

MEGHAN V. HERWIG

FIELDS & SPECIALTIES

U.S. foreign policy; 20th century international history; international economic history; U.S.-China relations

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Florida, Hamilton School for Classical and Civic Education

Assistant Professor (January 2024 - present)

EDUCATION

University of Virginia

Ph.D., History (December 2023)

- Dissertation: “The Global Debate over the Future World Economy, 1989-1998”

M.A., History (May 2020)

- Thesis: “The Crisis of Linkage: The Clinton Administration and Most Favored Nation Status for China, 1993-1994”

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

B.A., History (with highest honors) and Peace, War, & Defense (May 2015)

- Morehead-Cain Scholar
- Phi Beta Kappa
- Honors Carolina
- Honors Thesis in History: “The Balancing Act: Nixon, Taiwan, and the Tactics of Détente”

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, & OTHER FUNDING

Smith Richardson Foundation

Strategy & Policy Fellows Grant (2026)

John Anson Kittredge Educational Fund

Grant (Summer 2022)

University of Virginia

Brian Layton Blades Jefferson Fellow (Fall 2021 - Spring 2023)

Governing America in a Global Era (GAGE) Fellow (2020 - 2021)

Summer language study funding, Corcoran Department of History (Summer 2020)

Indiana University Bloomington, Center for the Study of Global Change

Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship (Summer 2019)

AWARDS

Indiana University Bloomington, Flagship Chinese Institute

Outstanding Academic Achievement Award: Chinese 2 (July 2019)

U.S. Department of the Treasury

The Secretary’s Honor Award (July 2019)

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Frank W. Ryan Award for the Best Honors Thesis, Department of History (April 2015)

Phi Alpha Theta (National History Honor Society) (Spring 2014)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Florida

Instructor, IDS 2935/ISS 1700: Why Spy? (Fall 2024, Spring 2025, Fall 2025)

University of Virginia

Teaching Assistant, HIST 2214: The Cold War (Spring 2020)

Teaching Assistant, HIUS 2052: America and War since 1914 (Fall 2019)

Breakthrough at Norfolk Academy (Norfolk, VA)

Teacher, 7th Grade Language Arts (June - July 2012)

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

U.S. Department of the Treasury, Office of International Affairs (Washington, DC)

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for International Markets & Investment Policy (August 2017 - June 2018)

Economic Research Analyst (International Affairs Junior Fellow), Office of Environment & Energy (June 2015 - August 2017)

The Manhattan Institute for Policy Research (New York, NY)

Intern, Center for Legal Policy (June - August 2014)

Parchman, Vaughan & Company, LLC (Baltimore, MD)

Intern (June - July 2013)

House of Commons, Houses of Parliament (London, UK)

Intern, Office of Philip Davies MP (January - April 2013)

PUBLICATIONS

“Why Engagement Failed,” Review of *Breaking the Engagement: How China Won & Lost America* by David Shambaugh, *Law & Liberty*, October 28, 2025, <https://lawliberty.org/book-review/why-engagement-failed/>

“Will the diplomatic boycott of the Olympics push China on human rights?” Made by History, *The Washington Post*, 4 February 2022, <https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/2022/02/04/will-diplomatic-boycott-olympics-push-china-human-rights/>

“There Is More War in the Classroom Than You Think,” *War on the Rocks*, 7 September 2021, <https://warontherocks.com/2021/09/there-is-more-war-in-the-classroom-than-you-think/> (with William Hitchcock)

PRESENTATIONS

Panel Presenter: “Gains and Limitations in Economic Integration: Eastern Europe versus China,” as part of the panel “Global Reaganomics - Part 2,” Age of Reagan Conference (Simi Valley, CA, July/August 2025)

Discussion Leader: “America and the World,” Jack Miller Center Summer Institute: Teaching Florida Social Studies Standards with Primary Sources (Orlando, FL, June 2024)

Panel Chair: “Transformation, Decision-making, & Defense,” America in the World Consortium Young Scholars Conference (Austin, TX, March 2024)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

University of Florida, Hamilton Center for Classical and Civic Education

Member, Undergraduate Committee (Fall 2025)

Member, Major Writing Committee: War, Statecraft, and Strategy (Fall 2024)

Member, Major Writing Committee: American Government, History, Literature, and Law (Fall 2024)

OTHER ACTIVITIES

The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation & Institute

Reagan National Economic Forum (May 2025)

- Attended the inaugural Reagan National Economic Forum, hosted at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley, CA

The University of Texas at Austin, Clements Center for National Security

Summer Seminar in History and Statecraft (July 2023)

- Attended the Clements Center's Summer Seminar in History and Statecraft in Beaver Creek, CO as a graduate student participant

University of Virginia

Made By History Editorial Workshop (January 2022)

- A workshop for writing and editing op-eds led by the editors of the *Washington Post's* Made By History column Associate Editor, *Essays in History* (Summer 2021 - Summer 2022)

Middlebury College

Chinese 3, Middlebury Chinese School (online) (June - July 2020)

- Summer 2020 courses conducted online due to the COVID-19 pandemic

Indiana University Bloomington

Chinese 2, Flagship Chinese Institute (June - July 2019)

The Leadership Institute (Arlington, VA)

Public Relations School (online) (September 2017)

The U.S. Army War College

International Strategic Crisis Negotiations Exercise: South China Sea (February 2015)

- Played the role of Head of Delegation, The Philippines
- Simulation hosted by The Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) in Washington, DC

International Strategic Crisis Negotiations Exercise: Sudan and South Sudan (October 2014)

- Played the role of Commerce Minister, People's Republic of China
- Simulation hosted by The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in Chapel Hill, NC

Morehead-Cain Scholars Strategic Leaders Staff Ride (May 2014)

- Hosted by The U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, PA

The China Institute (New York, NY)

"Hot Topics in China" (June - July 2014)

- A high-intermediate Mandarin Chinese conversation class

The Institute for the Public Trust

"How to Run for Office" (August - November 2013)

- A training course on running for elected office, hosted by the Morehead-Cain Foundation in Chapel Hill, NC

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Mandarin Chinese (advanced reading proficiency)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

The Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR)

Affiliated Scholar, The America in the World Consortium

Miller Fellow (Jack Miller Center Summer Institute, July 2024)

2019 - 2020 Junior Scholar, International Policy Scholars Consortium and Network (IPSCON)