



Conducted research on Chinese foreign policy norms and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization  
Audited and participated in graduate-level Chinese language courses on Sino-American relations  
Presented research findings to other scholars

Council on Foreign Relations

Research Associate

December 2006–June 2008

Assisted Senior Fellow Adam Segal in research by writing over 100 memos  
Prepared more than \$250,000 budget for Dr. Segal's programs and planned roundtables  
Conducted conference for peers and presented paper on Chinese and Russian foreign policy

Chinese: Fluent reading and speaking

Russian: Fluent reading and speaking

(US State Department)

June 2010–July 2010

Spent two months studying Russian in Ufa, Russia

September 2004–August 2005

Spent full year studying Chinese at ICLP at National Taiwan University

- "What Xi Jinping Learned—And Didn't Learn—From His Father About Xinjiang," in *Foreign Affairs*, November 26, 2019
- "Chinese Society amid Mao's Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution: The Roots and Nature of the Tragedy: Commentary by Joseph Torigian," in *Journal of Democracy* (Spring 2019), 21 (2): 177–88
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- "The Shadow of Deng Xiaoping on Chinese Elite Politics," in *Foreign Affairs*, January 30, 2017
- "Khrushchev's Fate and China's Future," in *Foreign Affairs*, November 24, 2016



Harvard University Weatherhead Center  
Participant in Harvard International Security Cluster

November 2018

(Wilson Center)  
Presented on Xi Zhongxun at Conference

October 2018

APSA

Presented "The Civil-Military Relations of Tiananmen Square"

August 2018

The Society of Historians for American Foreign Relations  
Presented "Khrushchev and the Bomb"

June 2018

Tianwen Lianhe xuehui wenge bowuguan chouwei hui (Tianwen Lianhe Society Cultural Revolution Museum Preparatory Committee)

Presented "Did the Gang of Four Have Their Own Ideology?" (In Chinese)

June 2018

Global Conference on New Sinology (Delhi)  
Keynote: Xi Jinping's Leadership Psychology

September 2024

Political Economy Series (National University of Singapore, Hong Kong Baptist University, National Taiwan University,  
and the China Europe International Business School)  
Book talk on

September 2024

Osaka School of International Public Policy  
The "New" and

July 2024

"Sino-Russian relations"

Tibet Policy Institute (Dharamsala)  
"Chinese Politics under Xi Jinping"

May 2023

Carnegie India  
"Sino-Russian Relations in Historic Context: Ideology, Agency, and Interests"

Centre for Social and Economic Progress (Delhi)  
"The 'New' and 'Old' in Xi Jinping as a Chinese Leader"

May 2023

Great Decisions (Vermont)  
"US-China Relations"

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Wilson Center

Consultant on Russia/Ukraine conflict

University of Michigan  
Book talk on

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Interviewed on [The World](#) podcast ( [Foreign Affairs](#) ), February 27, 2023

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Interviewed on [The World](#) podcast, January 14, 2023

Interviewed on SiriusXM Business Radio [Foreign Affairs](#), December 12, 2022

Contribution included in "Jiang Zemin, 1926–2022": A [Foreign Affairs](#) Conversation, December 2, 2022

Interviewed in "Joseph Torigian on Making Sense of Chinese Politics," [Foreign Affairs](#), November 20, 2022

Quoted in "China Affirms Ties with Russia But Signals That It's Becoming More Guarded About the War," [Foreign Affairs](#), November 16, 2022

Interviewed on [The World](#) podcast, November 7, 2022

Interviewed on [The World](#) (on 20<sup>th</sup> Party Congress), October 31, 2022

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