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His book—*The Military Lens: Doctrinal Differences and Deterrence Failure in Sino-American Relations* (Cornell, 2010)—explains how differing military doctrines complicate diplomatic signaling, interpretations of those signals, and assessments of the balance of power. Its empirical work centers on contemporary and historic Sino-American cases. He edited *Perspectives on Sino-American Strategic Nuclear Issues* (2008), and his work has appeared in journals such as *Security Studies*, *Journal of Contemporary China*, *Asian Survey*, *The Washington Quarterly*, *Nonproliferation Review*, *Contemporary Security Policy*, *Asia Policy*, *Current History*, and *Arms Control Today*, in addition to a dozen edited volumes.

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