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Education

Ph.D., Political Science Expected May 2020
Fields: International Relations, Comparative Politics, and Methods
University of Wisconsin–Madison

Master of Arts, Global Studies May 2014
Thesis: “Twin Nationalisms in Chinese Online Discourse: The Victim and Maturity
Narratives in the Diaoyu Islands Conflict”
University of Oklahoma

Bachelor of Arts, *Summa cum laude*, Global Studies & Political Science May 2014
Minor: Chinese
University of Oklahoma

Dissertation

National Humiliation and International Conflict: Origins, Microfoundations, and Effects
Committee: Jessica Weeks (chair), Yoshiko M. Herrera, Andrew Kydd, Jon C. W. Pevehouse, Jonathan
Renshon, and Nadav Shelef

Publications

Peer Reviewed

Charles Chang and Michael Masterson (2019). “Using Word Order in Political Text Classification with Long
Short-term Memory Models”. *Conditionally accepted at Political Analysis*. URL: https://michaelrmasterson.com/static/docs/method_paper_LSTM.pdf.

Michael Masterson and Jessica L. P. Weeks (2017). “Power, Institutions, and Issues as Causes of Conflict”.
The Oxford Encyclopedia of Empirical International Relations Theories. New York: Oxford University Press.

Other

Michael Masterson (2015). “The East Asian Challenges for Democracy: Political Meritocracy in Comparative
Perspective ed. by Daniel A. Bell, Chenyang Li (review)”. *Philosophy East and West* 65.3, pp. 973–976.

Working Papers

Michael Masterson (2019). “International Conflict and Democratic Breakdown in New Democracies”. (*in
review*). URL: https://michaelrmasterson.com/static/docs/democratic_breakdown.pdf.

Michael Masterson (2018a). “Humiliation and International Conflict”. *Presented at the Peace Science Society
International North American Meeting*. URL: https://michaelrmasterson.com/static/docs/conflict_humiliation_masterson.pdf.

Michael Masterson (2018b). “National Humiliation Narratives: Origins and Political Success”. *Presented
at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference*. URL: https://michaelrmasterson.com/static/docs/masterson_national_humiliation.pdf.

Research Experience

Research Assistant for Dr. Yaron Nili June 2018–December 2018
Law School, University of Wisconsin–Madison

Project Assistant for Dr. Jessica Weeks September 2015–May 2016
Department of Political Science, University of Wisconsin–Madison

Honors Research Assistant for Dr. Jonathan Monten
Department of Political Science, University of Oklahoma

May 2013–May 2014

Teaching Experience

University of Wisconsin–Madison Teaching Assistant

Understanding Political Numbers Spring 2017 and Spring 2019
Political Science Research Methods Fall 2018
Teaching Assistant: China in World Politics Fall 2016

Debate Teacher

Lab Leader: UT National Institute in Forensics June–August 2014 and 2015
University of Texas at Austin
Fellow: Arizona Debate Institute July–August 2011 and 2012
Department of Human Communication, Arizona State University
Junior Staff: Cameron Debate Institute July 2009, 2010, and 2012
Department of Communication, Cameron University

Fellowships and Funding

Mellon-Wisconsin Fellowship Fall 2019
Internal Research Funding: \$7,400 2017-19
Two-Year University Fellow at University of Wisconsin–Madison 2014

Language and Field Experience

Mandarin Chinese: Intermediate (non-native speaker)
Intensive Language Programs (Nankai University, May–August 2016; Yunnan University, June–July 2013)
Field Research (Mainland China, Summer 2011 and 2016; Hong Kong Winter 2018; Taiwan Summer 2019)

Computing

Proficient: R, Python, SQL, Linux, HTCondor, and z-Tree

Conferences Presentations

2019 Aug. American Political Science Association Annual Meeting & Political Psychology Pre-Conference
2019 Jul. Pacific International Politics Conference
2019 Mar. International Studies Association Annual Convention
2018 Nov. Peace Science Society International North American Meeting
2018 Nov. China and International Relations Graduate Research Workshop
2017 Jul. Conference of the Society for Political Methodology
2015 Feb. International Studies Association Annual Convention