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EXPERIENCE

- Fall 2014 - Present* **PROFESSOR**, Fordham Law School, New York.
Classes: Chinese Law, American Property Law.
Research interests: Chinese law and politics.
Teacher of the Year Award (2017)
Fulbright Fellow (2019-20), Academia Sinica, Taipei.
- Summer 2011 - Fall 2014* **ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR**, Fordham Law School, New York.
Classes: Chinese Law, American Property Law.
- August 2007 - Summer 2011* **ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR**, Wash. U. School of Law, St. Louis.
Visiting Associate Professor of Law at Fordham, 2010-2011
- September 2006- August 2007* **INT. AFFAIRS FELLOW**, Council on Foreign Relations, New York.
Participating in and presenting at policy discussions with U.S. and foreign government officials and academic experts.
- October 2003- September 2006* **SENIOR COUNSEL**, Congressional-Exec. Commission on China, D.C.
Monitored and reported on Chinese human rights and rule of law issues. Advised Congress, executive agencies, and NGOs on PRC legal issues. Held discussions with Chinese officials and legal academics. Managed internship program of nine law and university students a year.
- August 2002- May 2003* **YALE-CHINA LAW FELLOW**, Xibei Inst. of Pol. & Law, Xi'an.
Taught American IP Law to graduate students.
Taught in and helped develop Xibei clinical legal education program. Supervised undergraduate students handling a wide range of Chinese court cases, including personal injury, labor, and administrative actions.
- August 2001- August 2002* **LAW CLERK**, Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit, D.C.
Chambers of Hon. Judge Raymond Clevenger, III
- October 2000- August 2001* **ASSOCIATE**, McCutchen & Doyle, Palo Alto, CA.
Performed legal research and drafting for patent infringement actions.

EDUCATION

- 1996 - 2000* **COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, SCHOOL OF LAW**
Joint J.D./Masters of International Affairs, May 2000
Awards: Stone Scholar, Public Interest and Human Rights Fellowships.
Activities: Director, Chinese Outreach Program – UAC
- 1990 – 1994* **STANFORD UNIVERSITY**
B.A. awarded in International Relations, June 1994

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Book

End of an Era: How China's Authoritarian Revival is Undermining its Rise, Oxford University Press (2018), updated paperback version (2019)

Articles and Book Chapters

"China's Domestic Politics and the Impact on Foreign Policy," in China's Grand Strategy, David Denoon, ed., New York University Press [forthcoming Winter 2021]
End of China's Reform Era, 13(4) Asia Policy 83 (2018)
Legal Reform Under Xi Jinping, 20 Asia Policy 4 (2015)
China After the Reform Era, 26 Journal of Democracy 130 (2015)
The Rise of the Security State, China Quarterly 222 (June 2015)
China at the Tipping Point? The Turn Against Legal Reform, 24 Journal of Democracy 65 (2013)
The Rise and Fall of Chinese Legal Education, 36 Fordham Intn'l Law Journal 334 (2013)
China's Turn Against Law, 59 American Journal of Comparative Law 935 (2011)
Riots and Cover-Ups: Counterproductive Control of Local Agents in China, 31 University of Pennsylvania J. of Int. Law 53 (2009)
Judicial Disciplinary Systems for Incorrectly Decided Cases, in

- 39 New Mexico Law Review 63 (2009)
- Margaret Woo, Mary Gallagher & Merle Goldman, eds., *Chinese Justice: Civil Dispute Resolution in Contemporary China*, Cambridge University Press (2011)

Social Instability in China: Causes, Consequences, and Implications," in C. Fred Bergsten and Eve Cary, eds. *The China Balance Sheet in 2007 and Beyond*, Center for Strategic and International Studies; Peterson Institute for International Economics (2007).
Xinfang: Alternative to Formal Chinese Legal Institutions, 42 Stanford J. of Int. Law 103 (2006)
New Chinese Regulations on Foundations, 2 Int. J. of Civil Society Law 110 (2004)

Works In Translation

逆法而动 (Turn Against Law), in Xu Xin, ed., *调解: 中国与世界 (Mediation: China and the World)*, Chinese University of Politics and Law Press (2013).
中国法学教育的潮起潮落 (The Rise and Fall of Chinese Legal Education), *法律与社会科学 (Law and Social Sciences)* (2014)

Shorter Pieces

"Book Review of 'A Confucian Constitutional Order: How China's Ancient Past Can Shape its Political Future' by Jiang Qing, edited by Daniel Bell and Ruiping Fan" *China Quarterly* (2013)
China (Country Report) in *Countries at the Crossroads 2011: A Survey of Democratic Governance*. Washington: Freedom House and Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers (2011).
"Book Review of *The China Legal Development Yearbook, Volumes 1 and 2*, by Brill and China Academy of Social Sciences Press," *China Review International* (2010)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Twitter, @CarlMinzner (12.4K followers)
Blog Editor, [Chinese Law and Politics Blog](#) (currently inactive)
[China: The Year Ahead](#), ChinaFile Conversation, January 8, 2020
[Intelligentsia in the Crosshairs: Xi Jinping's Ideological Rectification of Higher Education in China](#), China Leadership Monitor, December 1, 2019
[China's Deepening Institutional Decay](#), East Asia Forum, August 20, 2017
[Q and A: Carl Minzner on the Shift to Personalized Rule in China](#), New York Times, May 24, 2016
[A return to China's isolationist past would be disastrous](#), LA Times, March 18, 2015
[After the Fourth Plenum: What Direction for Law in China?](#), Jamestown Foundation China Brief, November 20, 2014
[China is again slowly turning in on itself](#), LA Times, October 18, 2014
[How China's Leaders Will Rule on the Law](#), ChinaFile, October 15, 2014
[Laying down the law at the Communist Party plenum](#), East Asia Forum, September 1, 2014
[Old Wine in an Ancient Bottle: Changes in Chinese State Ideology](#), Jamestown Foundation China Brief, March 21, 2014.
[China's Turn Against Law](#), Chinese Legal Reform Series, Human Rights Watch, Oct. 30, 2013
[America's Higher Education Bubble](#), Caixin, Oct. 9, 2013
[China's Higher Education Bubble](#), Caixin, Aug. 5, 2013
[What Direction for Legal Reform Under Xi Jinping?](#), Jamestown Foundation China Brief, January 4, 2013
[The Social Pressures Are Real](#), New York Times, Room for Debate, Nov. 23, 2012
[Chinese Legal Reform: Game On?](#), The Diplomat, Oct. 13, 2012
[Rule of Law in China: Past, Present, and Future](#), The Diplomat, Sept. 7, 2012
[China Turns Against Law](#), Asian Wall Street Journal, Jul. 4, 2012
[The System That Divides China](#), Los Angeles Times, Mar. 16, 2010
[Chinese Civil Society in Transition](#), 47 China Review 8, Summer 2009
[Back and Forth From Beijing](#), New York Times/International Herald Tribune, May 29, 2009
[Can The U.S. Fight the Tide of History?](#), St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Jan. 1, 2009
[After Iraq War, Resist the Isolationist Impulse](#), Christian Science Monitor, June 19, 2007
[Corruption in China: The Anger Boils Over](#), International Herald Tribune, May 29, 2007
[The Rise of China and the Interests of the U.S.](#), Ripon Forum, April/May 2007
[Social Instability in China, Causes, Consequences, and Implications](#), Center for Strategic and International Studies, November 2006.
Opening the Market, 9 China Economic Review 24 (1999)

CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY

Tiananmen at 30: Examining the Evolution of Repression in China, oral and written testimony, Congressional-Executive Commission on China and Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission, June 4, 2019, Washington, D.C.

Stability in China: Lessons from Tiananmen and Implications for the United States, oral and written testimony, U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission, May 15, 2014, Washington, D.C.

China's Citizen Complaint System: Prospects for Accountability, oral and written testimony, Congressional-Executive Commission on China, December 4, 2009, Washington, DC.

PRESENTATIONS

The Demographic Challenge: Legal and Political Issues on Both Sides of the Taiwan Straits, Fulbright Taiwan, Foundation for Scholarly Exchange, January 13, 2020; Academia Sinica, October 22, 2019.

End of an Era, invited speaker, Graduate Institute of National Development, National Taiwan University, December 27, 2019; American Chamber of Commerce in Taipei, November 13, 2019; National Chengchi University, Taipei, November 11, 2019; Princeton University April 5, 2019; World Affairs Council of Albuquerque, March 25, 2019; UCLA, March 7, 2019; University of Southern California, March 6, 2019; University of San Diego, March 5, 2019; University of Pennsylvania, February 21, 2019; Manhattanville College, November 10, 2018; Texas A&M University, September 11, 2018; University of Texas at Austin, September 11, 2018; King's College (London), August 2, 2018; Chatham House Institute of International Affairs (London), July 20, 2018; End of an Era, invited speaker, Academia Sinica, Taipei, June 18, 2018; Senate Foreign Relations Committee, April 30, 2018; Center for Strategic and International Studies, April 30, 2018; George Washington University, April 30, 2018; Columbia Law School, March 28, 2018; Georgetown Law School, March 22, 2018; National Committee on US-China Relations, March 14, 2018; New York University Law School, February 19, 2018; Fordham Law School, February 12, 2018

“China's 2018 Constitutional Reforms: A New Era in Chinese Governance?,” panel participant, Association of Asian Studies Annual Conference, March 24, 2019

美国政治：制度侵蚀和修复 (American Politics: Erosion and Renewal), East China University of Law and Politics, Shanghai, June 13, 2018 (in Chinese)

“Engaging a Closing China,” panel participant, Association of Asian Studies Annual Conference, March 23, 2018

China and Global Governance, invited speaker, Council on Foreign Relations, December 11, 2017

7th Conference on Chinese Capital Markets, invited speaker, NYU Center on US-China Relations, December 8, 2017

China Town Hall, invited speaker, New York University, October 18, 2016.

The End of China's Reform Era, keynote speaker, Nardi symposium, St. Joseph's University, October 5, 2016; keynote speaker, “Comparing China: Hopes and Fears of a Rising Power” conference, University of California, Irvine, April 27, 2015; Association of Asian Studies panel, Seattle, April 1, 2016; University of California, Los Angeles, April 29, 2015; Fordham Law School workshop, April 16, 2015.

[Assessing China: Internal Politics and Peripheral Relations](#), invited speaker, Council on Foreign Relations, Washington, D.C., April 9, 2015.

China Town Hall, invited speaker, Cranford High School, Cranford, NJ, October 16, 2014.

China in Comparative Perspective, National Endowment for Democracy, Washington, D.C., May 14, 2014; NYU-Columbia China Law workshop, New York, May 2, 2014; Asia Law Committee, New York Bar Association, April 22, 2014; Bernstein Symposium, NYU Asia Law Institute-HRIC event, April 3, 2014

The Rise of the Security State, University of Washington Law School and National Bureau of Asian Research conference on “Contending Perspectives on the Rule of Law in China,” Seattle, November 15, 2014; Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences, Shanghai, June 7, 2013; City University of Hong Kong, June 5, 2013; University of California, Berkeley, CA, May 6, 2013; American Association of Asian Studies, San Diego, CA, March 23, 2013; Columbia Law School workshop, March 8, 2013; Yale Law School workshop, March 5, 2013

The Rise and Fall of Chinese Legal Education, University of Pennsylvania Law School conference on “The State of Legal Development in China,” April 22, 2014; Indiana University Maurer School of Law, March 12, 2014; Association for American Law Schools Annual Conference, Jan. 5, 2014; Amsterdam University, August 8, 2013; Sino-US Law Deans Conference, Suzhou, June 23-24, 2012; Law and Society Conference, Honolulu, June 5, 2012; Columbia Law School, May 9, 2012; Fordham Law School, April 18, 2012; University of Kansas Law School, March 14, 2012; University of Pennsylvania Law School, March 12, 2012.

Social Unrest and Leadership Change: Domestic Political Challenges in China, lecture at World Affairs Council, Palm Beach, FL, January 30, 2013; World Affairs Council, Houston, TX, October 18, 2012

调解：中国法律的转向[Mediation: The Turn in Chinese Law] (in Chinese), talk presented at Renmin University, June 23, 2011.

China’s Turn Against Law, Association of Asian Studies Conference, Toronto, March 1, 2012; University of Kansas, March 14; University of Pennsylvania Law School, Philadelphia, March 12, 2012; Jiaotong University, June 11, 2011; Law and Society Annual Meeting, San Francisco, June 3, 2011; University of Wisconsin Law School, April 21, 2011; Yale Law School, December 7, 2010; Washington University in St. Louis, January 20, 2011; Fordham Law School, January 27, 2011.

China’s Global Presence and Domestic Challenges, lecture presented at Houston World Affairs Council, May 26, 2011.

Law and Social Unrest in China, talk presented at Council on Foreign Relations, April 27, 2011.

What Direction for International Human Rights Clinics?, talk at University of Maryland “Re-imagining International Clinical Law” symposium, November 17-18, 2010 Baltimore.

Introduction to U.S. Property Law, class taught at the P.R.C. State Intellectual Property Office, Beijing, June 30-July 3 (2010); June 16-19 (2009).

Eminent Domain Law and *Kelo v. New London*, lecture at Jiaotong University (in English), May 31, 2010; East China University of Politics and Law (in Chinese), May 20, 2009, Shanghai.

Chinese Governance in the 21st Century: Back to the Forbidden City?, talk presented at Washington University School of Law, incubator workshop series, April 16, 2010; Cardozo Law School, April 7, 2010.

Civil Society in China, lecture presented at UCLA Law School “Leading Developments in Chinese Law” conference, March 5, 2010, Los Angeles, CA.

Chinese Domestic Politics in Transition; China-US Relations: Human Rights and Rule of Law (two lectures), keynote speaker, Houston World Affairs Council “Portrait of China” November 7, 2009

目标管理责任制:基层政府治理的特点和它对社会纠纷解决机制的影响 [Target Responsibility Systems: Aspects of Local Governance and Their Effect on Mechanisms for the Resolution of Social Conflict] (in Chinese), presentation at conference sponsored by the China University of Politics and Law, Beijing, July 11-12

Responsibility Systems: Institutional Responses to Principal-Agent Problems in Chinese Law and Governance, lecture and talk at NYU and Columbia conference “China’s Changing Courts: Populist Vehicle or Party Puppet?,” February 19-20, 2009.

The People’s Courts: Legal and Political Reform in China since 1978, lecture presented at Houston World Affairs Council, November 7, 2008.

Cadre Responsibility Systems: The Legalist Core of Chinese Governance, lecture presented at Columbia Law School, Chinese Legal Studies Lecture Series, September 24, 2008. Yale Law School, Workshop on Chinese Legal Reform, September 23, 2008.

Human Rights in China, talk presented at Frank Church Symposium, Idaho State University, February 28-29, 2008.

Judicial Disciplinary Systems for Incorrect Decided Cases, talk presented at Chinese Justice Workshop at Harvard University on October 12-13, 2007.

Interplay Between Citizen Petitions and Formal Legal Institutions, talk presented at University of California at Berkeley, Boalt School of Law, April 5, 2006; State Department Rule of Law Conference, November 8, 2005.

Xinfang: Alternative to Formal Chinese Legal Institutions, lecture presented at School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University, March 16, 2006; Yale Law School, Workshop on Chinese Legal Reform, November 1, 2005; Columbia Law School, Chinese Legal Studies Lecture Series, October 31, 2005.

The Changing Role of Civil Society in China, lecture and talk presented at National Foreign Affairs Training Center, April 12, 2006; Center for Strategic and International Studies, Building a “Harmonious Society:” Faith-Based Organizations in China. September 26, 2005.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Fellow, Public Intellectuals Program, National Committee on U.S.-China Relations (2011-2013)
Co-Moderator, Fordham International Law Journal, 2013-present.

Conference Organizer, [China and the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act: Challenges for the 21st Century](#), January 29, 2014, Fordham Law School and Chinese Business Lawyers Association, New York.

Conference Organizer, [Civil Society and Legal Activism in China: The Public Health Challenge](#), Feb. 24, 2011, Leitner Center for International Law and Justice and Fordham Law School, New York.

Conference Organizer, [Legal Reform in China](#), Feb. 25, 2010, Wash. U. School of Law, St. Louis

Manuscript Reviewer, Cambridge and Oxford University Press, Journal of Asian Studies, China Quarterly, assorted other academic journals.

Annual Lecturer, St. Louis high school teacher training program on China, 2008-2010.

OTHER

Media interviews or appearances in the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Los Angeles Times, Associated Press, CNN, NBC Nightly News, Deutsche Welle, and others.

Fluent Mandarin Chinese, proficient French.

Member, California State Bar Association. A-level member of U.S. Chess Federation.

Studied Chinese in Kunming, P.R.C. (1995-6), Taiwan, R.O.C. (summer 2003), Beijing, P.R.C. (summer 2008). Taught English in Taiwan, R.O.C. (1994-5).