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Academic Positions (Primary)

Yale Law School

Professor, 2019-

Associate Professor, 2016-2019

Irving S. Ribicoff Visiting Associate Professor, Fall 2015

Duke University School of Law

Associate Professor, 2014-2016

Fellow, Duke-University of Hong Kong Summer Institute, 2015

Visiting Assistant Professor, 2012-2014

Academic Positions (Secondary)

Yale University, Department of History

Professor (secondary appointment), 2019-

Peking University Law School

Global Faculty Member, 2018-

Jones Day Global Fellow, Summer 2018

Visiting Instructor, Fall 2010

Brown University History Department

Visiting Lecturer, Spring 2012

Tsinghua University School of Law

Visiting Scholar, Fall 2011

Education

Yale University, History Department, New Haven, CT

Ph.D. (2014)

Yale Law School, New Haven, CT

J.D. (2008)

Articles and Essays Editor, *Yale Law Journal*

Yale University, New Haven, CT

B.A., *magna cum laude*, History and Mathematics (2005)

Publications (in print or accepted)

Books

THE LAWS AND ECONOMICS OF CONFUCIANISM: KINSHIP AND PROPERTY IN
PRE-INDUSTRIAL CHINA AND ENGLAND (Cambridge University Press 2017).

Presidents Book Award, Social Science History Association (2018)

Gaddis Smith International Book Prize, Macmillan Center for International and Area

Studies (2018)

Articles and Book Chapters

Legality in Contemporary Chinese Politics (with Tom Ginsburg), 58 VA. J. INT'L L. (forthcoming, 2019)

Fiscal Institutions in Imperial China, in OXFORD RESEARCH ENCYCLOPEDIA: ASIAN HISTORY (forthcoming 2019).

The Development of Comparative Law in China, in OXFORD HANDBOOK OF COMPARATIVE LAW 228 (Matthias Reimann and Reinhardt Zimmerman eds., Oxford Univ. Press, 2d ed., 2018).

Disaggregating the Court: A Methodological Survey of Research on the Supreme People's Court of China, 2 CHINA L. & SOC. REV. 154 (2017)
Chinese translation published in 15(2) FALÜ HE SHEHUI KEXUE [L. & SOC. SCI.] 1 (2017) (Qiu Yaokun trans.).

Moral Economies in Early Modern Land Markets, 79 LAW & CONTEMPORARY PROB. 107 (2017).

Cultural Paradigms in Property Institutions, 40 YALE J. INT'L L. 347 (2016).
Featured in JOTWELL (The Journal of Things We Like Lots), May 3, 2017.

Beyond Methodological Eurocentricism: Comparing the Chinese and European Legal Traditions, 56 AM. J. LEGAL HIST. 195 (2016).

Do Kinship Networks Strengthen Private Property Rights? Evidence from Rural China (with Xiaoxue Zhao), 11 J. EMPIRICAL LEGAL STUD. 505 (2014).

Social Hierarchies and the Formation of Customary Property Law in Pre-Industrial China and England, 62 AM. J. COMP. L. 171 (2014).
Abbreviated version reprinted in CHINESE LAW: KNOWLEDGE, PRACTICE, AND TRANSFORMATION, 1530S TO 1950S (Madeleine Zelin and Li Chen eds., Brill, 2015).
Chinese translation published in 3 FUDAN UNIV. L. REV. 343 (Zhang Shengyue trans., 2016). Winner of the Kathryn T. Preyer Award, American Society for Legal History (2012).

The Pragmatic Court: Reinterpreting the Supreme People's Court of China, 25 COLUM. J. ASIAN L. 1 (2012).

Property Rights in Land, Agricultural Capitalism, and the Relative Decline of Pre-Industrial China, 13 SAN DIEGO INT. L.J. 129 (2011).

Why the Chinese Public Prefer Administrative Petitioning over Litigation [Zhongguoren weihe zai Xingzheng Jiufen zhong Pianhao Xinfang], 2009(3) SHEHUI XUE YANJIU [SOCIOLOGICAL STUD.] 139. English version available at http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1098417.

[Translation] Xianglong Zhang, *The Philosophical Feature of Confucianism and Its Position in Inter-Cultural Dialogue: Universalism or Non-Universalism?*, 4 FRONTIERS

OF PHILOSOPHY IN CHINA 483 (2009).

[Translation] Xianglong Zhang, *Flowing within the Text: A Discussion on He Lin's Explanation of Zhu Xi's Method of Intuition*, 1 FRONTIERS OF PHILOSOPHY IN CHINA 60 (2006).

Book Reviews

Review of CHUN PENG, *RURAL LAND TAKINGS LAW IN MODERN CHINA: ORIGIN AND EVOLUTION* (2017), CHINA J. (forthcoming 2020).

Review of KWAI HANG NG & XIN HE, *EMBEDDED COURTS: JUDICIAL DECISION-MAKING IN CHINA* (2017), CHINA J. (forthcoming 2019)

Review of LI CHEN, *CHINESE LAW IN IMPERIAL EYES: SOVEREIGNTY, JUSTICE, AND TRANSCULTURAL POLITICS* (2015), L. & HIST. REV. (forthcoming 2019).

Review of JOHN O. HALEY, *LAW'S POLITICAL FOUNDATIONS: RIVERS, RIFLES, RICE, AND RELIGION* (2016), AM. J. COMP. L. (forthcoming 2019).

Review of ZHANG YONGLE, *JIUBANG XINZAO [REMAKING OF AN OLD COUNTRY]* (2011), 11 FALÜ SHUPING [L. BOOK REVIEWS] 3 (2015).

Works in Progress

THE IDEOLOGICAL FOUNDATIONS OF THE QING FISCAL STATE (book manuscript in progress, Introduction available upon request).

From Information to Preference: A Theory of Property and Sociopolitical Change, review and resubmit at J. LEGAL ANALYSIS, available at https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3249065.

Institutions for Impersonal Trade in the Song Dynasty (with Benito Arruñada & Yun-chien Chang).

Limited Liability and Capital Formation in Republican China.

Lineage Politics in Qing and Republican Litigation.

Honors and Distinctions

Public Intellectuals Program Fellow, National Committee on U.S.-China Relations (2019-2020)

Presidents Book Award, Social Science History Association (2018)

Gaddis Smith Book Prize, Macmillan Center for International and Area Studies (2018)

Elected President of the International Society for Chinese Law and History (2018)

Arthur and Mary Wright Dissertation Prize, Yale Graduate School of Arts and Sciences (2014)

Kathryn T. Preyer Award, American Society for Legal History (2012)

Yale University Prize Fellowship (2011-12)

Arthur F. Wright Fellowship (2011-12)

Distinction in Ph.D. field examinations (2010)

Fan Family Fellowship (2010-11)

Overbrook Fellowship (2008-2009)
Williams Essay Prize, Yale University Council for East Asian Studies (2005)
Robert D. Gries Senior Essay Prize, Yale University History Department (2005)
Deforest Prize, Yale University Mathematics Department (2005)
Phi Beta Kappa (2005)
Distinction in the History Major (2005)
Distinction in the Mathematics Major (2005)

Select Academic Presentations

The Ideological Foundations of the Qing Fiscal State

Tel Aviv University (2020), University of Chicago (2019), Northwestern University (2019), Cornell University (2019), World Economic History Congress (2018), Peking University (2018), American Society for Legal History (2017, 2015), Hong Kong University (2017), University of Wisconsin, Madison (2016), Duke University School of Law (2016, 2015), Yale Law School (2015), International Society for Chinese Law and History (Roundtable, 2015), Triangle East Asia Colloquium (2015)

From Information to Preference: A Theory of Property and Sociopolitical Change

New York University (2019), American Law and Economics Association Annual Meeting (2018), Renmin University (2018), Tsinghua University (2018), Brooklyn Law School (2018), Yale Law School (2017)

Legality in Contemporary Chinese Politics

Hong Kong University (2019), University of Michigan Law School (2019), University of Virginia (2019), University of Washington (2019), Yale Law School (2018)

The Laws and Economics of Confucianism (book talk or interview)

Social Science History Association (2019), American Society for Legal History (2018), Macmillan Center for International and Area Studies (2018), New York University (2018), New Books Network (2018), ChinaFile (2017), University of California, Los Angeles (2017), Yale Law School (2017)

Limited Liability and Capital Formation in Republican China

Berle XI Symposium, Seattle University (2019), Triangle Legal History Seminar (2015), American Historical Association (2014)

Disaggregating the Court: A Methodological Survey of Research on the Supreme People's Court of China

Supreme People's Court of China (2016)

Land Markets in Early Modern Economies

George Washington University (2016), Tsinghua University (2016), Duke University (2016)

Cultural Paradigms in Property Institutions

University of Minnesota (2017), Peking University (2016); Renmin University (2016); New York University Law School (2016), Harvard Law School (2014), Duke University School of Law (2014)

Kinship and Property in Pre-Industrial China and England (under various titles)

Stanford University (2016), Duke University School of Law (2013), Triangle Legal History Seminar (2013), American Historical Association (2013), American Society for

Legal History (2012), Columbia University (2012), Harvard East Asia Society (2012)

Lineage Politics in Qing and Republican Litigation

American Society for Legal History (2013)

Do Kinship Networks Strengthen Private Property Rights? Evidence from Rural China

New York University School of Law (2014), American Law and Economics Association (2013), Duke-UNC Junior Faculty Workshop (2012)

The Pragmatic Court: Reinterpreting the Supreme People's Court of China

Yale University (2012)

Property Rights in Land, Agricultural Capitalism, and the Relative Decline of Pre-Industrial China (under various titles)

American Historical Association (Roundtable, 2011), American Society for Legal History (2010)

Yale University (2010), Yale China Law Center (2010)

Why the Chinese Public Prefer Administrative Petitioning over Litigation

Law and Society Association (2009), Yale China Law Center (2008)

Legal Experience

Supreme People's Court of China, Institute of Applied Legal Studies

Research Clerk, Summer 2009, Fall 2010

Davis Polk and Wardwell (New York and Hong Kong Offices)

Summer Associate, 2007

Federal Defenders of New York (Manhattan Office)

Summer Clerk, 2006

Other Publications

Opinion pieces published with the *New York Times* (Chinese Edition), *Foreign Policy*, *Huffington Post*, *ChinaFile*, *Lawfare*, *Fazhi Ribao* (China Legal Daily), and *Renmin Fayuan Bao* (People's Court Daily).

Languages

Chinese (native speaker, fluency in classical Chinese)
Japanese (good reading skills, basic conversational skills)
Latin (intermediate reading skills)
Ancient Greek (basic reading skills)

Professional Membership and Service

American Historical Association
American Journal of Legal History (Board Member, 2015-)
American Law & Economics Association
American Society for Legal History
Association for Asian Studies

China Law and Society Review (Board Member, 2014-)
International Society for Chinese Law and History (President, 2018-; Board Member, 2013-)
Law and Society Association
Social Science History Association

Peer Review Service

Oxford University Press, Cambridge University Press, Michigan University Press, Cornell University Press, Princeton University Press, *Yale Law Journal*, *American Journal of Comparative Law*, *American Journal of Legal History*, *Law and Social Inquiry*, *Comparative Legal History*, *World Politics*, *Modern Asian Studies*, *Asia Pacific Law Review*, *Journal of the History of Economic Thought*, *Washington International Law Journal*, *Xin Shixue* [*New Historical Studies*], *Si yu Yan* [*Thought and Language*], *Huanqiu Falü Pinglun* [*Global Law Review*], *Shehui* [*Society*], *Hague Journal on the Rule of Law*

Bar Admissions

New York