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DURHAM, N.H. -- Chris Reardon, University of New Hampshire associate professor of political science, has been awarded a one-year fellowship at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars and the Elliott School of International Affairs of The George Washington University in Washington, DC.

This is the first year the fellowship program for recently tenured faculty members in Asian studies has been offered. Reardon will spend one semester at each, exploring the policy implications of his research.

Reardon says he will use the time to write his second book on post-1978 Chinese foreign economic policy, looking at the initial steps taken to open its economy to the outside world. He will also promote his first book on pre-1978 Chinese foreign economic policy, which will be published this fall by the University of Washington Press.

"I'm very honored to be named a fellow, and grateful for the time away from teaching to work on my research," Reardon says. "Without this opportunity, my next book would be delayed several years. The way I do research is by reconstructing the policy process using primary sources. It's very time-consuming and complicated."

In addition, Reardon says the year in Washington will also give him a chance to interact with a strong Chinese policy community, meeting people who do research on similar topics and government officials.

The Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars is an independent, non-partisan institute for advanced
research. Vital current issues and their historical and cultural backgrounds are explored through research and dialogue by supporting scholarship and linking that scholarship to issues of concern to Washington policymakers. The Elliott School is The George Washington University's school of international affairs.

Reardon has a Ph.D. in political science from Columbia and holds diplomas and certificates from Columbia's East Asian Institute, Peking University, the University of Vienna, and the School of Advanced International Studies-Bologna of the Johns Hopkins University.

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