taipei, Taiwan**

Corporal, Military Police

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE **October 2014 – February 2019, Cambridge, UK**
Ph.D. in History

NATIONAL CHENGCHI UNIVERSITY **September 2008 – June 2011, Taipei, Taiwan**
M.A. in History

NATIONAL CHENGCHI UNIVERSITY **September 2004 – June 2008, Taipei, Taiwan**
B.A. in History

BOOK PROJECT

G.I. Joe in Cold War Taiwan: A Transnational History. Under preparation.

PUBLICATIONS

Monograph

Charting America's Cold War Waters in East Asia: Sovereignty, Local Interests, and International Security. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2024.

- * Winner of the 41st Masayoshi Ōhira Memorial Prize, Japan.
- * Winner of the John Lyman Book Award in World Naval History, North American Society for Oceanic History, United States.
- * Finalist of the 2025 CPH Book Prize, Southern Methodist University, United States.

Traditional Chinese translation: 陳冠任、洪世民（譯），《冷戰之海：美國在東亞水域的歷史、戰略與布局》，台北：八旗文化，2026。

Reviewed by

W. Taylor Fain in *Diplomatic History* 49:4(2025): 627-630.

Jan Asmussen in *Asian Studies Review* 49(2025): 917-919.

Leander Seah in *The Journal of Military History* 89:2(2025):518-519.

Covell Meyskens in *The Journal of Cold War Studies* 27:3(2025): 283-285.

Jason M. Kelly in *The Journal of Asian Studies* 85:1(2026): 194-196.

Journal Articles

“Strange bedfellows: Chiang Kai-shek and his imaginary cold warriors, 1949-54,” *Cold War History*, pp. 1-21. Advance Online Publication. doi:10.1080/14682745.2025.2524173.

“Imperium in Imperio: G.I. Joe's Jurisdiction in Early Cold War Taiwan,” *The Journal of Military History* 89:4(October 2025), pp. 1006-1026.

“Projecting Poseidon's Trident: America's East Asia and the Shifting Contours of 1950s Postwar Naval Policy,” *Cold War History* 21:4 (November 2021), pp. 391-410.

“Fishing for Oil: Natural-Resource Management between the United States and Maritime East Asia in the 1970s,” *The Journal of American-East Asian Relations* 27:2(July 2020), pp. 169-197.

“Zhonghua minguo yu guoji haiyangfa huiyi, 1958-1971,” (The Republic of China and the United Nations Conferences on the Law of the Sea, 1958-1972) *Lengzhan guojishi yanjiu* (Cold War International History Studies) 15(November 2013), pp. 93-136. (Chinese)

“Mengjunzongbu yu Zhongri yuquan zhengyi, 1945-1952,” (The Issue of Fishing Rights amongst General Headquarters, the Republic of China, and Japan, 1945-1952) *Guoshiguan guankan* (Bulletin of Academia Historica) 27(March 2011), pp. 45-108. (Chinese)

“Nikka dankō-go no kōkū kōshō, 1972-1975,” (The Bilateral Negotiations of Airline after Japan and the Republic of China Broke off Diplomatic Relations, 1972-1975) *Chikaki ni arite* (Being Nearby—Discussions on Modern China—) 56(November 2009), pp. 93-116. (Japanese)

Selected Presentations and Invited Conference Papers

“Shaping Formosa as Free China: Propaganda, Media, and the Cold War in the 1950s,” 24 October 2025, International Conference Moving People and Forming Asia: Art, State, and Cold War Geopolitics, 1950s–1980s. Taipei: Institute of Modern History, Academia Sinica.

Invited talk: “The Cold War in East Asia as Seen from the Western Pacific: The United States, Geopolitics, and a Restless International Order,” 30 June 2025, AS Conference. Taipei: Academia Sinica. (Chinese)

Book talk: Charting America’s Cold War Waters in East Asia, 16 April 2025, Institute of History, National Tsing Hua University, Hsinchu, Taiwan. (Chinese)

Book talk: Charting America’s Cold War Waters in East Asia, 8 March 2025, Graduate School and College of Arts and Sciences, the University of Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan.

Invited talk: “The history of Cold War East Asia emerged from the Western Pacific: the United States, Taiwan, and the complex geopolitics,” 5 December 2024, Department of History, National Chengchi University, Taipei, Taiwan. (Chinese)

Book talk: Charting America’s Cold War Waters in East Asia, 22 October 2024, Graduate Institute of Taiwan History, National Chengchi University, Taipei, Taiwan. (Chinese)
International Roundtable on Cold War History, 21 September 2024, National Chung Hsing University, Taichung, Taiwan.

Invited talk: “A stillborn NATO-like Alliance in Cold War East Asia,” 19 September 2024, National Taiwan University, Taiwan. (Chinese)

Book talk: Charting America’s Cold War Waters in East Asia, 24 June 2024, Institute of Modern History, Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan. (Chinese)

Book talk: Charting America’s Cold War Waters in East Asia, 28 May 2024, Sorbonne University, Paris, France.

Indo-Pacific Roundtable 2024: Markets, Finance, and Equality, 24-25 May 2024, Centre for Geopolitics, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, United Kingdom.

“Strange Bedfellows: Chiang Kai-shek and his Imaginary Anti-Communism Alliance, 1949-1954,” 15-17 June 2023, The SHAFR Annual Meeting, Arlington, United States.

“America’s Feet of Clay: UN Conferences on the Law of the Sea, 1958-1960,” 24-25 March 2022, Beyond Boundaries: the Cold War, International Politics, and Modern East Asia (conference organiser), Copenhagen, Denmark.

Round table: People’s Republic of China-Baltic Coffeehouse, 21 March 2022, Centre for Geopolitics, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, United Kingdom.

Invited talk: “The Imminent Proto Cold War Standoff in the Western Pacific Rim, 1945-1949,” 18 November 2021, University of Copenhagen, Denmark.

Invited talk: “Building a Blue Rampart: the Making of America’s Maritime Order in Cold War East Asia, 1945-1958,” 10 September 2021, Kyoto University, Kyoto, Japan.

“Geopolitics, Thalassocracy, and Postwar Maritime East Asia: The Making of America’s Qingdao and its failure,” 26-27 July 2021, Conflicts, Geography, and Pax Americana in Cold War East Asia (conference organiser), Cambridge, United Kingdom.

Invited talk: “Jostling for Control of Historical Memory in Taiwan,” 12 October 2020, Development

Bank of Japan, Tokyo, Japan.

Invited talk: “Taiwan and the Shifting Contours of Postwar U.S. Naval Policy in the 1950s,” 25 December 2019, National Chengchi University, Taipei, Taiwan. (Chinese)

“Fishing for Oil: Natural-Resource Management between the US and Maritime East Asia in the 1970s,” 5-6 December 2019, Revisiting the Cold War on Taiwan, Wilson Center, Washington D.C., United States.

Invited talk in Taiwan studies seminar: “From the Centre to the Periphery: The Dislocation of Taiwan in the search for New Energy in the 1970s,” 12 November 2019, SOAS, London, United Kingdom.

Invited talk: “Why Maritime East Asia Matters?” 12 April 2019, Nankai University, Tianjin, China. (Chinese)

“A Powder Keg in the Western Pacific Rim: Natural Resource Exploration in the 1970s,” 13-15 June 2018, The 2018 Historians of the Twentieth Century United States (HOTCUS) Conference, Cambridge, United Kingdom.

“The Changing US Naval Deployment in Maritime East Asia in the 1950s,” 2-4 May 2018, International PhD Seminar, Roosevelt Institute for American Studies, The Netherlands.

“The United States’ Search for an Order in Chaotic Maritime East Asia,” 4 June 2017, Japan Area Studies Association, Musashino University, Japan.

“Beyond the Military: The Natural Resource Exploration in Maritime East Asia in the 1970s,” 1 June 2017, ASNET Seminar, University of Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan.

“The Prologue to U.S. Maritime Policy in Cold War East Asia, 1945-1949,” 24 February 2017, Development Bank of Japan, Tokyo, Japan.

“U.S. Naval Deployment in Maritime East Asia, 1945-1949,” Regime Change and Diplomacy Transformation. 20 January 2017, National Chengchi University, Taipei, Taiwan. (Chinese)

“The Establishment and Withdrawal of US Naval Forces in Tsingtao, 1945-1949,” The Chinese Civil War and the Cold War: The Regional Impact. 27-29 October 2016, Cardiff University, Wales, United Kingdom.

“Fishery Disputes in East Asia and Maritime Cold War History,” 24 March 2016, Center for the Study of Asia, Boston University, Boston, United States.

“The Development of the Agreement of Fishery between the Republic of China and Japan after World War II, 1952-1972,” 19 January 2011, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, University of Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan. (Chinese)

Translations (from English to Chinese)

Co-translator and professional editor, Kushner, Barak. *Men to Devils, Devils to Men: Japanese War Crimes and Chinese Justice* (Taipei: Walkers Publisher, 2021).

* *The best translation of the 2021 Openbook award in Taiwan*

Kushner, Barak. “Handling the Post-war Victory: The Stances on Justice between Kuomintang, Japan, and Chinese Communist Party,” *The Journal of History, NCCU*, 50(November 2018), pp. 143-174.

Paulès, Xavier. “News Items under Scrutiny: Yuehuabao and Canton Daily Life (1927-1938),” in Lien, Ling-ling., ed., *Wanxiang xiangbao: jindai Zhongguo chengshi de wenhua, shehui yu zhengzhi*. (All-

Seeing Tabloid Newspaper: Modern Chinese Urban Culture, Society and Politics) Taipei: Institute of Modern History, Academia Sinica, 2013, pp. 335-365.

Kuss, Susanne. "The Colonial Theatre of War: Reflections on a Revaluation of Extreme Military Violence in the German Colonial Wars," *The Journal of History, NCCU*, 34 (November 2010), pp. 53-84.

Book Reviews

"Book review: Corbin Williamson, *The U.S. Navy and Its Cold War Alliance, 1945-1953*," *Michigan War Studies Review*, 2020-100.

"Book review: Ronald C. Po, *The Blue Frontier: Maritime Vision and Power in the Qing Empire*," *Frontiers of History in China* 15:2(July 2020), pp. 318-320.

"Book review: Kimie Hara, *Cold War Frontiers in the Asia-Pacific: Divided Territories in the San Francisco System*," *Guoshiguan guankan* (Bulletin of Academia Historica) 46(December 2015), pp. 211-221. (Chinese)

PRIZES, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

Winner of the John Lyman Book Award in World Naval History

Finalist of the 2025 CPH Book Prize, Southern Methodist University, United States.

Winner of the 41st Masayoshi Ōhira Memorial Prize, Japan.

First Prize, The 2024 Cold War Essay Contest, The John A. Adams '71 Center for Military History & Strategic Analysis, Virginia Military Institute.

The SHAFR Global Scholars and Diversity Grant, 2023

Initial Employment Academic Research Grant, Academia Sinica, 2022-2025

The SHAFR William Appleman Williams Emerging Scholar Research Grants, 2022

Postdoctoral Fellowship, Nordic Institute of Asian Studies, University of Copenhagen, 2021-2023

The 2021 Japan –Taiwan Exchange Association Visiting Scholar Fellowship

Fellow, Royal Asiatic Society of Great Britain and Ireland, 2021

The 2020 Gilder Lehrman Fellowship, Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History

The 2020 Japan –Taiwan Exchange Association Visiting Scholar Fellowship

John A. Adams '71 Center for Military History and Strategic Analysis at Virginia Military Institute Cold War Essay Contest Honorable Mention, 2019

The 2019 Isaac Newton Trust Postdoctoral Fellowship, University of Cambridge

John Crump Scholarship, British Association for Japanese Studies, 2017-2018

Sara Norton Grant from the University of Cambridge, 2015-2016, 2018

Prince Consort Scholarship from the University of Cambridge, 2015-2017

Predocctoral Fellowship, Institute of Modern History, Academia Sinica, 2017-2018

The Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation Fellowship, 2016-2017

The Japan Foundation Fellowship, 2016-2017

In-Tai Foundation Fellowship for Chiang Kai-shek Studies, 2016

John A. Adams '71 Center for Military History and Strategic Analysis at Virginia Military Institute
Dissertation Grant, 2015

Archive/Specialist Training Fund from the University of Cambridge, 2015-2017

Corpus Christi College Research Grant, 2015-2016

Members' History Prize and Fund from the University of Cambridge, 2015-2016

Santander Mobility Grant from the University of Cambridge, 2016

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Peer reviewer:

English

Cold War History
Oxford University Press
Routledge
The Journal of Cold War Studies

Traditional Chinese

Bulletin of Academia Historica 國史館館刊
Collectanea of History NCCU 政大史粹
Taiwan's Scenery and Culture 臺灣風物
National Tsing Hua University Press 國立清華大學出版社
Oceanic Culture Journal 海洋文化學刊
Taiwan Historical Records Quarterly 臺灣文獻季刊
The Journal of History, NCCU 國立政大歷史學報
New History 新史學

Moderator, Institute of Modern History Colloquium, Academia Sinica, 2024-

Supervisor for visiting PhD students, Institute of Modern History, Academia Sinica, 2023-

Supervisor for SUPRA programme students, Nordic Institute of Asian Studies, The University of Copenhagen, 2021-2022.

FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Chinese (modern, literary [classical]): Native

Japanese: Reading (intermediate); Listening (intermediate)