

Raymond Wang

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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Columbia-Harvard China and the World Program

Postdoctoral Fellow 2025-26

Belfer Center for Science and International Security

Research Fellow, International Security Program 2025-26

Boston University Frederick S. Pardee School of Global Studies

Assistant Professor Fall 2026

EDUCATION

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

2019- 2025

Ph.D., Political Science

Fields: International Relations, Security Studies, Political Economy

Middlebury Institute of International Studies

2018

M.A., Nonproliferation & Terrorism Studies

University of St Andrews

2016

M.A. (First Class), International Relations and Modern History

DISSERTATION

Cautious Opportunists: How Rising Powers Shape International Order

Committee: Taylor Fravel, Mariya Grinberg, Kathleen Thelen

Winner of the Lucien Pye Award for Best Dissertation

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Power Transitions, International Order, Institutional Change, U.S.-China Competition, Chinese Foreign Policy, Economic Statecraft, Emerging Technologies

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne

Middlebury Language Program 2018

AWARDS & GRANTS

Visiting Research Fellow, Geneva Graduate Institute 2023

Smith Richardson Foundation, World Politics & Statecraft Fellowship 2023

Hans J. Morgenthau Pre-doctoral Fellowship for Grand Strategy 2023

MIT Center for International Studies Summer Study Fellowship 2022

EXPERIENCE

Massachusetts Institute of Technology — Research/ Teaching Assistant

- Teaching Assistant for Quantitative Research Methods I: Regression (Graduate)
Instructor: Daniel Hidalgo, Student Evaluation **6.9/7.0**
- Teaching Assistant for Machine Learning and Data Science in Politics (Undergraduate)
Instructor: In Song Kim, Student Evaluation **7.0/7.0**
- Grader for Emerging Technology and International Security (Undergraduate)
Instructor: Erik Lin-Greenberg
- Taylor Fravel Research Assistant
 - Provided research assistance for articles on (1) how technological competition will interact with US-China rivalry; (2) China's Global Security Initiative.
 - Part of team that co-authored two papers on China's Belt and Road initiative, conducted quantitative analysis using survival models.
- Vipin Narang Research Assistant
 - Conducted research for book on nuclear proliferation strategies, specifically for the France and Taiwan cases.

Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation (HSBC) - Analyst | HK | 2018-2019

- As part of HSBC's Greater China financial crimes risk strategy team, produced research on the Belt and Road Initiative, Chinese capital flows, and the U.S.-China trade war.

LANGUAGES Chinese (Native in Cantonese and Mandarin)

& SKILLS French (CEFR Overall C1 | Reading and Listening C2)

R, $\LaTeX$, ArcGIS

CONFERENCES & PRESENTATIONS

American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting	2022-2025
International Studies Association, Annual Meeting	2022, 2024-2025
Association for Asian Studies, Annual Meeting	2024
World Economic Forum (Geneva), Invited Talk	2023, 2026
Swiss Network for International Studies, Biennial Conference	2023
The Fletcher School at Tufts University, Invited Talk	2023
Belfer Center Rethinking Nuclear Deterrence Network	2023
Bridging the Gap New Era Workshop	2022
Wilton Park Conference on Emerging Technologies and Nuclear Stability	2022

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Atkins, Eleanor, M Taylor Fravel, **Raymond Wang**, Nick Ackert, and Sihao Huang. "Two Paths: Why States Join or Avoid China's Belt and Road Initiative." *Global Studies Quarterly* 3, no. 3 (July 1, 2023).

“Guns and Butter: Measuring Military-Civilian Spillover and Implications for Technological Competition” *Journal of Strategic Studies* (January 9, 2025).
Winner of ISA 2025 Patricia Weitsman Award for Best Graduate Student Paper in Security Studies

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Dissertation Book Project: *Cautious Opportunists: How Rising Powers Shape International Order*

Cautious Opportunist: China Shapes a World of Orders (R&R)

Looking in the Wrong Place? China’s influence at the AIIB

Taylor Fravel, Nick Ackert, Eleanor Freund, John Minnich, **Raymond Wang**, “The Economic Effects of Joining China’s Belt and Road Initiative Implications for Assessing Chinese Influence”

REFERENCES

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