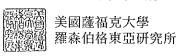




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## To Whom It May Concern:

It is a pleasure for me to write endorsing the scholarly research and publishing of Andrew Erickson.

I met Andrew at Harvard over five years ago when I was Assistant Director of the Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies. Andrew's research and ideas were of great interest to our associated faculty (including Harvard, MIT, Boston University, Boston College, and Tufts). He regularly was invited to speak at our colloquia. He continues to be invited by Harvard to join other specialists to talk about issues concerning China.

China's naval modernization and the military implications for all other navies, especially for the United States, is a topic we frequently asked him to speak about. But his research extends from that point to also consider the strategic geo-political aspects of China's naval deployment. Because of that his audiences are as likely to include scholars of diplomacy and recent history, as well as military experts. At Harvard we noticed that members of the diplomatic community were often in attendance.

I have recommended Andrew's work to my students here at Suffolk. He presents his material clearly, so I tell my undergraduates to not be afraid to tackle his work because they will find they can follow his arguments. Our IR grad students in the Government Department, I have heard, look to his publications with confidence.

Ronald Suleski, PhD

Sincerely yours,

Professor of History and Director