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Academic Employment

- Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, **Villanova University** August 2018
Villanova, Pennsylvania

Education

- Ph.D. **University of California, San Diego** 2018
Dissertation: Corporate Concentration and Air Pollution Governance in China
Committee: Emilie Hafner-Burton (co-chair), Victor Shih (co-chair),
Stephan Haggard, Susan Shirk, and David Victor
- MPP **Princeton University**, Woodrow Wilson School 2002
Certificate in Science, Technology and Environmental Policy
- BA **Harvard University** 1984
cum laude, East Asian Studies

Research Interests

Environmental Politics, Chinese Politics, Indian Politics, Authoritarian Politics, US China Relations,
Energy and Environmental Policy

Peer-Reviewed Publications

- **D. Seligsohn**, M. Liu & B. Zhang, “The Sound of One Hand Clapping:
Transparency Without Accountability,” *Environmental Politics*. 2018
- S. Kuk, **D. Seligsohn**, J. Zhang, “From Tiananmen to Outsourcing: How Rising
Import Competition Influenced Congressional Behavior Towards China,”
Journal of Contemporary China. 2017

Book Chapters

- “Energy in China,” in *Planning for Innovation: Understanding China’s Plans for
Technological, Energy, Industrial, and Defense Developments*, Tai Ming Cheung,
lead author, a report prepared for the US-China Economic and Security Review
Commission. 2016
- “Environment as an element of development: The growing role of energy
efficiency and environmental protection in Chinese economic policy,” in *Getting
Development Right: Structural Transformation, Inclusion and Sustainability in the
Post-Crisis Era*, ed. Eva Paus, Palgrave McMillan. 2013

Works in Progress

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- **D. Seligsohn**, “Corporate concentration and air pollution governance in the Chinese Power Sector.”
- J. Kuk, **D. Seligsohn**, J. Zhang, “The Partisan Divide in U.S. Congressional Communications after the China Shock,” *under review*.
- **D. Seligsohn**, J. Shindelar, “Authoritarianism as a support for Global Citizenship: The Influence of Domestic Power Relationships on Chinese Participation in International Environmental Regimes.”

Teaching Experience

Instructor

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| • International Relations | Fall 2018 |
| • Global Environmental Politics | Spring 2019 |
| • The Global Politics of Climate Change | Spring 2019 |
| • Environmental Law and Policy | Spring 2017 |
| • Environmental Policy | Summer 2017 |

Academic Research Experience

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| • Research Assistant, Professor David Lake Revised “The Global Environment” chapter of <i>World Politics</i> textbook. | Summer 2017 |
| • Research Assistant, Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation | June – December 2015 |
| • Research Assistant, Profs. Emilie Hafner-Burton and David Victor | Sept. 2012 – Aug. 2014 |

Non-Academic Work Experience

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| • Principal Advisor, China Climate and Energy Program World Resources Institute, Beijing, China | 2007 - 2012 |
| • Foreign Service Officer, U.S. Department of State | 1986-2007 |
| • Environment, Science, Technology and Health Counselor U.S. Embassy Beijing | 2003-2007 |
| • Regional Environmental Hub Officer for South Asia U.S. Embassy Kathmandu | 1999-2001 |

- Economic Officer 1996-1999
U.S. Consulate General Guangzhou
- Economic Officer 1993-1995
Department of State, Washington, DC
- Economic Officer 1991-1993
U.S. Embassy Beijing
- Political/Economic Officer 1989-1991
U.S. Embassy Wellington
- Consular Officer 1987-1999
U.S. Embassy New Delhi

Invited Talks

- “Prospects for Global Environmental Cooperation,” invited talk at the Villanova School of Business Research Insights Symposium, “The Future of Globalization,” Villanova University. May 2019
- “Corporate capture and air pollution governance in the Chinese Power Sector,” invited talk to the Political Science Department, Michigan State University. April 2019
- “Corporate Political Influence and the Chinese Air Pollution Challenge,” invited talk at the Center for the Study of Contemporary China, University of Pennsylvania. January 2019
- “Trade Wars, Who Wins? Who Loses?” panel discussion at Villanova School of Business, Villanova University, November 2018
- “Corporate Political Influence and the Chinese Air Pollution Challenge,” invited talk at the Arthur L. Irving Institute for Energy and Society, Dartmouth College. October 2018
- “China’s Role in the Global Climate Discussion,” invited talk at “Can China Save Us from Global Warming” at UC Irvine Long U.S.-China Institute. May 2017
- “U.S.-China Environmental Cooperation: A Changing Paradigm,” invited talk at USC U.S.-China Institute China Card Conference. September 2016
- “How China’s Five Year Plan Addresses Energy and the Environment,” Testimony before the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission, U.S. Congress. April 2016
- “Paris Compliance Prospects and Challenges for the United States and China,” invited talk at “Paris Compliance Prospects and Challenges for the United States and China,” invited talk at “The Environment: Issues & Strategies in China & the U.S.,” the University of California, Santa Barbara. April 2016

- “Climate Change Issues In China and India,” invited talk at panel, “Asia Beyond the Headlines, Asia, Climate Change and the Paris Climate Conference,” Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference. April 2016
- “After the “Air-pocalypse” what is happening with China’s environmental policies?” University of California, San Diego, 21st Century China Program Public Lecture. March 2013
- “Chinese Climate Policy: Domestic Imperatives and International Strategy,” invited talk at Brown University conference “Beyond Competition? China, Climate Change, Security and the Developing World.” April 2012
- “China and the Environment,” invited talk at Mt. Holyoke College conference, “Securing Development for All: The Great Challenge of the 21st Century.” March 2012
- “Climate and Energy Security,” Presentation at the Central Party School of the Chinese Communist Party. December 2011
- “The Transformation of China's Energy System: Challenges and Opportunities,” Testimony Before the House Energy and Power Subcommittee of the House Energy and Commerce Committee. April 2011
- “Coal in China: Industrial Efficiency and China in the Global Context,” Side Event Presentation, UN Framework Convention on Climate Change Council of Parties, Tianjin. October 2010
- “Measurement and Financing Tools for Reducing Carbon Emissions,” Conference for Development and Reform Commission Officials, British Pavilion, Shanghai World Expo. August 2010
- “China’s System for Measuring, Monitoring and Reporting Energy and Climate Data,” Testimony Before the Congressional-Executive Commission on China. April 2010

Conference Presentations

- “Using Competition to Break an Information Monopoly: The Case of the Chinese Oil Companies,” presented at Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting. April 2019
- “Corporate Concentration and Air Pollution Governance in China,” paper presented at American Political Science Association and Association of Asian Studies Annual Conference. March and September 2017
- “Rising Import Competition and Congressional Voting Towards China,” paper presented with John Kuk and Jack Zhang, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. August 2015
- “Does Chinese Central Government Attention Change City Behavior?” American Political Science Association and Midwest Political Science Association. April and August 2014

- “Government Transparency and Local Government Performance,” with Mengdi Liu and Bing Zhang, Shanghai Jiaotong University Environmental Economics Workshop and Midwest Political Science Association. July 2014 and April 2015
- “China’s System for Measuring, Monitoring and Reporting Energy and Climate Data,” Testimony Before the Congressional-Executive Commission on China. April 2010

World Resources Institute Publications

- **D. Seligsohn**, “China’s Air Pollution Standards Will Drive Technology Innovation,” *ChinaFAQs*. November 2016
- **D. Seligsohn**, “Climate Change in Paris; Air-pocalypse in Beijing. What’s the Connection?” *ChinaFAQs*. December 2015
- **D. Seligsohn**, “China in Paris: New Responsibility, New Optimism,” *ChinaFAQs*. December 2015
- **D. Seligsohn**, “US-China Cooperation is Good News for the Climate,” *ChinaFAQs*. September 2015
- **D. Seligsohn**, H. Wen, C. Hanson, K. Jiang, “Opportunities to Reduce Water Use and Greenhouse Gas Emissions in the Chinese Power Sector,” The World Resources Institute. January 2015
- L. Zhao, C. James, **D. Seligsohn**, “China Adopts World-Class Emissions Standards for Power Plants,” *ChinaFAQs*. June 2012
- A. Hsu, **D. Seligsohn**, “The Strategic and Economic Dialogue and Energy and Climate,” *ChinaFAQs*. May 2012
- **D. Seligsohn**, A. Hsu, “Looking To Durban: China’s Climate Change Policy Progress Since Cancun,” *WRI Insights*. November 2011
- **D. Seligsohn**, S. Forbes, “China’s Climate Minister Speaks in Support of Carbon Capture and Storage,” *WRI Insights*. July 2011
- **D. Seligsohn**, A. Hsu, “How Does China’s 12th Five Year Plan Address Energy and the Environment?” *The World Resources Institute*. March 2011
- A. Hsu, **D. Seligsohn**, “What to Look for in China’s 12th Five Year Plan,” *The World Resources Institute*. March 2011
- **D. Seligsohn**, A. Hsu, “What Can We Expect on Energy and Climate in China in 2011?” *The World Resources Institute*. January 2011
- **D. Seligsohn**, “Report from Cancun: China Emphasizes Energy Policy Progress,” *The World Resources Institute*. December 2010
- **D. Seligsohn**, “Report from Cancun: China’s Climate Progress Since Copenhagen,” *The World Resources Institute*. November 2010

- X. Tan, **D. Seligsohn**, “Scaling Up Low Carbon Technology Deployment: Lessons from China,” The World Resources Institute. October 2010
- **D. Seligsohn**, Y. Liu, S. Forbes, D. Zhang, L. West, “CCS in China: Toward an Environment, Health and Safety Regulatory Framework,” The World Resources Institute. August 2010
- **D. Seligsohn**, “China Faces the Challenges of International Leadership” *The World Resources Institute*. April 2010
- **D. Seligsohn**, K. Levin, “ChinaFAQs: China’s Carbon Intensity Target: A Guide for the Perplexed,” ChinaFAQs: The Network for Climate and Energy Information. April 2010
- **D. Seligsohn**, “In Copenhagen, Updates from China on Its Carbon Intensity Target,” *The World Resources Institute*. December 2009
- **D. Seligsohn**, “China’s State Council Unveils 40-45% Carbon Intensity Target,” *The World Resources Institute*. November 2009
- **D. Seligsohn**, L. Weischer, A. Tomlinson, P. Zorlu, “Key Functions for a UNFCCC Technology Institutional Structure: Identifying Convergence in Country Submissions,” The World Resources Institute. November 2009
- **D. Seligsohn**, R. Heilmayr, X. Tan, L. Weischer, “China, the United States, and the Climate Change Challenge,” The World Resources Institute. October 2009
- F. Teng, Y. Wang, A. Gu, R. Xu, H. McMahon, **D. Seligsohn**, “Mitigation Actions in China, Measurement, Reporting and Verification,” The World Resources Institute. June 2009
- **D. Seligsohn**, H. McMahon, “Measuring Climate Change Progress in China,” *the World Resources Institute and the Huffington Post*. February 2009
- **D. Seligsohn**, S. Forbes “Can the U.S. and China Cooperate on Coal?” *the World Resources Institute and the Huffington Post*. January 2009
- **D. Seligsohn**, “A ‘Green Lining’ in China’s Economic Stimulus Plan,” *the World Resources Institute and the Huffington Post*. November 2008
- **D. Seligsohn**, “Was it the Green Olympics?” *the World Resources Institute and the Huffington Post*. August 2008
- **D. Seligsohn**, “Beijing’s Air Pollution: It isn’t the Cars,” *the World Resources Institute and the Huffington Post*. July 2008

Other Publications

- **D. Seligsohn**, “Will clean air and water survive EPA’s Scott Pruitt?” *ChinaDialogue* February 2017

- R. Tongia and **D. Seligsohn**, “Challenges, recommendations for meeting 2017 norms for air pollution from thermal power plants in India,” *Brookings India IMPACT Series*, Research Paper 022017. February 2017
- **D. Seligsohn**, “Trump's victory may force climate leadership role onto China,” *ChinaDialogue*. November 2016
- **D. Seligsohn**, A. Hsu, “How China’s 13th Five Year Plan Addresses Energy and the Environment” *ChinaFile*. March 2016
- **D. Seligsohn**, “The Dragon Morphs,” *The New Scientist* 228(3049). November 2015
- **D. Seligsohn**, “Why has this Environmental Documentary Gone Viral on China’s Internet?” *ChinaFile*. March 2015
- M. Bapna, **D. Seligsohn**, “China can turn its challenges into clear opportunities for greener growth,” *The South China Morning Post*. November 2013
- **D. Seligsohn**, “Reinvigorating the U.S.-China Climate Change Relationship,” *The Huffington Post*. July 2013
- **D. Seligsohn**, “Clearing Up Copenhagen’s Confusion,” *GavKal Dragonomics China Insight*. January 2010
- **D. Seligsohn**, “Comment on the Chinese National Program and its Potential Connection to an MRV Approach,” *Comments on China’s Policies and Actions Addressing Climate Change*, *the Global Environment Institute*. March 2009
- **D. Seligsohn**, “CEQ on FT.com: More Than Hot Air,” *ft.com*. December 2008
- **D. Seligsohn**, “Climate Change Policy, Doing More Than You Think,” *The China Economic Quarterly*. September 2008

Fellowships and Honors

- Fulbright Hays Dissertation Research Development Grant 2015-2017
- Association for Asian Studies Conference Grant 2017
- University of California San Diego, Sanford Lakoff Research Fellowship 2015
- Institute for Qualitative Methodological Research Workshop Fellowship 2014
- Nanjing University Summer Research Fellowship 2014
- University of California San Diego, Comprehensive Exams, Distinction 2014
- Chinese University of Hong Kong, Conference Fellowship 2014
- University of California San Diego PhD Program Full Fellowship 2012-present
- Woodrow Wilson School Foreign Affairs Agency Fellowship 2001-2002
- US Department of State Meritorious Honor Awards 1988, 1999, 2000, 2005
- Harvard College Scholar 1981, 1983

Professional Development

- Creating an Inclusive Classroom September 2017
- Teaching and Learning at the College Level Winter 2017
- Institute for Qualitative Methodological Research, Syracuse University June 2014
- US Foreign Service Institute Chinese Language Training 1995 - 1996
2002 - 2003
- US Foreign Service Institute Hindi Language Training 1987

Affiliations/Memberships

- National Committee on US-China Relations, American Political Science Association, and Association of Asian Studies

Service

- Reviewed for *Science*, *Energy Policy*, *Journal of East Asian Studies*, *China Environment Series*, *Review of Policy Research*, *Global Environmental Change*

Languages

- Mandarin Chinese (fluent speaking and reading), Hindi (conversational)