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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

DEPAUL UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW

Assistant Professor of Law

Courses taught: Constitutional Law, Constitutionalism & the Rule of Law

Chicago, IL
Sept. 2025 – Current

STANFORD LAW SCHOOL

Nonresident Fellow & Lecturer in Law

Courses taught: Global Trends in Judicial Reforms

Stanford, CA
Sept. 2023 – Current

SYRACUSE COLLEGE OF LAW

Associate Professor of Law

Courses taught: Torts

Syracuse, NY
Aug. 2024 – 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

Thesis: *Farmworkers Worldwide: The Invisible Citizens*

Ithaca, NY
May 2018

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

LEGAL WORK EXPERIENCE

KENTUCKY LEGAL AID OF THE BLUEGRASS Lexington, KY
Staff Attorney, Special Populations and Housing Aug. 2018 – Aug. 2019
Represented indigent clients in domestic violence hearings & litigated wrongful evictions and appeals

CORNELL FARMWORKER LEGAL ASSISTANCE CLINIC Ithaca, NY
Associate Aug. 2017 – Aug. 2018
Represented undocumented minor clients during family court proceedings

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE: CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION Charleston, WV
Certified Law Clerk May 2015 – Aug. 2015
Prepared discovery, interviewed clients, and drafted interoffice memoranda in discrimination cases

ARTICLES

LEGAL MOBILIZATION & THE RULE OF LAW: LESSONS IN DEMOCRATIC RESILIENCE
16 U.C. IRVINE L. REV. 30-37 (2025) (Forthcoming).

PROFESSIONAL RESISTANCE IN CHINA
IND. J. GLOBAL LEGAL STUD. (Symposium: Lawyers as Agents for Change) (Forthcoming Fall 2025).

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

CHINA'S CONSTITUTION(S): ON LAW AND POLITICS
in MULTI-TEXTUAL CONSTITUTIONS (RICHARD ALBERT, ED.) (Hart Publishing Ltd.) (Forthcoming Fall 2025).

LAWYERS IN RESISTANCE
in GLOBAL RESISTANCE TO AUTHORITARIAN DIFFUSION (Routledge) (Forthcoming Fall 2025) (with David Trubek).

LAW & LEGAL PRACTICE: THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA
in GLOBAL RESISTANCE TO AUTHORITARIAN DIFFUSION (Routledge) (Forthcoming Fall 2025).

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

in CHINESE OUTBOUND INVESTMENT: A CASEBOOK (Cambridge University Press) 156-171 (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

Madison, WI

May 2023

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

COMPARATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL THEORY

THE UNITED STATES & THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

Invited Keynote Speaker, Cornell Clarke Program in East Asian Law & Culture

Cornell Law School, Ithaca, NY

Feb. 2025

MULTI-TEXTUALITY IN THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA <i>Guest Lecturer, Spring 2025 Colloquium on Comparative Constitutional Law and Politics</i>	UT Austin School of Law, Austin, TX Feb. 2025
COMPARATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL LAW CASEBOOK WORKSHOP <i>Invited Commentator</i>	University of Chicago, Chicago, IL May 2023

LAW, DEMOCRACY & RESISTANCE

LESSONS IN DEMOCRATIC RESILIENCE <i>Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association</i>	Chicago, IL May 2025
LIBERALISM AND RESISTANCE IN CHINA <i>Workshop Participant at Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg</i>	Nuremburg, Germany May 2025
LESSONS IN DEMOCRATIC RESILIENCE <i>Rule of Law Roundtable</i>	Stanford Law School, Palo Alto, CA May 2025
LEGAL MOBILIZATION & THE RULE OF LAW <i>Comparative Law Works in Progress Workshop</i>	Illinois University College of Law, Champaign, IL May 2025
THE LEGAL PROFESSION UNDER AUTHORITARIAN CLOSURE <i>Lawyers as Agents for Change in Countries Facing Distress Symposium</i>	IU Maurer School of Law, Bloomington, IN Jan. 2025
RESISTANCE & CONSTITUENT POWER <i>Asian Constitutional Law Forum</i>	University of Hong Kong, HKSAR Dec. 2024
LEGAL MOBILIZATION & THE RULE OF LAW <i>American Society of Comparative Law Annual Meeting</i>	Texas A&M Law School, Fort Worth, TX Oct. 2024
LEGAL MOBILIZATION UNDER AUTHORITARIAN RULE <i>Organizer & Presenter, Rule of Law Roundtable</i>	Stanford Law School, Palo Alto, CA May 2024
LEGAL RESISTANCE IN CHINA <i>Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association</i>	Denver, CO May 2024
THE ROLE OF LAWYERS: RESISTANCE TO AUTOCRATIC LEGALISM <i>Featured Speaker & Workshop Co-Presider with the GRAD Consortium</i>	Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA Mar. 2024
GLOBAL RESISTANCE TO AUTHORITARIAN DIFFUSION (GRAD) – INAUGURAL CONFERENCE <i>Featured Presenter and Panelist</i>	London, U.K. Nov. 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

YALE LAW SCHOOL: ASIAN LAW WORKSHOP

Invited Panelist

New Haven, CT

Aug. 2024

NOTRE DAME LAW SCHOOL: GRADUATE SEMINAR

Guest Lecturer

Notre Dame, IN

Sept. 2021

THE OVERSEAS CHINESE WOMEN PROTECTION PROJECT

Invited Speaker

Shenzhen, China

Feb. 2021

CORNELL LAW SCHOOL BERGER INTERNATIONAL LEGAL STUDIES PROGRAM

Berger Panelist

Ithaca, NY

Mar. 2018

BAR ADMISSIONS & PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- JOTWELL, *Editorial Board Member, International & Comparative Law Section*
- Illinois State Bar Association, *admitted to practice (inactive)*, Association of American Law Schools (AALS)
- Law & Society Association, American Society of International Law, American Society of Comparative Law, ICON•S: The Int'l Society of Public Law

LANGUAGES

Native English, Advanced Mandarin Chinese, Intermediate French