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Nathan served as co-author of the Dialogue's *Borderless Innovation* report, which presents opportunities for enhancing the global competitiveness of science and technology-based businesses on both sides of the border. In addition to the ongoing activities with San Diego Dialogue, Nathan provides research and analysis as part of the services Global CONNECT offers to the regions it works with around the world.

Nathan joined UC San Diego Extension after completing his Master's degree in Science, Technology, and Public Policy at The George Washington University's Elliott School of International Affairs in Washington, DC. Concurrent with his graduate studies, Nathan also worked as a research analyst for a consulting firm serving mostly Japan-based clients. Originally from Northern California, Nathan received his B.A. in political science from UC San Diego.