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## Academic Employment

- Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, **Villanova University** August 2018- present  
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, Public Health Politics, Chinese Politics, Indian Politics, Authoritarian Politics, US China Relations, Energy and Environmental Policy

## Academic Journal Publications

- J. Kuk, **D. Seligsohn**, J. Zhang, “The Partisan Divide in U.S. Congressional Communications after the China Shock,” *Economics & Politics*. January 2022
- **D. Seligsohn**, “Book Review of *Greening East Asia: The Rise of the Eco-Developmental State*, Edited by Ashley Esarey, Mary Alice Haddad, Joanna I. Lewis and Stevan Harrell,” *The China Quarterly*. April 2021
- **D. Seligsohn**, “The Rise and Fall of the US-China Health Relationship,” *Asian Perspective*. Fall 2020
- **D. Seligsohn**, “Comment: Does the Establishment of The Ministry of Environmental Protection Matter for Addressing China's Pollution Problems? Empirical Evidence from Listed Companies,” *Journal of East Asian Studies*. 2019
- **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

- “Chinese Power Sector Regulation: Key Lessons for Developing Nations,” in *Multiple Modernities* forthcoming by Routledge. 2020
- “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 MacMillan. 2013

## Works in Progress

- D. Seligsohn, “The World Health Organization and its Coordinating Function in Great Power Relations: The US-China Relationship and its Evolving Response to Pandemic Threat.”
- **D. Seligsohn**, “Corporate concentration and air pollution governance in the Chinese Power Sector.”

## Teaching Experience

- The Global Politics of Pandemics Spring and Fall 2021
- Research Methods Fall 2020, Spring 2021
- Chinese Politics Spring 2020
- International Relations Fall 2019, 2018
- Global Environmental Politics Fall 2020, Spring 2019
- The Global Politics of Climate Change Fall 2021, Spring 2020, 2019
- Environmental Law and Policy Spring 2017
- Environmental Policy Summer 2017

## Non-Academic Work Experience

- Principal Advisor, China Climate and Energy Program 2007 - 2012  
World Resources Institute, Beijing, China
- Foreign Service Officer, U.S. Department of State 1986-2007
  - Environment, Science, Technology and Health Counselor 2003-2007  
U.S. Embassy Beijing

- Regional Environmental Hub Officer for South Asia  
U.S. Embassy Kathmandu 1999–2001
- Economic Officer  
U.S. Consulate General Guangzhou 1996–1999
- Economic Officer  
Department of State, Washington, DC 1993–1995
- Economic Officer  
U.S. Embassy Beijing 1991–1993
- Political/Economic Officer  
U.S. Embassy Wellington 1989–1991
- Consular Officer  
U.S. Embassy New Delhi 1987–1999

### Invited Talks

- "Climate Change, Environmental Problems, and Global Security," Rowan College Global Studies Lecture Series. September 2021
- Panel speaker at "UN Climate Change Report: A Time to Act," Villanova University. September 2021
- Panel speaker at Columbia University–Energy Foundation roundtable on low-carbon hydrogen fuels. June 2021
- "Climate Relations between the US and China," California Institute of Technology. April 2021
- "Reframing US-China Climate Relations: Competition as the Key to Climate Mitigation," invited lecture, New Energy: Conversations with Early-Career Energy Researchers, Irving Institute for Energy and Society, Dartmouth College. January 2021
- "Revitalizing the US-China Science Relationship in a New Administration," keynote address, China Science/Diplomacy – an Empathetic Approach, Sam Nunn School of International Affairs, Georgia Institute of Technology. January 2021
- Panel Speaker on China's climate and environmental prospects at "Doubling Down on China, Inc.: An Initial Analysis of China's 14th Five-Year Plan," sponsored by the Center for Strategic and International Studies. November 2020
- Panel Speaker at "The Coronavirus Crisis and the Global Race for a Vaccine," Krasno Event Series, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill. September 2020
- "US-China Climate Change Cooperation: Working Toward a Green New Deal," with Angel Hsu, at the Future of US-China Relations Project, University of Pennsylvania. June 2020

- Panel Speaker at "Cooperation or Cold War: Navigating U.S.-China Relations In Times of COVID and Climate Change, " The Quincy Institute. May 2020
- Panel Speaker at "COVID-19 Global Impacts: US-China Relations," at UC San Diego School of Global Policy and Strategy. April 2020
- "Corporate Political Influence and the Chinese Air Pollution Challenge," at John's Hopkins University Initiative for Sustainable Energy Workshop. April 2020
- Panel Speaker at "COVID-19: Pathway to Pandemic?" Brandeis University. March 2020
- "China's SARS Experience," at Coronavirus Teach-In, Yale-NUS College. March 2020
- "Corporate Political Influence and the Chinese Air Pollution Challenge," at Yale-NUS Politics Workshop. March 2020
- Chinese Power Sector Regulation: Key Lessons for Developing Nations," at the "2019 Multiple Modernities Conference," Institute for European Studies of Macau. November 2019
- "The Partisan Divide in U.S. Congressional Communications after the China Shock," invited talk at Tsinghua University, BP Energy Center. June 2019
- "Corporate Concentration and Chinese Air Pollution Governance," invited talk at Nanjing University, School of Environmental Studies. June 2019
- "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." April 2016

States and China,” invited talk at “The Environment: Issues & Strategies in China & the U.S.,” the University of California, Santa Barbara.

- “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, 21<sup>st</sup> 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

- “The Partisan Divide in U.S. Congressional Communications after the China Shock,” presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. August 2019
- “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

### Bilateral Dialogues

- Presenter and discussant, U.S.-China Science and Technology Dialogue Series, sponsored by the Center for Strategic and International Studies and the China Association for Science and Technology. August 2020 - the present
- Discussant, U.S.-China Relations Dialogue Series, sponsored by the Center for Strategic and International Studies and the Peking University Institute of International and Strategic Studies. September 2020 – the present
- Discussant, High-Level Japan-US Strategic Dialogue on Clean Economy & Climate Cooperation: Session 3, Mobilizing Action by China, sponsored by Climate Advisers. December 2020

### Policy and Public Writing

- **D. Seligsohn**, “The US and China Should Compete on This,” *The New York Times*. December 2021
- **D. Seligsohn**, Comment in “First Takes: Our Initial Reactions to USTR Tai’s CSIS Speech on China Policy,” *Center for Strategic and International Studies*. October 2021
- **D. Seligsohn**, “Demands for a Lab Leak Investigation Are a Dangerous Distraction: U.S.-China cooperation is vital for global health efforts,” *Foreign Policy*. June 2021
- **D. Seligsohn**, “The U.S. and China must rebuild their climate partnership,” *ChinaDialogue*. November 2020
- A. Hsu and **D. Seligsohn**, “Future U.S.-China Cooperation on Climate Change: Working Towards a Green New Deal,” Penn Project on the Future of U.S.-China Relations. September 2020

- **D. Seligsohn**, “U.S.-China climate cooperation rests on action at home,” *The Quincy Institute*. September 2020
- P. Gourevitch and **D. Seligsohn**, “Remaking the global system after COVID-19,” *East Asia Forum*. June 2019
- P. Gourevitch and **D. Seligsohn**, “How to future-proof medical supplies: Building resilience in COVID-19’s wake will require multiple strategies, including strengthening our medical stockpile,” *Think Global Health*, Council on Foreign Relations. April 2019
- **D. Seligsohn**, “Is U.S.-China cooperation on COVID-19 still possible? A ChinaFile Conversation,” *ChinaFile*. March 2019
- **D. Seligsohn**, “The U.S.-China collaboration on health collapsed under Trump. This is the cost.” *The Washington Post*. February 2019
- **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



## 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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. McMahan, **D. Seligsohn**, “Mitigation Actions in China, Measurement, Reporting and Verification,” *The World Resources Institute*. June 2009
- **D. Seligsohn**, H. McMahan, “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

## 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 2012-2018
- 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**

- Wilson Center China Fellow
- Non-resident Associate, the Center for Strategic and International Studies
- 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, Regulation and Governance, World Development, China Environment Series, Review of Policy Research, Global Environmental Change, Columbia University Press*
- Served on Villanova Political Science Search Committee and Graduate Committee, Villanova CLAS Sustainability Committee

### **Languages**

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