
EDUCATION

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

Princeton, NJ | 2008–2014

London School of Economics*M.Sc., International Relations with Merit*

London, UK | 2003–2004

Wesleyan University*B.A., College of Social Studies (politics, economics, and history), summa cum laude*

Middletown, CT | 1997–2001

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Political Scientist, RAND Corporation

Pittsburgh, PA | 2021–

- Researching Asian security, international drug trafficking, 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

Bronx, NY | 2015–2018

- Managed six research assistants. Served on two hiring committees.

Assistant Professor of Political Science, University at Albany – SUNY

Albany, NY | 2014–2015

- Chair in International Security for new Master's of International Affairs program.

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

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

RESEARCH

BOOKS

- [Following the Leader: International Order, Alliance Strategies, and Emulation](#). June 2021, Stanford University Press.
- [Contests of Initiative: Confronting China's Gray Zone Maritime Strategy](#). February 2021, George Mason University-Westphalia Press. Funded by U.S. Army War College External Research Associates Program.

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Kuo, Raymond and Brian Blankenship. "Deterrence and Restraint: Do Joint Military Exercises Escalate Conflict?" *Journal of Conflict Resolution*. Forthcoming.
- Kuo, Raymond. (2020). "[Secrecy among Friends: Covert Military Alliances and Portfolio Consistency](#)." *Journal of Conflict Resolution*. 64:1, 63-89.
- Kuo, Raymond. (2019). "[Communal Violence and Economic Migration in Pakistan](#)." *International Migration*. 57:5.
- Kuo, Raymond. (2014). "[Evolution and Territorial Conflict](#)." *International Security*. 39:3.
- Kuo, Raymond. (2008). "[Occupation and the Just War](#)." *International Relations*. 22:3.
- Steele, Liza and Raymond Kuo. (2007). "[Terrorism in Xinjiang?](#)" *Ethnopolitics*. 6:1.

UNDER REVIEW

- Kuo, Raymond and Jennifer Spindel. "Locked (In) and Loaded: Path Dependency in Arms Sales."
- Kuo, Raymond. "Trouble in Paradise: Arms versus Alliances."

SELECTED MEDIA

- 7/30/2021 Panelist, "[PRC Pressure on Taiwan: Same Strategy, New Tactics](#)." National Bureau of Asian Research.
- 3/24/2021 Panelist, "[China in a Biden Foreign Policy](#)." NYU Center for Global Affairs.
- 11/3/2020 Op-Ed, "[A unique Election Day: Be patient, be cautious, be accepting](#)." *MinnPost*
- 7/11/2018 Article, "[Trump and NATO Spending: Will The Strategy Work In The Long Run?](#)", *The National Interest*
- 6/21/2018 Podcast, "[North Korea Visit More Photo Op than Summit](#)." Fordham News
- 6/22/2017 Podcast, "[Can Trump Be a Bismarck in Asia?](#)", Carnegie Endowment for Ethics in International Affairs
- 4/12/2017 TV, Live, in-studio interview on Syria strikes, Fox5 News ([video](#))
- 3/21/2017 TV, Live, in-studio interview on Trump-Russia, Fox5 News
- 1/6/2017 Article, "[Can Trumpian Triangular Diplomacy Work?](#)", *The Diplomat*
- 1/4/2017 TV, Taped Interview on Wealth and Trump Administration, BFMTV (France)
- 12/6/2016 Op-Ed, "[Will Trump, like Reagan and Bush, Walk Back His Approach to Taiwan?](#)", *The National Interest*
- 11/8/2016 TV, Live Interview on 2016 Presidential Election, BFMTV (France)
- 9/12/2016 TV, Taped Interview on Clinton foreign policy, *YLE Broadcasting Company* (Finland)
- 3/31/2016 TV, Live, in-studio interview on U.S. Election, *NBC News at 7*
- 3/2/2016 "[Compelling Compliance? How Taiwanese Identity Disrupts Cross-Strait Deterrence](#)", *China Policy Institute*

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

- Language* Advanced Mandarin (中文繁體字), intermediate Modern Standard Arabic (اللغة العربية الفصحى), advanced French (*le français* – reading)
- 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
- 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

AFFILIATIONS

American Political Science Association; International Studies Association; Midwest Political Science Association; Truman National Security Project; Diversity in National Security Network; Committee on Foreign Relations (MN)