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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Fellow, The Paulson Institute

Mar 2013-Present

- Jointly build and manage a US-China focused think tank, including:
 - Commission research on US-China economic, financial, and energy issues
 - Manage researchers and various research projects
 - Convene events on US-China energy and other relevant issues
 - Speaking engagements
 - Outreach and public education efforts
- Create US-China cross-border investment program
 - Direct Chinese investment case study series
- Lead or collaborate on various research and analytical projects
- Manage Student Fellows and researchers
- Engage with Chinese counterparts on major bilateral issues
- Regularly contribute to major publications (see “Select Publications”)

Co-Author, *In Line Behind a Billion People: How Scarcity Will Define China's Ascent in the Next Decade*, published by FT Press/Pearson

September 2013

Senior Analyst, Asia Practice, Eurasia Group

May 2008-Feb 2013

- Provided timely and market-relevant analysis of China's energy policies/politics (including renewable sector), macroeconomy, commodities, climate change, elite politics, trade, and foreign policy
- Analyzed Mongolian politics and mining sector issues
- Served major financial, multinational, and government clients through briefings, conference calls, meetings, and regular research output
- Contributed to various Eurasia Group publications and analytical products
- Managed one-off projects and research assistants
- Commented regularly in media, such as the Charlie Rose show, CNBC Asia, Bloomberg TV, BBC, C-SPAN, NPR, *Wall Street Journal*, *Time*, *Newsweek*, *Die Welt*, among others
- Published widely in mainstream print media

Contributor, the *Atlantic Monthly* online

Aug 2010-Present

- Contents revolved around China broadly, with focus on energy/environment

Adjunct Lecturer, Johns Hopkins University SAIS

Fall 2011/Spring 2012

- Taught a graduate-level skills course on political risk

Manager and Assistant Editor, US-China Business Council

May 2006-May 2008

- Assisted in managing pre-production process of bimonthly magazine, the *China Business Review*, including editing and writing articles, working with writers, contributing layout

- and design ideas, managing the Web edition, pitching taglines, and researching and fact-checking
- Managed and edited weekly e-newsletter, the *China Market Intelligence*
- Maintained the magazine's website and the general USCBC site
- Engaged in other translation and editing projects, including the weekly news report, membership survey, and *Washington Update*, among others
- Supported event logistics, including high-level Chinese visits and annual Gala

Communications Editor, H-Line Ogilvy - Beijing, China

Oct 2005-May 2006

- Edited media documents, wrote speeches and pitches, and liaised with foreign media
- Co-authored feature article on US cleft charity, Smile Train, published in the *China Daily*
- Supported large media events, including Ford Motor Company's environmental awards ceremony and Louis Vuitton's press conference and flagship store grand opening

SELECT PUBLICATIONS

- *The Atlantic Monthly*: www.theatlantic.com/damien-ma/
- "After the Plenum: Why China Must Reshape the State", *Foreign Affairs*, Dec 16, 2013
- "China's Coming Decade of Natural Gas?", in *Asia's Uncertain LNG Future*, The National Bureau of Asian Research Special Report #44, November 2013
- "If You Think China's Air Is Bad..." op-ed in *New York Times*, November 7, 2013
- "Hey China, Stop Laughing at the US", op-ed in *Bloomberg View*, October 17, 2013
- "Appetite for Destruction", *Foreign Policy*, October 8, 2013
- "China's Search for a New Energy Strategy", *Foreign Affairs*, June 4, 2013
- "The Rise of China's Reformers?", *Foreign Affairs*, April 17, 2013
- "Rolling Out the Red Carpet", *Foreign Policy*, February 22, 2013
- "Before and After Hu", *Foreign Affairs*, November 7, 2012
- "China Digs It", *Foreign Affairs*, April 25, 2012
- "Searching for a New Paradigm", *China Economic Review*, August 2012 issue
- "Fresh Heir", *The New Republic*, March 26, 2008
- "Still Waiting for Chinese Democracy", *Slate*, November 21, 2008
- "Google Flap Highlights China Risks", *Bloomberg BusinessWeek*, January 15, 2010
- "Avatar Backlash in China", *Forbes*, February 3, 2010
- "Keeping High-Speed Rail on Track", *China Dialogue*, August 10, 2011
- "China Answers Call for Rebalancing in the Next Decade", *China-US Focus*, Mar 17, 2011
- "Green-Collar Politics: Perils and Opportunities for South Korea in the Green-tech Race", Korea Economic Institute Academic Paper Series December 2010, volume 5, no. 12

EDUCATION

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

2004-2006

M.A., Asian Studies

- Areas of interest: Chinese energy policy, US-China relations, domestic policy and politics, comparative politics, and Internet and public sphere
- Advisors: Kenneth Lieberthal, Mary Gallagher
- Thesis: *People Power in the Digital Age? A Study of Internet Public Opinion and Its Impact on State Policy in China*

- Presented paper, “Caught between the National and the Global: Chinese Nationalism and Its Implications for PRC’s Foreign Policy,” at Columbia University’s 14th Annual Graduate Student Conference on East Asia, February 4-6, 2005 and at the Harvard East Asian Society’s 8th Annual Graduate Conference, March 4-6, 2005

Research Assistant

Summer 2005

- Translated sections of *China’s Political System Reforms* for Professor Ken Lieberthal and researched China’s outbound investment strategy
- Worked with Professor Mary Gallagher on designing a syllabus for a course on globalization and evolving labor relations

People’s University - Beijing, China

2005-2006

- Advanced Studies foreign student, School of International Studies; certificate awarded

Boston University

2000-2004

B.A. International Relations (*Summa Cum Laude*); B.S. Journalism (*Summa Cum Laude*)

- Graduated with distinction; Phi Beta Kappa; National Society of Collegiate Scholars
- Honor thesis: *China’s Media: From the Party to the Market and the Effects on Democratic Discourse*; advisor: Joseph Fewsmith
- Assignment Editor and Staff Writer, *Daily Free Press* (2001-2003)

Oxford University, St. Anne’s College

Fall 2002

- Boston University Honors Program - focused on modern British politics and history

LANGUAGE

Chinese (Mandarin)

- Conversation: fluent; reading: excellent proficiency

AWARDS/MEMBERSHIP

Council on Foreign Relations, Term Member

99under33 Foreign Policy Leaders, Young Professionals in Foreign Policy/*The Diplomatic Courier*

PRC Fellowship, Center for Chinese Studies, University of Michigan

FLAS Fellowship, University of Michigan

William J. Newman Book Award, Boston University Department of International Relations