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CURRENT POSITION

Harvard Law School <i>Climenko Fellow and Lecturer on Law</i>	Cambridge, MA July 2022-Present
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EDUCATION

Harvard Law School , J.D. <i>cum laude</i> (2018)	Cambridge, MA
Harvard Kennedy School of Government , M.P.P. (2018)	Cambridge, MA
The Johns Hopkins University , B.A. with honors (2012), Phi Beta Kappa	Baltimore, MD

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Primary: National Security, Property, Constitutional Law, International Law, Comparative Law

Secondary: Foreign Relations, Legislation and Regulation, Alternative Dispute Resolution

PUBLICATIONS

Appropriations Law and the Statutory Foreign Affairs Presidency, 172 U. PENN. L. REV. ____ (forthcoming 2024)

Common Heritage as Public Trust: A Property Law Approach to Managing Resources Beyond National Jurisdiction, 97 S. CAL. L. REV. ____ (forthcoming 2024)

Sovereignty, Article II, and the Military during Domestic Unrest, 15 HARV. NAT'L SEC. J. ____ (forthcoming 2024)

The Role of Secretariats in International Negotiations: The Case of Climate Change, 24 HARV. NEGOTIATION L. REV. 213 (Spring 2019)

Domestic Law Creating International Regimes: How Legal Formalism is Hobbling U.S. Foreign Policy, 26 UNIV. OF MIAMI INT'L & COMP. L. REV. 1 (2018)

Historic Waters and Ancient Title: Outdated Doctrines for Establishing Maritime Sovereignty and Jurisdiction, 47 J. MARITIME L. & COM. 29 (Jan. 2016) (peer-reviewed)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE <i>Attorney-Advisor, Office of General Counsel (International Affairs)</i>	Washington, DC Jan. 2019-May 2022
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- Advised senior Pentagon leadership on domestic and international law matters relevant to military deployments abroad and in the United States. Areas of responsibility included

COVID-19 response; U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan; military assistance at the southern border; and use of the military during Black Lives Matter protests, the January 6th attack on the Capitol building, and other matters.

- Represented DoD in consultations with the White House, other federal agencies, DoD Inspector General, Government Accountability Office, and congressional committees.
- Awarded Secretary of Defense Meritorious Civilian Service Award (second highest award for career civilian employees).

UNITED STATES PACIFIC COMMAND

Honolulu, HI

Legal Intern

Summer 2017

- Advised Staff Judge Advocate on humanitarian assistance, rules of engagement, and cyber operations. Wrote background papers on Combatant Command authority to conduct information operations and South Korean missile policy.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Washington, DC

Honors Intern

Summer 2016

- Briefed DoD General Counsel on South China Sea legal issues. Edited various international agreements, diplomatic cables, and draft UN resolutions concerning law of war, outer space law, and other matters.

NAVAL WAR COLLEGE

Newport, RI

Legal Intern

Fall 2018; Summer 2015

- Composed reports on Chinese strategic investment in Djibouti, Myanmar, and Sri Lanka. Researched Chinese legal arguments concerning claims in the South China Sea.

ADDITIONAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Cambridge, MA

Teaching Assistant

Fall 2015-Spring 2018

- Taught select course topics and concepts, facilitated in-class discussions, developed simulations and exercises, and assisted faculty in developing syllabi.
- *Classes:* Comparative Law: China (HLS); Negotiation Workshop (HLS); Engaging China (HLS); Great Powers Competition (Kennedy School, Amb. Nicholas Burns).

INTERNATIONAL BRIDGES TO JUSTICE

Beijing, China

Legal and Technical Associate

Summer 2013-Spring 2014

- Designed online modules on Chinese criminal law for aspiring Chinese criminal defense attorneys and organized two live seminar series for Chinese defense attorneys.

WORLDTEACH

Changsha, China

English Teacher

Summer 2012-Spring 2013

- Taught high school English to classes of 60 students. Oriented volunteers to living in China.

SELECT ADDITIONAL WRITING

Section 3 and the Specter of Political Violence, LAWFARE (Jan. 11, 2024), <https://www.lawfaremedia.org/article/section-3-and-the-specter-of-political-violence>.

Biden's Resurrection of Emergency Powers at the Southern Border, LAWFARE (May 10, 2023), www.lawfareblog.com/bidens-resurrection-emergency-powers-southern-border.

An Update on Chinese Cybersecurity and the WTO, LAWFARE (March 2, 2018), www.lawfareblog.com/update-chinese-cybersecurity-and-wto.

Water Wars, LAWFARE (weekly, Mar. 2016-Mar. 2017), www.lawfareblog.com/topic/water-wars.

Understanding China's Cybersecurity Law, LAWFARE, (Nov. 8, 2016), www.lawfareblog.com/understanding-chinas-cybersecurity-law.

Analysis: Chinese South China Sea Operations Ambiguous After Ruling, USNI NEWS (October 17, 2016), with Julian Ku, www.news.usni.org/2016/10/17/analysis-chinese-south-china-sea-operations-ambiguous-ruling.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

U.S.-China Maritime and International Law Dialogue (invited participant)

- National Committee on U.S.-China Relations (September 2023)
- *Engagement between academics and former U.S. and PRC government officials (Track II dialogue).*

The Statutory Foreign Affairs Presidency (invited panelist)

- University of Pennsylvania Law Review 2023 Symposium (October 2023)

Regional Sanctions Regimes: China and Russia (panel moderator)

- Harvard National Security Journal Fall 2023 Symposium (October 2023)

China-Vietnam Gulf of Tonkin Delimitation Negotiation (invited response)

- Maritime Dispute Resolution Project Workshop, U.S.-Asia Law Institute, New York University (March 2023)

Sovereignty, Article II, and the Military during Domestic Unrest

- National Conference of Constitutional Law Scholars, William Rehnquist Center, The University of Arizona Rogers College of Law (March 2023)

BAR ADMISSION AND PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Member of the New Jersey Bar

Member of the American Society of International Law

Member of the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations

LANGUAGES

Chinese (Mandarin, simplified); Italian

REFERENCES

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