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**Education**

# Texas A&M University College Station, TX

## *Ph.D. Student in History;* *Bush School Certificate of Advanced International Affairs:*  *August 2021- Present*

* Main research interests in modern American diplomatic and political history with particular attention to American support of Taiwan throughout the latter half of the 20th century.
* Emerging secondary area of interest includes the conflicts between the isolationist and interventionist factions of the GOP.
* *M.A. in History conferred in May of 2024; Bush School of Government Certificate in Advanced International Affairs conferred in December of 2023.*

# The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Chapel Hill, NC

##  *B.A. in History (United States concentration); Minor in Global American Studies: conferred: December 2020*

* Member of Phi Alpha Theta, the national history honor society.
* Relevant Coursework: History of American Politics 1932-Present; Political Parties and Elections; United States in WWII; Politics of Public Policy; 20th Century China; Analyzing Public Opinion; U.S Supreme Court, and Politics and Religion.

# Professional Experience

## Texas A&M University- College Station College Station, TX *Graduate Teaching Assistant (Department of History):* *August 2021- Present*

* Assists professor with teaching responsibilities including composing quizzes, grading essays, and proctoring exams.
* Composes and conducts exam reviews.

**Political Internships The Carolinas and Texas**

*Intern: Various Intervals*

* Have served as an intern on Republican congressional and senatorial campaigns in the Carolinas and Texas.
* Main duties have involved data input, media monitoring, opposition research, and phone banking.

**Conference Presentations and Awards**

* “Confrontation or Restraint? The Divergent Perspectives between Republican Hawks and Pragmatists on China and Taiwan” Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR) Conference, Toronto, ON, June 2024.
* “Democracy Promotion and Neoconservatism: The Blue Team’s Foreign Policy Proposals on Taiwan” Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR) Conference, Arlington, VA, June 2023.
* “Neoconservatives and Taiwan: Conservative Policies for a Liberal Goal?” Southwest Social Science Association Conference, Fort Worth, TX, April 2023.
* “How Pre-Existing Diplomatic and Political Ideology/Policy Influenced the Objectives and Thoughts of the Blue Team,” Policy History Conference, Tempe AZ, June 2022.
* Truman Library Institute Grant 2023-2024 – up to $1,550.
* Eisenhower Foundation Research Travel Grant 2023-2024 - $1,000.
* TAMU Department of History Conference Travel Grant 2023 - $750.
* TAMU Department of History Conference Travel Grant 2022 - $750.

**Memberships**

* Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR) – Student Member.