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## CURRENT POSITION

2009-2012 Junior Fellow, Harvard University Society of Fellows

## EDUCATION

2003-2009 University of California, Berkeley  
Ph.D. in Political Science, December 2009  
M.A. in Political Science, May 2004

Dissertation: “Navigating the Boundaries of Political Tolerance: Environmental Litigation in China”  
Dissertation committee: Kevin J. O’Brien (chair), Robert Kagan, Katherine O’Neill (Environmental Science, Policy and Management)

2002-2003 Cornell University  
Full-Year Area Studies Language Concentration in Mandarin Chinese

1997-2001 Wellesley College  
B.A. in International Relations, *Summa Cum Laude*

## REFEREED ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

“From Dispute to Decision: Suing Polluters in China,” *The China Quarterly* (forthcoming).

“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).

“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.

## OTHER ARTICLES, REPORTS AND POLICY BRIEFS

*Toward Environmental Public Interest Litigation? Proposals for Legislative Change* (Beijing: Natural Resource Defense Council, 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.

*Wild But Not Free: An Economic Valuation of the Benefits of Nature Conservation in Hong Kong* (with Lisa Hopkinson) (Hong Kong: Civic Exchange, 2002) (42 pp.).

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

#### **SELECTED RECENT PRESENTATIONS**

“Environmental Litigation in China: Mapping the Consequences of Political Ambivalence,” Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, Chicago, May 28, 2010. Also presented at the Overseas Young Chinese Forum, Chicago, May 29, 2010.

“Running on Hope: International Soft Support for Environmental Litigation in China,” Association of Asian Studies Annual Meeting, March 26, 2010.

“Magnifying Repression: Uncertainty, Self-Censorship and Control Parables in China,” Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, New Orleans, February 20, 2010.

“Between Bureaucrats and Judges: Justifying Decisions in Pollution Cases,” conference jointly hosted by Columbia and New York University Law Schools entitled “China’s Changing Courts,” February 20, 2009.

“The Nuts and Bolts of Social Science Research in China,” Center for Chinese Studies, University of California, Berkeley April 22, 2008.

[运用法律：中美环境律师的工作方式] [“Leveraging the Law: Chinese and American Environmental Lawyers at Work”], Qinghua University Law School, May 18, 2007.

#### **HONORS, AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

2009 Abigail Reynolds Hodgen Publication Fund, Manuscript Preparation Support, University of California, Berkeley

2007-2009 Simpson Memorial Research Fellowship, Institute of International Studies, University of California, Berkeley

2007-2008 Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship

2006-2008 National Science Foundation, Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant

2004-2007 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellow

2006-2007 Pacific Rim Research Program Mini-Grant

2006-2007 Liu Graduate Research Fellowship in Chinese Studies

2003-2004 Horton-Hallowell Fellowship for graduate study, Wellesley College

2003-2004 Academic year fellowship, the Institute of East Asian Studies, University of California, Berkeley

2002-2003 Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship, Cornell University

2001 Best paper in International Relations and best paper in Asian Studies, Wellesley College

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Spring 2009 Visiting Lecturer, *Theories of International Relations*, Mills College

Spring 2006 Graduate Student Instructor, *War!*, Professor Ron Hassner, University of California, Berkeley

**VISITING SCHOLAR AFFILIATIONS**

2007 Qinghua University Law School, Beijing

Fall 2006 Center for Chinese Legal Studies, Columbia University Law School

**ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL TRAINING**

Summer 2008 Summer Institute for Preparing Future Faculty, University of California, Berkeley

January 2006 Training Institute on Qualitative Research Methods, Arizona State University

Summer 2004 Inter-University Program, Intensive Chinese language program, Beijing

**LANGUAGES**

English, Mandarin Chinese