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WORK EXPERIENCE

Center for Naval Analyses, Washington DC <https://www.cna.org/centers/cna/cip/>

Research Program Director, Indo-Pacific Security Affairs Division

October 2018 – Present

- Responsible for directing and overseeing CNA's 15-member research program focused on examining U.S. security issues across the Indo-Pacific region. Areas of focus include great power competition in the Indo-Pacific; U.S. partner and ally issues; regional engagement; China's role in Asia; internal Asian security and governance issues.

Research Scientist, China Studies Division

May 2012 – Present

- Conduct research on Chinese military and foreign policy issues for U.S. military and government; Develop research design plans and oversee project budgets, brief project sponsors and disseminate findings to the greater analytic community

Sample projects

China's Presence in the Middle East and Western Indian Ocean: Beyond Belt and Road

<https://www.cna.org/research/OBOR>

- Study examines China's growing presence in 23 states throughout the Middle East, East Africa, and Western Indian Ocean. It analyzes the drivers of China's growing presence in this region, as well as China's various diplomatic, informational, military, and economic domains.
- The study seeks to provide a more comprehensive understanding of how China's presence in the Middle East and Western Indian Ocean region is evolving, and improve our understanding of what these changes mean for the U.S. Navy and U.S. national security interests more broadly.

Implications of China's Participation in Rim of the Pacific Exercises – 2014-2018

- Led a team of analysts to provide advice and support to C3F staff during RIMPAC planning conferences regarding China's participation in the exercise
- Interacting directly with PLA delegates involved in planning China's participation; conducted ship visits to Chinese navy vessels to observe their participation in exercise events.

Behind the Periscope: Leadership in the PLA Navy

- Developed a dataset of biographical information on roughly 100 Chinese navy officers to identify common career paths and typical professional experiences shared by leaders, criteria by which their careers have been evaluated, and generational differences within leadership cohorts

International Labor Rights Forum (ILRF), Washington DC

China Director

2010 –2012

- Designed, planned, and oversaw the implementation of U.S. State Department grant activities promoting labor rights in China; briefed U.S. government officials on issues related to Chinese labor and domestic politics.

PUBLICATIONS

Select Peer-reviewed Publications:

- 2016. “Who’s at the Helm? The Past, Present, and Future Leaders of China’s Navy.” *Naval War College Review*. Vol. 69, No. 2 (Spring 2016) <https://www.usnwc.edu/getattachment/b6ea58ac-19a0-47f7-9422-9f4ffb4af9a4/WHO-IS-AT-THE-HELM-The-Past-Present-and-Future-Lea.aspx>
- 2014. *From Peasants to Protest: Social Ties, Resources, and Migrant Labor Contention in Contemporary China* (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books) <https://rowman.com/ISBN/9780739191859/Social-Ties-Resources-and-Migrant-Labor-Contention-in-Contemporary-China-From-Peasants-to-Protesters>
- 2012. “The Knowledge to Act: Chinese Migrant Labor Protests in Comparative Perspective.” *Comparative Political Studies*. Vol. 45, Issue 11 (November)
- 2008. “Tackling Corruption at its Source: The National Corruption Prevention Bureau.” *Journal of Chinese Political Science*. Vol. 13, Issue 3 (December)

Select CNA Publications

- 2019. *China’s Presence in the Middle East and Western Indian Ocean: Beyond Belt and Road* https://www.cna.org/CNA_files/PDF/DRM-2018-U-018309-Final2.pdf
- 2017. *China’s Military Support Facility in Djibouti: The Economic and Security Dimensions of China’s First Overseas Base* https://www.cna.org/cna_files/pdf/DIM-2017-U-015308-Final3.pdf
- 2014. *The Political-Military Dimensions of PLA Participation in RIMPAC-14: Impressions of the Chinese Navy*
- 2013. *Behind the Periscope: Leadership in the PLA Navy* https://www.cna.org/CNA_files/PDF/CRM-2013-U-006467-Final.pdf

Other Select Publications

- 2019. *Securing China’s ‘Lifelines’ Through the Indian Ocean*, Paper Presented at Conference entitled “Going Global? The People’s Navy in a Time of Strategic Transformation,” U.S. Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island, 6-7 May, 2019.
- 2018. “China’s Djibouti Military Base the First of Many,” *East Asia Forum*, <https://www.eastasiaforum.org/2018/06/27/chinas-djibouti-military-base-the-first-of-many/>
- 2016. “The Rise of Admiral Sun Jianguo and the Future of U.S.-China Naval Relations.” *Jamestown China Brief*. Vol. 16, Issue 10 (June) <https://jamestown.org/program/the-rise-of-admiral-sun-jianguo-and-the-future-of-u-s-china-naval-relations/>
- 2015. “China’s Military Modernization: The Legacy of Wu Shengli.” *Jamestown China Brief*. Vol. 15, Issue 16 (August) <https://jamestown.org/program/chinas-military-modernization-the-legacy-of-admiral-wu-shengli/>
- 2014. Jeffrey Becker and David Liebenberg. “Recent Personnel Shifts Hint at Major Changes on the Horizon for PLA Navy Leadership.” *Jamestown China Brief*. Vol. 14, Issue 3 (February) <https://jamestown.org/program/recent-personnel-shifts-hint-at-major-changes-on-the-horizon-for-pla-navy-leadership/>
- 2010. Jeffrey Becker and Manfred Elfstrom. “The Impact of China’s Labor Contract Law on Workers.” US-China Legal Cooperation Grant Report http://www.laborrights.org/sites/default/files/publications-and-resources/ChinaLaborContractLaw2010_0.pdf
- 2007. “Engaging the Law: Migrant Workers, Social Networks, and the Chinese Labor Law.” In *Challenges Facing Chinese Political Development*. ed. Guo Sujian. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books
- 2005. “Chinese Foreign Policy Journals and Changes in Chinese Foreign Policy.” Washington, DC: The RAND Corporation

- 2004. Jeffrey Becker and Evan S. Medeiros. *The Impact of WTO Accession on China's Defense Industry*. Washington, DC: The RAND Corporation

Academic Translations

- 2003-2004. With Dong Gil Kim. Shen Zhihua. "Sino-North Korean Conflict and its Resolution During the Korean War." *Cold War International History Project Bulletin*. Vol. 14 /15 (Winter- Spring). <http://wwics.si.edu/news/docs/article1-sz.pdf>.
- 2002. Shen Zhihua. "Khrushchev, Mao and the Period of Unrealized Sino-Soviet Military Cooperation." *Parallel History Project on Cooperative Security*. Translated with Zhao Hai and Song Min.

EDUCATION

- **The George Washington University**, Ph.D. Political Science, June 2010
- **Columbia University**, M.A. Political Science (International Relations and Security Studies), May 2003
- **Colgate University**, B.A. International Relations and Asian Studies, May 1999

Languages

Mandarin Chinese