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Erickson is a term member of the Council on Foreign Relations. In 2012 the National Bureau of Asian Research awarded him the inaugural Ellis Joffe Prize for PLA Studies. During academic year 2010-11 Erickson was a **Fellow** in the **Princeton-Harvard China and the World Program** in residence at Harvard's Center for Government and International Studies. From 2008-11 he was a Fellow in the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations' **Public Intellectuals Program**, and served as a scholar escort on a five-Member Congressional trip to China. For over a decade, Erickson has managed NWC's scholarly research relationship with Japanese counterparts. In 2014 Erickson helped to escort the Commander of China's Navy and his delegation on a visit to Harvard. He subsequently helped to establish, and to escort the first iteration of, NWC's first bilateral naval officer exchange program with China, which he continues to support.

Erickson has taught courses at NWC and Yonsei University. He advises a wide range of student research and theses at NWC, Harvard, and other institutions; and provides curricular inputs to NWC and other schools. In 2013, while deployed in the Pacific as a **Regional Security Education Program** scholar aboard **USS Nimitz**, he delivered twenty-five hours of presentations. Erickson has lectured extensively at government, academic, and private sector institutions throughout the United States and Asia. He has briefed a broad array of senior policy-makers and principals, including the U.S. Chief of Naval Operations, his Executive Panel, the Secretary of the Navy, and

U.S. naval leadership throughout the Asia-Pacific; as well as the Deputy Secretary of Defense, other Executive Branch officials, and multiple Members of Congress. He has testified before the [House Foreign Affairs Committee](#), [House Armed Services Committee](#), and U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission. Erickson has provided inputs for, and reviews of, multifarious government programs, simulation exercises, and reports.

Erickson received his Ph.D. and M.A. in international relations and comparative politics from [Princeton University](#) and graduated *magna cum laude* from [Amherst College](#) with a B.A. in history and political science. He has studied Mandarin in the [Princeton in Beijing](#) program at Beijing Normal University's College of Chinese Language and Culture; and Japanese language, politics, and economics in the year-long [Associated Kyoto Program](#) at Doshisha University. Erickson previously worked for Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) as a Chinese translator and technical analyst. He gained early experience working briefly at the U.S. Embassy in Beijing, the U.S. Consulate in Hong Kong, the U.S. Senate, and the White House. Proficient in Mandarin Chinese and conversant in Japanese, he has traveled extensively in Asia and has lived in China, Japan, and Korea.

Erickson's research—which focuses on Asia-Pacific defense, international relations, technology, and resource issues—has been published widely in English- and Chinese-language edited volumes and in such peer-reviewed journals as *China Quarterly*, *Journal of Contemporary China*, *Asian Security*, *Journal of Strategic Studies*, *Orbis*, *Asia Policy*, *Pacific Focus*, *China Security*, and *Acta Astronautica*; as well as in *Foreign Affairs*, *The Washington Quarterly*, *The National Interest*, *The American Interest*, *Foreign Policy*, *War on the Rocks*, *Joint Force Quarterly*, *IHS Jane's*, *Geopolitics of Energy*, *Global Health Governance*, *RSIS Commentary*, and Peking University's *China International Strategy Review* (Chinese- and English-language editions) and *International and Strategic Studies Report*. Erickson has also published annotated translations of several Chinese articles on maritime strategy. His coauthored *Foreign Affairs.com* article, "[Not-So-Empty Talk: The Danger of China's 'New Type of Great-Power Relations' Slogan](#)," has been read widely in U.S. and Asian policy circles. Erickson's *National Interest* article "[Showtime: China Reveals Two 'Carrier-Killer' Missiles](#)" received more than 65,000 page views in its first 24 hours online. His *RealClearDefense* piece "[What Sort of Navy America Needs](#)" registered 60,000 page views in its first day online.

Erickson is the author of the book [Chinese Anti-Ship Ballistic Missile Development](#) (Jamestown Foundation, 2013). He is coauthor of two other books: [Gulf of Aden Anti-Piracy and China's Maritime Commons Presence](#) (Jamestown, 2015; available from [Brookings Institution Press](#)) and [Assessing China's Cruise Missile Ambitions](#) (National Defense University Press, 2014). He has coauthored three additional volumes: [Charting China's International Security Activism](#) (Center for a New American Security, 2015) and the CMSI monographs [Chinese Antipiracy Operations in the Gulf of Aden](#) (2013) and [Chinese Mine Warfare](#) (2009). Erickson is the editor of, and a contributor

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Erickson's work has been cited widely in scholarly publications and reports from the U.S. government and think tanks such as CSIS and RAND. He has been quoted extensively in numerous newspapers, magazines, and online sources, including *Science*, *Wired*, *The BBC*, *The Financial Times*, *Aviation Week & Space Technology*, *The Nelson Report*, *Bloomberg*, *The Economist*, *Xinhua*, *China Daily*, *The New Yorker*, *Time*, *Der Spiegel*, *The Washington Post*, *Fortune*, *The Times of India*, *El País*, *Newsweek*, *The Straits Times*, *Defense News*, *Le Monde*, *China Radio International*, *Aerospace America*, and *The New York Times*. Erickson's work is also featured in a broad range of print, television, radio, and Internet media. Erickson has published op-eds with CBS and the *Asahi Shimbun* (Japanese- and English-language editions), and has appeared on CNN, C-SPAN, CCTV, NHK, *Al Jazeera*, *Voice of America*, *Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC)*, and *The John Batchelor Show*. He tweets via [@AndrewSErickson](#) and is listed among [The China Studies Twitterati 50](#).

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