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Education

Ph.D., Political Science, University of Iowa (Iowa City, IA)

August 2005 – December 2011

Dissertation Title: Nationalism and State Legitimation in Contemporary China

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Major Fields of Study: Comparative Politics, American Politics

Minor Field of Study: Political Theory

B.A., Political Science, with a minor in History, Northwestern College (Orange City, IA)

August 1999 - May 2003

Academic Positions

Assistant Professor of Politics and International Studies, Loras College Aug2012 - present Teaching Fellow, Department of Political Science, Augustana College Aug2011 - May2012

Honors and Awards

T. Anne Cleary International Dissertation Research Fellowship	January 2011
Graduate College Summer Fellowship	Spring 2010
UI Council on Teaching's Outstanding Teaching Assistant	April 2009
U.S. Department of State Critical Language Scholar	Summer 2008
James F. Jakobsen Graduate Conference	March 29, 2008
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Best Presentation in Social Sciences & Education Division 3rd Place Paper in Social Sciences & Education Division

University of Iowa Laurence Fairall Scholar Fall 2005 – Spring 2011

Graduated Magna Cum Laude, Northwestern College May 2003

Northwestern College Presidential Scholar Fall 1999 – Spring 2003

Publications

Tang, Wenfang and Benjamin Darr. 2012. "Chinese Nationalism and Its Political and Social Origins." *The Journal of Contemporary China* 21(77): 811-826.

Darr, Benjamin and Vicki Hesli. 2010. "Differential Voter Turnout in a Post-Communist Muslim Society: The Case of Kyrgyzstan." *Communist and Post-Communist Studies* 43: 309-324.

Darr, Benjamin. 2007. "Political Cynicism," in the Encyclopedia of Campaigns, Elections, and Electoral Behavior. Sage Publications.

Conference Papers and Working Papers

- Darr, Benjamin J. "Pledging Allegiance? Education and National Identity in China." Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, April 1, 2011.
- Darr, Benjamin J. "The Role of Education in the National and Ethnic Identities of Chinese Adolescents." Presented at the University of Iowa's Graduate Conference of Asian Studies, December 4, 2009.
- Darr, Benjamin J. "To Be or Not to Be: National Identities in Chinese Adolescents." Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, April 5, 2009.
- Darr, Benjamin J. "Patriots, Cynics, and Other Supporters of Campaign Finance Reform." Paper presented at the James F. Jakobsen Graduate Conference, March 29, 2008.
- Darr, Benjamin J. and Vicki L. Hesli. "Islam and Individual Voter Turnout in Transitional Kyrgyzstan." Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, April 13, 2007.
- Darr, Benjamin J. "Capturing Guanxi in the Language of Social Capital." Working Paper.
- Darr, Benjamin J. "September 11th and Patriotism: How Have Things Changed?" Working Paper.

Darr, Benjamin J. "A Network of IGOs? Human Rights Practices and Social Conformity Among States." Working Paper.

Courses Taught

Politics of the Developing World	Fall 2012
Comparative Politics	Fall 2012
Issues in Global Politics	Fall 2012
Globalization and Its Discontents	Spring 2012
Capitalism and Modernity	Spring 2012
Where do nations come from? Rise and future of the nation-state	Winter 2011-12
American National Government	Fall 2011, Winter 2011-12
Contemporary Political Ideas	Fall 2011, Winter 2011-12
Government and Politics of China	Spring 2009

Future Courses

International Politics

Democracy and Global Diversity

Comparative Environmental Politics

East Asian Politics

American Foreign Policy

Politics and the Global Economy

Professional Service

Welcome Speaker, Rivers as Bridges Banquet, Loras College	July 2012
Panel Chair and Discussant, 2011 National Conference of the	Spring 2011

Midwest Political Science Association

Department of Political Science T.A. Training Instructor Fall 2010 University of Iowa Graduate Student Conference on East Asia Fall 2009

Conference Co-organizer and Panel Chair

University of Iowa Graduate Association of Political Science

President Fall 2008 – Spring 2009 Secretary/Treasurer Fall 2007 – Spring 2008

Continuing Education in Teaching

Incorporating Student Reflection in Courses	Spring 2012
Presenting Prezi: A Tool to Improve Lecture Presentation	Spring 2011
Teaching Workshop: Facilitating Discussion of 'Hot' Topics	Fall 2010
Teaching Workshop: Concept Maps	Spring 2010
Seminar in College Teaching	Fall 2008

Professional Affiliations

Midwest Political Science Association American Political Science Association

Language Expertise

Mandarin Chinese: High-Intermediate proficiency, with emphasis on reading

References

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