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## Current Position

Postdoctoral Research Associate 2012-2014  
Center for Asian Democracy, University of Louisville

## Education

D.Phil in Politics, University of Oxford Expected 2012-2013  
M.A. in Asian Studies, University of California at Berkeley June 2007  
Bachelor's in the Science of Foreign Service, Georgetown University June 2003

## Peer-Reviewed and Selected Web Publications

“The Beijing Consensus is Neither: China as a Non-Ideological Challenge to International Norms,”  
*St Antony's International Review* 6, no. 2 (2011): 10–25

“[Bo Xilai: China's Newt Gingrich?](#)” *Huffington Post*, 27 April 2012

“[China's Next Top Model: Guangdong Beats Chongqing?](#)” *Huffington Post*, 11 April 2012

“[Mitt Romney: The 'Currency Manipulator' Manipulator](#)” *Huffington Post*, 22 February 2012

“[Kitchen Sink Laundry Lists and Broken Clocks](#)” *Huffington Post*, 13 February 2012

“[The Silent Majority: China's Other Lawyers](#)” *Huffington Post*, 29 July 2011

## Working Papers

“[Squeezing the Same Old Stone: Evidence from Administrative Courts Explain Tax Reforms, Land Seizures and Protest in Rural China](#)” paper co-authored with Andrew MacDonald

“[Advocates of Change in Authoritarian Regimes: How Chinese Lawyers and Chinese and Russian Journalists Stay Out of Trouble](#)” paper co-authored with Maria Repnikova

“[On Their Best Behaviour: Multinationals Suing the Chinese State](#)” Commissioned by the Research Center for Chinese Politics & Business, Indiana University

“Piercing the Dragon's Armor: Administrative Litigation Strategies and Polycentric Authoritarianism”

“Suing Dragons: How and Why Are Chinese Lawyers Taking the State to Court?”

“Cause Lawyers in China” For inclusion in a book project on Asian cause lawyers

## **Honors, Awards and Fellowships**

2011-2012: Department of Politics and International Relations Studentship, University of Oxford  
2011-2012: Research Award, Research Center for Chinese Politics & Business, Indiana University  
2010-2012: 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  
2005: Institute of East Asian Studies Language Grant, University of California at Berkeley  
2002-2003: Undergraduate Research Opportunity Fellowship, Georgetown University

## **Teaching Experience**

2011-2012: Associate Lecturer, *China's Relations with the World; Business in Contemporary China; Chinese Culture & Social Identity*; University of the West of England, Bristol

2011: Tutor, *Government and Politics of China*, Department of Politics, University of Oxford

2009, 2011: Instructor, *Comparative Government*, Department of Politics, University of Oxford

2009: Tutor, *Government and Politics of China*, St. Catherine's College, University of Oxford

2007: Graduate Student Instructor, *20th Century Theories of Governance*, University of California at Berkeley

2003: Teaching Assistant, *Politics in Film*, Georgetown University

## **Conference Presentations and Invited Talks**

“Sampling: Studying the Chinese State More Systematically” Understanding Contemporary China: Glancing Back and Looking Forward, Oxford University Contemporary China Studies Program, 7 July 2012

“Piercing the Dragon's Armor: Administrative Litigation Strategies and Polycentric Authoritarianism” Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Honolulu, 8 June 2012

“Sleeping with Dragons? Politically Embedded Lawyers Suing the Chinese State” Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Honolulu, 7 June 2012

“On Their Best Behaviour: Foreign Plaintiffs in Chinese Administrative Litigation” China and Global Governance, Research Center for Chinese Politics and Business, University of Indiana, 23 March 2012

“Rights Advocates in Authoritarian Regimes: How Chinese Lawyers and Chinese and Russian Journalists Stay Out of Trouble” (paper co-authored with Maria Reznikova) European China Law Studies Association 2011 Annual General Conference, Sciences Po Paris, 29 September 2011  
Also presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, 3 September 2011

“Squeezing the Same Old Stone: Evidence from Administrative Courts Explain Tax Reforms, Land Seizures and Protest in Rural China” (paper co-authored with Andrew MacDonald) American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, 1 September 2011

“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 United States”] Training Talk for Chinese Judges, Police and Prosecutors, Hunan University, 6 December 2010

## Professional Service

- Panel Chair, *Democracy, Governance and Development Conference*, University of Oxford, 28 June 2011
- Anonymous Reviewer, *CITY Journal*, 2008
- Asian Studies Seminar Coordinator, University of California at Berkeley, Fall 2006 - Spring 2007

## Affiliations

- Visiting Scholar, Zhou Enlai School of Government, Nankai University, Tianjin, 2010
- American Political Science Association, since 2010
- European Political Science Association, since 2010

## Research Interests

Rule of Law and Development; Tax in China; Inequality and Social Justice; Cause Lawyers and Human Rights; Judicial Politics in Authoritarian Regimes

## Additional Professional & Chinese Training

- Advanced Chinese Classes, Chinese University of Hong Kong, 2009
- Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research, University of Michigan, Summer 2008
- Legal Chinese, School of Oriental and African Studies, London, Fall 2007 – Spring 2008
- Founder of Cantonese Class, University of California at Berkeley, 2005 – 2007
- Intensive Mandarin Program, Inter-University Program, Beijing, Summer 2006
- Intensive Mandarin Classes, Stanford University, Summer 2005

## Related Experience

### Senior Research Associate

The Rights Practice, London, United Kingdom

October 2011 – Present

### Project Assistant for International Initiatives

Office of the Provost, Georgetown University, Washington D.C.

May 2004 – June 2005

## Languages and Skills

- English, Mandarin, Spanish
- Microsoft Office, STATA statistical software, Basic HTML, Adobe Photoshop
- Traditional Irish, Scottish, and American Music; Bluegrass: Mandolin, Banjo, Vocals, Guitar, Ukelele, Bass