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EDUCATION

Columbia University School of Law, New York, New York, J.D., 1986
Westminster Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, M.A., Religion, 1983
Chinese University, New Territories, Hong Kong, International Rotary Fellow, 1981-1982
Wellesley College, Wellesley, Massachusetts, B.A., English, 1981

RESEARCH AFFILIATIONS

2025 East Asia Program Faculty Grant, Moynihan Institute of Global Affairs, Syracuse University
East Asia Program, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University, Research
Affiliate, 2023-present
University of Turin Department of Law, Visiting Scholar, May 2022, Turin, Italy
“Markets and Morality”, Multidisciplinary project researcher, 2018-2020, Amsterdam, Holland
Subject: Confucianism, markets, and human flourishing (sponsored by Templeton World Charity Foundation)
American Bar Foundation, Visiting Scholar, 2014-2015, Chicago, Illinois
Projects: Chinese gift-giving, anti-corruption law, and governance; US legal education curricular reform

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Syracuse University College of Law, Syracuse, New York
Teaching Professor, 2019-present
Courses: Contracts, Business Associations, Asian Americans and the Law (Seminar), AI Law and Ethics

Committees: Co-Chair, Community and Inclusion Committee, 2025-present; Faculty Appointments and
Leaves, 2019-present; Curriculum Committee, Spring 2025
Faculty Advisor, Asian Pacific American Law Students Association (APALSA), 2020-present
Faculty Advisor, Christian Law Society, 2025-present
Member, 2026 University Asian American Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Heritage Month
Planning Committee
Informal AI Forward Working Group, 2026-
Faculty Advisor, Foreign Visiting Scholar, 2023-2024
University Faculty Senator; Senate Committee for Services to Faculty and Staff (SFS), 2021-2023
University Asian American Pacific Islander Faculty & Staff (AAPI) Association, Co-founded in 2019
University AAPI Faculty, Staff, and Alumni Oral History Project, Co-founded in 2023

Mitchell|Hamline School of Law, St. Paul, Minnesota
Visiting Professor of Law, 2018-2019
Courses: Business Organizations, Property, Chinese Law (Seminar), Asian Americans and the Law (Seminar)
1L Faculty Advisor

Valparaiso University School of Law, Valparaiso, Indiana
Associate Professor, 2015-2018
Visiting Associate Professor, 2014-2015

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Courses: Property, Contracts, Civil Procedure, Corporate Finance, UCC Payment and Credit Systems; Remedies; Advanced Legal Analysis; Race and the Law (Seminar); Property Law: Selected Topics; Contracts: Selected Topics; Civil Procedure: Selected Topics (co-taught with Prof. JoEllen Lind).
Service: Report on Curricular Reform; Non-JD Programs Committee; Honorary Degrees Task Force; University Faculty Senate; University Committee to Enhance Teaching and Learning (CELT); University Council; Faculty Advisor, Asian American Pacific Islander Law Students Association; Faculty Advisor, 1L's; China initiatives: Faculty Host, Visiting Scholars from Zhejiang University and Zhejiang University of Technology; LLM Student Recruitment.

Hamline University School of Law, St. Paul, Minnesota

Associate Professor, 2011-2015

Visiting Associate Professor, 2009-2010

Courses: Property, Contracts, Corporations, Torts (taught in both full-time day and part-time weekend programs)
Seminars: Introduction to Chinese Law, Race and the Law
Committees: Teaching and Learning Committee (Co-Chair); Diversity & Student Affairs
Faculty Advisor, Chinese Culture and Law Society; Honorary Faculty Advisor, Black Law Students Association; Faculty Mentor, 1L, Weekend and Transfer Students
China initiatives: Faculty Host, Visiting Scholars from Shanghai and Xiamen Universities; LLM Student Recruitment

Other Teaching

St. Thomas University School of Law, Minneapolis, Minnesota, Spring 2011 (Visiting Associate Professor)

Courses: Business Associations, Chinese Law (Seminar)

Hofstra University School of Law, Hempstead, New York, 2008-2009 (Visiting Associate Professor)

Courses: Business Organizations, Property (taught in day and evening programs)

Suffolk University Law School, Boston, Massachusetts, 2007-2008 (Visiting Associate Professor)

Courses: Property, Chinese Law (Seminar), Non-Profit Organizations; taught in day and evening programs

Santa Clara University School of Law, Santa Clara, California, 2005-2007 (Visiting Associate Professor)

Courses: Contracts, Property, Business Organizations, Chinese Law (Seminar)

Xiamen University School of Law, Xiamen, China, Spring 2005 (Visiting Professor)

Touro College Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center, Huntington, New York, 2003-2004 (Visiting Assoc. Professor)

Courses: Business Organizations, Property (taught in day and evening programs)

Regent University School of Law, Virginia Beach, Virginia, Associate Professor, 1998-2003

Courses: Business Associations, Property, Chinese Law

Pepperdine University School of Law, Malibu, California, Associate Professor, 1994-1998

Courses: Contracts, Jurisprudence, Chinese Law, Religion and Current Legal Issues (Seminar)

University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, Detroit, Michigan, 1993-1994 (Visiting Assistant Professor)

Courses: Contracts, Agency and Partnership, Law and Theology (Seminar)

City University School of Law, Flushing, New York, 1992-1993 (Adjunct)

Courses: Uniform Commercial Code (Articles 3, 4 and 9), Corporations

Nyack College, Nyack, New York, Fall 1992 (Adjunct)

Course: Business Law

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CHINA LAW SUMMER PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

Touro Law Center Summer Program, Hong Kong, Xiamen, Beijing, China, Co-director, 2005-2008;
Administrator, 2009-2010

Innovated and coordinated exchange between American and Chinese law faculty and students from Xiamen Law School, Hong Kong University Faculty of Law, and various American law schools; also liaised with members of the US Consulate in Hong Kong for annual program; recruited and supervised local Chinese staff and student volunteers; created peer pairing program of American and Chinese law students; arranged visits to local Chinese courts and law firms.

CREATIVE WORKS

ANIMATION VIDEOS

“Anti-Asian Racism and Restorative Justice”, 12 animation videos co-produced with Profs. Su Hyun Nam and Ricky Pak for offenders and victims (2024); available at <https://mcszto.expressions.syr.edu/aapirestorativejustice/>

PUBLICATIONS

BOOK AND BOOK CHAPTERS

“[The Dao of Dow Jones: The Confucian Analects, Virtue, and Markets](#)” in Jordan J. Ballor and Govert J. Buijs, eds., [In Search of the Spirits of Capitalism: World Religions on Markets & Morality](#), Springer Press (2026) [invited submission; peer-reviewed]

“Chinese Women Lawyers and Judges as Priests” in Marie Failinger, Elizabeth Schiltz, Susan Stabile, eds., [Feminism, Law and Religion](#), Ashgate Publishing (2013) [peer-reviewed]

“Towards a Global Bar: A Look at China, Germany, England and the United States”, in John Head, [Great Legal Traditions: Civil Law, Common Law, and Chinese Law in Historical and Operational Perspective](#) (2012) (reprint of article below) [peer-reviewed]

Meiguo Cai Chan Fa [American Property Law], Chen Huiping, co-editor, *Zhongguo Min Zhu Fa Zhi Chu Ban Se* [Chinese Democracy and Legal System Press] (bilingual text for Chinese students; part of series on American law) (2006)

ARTICLES

The Rule of Virtue, Ancestor Worship, and Chinese Inheritance Law, “Quaderni di diritto e politica ecclesiastica, Rivista trimestrale” Daimon/2025, pp. 157-174, doi: 10.1440/118174 (available at <https://rivisteweb.it/doi/10.1440/118174>) [invited submission; peer-reviewed]

Barring Diversity? The American Bar Exam as Initiation Rite and Its Eugenics Origin, 21 Conn. Pub. Int. L.J. 38 (2022)

Featured in [Dean Caron's TaxProf Blog](#) (3.8K shares)
[Law School Academic Support Blog](#)

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[Race, Racism & the Law](#)

SSRN Top Ten Download lists
Anthropology of Education eJournal
AARN: Applied Biological Anthropology & Forensic Anthropology (Topic)
AARN: Educational Policies & Equality (Topic)
AARN: Legal Education (Topic)
AARN: Race, Ethnicity, & Indigenous People (Topic)
AARN: Race & Ethnicity (Sub-Topic)
AARN: Work & Labor (Topic)
Biology & Anthropology eJournal
Legal Anthropology: The Legal Profession eJournal

From Exclusion to Exclusivity: Chinese American Property Ownership and Discrimination in Historical Perspective, 25 J. Transnat'l. L. & Pol'y 33 (2015-2016) (symposium issue on transnational perspectives on Chinese real estate investment)

Featured in Legal History Blog
<http://legalhistoryblog.blogspot.com/2018/02/szto-on-chinese-american-property.html>
SSRN Top Ten Download Lists
Real Estate Ejournal
Property, Citizenship, & Social Entrepreneurism eJournal
AARN: Race & Ethnicity (Sub-Topic)
AARN: North America (Topic)
AARN: Minority Rights & Protections (Topic)

Chinese Gift-Giving, Anti-Corruption Law, and the Rule of Law and Virtue, 39 Fordham Int'l. L.J. 591 (2016)

Featured in Crim Prof Blog
http://lawprofessors.typepad.com/crimprof_blog/2016/05/szto-on-anti-corruption-law-and-.html
SSRN Top Ten Download Lists
AARN: East Asia (Topic)
White Collar Crime eJournal
Corporate Governance: Social Responsibility & Social Impact eJournal
CGN: Business Practices & Ethics (Topic)
CGN: Corporate Social Responsibility/Corporate Citizenship (Topic)
AARN: Economic Systems (Sub-Topic)

Chinese Governance as Giving (submitted for publication)

Representing Chinese Real Estate Investors in the US, 23 Minn. J. Int'l. L. 173 (2014) (invited submission)

SSRN Top Ten Download Lists
AARN: East Asia (Topic)
AARN: Legal Anthropology (Sub-topic)
AARN: Political Anthropology & Legal Anthropology (Topic)

Chinese Ritual and the Practice of Law, 30 Touro L. Rev. 103 (2014) (invited submission; symposium issue)

SSRN Top 10 Download Lists
AARN: East Asia (Topic)
AARN: Health and Illness
AARN: Health Care Approaches (Sub-Topic)
AARN: Religion & Theory (Topic)
AARN: Religious Practices (Sub-Topic)

加强 德治 与发现 “别处” 的中国法—神灵，亲族，商会和礼尚往来 (translation of Strengthening the Rule of Virtue and Finding Chinese Law in ‘Other’ Places: Gods, Kin, Guilds and Guilds), The Chinese Legal System, Beijing (2014) **[peer-reviewed]**

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Real Estate Agents as Agents of Social Change: Redlining, Reverse Redlining and Greenlining, 11 Seattle J. for Soc. Just. 1 (2013)

Featured in

Legal History Blog <http://legalhistoryblog.blogspot.com/2014/09/szto-on-real-estate-agents-as-agents-of.html>

PropertyProf Blog <http://lawprofessors.typepad.com/property/2014/09/szto-on-real-estate-agents-as-agents-of-social-change.html>

SSRN Top 10 Download Lists

Housing & Community Development Law eJournal

Property, Citizenship, & Social Entrepreneurism eJournal

Contract in My Soup: Chinese Contract Formation and Ritual Eating and Drunkenness, 25 Pace Int'l L. Rev. 1 (2013)

SSRN All Time Top Ten Download List

- AARN: East Asia (Topic) (1997-present)

Other SSRN All Time Top Ten Download Lists

- AARN: Health & Illness (Topic)

- AARN: Illness Case Studies (Sub-Topic)

- AARN: Legal Anthropology (Sub-Topic)

- AARN: Nutrition & Food (Topic)

- AARN: Political Anthropology & Legal Anthropology (Topic)

- Anthropology of Agriculture & Nutrition eJournal

- Asian Law eJournal

- Contracts & Commercial Law eJournal

- Cultural Anthropology eJournal

- Culture Area Studies eJournal

- Law & Culture eJournal

- Law & Humanities eJournal

- Law & Religion eJournal

- Legal History eJournal

- Medical Anthropology eJournal

Dual Real Estate Agents and the Double Duty of Loyalty, 41 Real Estate L.J. 22 (2012) [peer-reviewed]

SSRN Top Ten Download List, Housing & Community Development Law eJournal

Strengthening the Rule of Virtue and Finding Chinese Law in 'Other' Places: Gods, Kin, Guilds, and Gifts, 35 Suffolk Transnat'l L. Rev. 1 (2012)

Featured in Prof. Solum's Legal Theory Blog <http://lsolum.typepad.com/legaltheory/2011/02/szto-on-virtue-chinese-law.html>

SSRN Top Ten Download List for Asian Law eJournal

SSRN Top Ten Download List for Law, Institutions & Development eJournal

Gender and the Chinese Legal Profession: From Heaven and Earth to Rule of Woman? 18 Tex. J. Women & L. 195 (2009)

Featured in Legal History Blog by Prof. Dan Ernst <http://legalhistoryblog.blogspot.com/2008/08/mary-szto-of-hoifstra-university-law.html>

SSRN Top Ten Download List for WGSRN: Gender Disparity (Topic) and WGSRN: Segregation by Gender & Race (Sub-Topic).

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Towards a Global Bar: A Look at China, Germany, England and the United States, 14 *Ind. Int'l & Comp. L. Rev.* 585 (2004)

Reprinted in John Head, *Great Legal Traditions: Civil Law, Common Law, and Chinese Law in Historical and Operational Perspective* (2012) (see above) **[peer-reviewed]**

Cited in:

West's Annotated Indiana Code, Title 34 Court Rules, State Court Rules, Rules for Admission to the Bar and the Discipline of Attorneys, Rule 1. The Bar of Indiana; and Rules of Professional Responsibility, Preamble, A Lawyer's Responsibilities; Editor's Notes; Relevant Additional Resources

Limited Liability Company Morality: Fiduciary Duties in Historical Context, 23 *Quinn. L. Rev.* 61 (2004)

Cited in:

Cases

Cockerill v. Corteva, Inc., 2024 WL 5159892, *59 E.D.Pa.

Bascom/Magnotta, Inc. v. Magnotta, 2008 WL 283264, *4 (Conn.Super. Jan 17, 2008)

News America Marketing In-Store, Inc. v. Marquis, 862 A.2d 837, 843, 86 Conn.App. 527, 535, 22 IER Cases 357, 357 (Conn.App. Dec 21, 2004)

Treatises

BNA Corporate Practice Series No. 67-2 BIBLIO, BIBLIOGRAPHY (2013)

BNA Tax Management Accounting Policy & Practice Portfolios NO 5512 BIBLIO UNOFFICIAL, Bibliography Unofficial (2013)

Conflicts of Interest in Business & Professions §1:4 (2011)

Conflicts of Interest in Business and Professions: Law & Compliance s 2:3, Fiduciary relationships (2011)

BNA Tax Management Accounting Policy & Practice Portfolios NO 5512 BIBLIO UNOFFICIAL, Bibliography Unofficial (2011)

BNA Corporate Practice Series No. 67-2 BIBLIO, BIBLIOGRAPHY (2010)

Book

Tamar Frankel, *Fiduciary Law* (2010)

Strategic Alliances: Legal and Ethical Challenges, 16 *Regent U. L. Rev.* 351 (2004)

Cited in:

West's Annotated Code of Virginia, Title 13.1 Corporations, Chapter 12. Virginia Limited Liability Company Act. Article 13. Merger. Editor's Notes. Relevant Additional Resources.

“Family” Law: Multi-generational Teaching, *The Law Teacher*, Fall 2003, at 6

Lawyers as Hired Doves: Lessons from the Sermon on the Mount, 31 *Cumb. L. Rev.* 27 (2000-2001)

The Advocate: A Biblical Approach to Legal Ethics (Christian Legal Society, 1995)

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BOOK REVIEW

The Culture of Disbelief, 11 J. L. & Religion 449 (1994-1995) [peer-reviewed]

PEER REVIEW AND EDITOR

Peer Reviewer, Bialystok Legal Studies Journal; Cambridge University Press; Law & Society Review; Tenure and Promotion Application, Seton Hall Law School; Oxford Journal of the American Academy of Religion; Frontiers of Law in China; Journal of Law and Religion; Routledge Press, Elsevier Social Sciences & Humanities Open (multidisciplinary open access journal)

Editor, selected manuscripts for publications of the Xiamen Academy of International Law (China), and other articles written by mainland Chinese law faculty

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS AND PANELS

Panelist, “Bar Reform Gains Momentum: Lessons from Leading Jurisdictions and Strategies for Reform in Your State”, 2026 Southeastern Association of Law Schools (SEALS) Annual Conference, Amelia Island, Florida, July 27, 2026 (scheduled)

Panelist, “The Next Generation: How the NextGen Bar Exam Intends to Shed a History of Exclusion”, Connecticut Legal Convention, Hartford, Connecticut, June 2, 2026 (scheduled)

Keynote speaker, “Honoring the Chinese Railroad Workers”, APAPA AAPI Heritage Month Celebration, Syracuse City Hall, May 9, 2026 (scheduled)

Speaker, “Law School and You”, Kappa Alpha Pi [Pre-Law and Pre-Government Fraternity], Syracuse University, April 16, 2026

Speaker, “AI, Ritual, and Attorney Licensing”, AI, Policy, and Society Seminar, Syracuse University, March 18, 2026

Moderator, “The Impact of Geopolitical Tensions on Legal Education”, American Association of Law Schools (AALS) Annual Conference East Asian Law & Society Section Pedagogy Panel; co-sponsored by Comparative Law, Global Engagement, International Law, and Post Graduate Legal Education Sections, New Orleans, LA, Jan. 8, 2026

Discussant, AALS Hot Topic Program, “Beyond NextGen: Licensure Reform and Equity in Attorney Licensure”, American Association of Law Schools (AALS) Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA, Jan. 6, 2026

Panelist, Pre-Law Advising Workshop, Syracuse University Pre-Law Society, Syracuse, NY, Nov. 5, 2025

Speaker, “An Introduction to Asian American History”, Young Southeast Asia Leaders Initiative (YSEALI) Academic Fellowship Program on Society and Governance, Syracuse University Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Oct. 9, 2025

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Presenter, “The Rule of Virtue, Ancestor Worship, and Chinese Inheritance Law,” “Religion, Sacred Spaces, and Ritual Practices” Panel, 2025 New York Conference on Asian Studies (NYCAS), SUNY Brockport, New York, Oct. 4, 2025 (participated virtually)

Discussant, “Licensure Reform”, 2025 Southeastern Association of Law Schools (SEALS) Annual Conference, Amelia Island, Florida, July 31, 2025

Panelist, “The Origins of Anti-Asian Racism and Restorative Justice as a Healing Balm”, Conference of Asian Pacific American Law Faculty (CAPALF) and Western Law Teachers of Color and William S. Richardson School of Law, Honolulu, Hawaii, June 27, 2025

Plenary Speaker, “Hope and the Common Good: A Faith & Work Event for Faculty”, Co-sponsors: Hendricks Chapel, InterVarsity Graduate and Faculty Ministries in Upstate New York, and Chesterton House; Syracuse University, New York, May 30, 2025

Speaker, “An Introduction to Asian American History”, Young Southeast Asia Leaders Initiative (YSEALI) Academic Fellowship Program on Society and Governance, Syracuse University Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, May 12, 2025

Moderator, “Reliving History: Immigration, Exclusion, and the Cyclical Fight for Civil Rights”, NY Court System’s Working Group on Anti-Asian Hate, New York, New York, April 28, 2025

Speaker, “Supporting Religious Lawyers in the Workplace”, J. Reuben Clark Law Society, Syracuse University College of Law, March 20, 2025 (virtual)

Panelist, “ ‘Bamboo ceilings,’ in/visibility and ‘model minorities’: Navigating race for Asian American faculty and administrators”, 2025 “Lunch and Learn” Series hosted by Office of Diversity and Inclusion, Syracuse University, Feb. 12, 2025

Co-presenter with Prof. Elisabeth Lasch-Quinn, “The History of AI Ethics”, Association of Law Libraries of Upstate New York (AALUNY) 2024 Annual Meeting, Syracuse University College of Law, Oct. 25, 2024

Panelist, “The Origins of Anti-Asian Racism and Restorative Justice as a Healing Balm”, 2024 New York Conference on Asian Studies (NYCAS), University at Buffalo, Jacobs School of Medicine, Sept. 28, 2024

Panelist, “Have a Family & Friends Class: Why and How”, Speed Share 4 on Implementing Wellness and Professional Identity Formation in Doctrinal and Podium Classes, Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Section of Balance & Well-Being in Legal Education, August 8, 2024 (virtual)

Discussant, Case Book and Resource Library Panel, Asian Americans and the Law: Third Annual Teaching Workshop, Fordham Law School Center on Asian Americans and the Law, July 18, 2024 (virtual)

Faculty Panelist, “Growing for the Common Good: Faith & Work for Faculty”, Cosponsors: InterVarsity Graduate and Faculty Ministries in Upstate New York and Chesterton House; May 20, 2024, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York

Co-organizer, Syracuse University AAPI Faculty & Staff Affinity Group Writing Retreat, May 14, 2024, Sunlit Residency, Ithaca, New York

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Keynote speaker, “Why We Vote”, Franklin H. Williams Judicial Commission and Syracuse University College of Law American Bar Association 2024 Law Day Program: Voices of Democracy, April 19, 2024, Syracuse, New York (and on-line)

Discussant, Works-in-progress, AALS East Asian Law Section, AALS Annual Conference, Jan. 5, 2024, Washington, D.C.

Opening Remarks, 2023 Syracuse Law Review Symposium on Education Access and Opportunity, Oct. 14, 2023, Syracuse, New York

“Asian American History”, Central New York Chinese School Guest Lecture Series, DeWitt Community Library, April 22, 2023, Jamesville, New York

“Asian American Stories: Exclusion, Resistance, and Resilience”, DEI Lunch ‘n’ Learn, Barclay Damon, March 23, 2023, Syracuse, New York

“The Model Minority Myth and Your Home”, AAA 101 Introduction to Asian/Asian Americans Studies, March 8, 2023, Syracuse, New York

“The Chinese Exclusion Act and Hong Yen Chan’s Denial of Bar Admission”, Legacies of Exclusion in Legal Education & Licensing Panel, Cosponsors: Sections on Legal History, Administrative Law, Jewish Law, Law Professors with Disabilities and Allies, Professional Responsibility, and Women in Legal Education, Panel 1, AALS Annual Conference, January 4, 2023, San Diego, CA

“Asian American History: An Introduction”, Asian Pacific Islander American Politics Association (APAPA), Rochester Chapter, Nov. 6, 2022, Pittsford, New York

“Asian American History: An Introduction”, Asian Pacific Islander American Politics Association (APAPA), Syracuse Chapter, Oct. 21, 2022, Syracuse, New York

“Cultivating Leaders to Stand Against Hate: Anti-Asian Racism in Historical Context”, Franklin H. Williams Judicial Commission Program on “Cultivating Leaders to Stand against Hate”, May 31, 2022, New York

“Asian American History: Exclusion, Resistance, and Resilience”, Onondaga County Bar Association Program on “Invisible under the Law: Racial Injustice & Bias against AAPI Communities”, May 12, 2022, New York

“Adding Historical Perspective to the Law School Curriculum in the Wake of January 6, 2021.” Panelist, AALS Legal History Section, AALS Annual Conference, January 6, 2022 (virtual conference)

“Restorative Justice Healing and Racial Awareness in Law School”, Panelist, Harmony for the Socially Homeless: Asian Women Scholars in the U.S. Academy, Diversity Forum 2021, University of Wisconsin-Madison, November 3, 2021

“Legal Education Transformation in the Pandemic Era”, Keynote speaker, Third International Conference, Universitas Kristen Indonesia Paulus (virtual conference), October 23, 2021

“Ecclesiastical Property Discrimination”, Association for Law, Property, and Society (virtual conference), May 28, 2021

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Keynote Speaker, “Animosity towards Asian Americans and the Role of Academia”, Webster University (virtual conference), May 25, 2021

“A Dialogue on Race and Sensitivity”, Franklin H. Williams Judicial Commission Asian American & Pacific Islander Month Panel, May 5, 2021

“Asian American History”, Chinese Community Center of Albany, NY, April 17, 2021

“Anti-Asian Racism in Historical Context”, Addressing Anti-Asian Racism: A Conversation with the ESF and Syracuse University Community, April 5, 2021

“Anti-Asian Racism in Historical Context”, Confronting Anti-Asian Racism: A Public Discussion, Renée Crown University Honors Program, College of Arts and Sciences, Syracuse University, March 26, 2021

“Seeing Asian Americans in the Legal Curriculum”, Teaching Multicultural Lawyering Conference, WMU Cooley Law School, March 12, 2021

“Historical Origins of Anti-Asian Racism”, COVID-19 Anti-Asian Racism Panel Discussion: Historical Origins, Coping with Stress, Building Community, and Taking Action, Co-sponsored by SU’s Barnes Center at the Arch–Counseling, Bird Library, the College of Law, the Office of Multicultural Affairs (AAPI Heritage Month), and the University of Pennsylvania: Pan-Asian American Community House, April 22, 2020

"The Confucian Analects and Property Law", the Association of Law, Property, and Society Conference, 10th Annual Meeting, Syracuse University College of Law, May 18, 2019 (selected presenter)

"How to Become a Tiger Law Professor", Asian American Judges Reception, Mitchell Hamline School of Law, May 11, 2019

“Chinese Gift-Giving, Anti-Corruption Law, and the Rule of Law and Virtue”, 2019 Association of American Law Schools Annual Conference, Joint Panel on Corruption and Legitimation, Law and Anthropology and Law and Social Sciences Sections, New Orleans, Louisiana, Jan. 2-6, 2019 (selected presenter)

"From Exclusion to Model Minority to Re-Exclusion: Themes from Chinese-American Legal History", Western Law Professors of Color (WLPOC) & Conference of Asian Pacific American Law Faculty (CAPALF) Joint Conference, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Boyd School of Law, October 18 -October 20, 2018 (selected presenter)

“The Spirit Courts and Chinese Criminal Law”, 2018 Annual General Conference of the European China Law Studies Association, Turin, Italy, Sept. 13-14, 2018 (selected presenter)

“An Overview of the Legal History of the Chinese in the United States,” Suzhou University Law School, June 13, 2018, Suzhou, China

“The Legal History of Chinese in the US: An Introduction”, and “The Legal History of Chinese in the US: Property Ownership and Discrimination”, Zhejiang University Guanghua Law School, June 11-12, 2018, Hangzhou, China

“An Overview of Chinese-American Legal History”, Xiamen University School of Law, Xiamen, China, June 8, 2018

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"Wine, Sacrifice and Heavenly Governance in the Book of Rites", International Linguistics Association 63rd Annual Conference, April 20- 22, 2018, St. John's University, New York (selected presenter)

"From Exclusion to Exclusivity: Chinese American Property Ownership and Discrimination in Historical Perspective", LatCrit XXI Biennial Conference, Orlando, Florida, Sept. 29-30, 2017 (selected presenter)

"The Spirit Courts and Chinese Criminal Law," Second International Conference for Chinese Law and History, China University of Political Science and Law, Beijing, China, July 15-16, 2017 (selected presenter)

"From Exclusion to Exclusivity: Chinese American Property Ownership and Discrimination in Historical Perspective", Conference of Asian Pacific American Law Faculty – Northeast People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, June 2-3, 2017; Brooklyn Law School, NY (selected presenter)

"From Exclusion to Exclusivity: Chinese American Property Ownership and Discrimination in Historical Perspective", Association for Law, Property, and Society (ALPS) 8th Annual Meeting, University of Michigan, May 19-20, 2017 (selected presenter)

"The Spirit Courts and Chinese Criminal Law," Twentieth Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of Law, Culture and the Humanities", Stanford Law School, Palo Alto, CA, March 31-April 1, 2017 (selected presenter; panel organizer)

"Barring Diversity? The American Bar Examination as Initiation Rite and Strategies to Diversify the Legal Profession: A Historical Perspective", Association of American Law Schools Annual Conference "Theorizing Educational Diversity in the Legal Academy" Roundtable, San Francisco, CA, January 5, 2017 (selected presenter)

"Chinese American Property Ownership and Discrimination", Asian Women Scholars Workshop, Valparaiso University, Sept. 23, 2016

Work-in-Progress, "From Exclusion to Exclusivity: Chinese Real Estate Investors in the US in Historical Perspective", Conference of Asian Pacific American Law Faculty, March 8-9, 2016; UC Davis School of Law, California

"Chinese Gift-Giving and Governance in the Book of Rites and Qing Magistrate Practices", International Conference on Chinese Law and History, July 10-11, 2015, Fudan University, Shanghai, China; co-sponsored by the International Society for Chinese History and Law (selected presenter; panel organizer and chair)

"Chinese Real Estate Investors in the US", Association for Law, Property & Society 6th Annual Meeting, May 1-2, 2015, University of Georgia School of Law

"Real Estate Agents as Agents of Social Change: Redlining, Reverse Redlining and Greenlining", Looking Forward After the 2008 Crash: The Future of Housing – Equity, Stability and Sustainability, Washburn Law School Business and Transactional Law Center and Law Review Symposium, Feb. 26, 2015 (invited presenter)

"Chinese Gift-giving, Anti-Corruption Law, and the Rule of Law and Virtue", American Bar Foundation, Chicago, Illinois, January 28, 2015

"Chinese Gift-giving, Anti-Corruption Law, and the Rule of Law and Virtue", City University of Hong Kong, JSD Research Seminar, Nov.21, 2014

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“Graduate Legal Education in the US”, Shanghai University School of Law, Shanghai, China, Nov. 19, 2014

“The US Foreign Corrupt Practices Act”, Wenzhou Medical University Department of Law, Wenzhou, China, Nov. 17, 2014

“Gift-giving in China and the Rule of Law and Virtue”, Ninth Annual General Conference of the European China Law Studies Association, Hong Kong, November 15-16, 2014 (selected presenter)

“Chinese Gift-giving, Anti-Corruption Law, and the Rule of Virtue”, 2014 International Business Law Scholars’ Roundtable, Brooklyn Law School, October 10, 2014 (selected presenter; one of twelve papers selected from around 40 submissions)

“Representing Chinese Real Estate Investors in the US”, Law and Society Conference, Minneapolis, Minnesota, May 2014 (selected presenter and panel organizer and chair)

“Chinese Women Lawyers and Judges as Priests”, Feminism, Law and Religion Conference, St. Thomas University, St. Paul, Minnesota, March 2014 (invited speaker)

“Contract in My Soup: Chinese Contract Formation and Ritual Eating and Drunkenness”, Foodways in China: New Scholarly Trajectories Conference, University of Oregon, May 8-10, 2013 (selected presenter)

“Chinese Ritual and the Practice of Law”, Fourth Annual Religious Legal Theory Conference: Expanding the Conversation, Touro Law School, New York, April 10-12, 2013 (invited speaker)

“Chinese Contract Formation and Ritual Eating and Drinking: Then and Now”, Third East Asian Law and Society Conference, KoGuan Law School, Jiaotong University, Shanghai, March 22-23, 2013 (Panel organizer, Chair and Presenter) (selected presenter)

“There’s a Contract in My Soup: Chinese Contract Formation and Ritual Eating and Drinking”, 2012 7th Annual General Conference of the European China Law Studies Association (ECLS), Helsinki, Finland, September 2012 (selected presenter)

“Managing Law School Stress (And Finding Peace and Purpose)”, Hamline Law School Academic Success Workshop, September 2012

“Strengthening the Rule of Virtue and Finding Chinese Law in ‘Other’ Places: Gods, Kin, Gifts, and Guilds”, for panel “Chinese Ritual, Property and Family Litigation”, 2012 International Conference on Law & Society, Honolulu, Hawai’i, June 2012 (Panel Organizer, Chair and Presenter) (selected presenter)

“Strengthening the Rule of Virtue and Finding Chinese Law in ‘Other’ Places: Gods, Kin, Gifts, and Guilds”, for panel “Chinese Ritual, Clan Codes and Family Litigation”, 2011 American Society for Legal History Conference, Atlanta, GA, November 2011 (Panel Organizer and Presenter) (selected presenter)

“Strengthening the Rule of Virtue in China”, International Law Association, University of St. Thomas Law School, March 2011

“Ritual and Law in China”, Faculty Colloquium, University of St. Thomas Law School, February 2011

Moderator, Eliminating Racial Bias in the Legal Profession, Hamline Law School, February 2011

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“From Stress to Success”, Black Law Students Association, Hamline Law School, September 2010

“Finding Chinese Law in Other Places: Gods, Kin and Guilds”, Conference of Asian Pacific American Law Faculty Work-in-Progress, March 2009

“The Calling of an Attorney”, Beijing, China, June 2008

“How to Become an Attorney in the US”, Zhangzhou Normal University, Zhangzhou, China, June 2008

“Gender and the Chinese Legal Profession in Historical Perspective: From Heaven and Earth to Rule of Woman?,” Suffolk Law School, Boston, February 2008

“American Corporate Law and Fiduciary Duties”, Xiamen Law School, Xiamen, China, July 2006

“Business in China: Ethics and Governance,” Co-presenter, Kirk Hanson, Executive Director, Markkula Center for Applied Ethics, Santa Clara University, April 2006

“Emerging Gender Roles in the Chinese Legal Profession”, Co-sponsored by School of Law, Women’s and Gender Studies Program, Anthropology Department, Asian Studies Program, International Programs, Santa Clara University, March 2006

“Diversity in the Classroom”, Touro Law Center Diversity Day, October, 2003

“LLC Morality: Fiduciary Duties in Historical Context”, Touro Law Center Faculty Colloquium, October, 2003

"Teaching Chinese Law: Towards an Asian-American Pedagogy", Second Annual Asian Pacific American Law Professors Conference, September, 1995, John Marshall Law School

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OTHER EXPERIENCE

Admitted to the Bar of the State of New York, 1987

Jubilee Legal Services, Flushing, New York, Acting Executive Director, 1991-1993
Co-founder of legal services organization specializing in bilingual (Chinese and English) immigration services and community education. Responsible for strategic planning, volunteer recruitment and fundraising.

Citibank, N.A., Long Island City, New York, Assistant Vice President, 1989-1992
Commercial lending counsel responsible for middle market and community development lending groups in New York area consumer bank. Tasks included training, policy formation, contract and documentation review and drafting, compliance oversight and review of federal and state legislation.

Hill, Betts & Nash, New York, New York, Associate, 1986-1989
Corporate associate in medium-sized international law firm. Represented European and Asian banks in real estate and ship financing transactions.

PRESENT AND PAST AFFILIATIONS/VOLUNTEER WORK

Asian American Bar Association of New York (AABANY)
Association of American Law Schools (AALS), East Asian Law and Society Section, Executive Committee
American Bar Association
Asian Pacific Islander American Public Affairs (APAPA), Syracuse Chapter, Advisor
American Society for Legal History
Asian Women Scholars (Co-Founder)

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Association for Asian Studies
Association for Law, Property, and Society (ALPS)
Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and Humanities
Conference of Asian Pacific American Law Professors (CAPALF)
Chicago Art Institute
Chinese Heritage Foundation (Minnesota)
European China Law Studies Association
Gabis Arboretum (Valparaiso, Indiana)
International Society for Chinese Law and History (founding member)
National Asian Pacific American Bar Association
Queens Christian Reformation Church
Queens Christian Reformed Church
US-China Peoples Friendship Association-Minnesota Chapter
Valparaiso Chinese Christian Association
Valparaiso University Chapel of the Resurrection
Wellesley College Alumnae Association

LANGUAGES/OTHER INTERESTS

Working knowledge of Chinese (Mandarin and Cantonese); can read Spanish.
Enjoy swimming, hiking, gardens, museums, and piano playing.