

April Xiaoyi Xu

EDUCATION

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- Harvard Law School, J.D.** May 2021
- **President**, Harvard Asia Law Society
 - **Salzburg Cutler Fellow in International Law** (2021): one of 4 Harvard-nominated Cutler Fellows
 - **Managing Editor**, *Harvard Negotiation Law Review*
 - **International Editor**, *Cambridge Law Review*
 - **Editorial Board Member**, *Harvard Journal of Law and Technology* and *Harvard International Law Journal*
 - **Pre-Law Mentor** to Harvard College students | **Academic Chair**, 1L Section Committee
 - **Actress, Singer, and Dancer**, HLS Drama Society | **Actress**, APALSA Trial Reenactments
- Pomona College, B.A., Politics and Spanish (minor), *summa cum laude*** May 2018
- **Phi Beta Kappa**: Initiated junior year (2017), induction ceremony host (2018) | **Sigma Delta Pi** chapter president
 - **John A. Vieg Prize in Politics**: Award for the graduating senior with the best academic record in politics
 - **Distinction in Politics Senior Exercise**: Top mark on the capstone exercise for senior politics majors
 - **Bernard Chan Award**: One of the foremost Pomona awards for academic attainment and community service
 - **Dole Kinney Prize in Creative Writing**: Awarded twice in 2017 and 2018

GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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- **Rhodes Scholarship Finalist**: One of 14 finalists selected from across China
 - **Phi Beta Kappa Graduate Scholarship**: Awarded to one Gamma Chapter graduate by the Alpha Association yearly
 - **Downing Scholar**: Awarded full merit scholarship for the University of Cambridge's MPhil degree
 - **Stanford Knight-Hennessy Fellowship Inaugural Finalist**: Top 2% of the applicant pool

LAW REVIEW PUBLICATIONS

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- April Xiaoyi Xu, *Applying the Model Penal Code (MPC)'s Insanity Defense to Sleepwalking Killers and Psychopaths: Interfacing Neuroscience and Criminal Law*, 23 NEW CRIM. L. REV., 471-515 (2020).
 - April Xiaoyi Xu, *When Judges Compete on a Lawless Terrain: Possible Futures for Clerkship Hiring*, HARV. L. & POL'Y REV. (2020).
 - April Xiaoyi Xu, *But What If Big Brother's Surveillance Saves Lives?—Comparative Digital Privacy in the Time of Coronavirus*, 54 CREIGHTON L. REV. 147-172 (2020).
 - * Featured on the World Health Organization's "COVID-19 Global literature on coronavirus disease" webpage.
 - April Xiaoyi Xu, *They Belong with Taylor Swift: Applying Trademark Law and Textual Analysis to the Branding of Love Song Lyrics*, 2020 U. ILL. L. REV. ONLINE 139-151 (2020).
 - * Selected in Yale Law School's Spring 2024 syllabus for Professor Harold Koh's "The Law and Management of Global Fame" course
 - April Xiaoyi Xu, Note, *Smartphones Out, Bye COVID-19!—Assessing the Possibility of Exporting China's Global Pandemic-Era QR Codes as Health Certificates*, HARV. J.L. & TECH. DIG. (2021).
 - April Xiaoyi Xu, *Catch and Contain Novel Pathogens Early!—Assessing U.S. Medical Isolation Laws as Applied to a Future Pandemic Detection and Prevention Model*, 55 U. MICH. J.L. REFORM 23-41 (2021).
 - Richard Liu, Thaddeus Mason Pope, and April Xiaoyi Xu, *Deep and Continuous Palliative Sedation Without Artificial Nutrition and Hydration: An International Review*, 35 IND. INT'L COMP. L. REV. 67-151 (2025).

SELECTED LEADERSHIP, RESEARCH, AND WORK EXPERIENCE

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- Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP**, Houston, TX 2024-2025
- Litigation Associate*
- Represented sector-leading clients in the technology and energy sectors as part of the Complex Litigation and Dispute Resolution group
 - Drafted motions and legal memoranda; contributed to various aspects of discovery; performed complex legal research and analysis; involved in defensive and offensive depositions
 - Initiated and lead an animal law pro bono project
- Allen, Overy, Shearman & Sterling LLP**, New York City, NY 2022-2024
- Litigation Associate*
- Represented clients in a broad range of litigation matters, including intellectual property, antitrust, investigations, and international arbitration matters involving cross-border clients and teams from Taiwan, Germany, Denmark, Mainland China, England, and Ireland
 - Experience included legal research, drafting motions to dismiss, complaints, contested protective orders, RFPs and interrogatories, etc.
 - Pro bono practice included criminal (2 murder cases), family, immigration, and environmental law matters

- Asian Affinity Network Steering Committee member
- U.S. Pro Bono Committee member
- U.S. Associate Council member

*Formerly Allen & Overy LLP prior to merger with Shearman & Sterling LLP

U.S. District Court for the District of Oregon, Portland, OR 2021-2022

Judicial Law Clerk, Chambers of Judge Michael H. Simon

Drafted judicial opinions, bench memoranda, and other documents for a wide range of criminal and civil cases at various stages of litigation

Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA 2020-2021

Teaching Fellow to Judge Joseph A. Greenaway, "Great Cases of the Supreme Court" Seminar

Researched the latest scholarship on 8 prominent Supreme Court cases, designed course syllabus based on research and regular meetings with Judge Greenaway, proposed edits to weekly discussion questions, and assisted with all other aspects of the course

Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA 2020-2021

Research Assistant to Professor Jeannie Suk Gersen

Contributed legal research and analysis to Prof. Suk Gersen's academic projects, including law review publications and legal articles for *The New Yorker*; topics include constitutional, family, and criminal law

Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA 2020-2021

Research Assistant to Professor Noah R. Feldman

Contributed research for Prof. Feldman's book *The Broken Constitution: Lincoln, Slavery, and the Refounding of America*

National Bureau of Economic Research, Cambridge, MA 2020-2021

Research Assistant to Professor Amy N. Finkelstein

Contributed policy, economics, historical, and legal research to Professors Amy Finkelstein (MIT) and Liran Einav (Stanford)'s book *We've Got You Covered: Rebooting American Health Care*

Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA Spring 2021

Research Assistant to Professor Urs Gasser

Provided substantive comments and edits for Prof. Gasser's manuscript on AI, trust and law; assisted with legal research

Harvard Law School Program on International Law and Armed Conflict (PILAC), Cambridge, MA Summer 2020

Research Assistant

Contributed research on international law and artificial intelligence in the context of international armed conflicts; report available at <https://pilac.law.harvard.edu/three-pathways-to-secure-greater-respect-for-international-law-concerning-war-algorithms>

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, New York City, NY Summer 2019

Judicial Intern, Chambers of Judge Alvin K. Hellerstein

- Drafted judicial opinions, orders, and bench memoranda for Judge Hellerstein; issues included personal jurisdiction, trade secrets, and patent law
- Regularly attended SDNY and Second Circuit civil and criminal proceedings

International Freelance Writer – International Reach 2010–2021

- Regularly contributed to *The Huffington Post*, *USA TODAY*, *South China Morning Post* (Hong Kong), *Caixin* (Mainland China), and 12 other publications in Chinese, Spanish and English; articles attracted 500,000+ readers
- Interviewed British primatologist Jane Goodall, Nigerian billionaire-philanthropist Tony Elumelu, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit Judge Richard Taranto (public event in talk show format), WHO Chef de Cabinet Bernhard Schwartländer, former Greek Foreign Minister Stavros Lambrinidis, and 20 others
- Authored front-page reports on Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor's visit to Pomona; served as student escort
- Work has been cited by *Reader's Digest*, international business textbook, and high school education materials

Editor-in-Chief, *The Claremont Journal of Law and Public Policy* (CJLPP) – International Reach 2016–2018

Founder, *The Intercollegiate Law Journal* (ILJ) – U.S. and Canada, with International Reach 2017–2018

- Headed *The Claremont Journal of Law and Public Policy*, which publishes 3 print editions yearly and 6-8 web articles weekly with submissions from students, academics, and lawyers across the United States and from overseas
- Founded and spearheaded *The Intercollegiate Law Journal*, partnering with undergraduate law journals from McGill, Harvard, University of Pennsylvania, Williams College, and 11 other universities from the U.S. and Canada
- Hosted events including talks by federal and state judges, as well as legal and policy experts, partly through partnerships with 16 Southern California-based organizations

Health Systems Intern, World Health Organization (WHO) – WHO for the Western Pacific Summer 2017

- Designed and implemented an original, nationwide Universal Health Coverage (UHC) campaign based on research and analysis on international health systems, UN Sustainable Development Goals, as well as Chinese health law and policy reforms; the social media portion of the campaign reached 269,470+ subscribers
- Collected and summarized data to brief WHO Director-General Dr. Tedros Ghebreyesus on health in China
- Mobilized and led Peking University students in hosting the first UHC Aid4Health Contest
- Co-hosted WHO Health Law and Policy Roundtable, with 30+ Chinese, Korean, and French legal experts attending

Summer Pupil, Temple Chambers – Hong Kong, Hong Kong SAR Summer 2017

- Read and analyzed recent and live Hong Kong business law cases
- Received tutelage from barrister and Hong Kong Financial Services Development Council Chairman Laurence L. Li

Summer Political Science Researcher, Asia Financial Holdings – Hong Kong, HKSAR Summer 2016

- Conducted original research on the 2016 Hong Kong Legislative Council election
- Presented findings to Hong Kong Executive Councilor and former Legislator Bernard Charnwut Chan

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- **President**, Harvard Law School Association Recent Graduates Network
- **Harvard College and Pomona College Alumni Admissions Interviewer**: conduct evaluative admissions interviews
- **Panelist**, Harvard Law School Clerkship Panel
- **Judge**, Thomas Tang Moot Court Competition (Semi-Finals at NAPABA Conference in Las Vegas)
- **Judge**, Social Shifters (international social change competition)
- Harvard Radcliffe **Student Advisory Board Member**
- **Moderator**, Harvard College Project for Asian and International Relations (HPAIR) Conference
- **Speaker**, Ideas @ Pomona Summit (San Francisco)
- **Panelist**, Pomona College Alumni Panels
- **Co-Founder and Pilot Instructor**, FOCUS SAT 2400: provided free academic coaching for students from low-income families in Greater Los Angeles
- **Volunteer**, the Jane Goodall Institute, el Instituto Cervantes, and Lions Clubs International

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

- New York State (2022)
- Texas State (2024)
- Southern District of New York (2022)
- Eastern District of New York (2022)
- Eastern District of Texas (2023)
- Western District of Texas (2024)
- Southern District of Texas (2024)

SKILLS AND INTERESTS

- **Languages**: bilingual in **Chinese** and **English**, fluent in **Spanish**, intermediate **French** and **Japanese**
- **Interests**: creative writing (completed draft of a legal-thriller romance novel), swimming, *Phantom of the Opera*