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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- **Spelman College**
Associate Professor, International Studies August 2022 – ongoing
- **Kennesaw State University**
Assistant Professor, Political Science and International Affairs Jan. 2017 – July 2022
- **Carnegie Mellon University**
Teaching and Research Fellow, Modern Languages June 2016 – Dec 2016
- **University of Pittsburgh**
Asian Studies Center, Center Associate Feb. 2014 – Oct. 2016
Adjunct Professor, School of Law; School of Public & International Affairs May 2014 – July 2016
- **University of Louisville**
Center for Asian Democracy, Post-Doctoral Research Associate Aug. 2012 – Jan 2014
- **University of the West of England**
Chinese Studies, Associate Lecturer Sept. 2011 – June 2012

EDUCATION

- University of Oxford, Department of Politics July 2013
Doctor of Philosophy (DPhil) in Politics - Dissertation: “Suing Dragons? Taking the Chinese State to Court” Supervisors: Vivienne Shue and Paul Martin; Examiners: Rana Mitter and William Hurst
- University of California, Berkeley, Group in Asian Studies June 2007
Master's in Asian Studies (China)
Committee: Kevin O'Brien (Chair and Supervisor), Stanley Lubman, and You-tien Hsing
- Georgetown University, Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service June 2003
Bachelor's in the Science of Foreign Service

Selected Public Scholarship and Media

- “[China Ostrichism: Why Didn't the World Prepare for China's Rise?](#)” *China Currents*, Vol. 21, No. 1, 2022.
- Interviewed by the *Academic Times*: “Countries with nationalist leaders ‘emulated’ one another’s COVID-19 response” December 2020.
- Interviewed by Georgia Public Broadcasting: “[Don't Invent Any Viruses': Atlanta-Area Asian Students Face Rise in Hate Speech](#)” December 2020.
- Interviewed by Georgia Public Broadcasting: “[KSU Professor: Loeffler 'Attila the Hun' Political Ad Is Historically Inaccurate](#)” September 2020.
- “[The Measure of a Country: America's Wonkiest Competition with China](#)” (with William Morrissey) *War on the Rocks*, August 2020.
- “[Domo Arigato, Mr. Roboto: Humans Negotiating Autonomous Vehicles Is the New Driver's Ed](#)” *Newsweek Magazine*, January 2019 (with Debra Lam).
- “[Squeezing the Same Old Stone: Suing the Rural Chinese](#)” (with Andrew MacDonald) *China Currents*, Vol. 17, No. 2, 2018.
- “[A Comparative Analysis of Online and Print Media During the 2013 Malaysian General Election: A Research Note](#)” *Berita Newsletter*, Malaysia/Singapore/Brunei Studies Group Association for Asian Studies, November 2014 (with Jason Abbot).
- [Huffington Post Blogger](#) on Chinese law, politics, and society, 2008-Present.
- “[The Direction of China's Legal Reform](#)” *China Brief* (The Jamestown Foundation), March 2014.
Expert interview for Chinese Central Television News, March 2013.

- Interview “[Urbanization in China](#)” for Chinese Central Television News, March 2013
- “[Why Google Should Stay in China](#)” *Good Magazine*, January 2010.

PUBLICATIONS (please click hyperlink for full article)

Referred Articles, Book Chapters, and Monographs

- “[Policy Contagion During A Pandemic](#)” (with Evan Mistur and Dan Matisoff) *Policy Sciences*, May 2022.
- “[Taiwan is not Ukraine; it is its Opposite](#)” *Global Policy*, April 2022.
- “[From Power Balancing to a Dominant Faction in Xi Jinping’s China](#)” (with Eun Choi and Andrew MacDonald), *China Quarterly*, 2021.
- “[The Sincerest Form of Flattery: Nationalist Emulation During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)” (with Evan Mistur) *Journal of Chinese Political Science*, Vol. 26, 2021: 213–234.
- “[Smarter Cities or Bigger Brother? How the Race for Smart Cities Could Determine the Future of China, Democracy, and Privacy](#)” (with Debra Lam) *Fordham Urban Law Journal*, Vol. 47, No. 4, 2020: 829.
- “[On Their Best Behavior? Foreign Plaintiffs in Chinese Administrative Litigation](#)” *Open Judicial Politics: An Empirical Reader*. Oregon State University Press, 2020.
- “[Justice Online? Lawyers and Legal Advice Websites in the People’s Republic of China](#)” *Wisconsin International Law Journal*, Vol. 37, No. 2, 2019.
- “[Small and Smart: Why and How Smart City Solutions Can and Should be Adapted to the Unique Needs of Smaller Cities](#)” (with Debra Lam) *New Global Studies*, Vol. 12, No. 1, 2018: 21–36.
- *Mao's Great Famine: The History of China's Most Devastating Catastrophe 1958-62: Volume 63*, Routledge, 2017.
- “[Strategic Censorship in a Hybrid Authoritarian Regime? Differential Bias in Malaysia’s Online and Print Media](#)” (with Jason Abbott) *Journal of East Asian Studies*, Vol. 15, No. 3, 2015: 455-478.
- “[Sleeping with Dragons? Politically Embedded Lawyers Suing the Chinese State](#)” *Wisconsin International Law Journal*, Vol. 31, No. 3, 2014.
- “[New Social Media and \(Electronic\) Democratization in East and Southeast Asia: China and Malaysia Compared](#)” (with Jason Abbott and Andrew MacDonald) *Taiwan Journal of Democracy*, Vol. 9, No. 2, 2013.
- “[The Beijing Consensus is Neither: China as a Non-Ideological Challenge to International Norms](#)” *St Antony’s International Review* Vol. 6, No. 2, 2011: 10–25.

Under Review

- “[Leaning In or All in the Family? Gender Equality, Dynastic Legacies, and Female Leaders](#)” (with Charity Butcher and Tracy Mages) under review.
- “Begging the Environmental Question: Legal Advice Websites and Environmental Awareness, Rights, and Law in China.” (with Coraline Goron) under review.

SELECTED GRANTS, HONORS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

- Summer 2023: Fulbright Seminars Abroad Program
- 2022: Radow College of Humanities and Social Sciences Outstanding Early Career Award
- Spring 2021: Manuscript Completion Program, Kennesaw State University
- Summer 2018 & 2020-2021: Graduate Research Assistant Competitive Stipend, Kennesaw State University
- 2011-2012: Department of Politics and International Relations Studentship, University of Oxford
- 2011-2012: Research Award, Research Center for Chinese Politics & Business, Indiana University
- 2010-2011: Chiang Ching-Kuo Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship
- 2007-2011: Research Grant, Leverhulme Trust
- 2007-2010: Clarendon Fund Scholarship, University of Oxford
- 2007-2010: Contemporary China Studies Studentship, University of Oxford

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2017-Present: Kennesaw State University: American Government in a Comparative Perspective, Politics of East Asia, International Law and Organization (graduate and undergraduate), International Political Economy, Understanding Asia, Global Issues.
- 2016: Teaching Fellow, Topics in Chinese History: The Politics, Foreign Policy, and Economics of China's Rise, Carnegie Mellon University
- 2014-2016: Adjunct Professor of Law, Chinese Legal Institutions for the US Lawyer, School of Law, University of Pittsburgh
- 2015: Adjunct Professor, China in the World: The Politics, Foreign Policy, and Economics of China's Rise, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, University of Pittsburgh
- 2011-2012: Associate Lecturer, China's Relations with the World; Business in Contemporary China; Chinese Culture and Social Identity; University of the West of England
- 2011: Tutor, Government and Politics of China, Department of Politics, University of Oxford
- 2009, 2011: Instructor, Research Methods for Comparative Government, Department of Politics, University of Oxford
- 2009: Tutor, Government and Politics of China, St. Catherine's College, University of Oxford

INVITED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND TALKS

- "The 1989 Tiananmen Square Protests in Context" Rotary Club of Marietta, Marietta, Georgia, August 2022
- "Begging the Environmental Question" Northeast Corridor Chinese Law Workshop, Washington, DC, July 2022
- "Smarter Cities or Bigger Brother? How the Race for Smart Cities Could Determine the Future of China, Democracy, and Privacy" HBCU-Georgia Tech Transport Researcher Forum, Atlanta Georgia, May 2022
- "Is the World Ready for China Risen?" China Research Center, Atlanta, Georgia, December 2021
- "Leadership Promotion in Xi's China?" China Research Center, Atlanta, Georgia, August 2020
- "Smart Cities and Urban Innovation in Asia," Asia Business Conference, Harvard Business School, Cambridge, MA, March 2020
- "[Protected by Technology or Law? China, Liberal Democracies, and Smart Cities Skeptics](#)" Cooper-Walsh Colloquium, Fordham University School of Law, New York City, NY, October 2019
- "One Platform Four Legal Systems: How Legal Advice Websites link Taiwan, Hong Kong, Macao, and Mainland China," Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences, Shanghai, China, May 2019
- "Digital Justice Delivery? Lawyers and Legal Advice Websites in the People's Republic of China" Wisconsin International Law Journal's Annual Symposium, University of Wisconsin, April 2019
- "Can Legal Advice Websites Facilitate Challenges to the Chinese State?" China Research Center, Atlanta, Georgia, August 2017
- "关于人权律师的域外理论与实践 [Global Human Rights Lawyering in Theory and Practice]" University of Hunan Law School, China, November 2014
- "The Beijing Consensus is Neither: Is a Rising China Really Trying to Challenge the Washington Consensus?" Louisville Committee on Foreign Relations, February 2014
- "Tax Reforms, Land Seizures, and Protests in Rural China" University of Pittsburgh, February 2014
- "Suing Dragons? Taking the Chinese State to Court" Research Center for Chinese Politics and Business, University of Indiana, November 2013
- "Sleeping with Dragons? Politically Embedded Lawyers Suing the Chinese State" *Wisconsin International Law Review Symposium*, University of Wisconsin, Madison; also: Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, June 2012
- "法律在美国解决社会纠纷中所扮演的角色 [The Role of Law in Resolving Social Problems in the US]" Training Talk for Chinese Judges, Police, and Prosecutors, Hunan University, December 2010

SELECTED SERVICE TO PROFESSION AND COMMUNITY

- Expert Witness in Federal and State Asylum and Criminal Cases, 2019-current
- Reviewer: Norton; *Chinese Journal of Political Science*; *Comparative Political Systems*; *Contemporary Politics*; *CITY Journal*; *Environment and Planning*; Macat; *Online Information Review*, University of North Georgia Press, *Problems of Post-Communism*; *Law & Society Review*; *Law & Social Inquiry*, *China: An International Journal*, 2007-Present
- Conference Co-Organizer, *The Everyday Digital Politics of China*, University of Pittsburgh, 2016
- Conference Co-Organizer, *Law and the Legal Profession in China*, University of Pittsburgh, 2015

SELECTED SERVICE TO PROFESSION AND COMMUNITY

- Expert Witness, Criminal and Immigration Court, 2018 – present
- Senior Research Associate, The Rights Practice, London, United Kingdom, 2011 – 2012
- Project Assistant for International Initiatives, Georgetown University, 2004 – 2005
- Manager for International Educational Programs, International Seminar Design, Washington, DC, 2003 – 2004

LANGUAGES AND SKILLS

- English, Mandarin, Spanish
- Microsoft Office, STATA statistical software
- Traditional Irish and American Music: Mandolin, Bouzouki, Tenor Banjo, Bass, Vocals