

Kristian McGuire's Résumé

Washington, DC

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RELEVANT EXPERIENCES & SKILLS

- 6 years of work experience in China; also lived in Taiwan and Ireland
- Intermediate level Mandarin Chinese language skills (capable of reading traditional and simplified Chinese characters)
- Regularly produce translated summaries of Chinese-language public opinion polls
- High level of familiarity with the geography, major social issues and domestic politics of China and Taiwan
- Professional skills training in formal briefing, negotiation, and red team analysis
- Relevant Courses: Asian Security, International Politics of East Asia, Foreign Policy of the PRC, International Security Politics, The Chinese Military, Quantitative Analysis for IR Professionals, Cross-Cultural Training I & II, and U.S. Foreign Policy
- Initiated an interview series with Washington-based Taiwan scholars for Taiwan Security Research
- Strong MS PowerPoint and MS Word skills; proficient in MS Excel, MS Access, and SPSS

EDUCATION

The George Washington University, Elliott School of International Affairs, Washington, DC
M.A., International Affairs, May 2014

- East Asia regional focus; International Security Studies specialization; 3.8 GPA
- Summer 2013 Sigur Center Chinese Language Fellow
- Summer 2013 Freeman Foundation Asia Internship Fellow (with Taiwan Security Research)
- Thesis analyzed the impact that Taiwan's Democratic Progressive Party and the Democratic Party of Japan had on the security of their respective countries during their years in power; thesis adviser was the noted Taiwan scholar Dr. Robert Sutter

University of the Pacific, Stockton, CA
B.A., in International Relations, May 2005

Additional Training

National Taiwan Normal University (Taipei, Taiwan), Summer 2013

Mandarin Training Center, Mandarin Studies Program

Completed a semester of intensive Chinese language studies (traditional Chinese characters)

Shanghai Jiao Tong University (Shanghai, China), Spring 2007

School of International Education, Mandarin Studies Program

Completed a semester of intensive Chinese language studies (simplified Chinese characters)

SELECT TEACHING EXPERIENCE

George Washington University

Teaching Assistant to Dr. Mike Mochizuki, Spring 2014

- Provided support to students in Dr. Mochizuki's undergraduate course *International Relations of East Asia*
- Helped Dr. Mochizuki with grading assignments of approximately 50 students
- Gave a lecture on Taiwan as a past and possible future "flashpoint" in Asia

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University of Michigan – Shanghai Jiao Tong University Joint Institute (Shanghai, China)

Technical Communication Lecturer, 2010 – 2011

- Designed and taught technical communication courses to large classes (one class exceeded 100 students)
- Assisted with the translation of Shanghai Jiao Tong University's *Undergraduate Capstone Design Thesis Policies* and the creation of a thesis paper template

SELECT WORK EXPERIENCE

Freedom House (Washington, DC)

Temporary Research Assistant for East Asia Programs, November 2014 –Present

- Contributed research on various human rights issues in China and English translations of important Chinese-language documents to Freedom House's *Freedom in the World 2015* report
- Participated in Freedom House's East Asia ratings review session
- Currently researching and drafting the Hong Kong, Taiwan, and China sections of Freedom House's *Freedom of the Press 2015* report

National Park Association of Taiwan (College Park, MD)

Research Assistant, July 2014

- Assisted a group of researchers from Taiwan with identifying, documenting, and cataloging film and textual materials from the National Archives at College Park, Maryland related to Kinmen (one of Taiwan's outlying islands) and Taiwan's Cold War history

Mindmeta Consulting (Shanghai, China) *Proofreader/Copy Editor/Interim Managing Editor*,

Spring 2008 – Fall 2008

- Responsible for hiring, training and evaluating the performance of half (approximately 25) of the company's employees
- Helped produce company profile pages for hundreds of companies on the Shanghai and Shenzhen stock exchanges
- Headed company's wiki development team; team produced an intra-office wiki for the continual training and education of employees
- Assisted managing editor with development of quality control and efficiency measures that increased the number of publishable financial article/stock exchange announcement translations from approximately 60 per day to nearly 200 per day within three months

SELECT VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Taiwan Security Research (TSR) (Taipei, Taiwan) *Translator & Research Assistant*

June 2013—Present

- Conduct interviews on current events with Taiwan experts in the greater Washington, DC area
- Write brief summaries of Chinese language opinion polls from organizations such as Taiwan Indicators Survey Research
- Manage database of Taiwan security-related documents