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EDUCATION

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

Doctor of Juridical Science (S.J.D.), expected June 2022, Law School

Master of Laws (LL.M.), May 2016 (*requirement fulfilled, degree waived*), Law School

Peking University, Beijing, China

Master of Laws (LL.M.), Constitutional and Administrative Law, July 2015, Law School

Bachelor of Economics (B.Econ.), July 2013, National School of Development

Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) with Honors, July 2013, Law School

Columbia University, New York, NY

Exchange Student, Law School, 2014

DISSERTATION

“Making the Borderless City: Territorial Politics, Metropolitan Reform, and the Transformation of China, 1949-2010.”

Committee: Professor Gerald Frug, William Alford, Elizabeth Perry

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Urban Law and Politics, Cities and Social Change, Political Economy of Development, Research Methods, East Asian Studies

PUBLICATIONS AND WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Rescaling the Socialist State: Strategic Coalition and Competition in Maoist China” (under review)

“The City as a Legal Concept— A Genealogy of Local Government Law Studies,” *Law and Social Science* 19, no. 2 (2021):27-65 (in Chinese).

“Regulating Regional Administrative Monopoly: Chinese Style,” *Public Law Study* 15, no.1 (2016):1-55 (in Chinese).

“The Territorial Foundation of Market Transition” (work in progress)

“Right-sizing cities in Metropolitan China” (work in progress)

“Legal Empowerment of Megacities: Lessons from East Asian Megacities” (work in progress, with Masahiko Kinoshita and Il-Young Jung)

AWARDS & FUNDING

Outstanding Student Paper Award Runner-up, China Geography Specialty Group of the American Association of Geographers, 2022

Research Grant, Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies, Harvard University, 2021

Bankee Kwan Fund, Harvard General Scholarship, Harvard University, 2020

Summer Research Grant, Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies, Harvard University, 2019

Graduate Program Fellowship, Harvard Law School, 2017-2018

East Asia Legal Study Summer Research Funding, Harvard Law School, 2017
F.Y. Chang Fellowship, Harvard Law School, 2016
Alumni Scholarship of 1985, Peking University, 2014
Jing Jiang Scholarship, Peking University, 2014

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

“The Territorial Foundation of Market Transition”

American Association of Geographers Annual Conference, February 2022; Cambridge Chinese Politics Research Workshop, May 2021

“(B)ordering: How China Utilizes Boundaries to Battle the Long Pandemic”

International Society of Public Law Annual Conference (ICON-S), June 2021

“Counter-Fragmentation as an Anti-Centralization Device: State-Rescaling and Territorial Politics in Pre-Reform China”

American Association of Geographers Annual Conference, April 2021

“Boundaries Not Made—Local Boundaries Change in the Pearl River Delta from 1990 to 2010”

Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference in Asia (AAS-in-Asia), Sep. 2020

“The Promises and Pitfalls of Community-Based Urban Redevelopment—Rethinking Guangdong Model”

The World Congress of International Association for the Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy (IVR), July 2019; Harvard-MIT Urban China Workshop, Nov. 2019

“Where the Transformation Locates —Reexamining China’s City Empowerment in the Late 1950s”

Law and Society Association Annual Conference, June 2019

“Urbanizing the Hinterland— The Changing Boundaries of Chinese Cities in the 1980s”

Harvard-MIT Urban China Workshop, Nov. 2018

“Administrative Restructuring of Sub-provincial Government in Post-Reform China”

Harvard-MIT Urban China Workshop, Nov. 2017

ONGOING PROJECTS

The Territorialization of School Districts in China and the U.S., from Apr 2021, (with Fangsheng Zhu)

The Promises and Pitfalls of Community-Led Urban Redevelopment, June 2019 to Present

Varieties of Cities, Neutrality of Law, Sep. 2018 to Present

TEACHING AND ADVISING EXPERIENCE

The Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Harvard University

Teaching Fellow, Sociology 1141: Contemporary Chinese Society (Professor Ya-Wen Lei), Fall 2020

Taught two sections (12 and 11 students respectively) and advised students on research papers.

Distinction in Teaching Award

Harvard Law School

Teaching Fellow, Why Law? Lessons from China (Professor William Alford), Spring 2022, Spring 2018

Prepared course materials, led class discussion (20 students), and graded research papers.

LL.M. Advisors, 2017-2018

Advised master students on writing projects, career development, and general academic life.

Invited Speaker

Course “Why Law? Lessons from China,” Harvard Law School, March 2022

Presented the political economy of urban redevelopment in China’s evolving property law

Course “The Political Economy of China,” University of Southern California, April 2021

Presented regional development of China's Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area.
Lecture Series, Guanghuang Law School, Zhejiang University, June 2019

Presented the origin and transformation of American local government law scholarship.
Asia Fellows Seminar, Harvard Kennedy School, April 2019

Presented China's urban policies and planning in Maoist China.

RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies, Harvard University

Graduate Student Associate, 2021-2022

Fairbank Center Undergraduate Grants Adjudication Committee, 2022

Urban China Seminar Series, Harvard Fairbank Center and MIT Sustainable Urbanization Lab

Co-organizer, 2018 to present

Co-organized more than 60 interdisciplinary lectures and discussions (in-person and remote) on Chinese cities and urban issues since 2018.

Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts

Research Assistant, Professor William Alford, 2022, 2017-18

Collected and updated course materials for a class related to law and society in China.

The Export-Import Bank of China, Beijing, China

Summer Associate, Legal Affairs, 2014

CITIC Trust Co., Ltd. Beijing, China

Internship, Investment Bank Division, 2013

PROFESSTIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Association of Geographers

Association for Asian Studies

Bar Association, the People's Republic of China (exam passed 2013)

SKILLS

Chinese (native); English (advanced)

Basic use of Geographic Information Systems and related software (ArcGIS)

Basic use of statistical software (Stata)