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CURRENT POSITION

- 2018-present Professor of Law and Political Science
Pamela P. Fong and Family Distinguished Chair in China Studies
Jurisprudence and Social Policy Program, UC Berkeley School of Law
- 2012-2018 Assistant Professor of Law and Political Science
Jurisprudence and Social Policy Program, UC Berkeley School of Law

FORMER APPOINTMENTS

- 2022-2023 Researcher, Paris Institute for Advanced Study
] Visiting Scholar, École des Hautes Études En Sciences Sociales (EHESS)
- 2014-2018 Non-Resident Senior Fellow, The Brookings Institution
- 2009-2012 Junior Fellow, Society of Fellows, Harvard University
- 2006-2007 Visiting Scholar at the Center for Chinese Legal Studies, Columbia University
Law and at Qinghua University Law School in Beijing

EDUCATION

- 2009 University of California, Berkeley
Ph.D. in Political Science
- 2001 Wellesley College
B.A. in International Relations, *Summa Cum Laude*

BOOK

Environmental Litigation in China: A Study in Political Ambivalence, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press 2013.

Honorable mention for the 2014 Herbert Jacob book prize for the best book on law and society published in the previous two years.

REFEREED ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

“Rolling Back Transparency in China’s Courts” (with Benjamin L. Liebman, Xiaohan Wu and Margaret Roberts), *Columbia Law Review* (forthcoming).

“Authoritarian Law in the Twenty-First Century,” *Droit et Société* (forthcoming in a special issue on authoritarian law).

“Liability Beyond Law: Conceptions of Fairness in Chinese Tort Cases” (with Benjamin L. Liebman, Wenwa Gao and Xiaohan Wu), *Asian Journal of Law and Society* (forthcoming).

“Closing Open Government: Grassroots Policy Conversation of China’s Open Government Information Regulation and Its Aftermath” (with Jieun Kim, Benjamin L. Liebman and Xiaohan Wu), *Comparative Political Studies* 55:2 (2022), pp. 319-347.

“Automating Fairness? Artificial Intelligence in the Chinese Courts” (with Benjamin L. Liebman, Margaret Roberts and Alice Wang), *The Columbia Journal of Transnational Law*, 59 (2021), pp. 515-553.

“State Adjacent Professionals: How Chinese Lawyers Participate in Political Life” (with Lawrence Liu), *The China Quarterly* 247 (September 2021), pp. 793-813.

“The Good Lawyer: State-Led Professional Socialization in Contemporary China” (with Lawrence Liu), *Law & Social Inquiry* 45:1 (Winter 2020), pp. 226-248.

Winner of the 2021 Law & Society Association Article Prize for the best article on law and society published in the previous two years.

“Mass Digitization of Chinese Court Decisions: How to Use Text as Data in the Field of Chinese Law” (with Benjamin Liebman, Margaret Roberts and Alice Wang), *Journal of Law and Courts* 8:2 (2020), pp. 177-201.

“Activist Lawyers in Post-Tiananmen China,” *Law & Social Inquiry* 42:1 (Winter 2017), pp. 234-251.

“Political Reliability and the Chinese Bar Exam,” *Journal of Law & Society* 43:4 (December 2016), pp. 506-33.

“The Outpost Office: How International Law Firms Approach the China Market,” (with Su Li), *Law & Social Inquiry* 41:1 (Winter 2016), pp. 184-211.

“The Authoritarian Logic of Regulatory Pluralism: Understanding China's New Environmental Actors,” (with Benjamin van Rooij and Kathinka Furst), *Regulation & Governance* 10:1 (March 2016), pp. 3-13.

“The Political Logic of China’s New Environmental Courts,” *The China Journal* (July 2014), pp. 53-74.

“Amplifying Silence: Uncertainty and Control Parables in Contemporary China” (with Jonathan Hassid). *Comparative Political Studies* 45:10 (October 2012), pp. 1230-1254.

“Politics at the Boundary: Mixed Signals and the Chinese State” (with Kevin J. O’Brien). *Modern China* 38:2 (March 2012), pp. 175-199.

“From Dispute to Decision: Suing Polluters in China,” *The China Quarterly* 206 (June 2011), pp. 294-312.

“On the Frontlines: Making Decisions in Chinese Civil Environmental Lawsuits,” *Law & Policy* 32:1 (January 2010), pp. 79-103.

“Studying Contention in Contemporary China,” (with Kevin J. O’Brien) in *Popular Protest in China* (Harvard University Press: 2008), pp. 11-25.

“Unpacking Adaptation: The Female Inheritance Movement in Hong Kong,” *Mobilization* 10:3 (October 2005), pp. 421-439.

“The Female Inheritance Movement in Hong Kong: Theorizing the Local/Global Interface,” (with Sally Engle Merry) *Current Anthropology* 46:3 (June 2005), pp. 387-408. Reprinted in *The Anthropology of Globalization* (Blackwell Publishing: 2007) and *International Law and Society: Empirical Approaches to Human Rights* (Ashgate Publishing: 2007).

“Hong Kong Haze: Air Pollution as a Social Class Issue,” *Asian Survey* XLIII (September/October 2003), pp. 780-800.

NON-REFEREED ARTICLES, REPORTS AND POLICY BRIEFS

“Poor Rural Residents in China Seen as Easy Target for Environmental Lawsuits,” *China Dialogue*, April 24, 2013.

External evaluation for grant on “Rights Advocacy, Accountability and the Rule of Law in the People’s Republic of China.” Prepared for the American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative, December 2012 (30 pp).

China Governance Analysis and Recommendations for a USAID Governance Strategy for China (with Dali Yang and David Timberman). Prepared for the United States Agency for International Development, December 2010 (135 pp.).

Toward Environmental Public Interest Litigation? Proposals for Legislative Change. Prepared for the Natural Resource Defense Council Beijing, April 2008 (14 pp.).

Evaluation of China’s Energy Strategy Options (with Jonathan E. Sinton, Nathaniel T. Aden and Mark D. Levine) (Berkeley: Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, 2005) (30 pp.).

“One Country, Two Systems, One Smog: Cross-Boundary Air Pollution: Policy Issues for Hong Kong and Guangdong,” (with Lisa Hopkinson) *China Environment Series* 6 (2003), pp. 19-36.

Addressing Cross-Boundary Air Pollution: A Comparative Case Study (Hong Kong: Civic Exchange, 2001) (24 pp.).

SELECTED HONORS, AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2022-2023 French Institutes for Advanced Study Fellowship (FIAS)

2017	Hellman Fund Award
2017	Collaborator on National Science Foundation award, Resource Implementation for Data Science Research in the Social Behavioral and Economic Sciences
2014-2016	Fellow in the Public Intellectuals Program, National Committee on US-China Relations
2013	Research grant from the program on Globalization, Lawyers and Emerging Economies (GLEE)
2011	Milton Fund Award, Harvard University
2007-2008	Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship
2006-2008	National Science Foundation, Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant, Law and Social Sciences Program
2004-2007	National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellow

COURSES TAUGHT

JD/PhD	The U.S. Legal Profession in Global Perspective, Legal Institutions, Research Methods, Interdisciplinary Writing Workshop in Law
Undergraduate	Law and Rights in Authoritarian States, Law in Chinese Society

SELECTED RECENT SERVICE

2021-present	Editorial Board, Journal of Law & Courts
2018—present	Series Editor, Law & Society Series, Cambridge University Press
2019—2022	Graduate Advisor, Jurisprudence and Social Policy Ph.D. Program
2017—2020	Board of Trustees, Law & Society Association
2014—2019	Executive Committee, Center for Chinese Studies, UC Berkeley

LANGUAGES

English, Mandarin Chinese