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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

SYRACUSE COLLEGE OF LAW

Associate Professor

Courses taught: Torts, Constitutional Law

Syracuse, NY

Aug. 2024 – Current

STANFORD LAW SCHOOL

Rule of Law Fellow & Lecturer in Law

Courses taught: Global Trends in Judicial Reforms

Stanford, CA

Sept. 2023 – May 2025

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN SCHOOL OF LAW

William H. Hastie Fellow

Madison, WI

Aug. 2022 – Aug. 2024

COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL

Visiting Scholar

New York, NY

May 2023 – August 2023

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD CHINA, LAW AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Research Associate

Oxford, United Kingdom

Nov 2020 – Dec. 2023

PEKING UNIVERSITY

Senior C.V. Starr Lecturer at the School of Transnational Law

Courses taught: Transnational Legal Practice, Comparative Law

Service: *Thesis Defense Panelist*; *Faculty Representative* in the Public Interest Law Forum (PILF); *Coach* of the

International Criminal Court Moot Court Competition 2020 (*2020 team ranked within top #10 in national rounds*)

Shenzhen, China

Aug. 2019 – July 2021

EDUCATION

KING'S COLLEGE LONDON

Ph.D. Candidate

King's College London Studentship, *Full Tuition & Stipend*

King's College London Student Law Review, *Editor in Chief*

London, United Kingdom

Sept. 2021 – Sept. 2025

CORNELL UNIVERSITY

Masters in International Development, Summa Cum Laude

2018

Thesis: *Farmworkers Worldwide: The Invisible Citizens*

Ithaca, NY

May

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME LAW SCHOOL KLAU CENTER

LL.M., Civil and International Human Rights Law, Magna Cum Laude

Journal of International & Comparative Law, *Articles Editor*

Notre Dame, IN

May 2017

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME LAW SCHOOL

Juris Doctor

Journal of International & Comparative Law, *Articles Editor*

International Human Rights Society, *Vice President*; Animal Legal Defense Fund, *President*

Notre Dame, IN

May 2016

UNIVERSITY OF CHARLESTON

Bachelors of Science, Public Policy; Bachelors of Arts, History

Summa Cum Laude

Charleston, WV

May 2013

TEACHING INTERESTS

Primary: International Law, Constitutional Law, Property, Professional Responsibility, Family Law

Secondary: Legal Theory, Torts, Comparative Law, Immigration Law, Criminal Law

LEGAL WORK EXPERIENCE

KENTUCKY LEGAL AID OF THE BLUEGRASS

Staff Attorney, Special Populations and Housing

Represented indigent clients in domestic violence hearings & litigated wrongful evictions and appeals

Lexington, KY

Aug. 2018 – Aug. 2019

CORNELL FARMWORKER LEGAL ASSISTANCE CLINIC

Associate

Represented undocumented minor clients during family court proceedings

Ithaca, NY

Aug. 2017 – Aug. 2018

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE: CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION

Certified Law Clerk

Prepared discovery, interviewed clients, and drafted interoffice memoranda in discrimination cases

Charleston, WV

May 2015 – Aug. 2015

ARTICLES

MOBILIZATION & THE LEGAL COMPLEX: [SOME WAYS] TO SAVE A CONSTITUTIONAL DEMOCRACY

(Forthcoming Fall 2024).

THE CONSENT OF THE GOVERNED: RESISTANCE AS CONSTITUENT POWER

101 WASH. U. L. REV. 1311-1344 (2024).

SHIFTS IN CHINESE LABOR AND CAPITAL DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

ASIAN COMP. L. J. (2023) ([link](#)) (with Ying Wu and Aleksandar Matković).

PRESENT TRENDS OF AUTHORITARIAN LEGALITY IN CHINA: THE OPERATIONAL CONSTITUTION

8 ASIAN L. BULL. 39-66 (2023).

THE EVOLUTION OF CONSTITUTIONALISM IN THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA: PAST AND PRESENT

31 IND. INT'L & COMP. L. REV. 351-77 (2021).

FORCED EVICTIONS, HOMELESSNESS, AND DESTRUCTION: OLYMPIC "GAMES"?

8 NOTRE DAME J. INT'L & COMP. L. 35-53 (2018).

CHAPTERS, REVIEWS & COMMENTS

THE LOWER SESAN II: CHINA'S BELT AND ROAD INITIATIVE AND HUMAN RIGHTS

in CHINESE OUTBOUND INVESTMENT: A CASEBOOK (Cambridge University Press) (Forthcoming Fall 2024).

CHINA'S CONSTITUTION(S): ON LAW AND POLITICS

in MULTI-TEXTUAL CONSTITUTIONS (RICHARD ALBERT, ED.) (Hart Publishing Ltd.) (Forthcoming 2025).

LAW, LAWYERS, AND DEMOCRATIC DECLINE

in TEACHING, CONJUNCTURE AND THEORY - ESSAYS IN HONOR OF JOSÉ EDUARDO FARIA ([link](#)) (with David Trubek and Sofia Bordin-Rolim)

评《反对立宪主义》(COMMENT: AGAINST CONSTITUTIONALISM), 2 中国民主季刊 190-197 (2023).

Translated Partial Abstract: China's path to democratization should diverge from Carl Schmitt and populist influences, and adopt a constitutional government based on the universal values promoted in Charter 08.

AGAINST CONSTITUTIONALISM: A REVIEW 13 KING'S STUD. L. REV. 1-7 (2023).

RESEARCH REPORTS

CHINA'S CONSTITUTIONS: PAST AND PRESENT

European Chinese Law Research Hub (Nov. 2022) ([link](#))

ECONOMIC MIGRATION IN THE ERA OF COVID-19 – TENSIONS AND TRANSITIONS

The Oxford University China, Law and Development Project (Apr. 2021) ([link](#))

SUBMISSION, UN OHCHR WORKING GROUP ON THE ISSUE OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN IN LAW AND IN PRACTICE – ON WOMEN DEPRIVED OF LIBERTY

Co-Author, Cornell Center on the Death Penalty Worldwide (Oct. 2018) ([link](#))

JUDGED FOR MORE THAN HER CRIME: A GLOBAL OVERVIEW OF WOMEN FACING THE DEATH PENALTY

Co-Author, Cornell Center on the Death Penalty Worldwide (Sept. 2018) ([link](#))

GRANTS & AWARDS

INSTITUTE FOR LEGAL STUDIES: HOW TO STUDY LAW

University of Wisconsin Law School Institute for Legal Studies
May 2023

Madison, WI

KING'S COLLEGE LONDON STUDENT OPPORTUNITY FUND

Research Development Grant Recipient

London, United Kingdom
Nov. 2022

LAURA BASSI SCHOLARSHIP ADVISORY BOARD

Scholarship Recipient

Editing Press
Jan. 2022

KING'S COLLEGE LONDON STUDENT OPPORTUNITY FUND

Research Development Grant Recipient

London, United Kingdom
Oct. 2021

PEKING UNIVERSITY YOUNG TEACHERS TEACHING COMPETITION

Awarded 3rd Place in Nationwide Teaching Competition in China

Beijing, China
Dec. 2019

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

LAW, DEMOCRACY & RESISTANCE

THE ROLE OF LAWYERS: RESISTANCE TO AUTOCRATIC LEGALISM
Featured Speaker & Workshop Co-Presider with the GRAD Consortium

Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA
Mar. 2024

COMPARATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL LAW CASEBOOK WORKSHOP
Invited Commentator

University of Chicago, Chicago, IL
May 2023

GLOBAL RESISTANCE TO AUTHORITARIAN DIFFUSION (GRAD) – INAUGURAL CONFERENCE
Featured Presenter and Panelist

London, U.K.
November 2022

AUTHORITARIAN LEGALITY & THE OPERATIONAL CONSTITUTION

GLOBAL SUMMIT ON CONSTITUTIONALISM <i>Invited Speaker</i>	University of Texas at Austin, TX Mar. 2023
NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE ASIAN LAW JUNIOR FACULTY WORKSHOP <i>Invited Participant</i>	Singapore Jan. 2023
AMERICAN SOCIETY OF COMPARATIVE LAW – YOUNGER COMPARATIVISTS COMMITTEE <i>Invited Speaker at the 11th Annual Conference</i>	Boston, MA Oct. 2022

CONSTITUTIONAL MOMENTS, AMENDMENTS & CHANGE

EUROPEAN CHINA LAW STUDIES ASSOCIATION <i>Invited Speaker & Panelist</i>	Copenhagen, Denmark Sept. 2022
LAW AND SOCIETY ASSOCIATION GLOBAL CONFERENCE <i>Featured panelist, Constitutionalism in Context</i>	Lisbon, Portugal July 2022
ICON•S: INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF PUBLIC LAW ANNUAL CONFERENCE <i>Invited Speaker</i>	Wroclaw, Poland July 2022

NOTRE DAME LAW SCHOOL: GRADUATE SEMINAR <i>Guest Lecturer</i>	Notre Dame, IN Sept. 2021
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THE OVERSEAS CHINESE WOMEN PROTECTION PROJECT <i>Invited Speaker</i>	Shenzhen, China Feb. 2021
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CORNELL LAW SCHOOL BERGER INTERNATIONAL LEGAL STUDIES PROGRAM <i>Berger Panelist</i>	Ithaca, NY March 2018
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BAR ADMISSIONS & PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Illinois State Bar Association, *admitted to practice (inactive)*

Law & Society Association, American Society of International Law, ICON•S: The Int'l Society of Public Law

SERVICE

KING'S COLLEGE LONDON MODERN LANGUAGE CENTER <i>Volunteer, Tandem Language Learning Program</i> Organized academic language exchange programming	London, UK Jan. 2022 – May 2022
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CORNELL LAW SCHOOL PUBLIC INTEREST LAW UNION <i>Student Mentor</i> Provided public interest career advice and counseling	Ithaca, NY Aug. 2017 – May 2018
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APPALACHIAN RESOURCE AND DEFENSE FUND OF KENTUCKY <i>Certified Legal Intern</i> Provided <i>pro bono</i> legal services for indigent clients in family law matters	Prestonsburg, KY Oct. 2015 – Oct. 2015
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LANGUAGES

Native English, Advanced Mandarin Chinese, Intermediate French