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## CURRENT POSITION

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Assistant Professor of Law and Political Science  
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## ADDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS

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- 2014—present      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

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- 2003-2009          University of California, Berkeley  
Ph.D. in Political Science
- 1998-2001          Wellesley College  
B.A. in International Relations, *Summa Cum Laude*

## BOOK

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

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“Political Reliability and the Chinese Bar Exam,” *Journal of Law & Society* (forthcoming).

“Activist Lawyers in Post-Tiananmen China,” *Law & Social Inquiry* (forthcoming).

“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**

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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**

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JD/PhD	Chinese Law, Judicial Politics in Non Democracies, Legal Institutions
Undergraduate	Law and Rights in Authoritarian States, Law and Society in Asia, Law in Chinese Society

## **SELECTED SERVICE**

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2016—present	Editorial Board, <i>Law &amp; Social Inquiry</i>
2015—present	Executive Committee, East Asia Law and Society Section, Association of American Law Schools
2014—present	Advisory Committee, Center for the Study of Law and Society
2014—present	Executive Committee, Center for Chinese Studies
2012—present	Executive Committee, Institute for East Asian Studies

## **LANGUAGES**

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English, Mandarin Chinese