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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Tulane Law School , New Orleans, LA <i>Forrester Fellow</i>	2025–present
• Responsible for teaching two sections of Legal Research and Writing each semester • Co-convenor, Murphy Center for Law and Economy Workshop • Faculty Advisor, Tulane Asian Pacific American Law Students Association	
Singapore Management University Yong Pung How School of Law , Singapore <i>Visiting Scholar</i>	Winter 2026

EDUCATION

Harvard Law School , J.D.	May 2021
• President, Harvard Asia Law Society • Salzburg Cutler Fellow in International Law (2021): one of four Harvard-nominated Fellows • Managing Editor, <i>Harvard Negotiation Law Review</i> • International Editor, <i>Cambridge Law Review</i> (U.K.) • Editorial Board Member, <i>Harvard Journal of Law and Technology</i>; <i>Harvard International Law Journal</i> • Pre-Law Mentor to Harvard College students J.D. Mentor to LL.M. candidates • Academic Chair, 1L Section Committee • Actress, Singer, and Dancer, HLS Parody Actress, APALSA Trial Reenactments	
Pomona College , B.A., Politics and Spanish (minor), <i>summa cum laude</i>	May 2018
• Phi Beta Kappa: Initiated junior year; induction ceremony host Sigma Delta Pi president • John A. Vieg Prize in Politics Distinction in Politics Senior Exercise • Bernard Chan Award: Foremost award for academic attainment and community service	

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Primary: Health Law, Criminal Law, Torts, Law and Technology (including Artificial Intelligence), Intellectual Property

Additional: Evidence, Criminal Sentencing, Professional Responsibility, Bioethics, Privacy Law

PUBLICATIONS

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1. *Personality Disorders and the Insanity Defense*, 17 U.C. IRVINE L. REV. __ (forthcoming 2027).
 2. *Deep and Continuous Palliative Sedation Without Artificial Nutrition and Hydration: An International Review*, 35 IND. INT’L & COMPAR. L. REV. 67–151 (with Richard Liu and Thaddeus Mason Pope) (2025).
 3. *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 CAVEAT 23–41 (2021).
 4. *Smartphones Out, Bye COVID-19!—Assessing the Possibility of Exporting China’s Global Pandemic-Era QR Codes as Health Certificates*, 34 HARV. J.L. & TECH. DIG. 1–12 (2021).
 5. *They Belong with Taylor Swift: Applying Trademark Law and Textual Analysis to the Branding of Love Song Lyrics*, 2020 U. ILL. L. REV. 139–151 (2020).

- ♦ Included in Yale Law School's Spring 2024 and Spring 2025 syllabi for Professor Harold Koh's "The Law and Management of Global Fame" course.
- 6. *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.
- 7. *When Judges Compete on a Lawless Terrain: Possible Futures for Clerkship Hiring*, HARV. L. & POL'Y REV. (2020).
- 8. *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).

CLERKSHIP AND JUDICIAL INTERNSHIP

U.S. District Court for the District of Oregon , Portland, OR	2021–2022
<i>Law Clerk, Chambers of Judge Michael H. Simon</i>	
U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York , New York, NY	Summer 2019
<i>Judicial Intern, Chambers of Judge Alvin K. Hellerstein</i>	

PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP , Houston, TX	2024–2025
<i>Associate</i>	
Represented clients in the technology sector as part of the Complex Litigation and Dispute Resolution group.	
Allen & Overy LLP (A&O Shearman post-merger), New York, NY	2022–2024
<i>Associate</i>	
• Represented technology and life sciences sector clients from Europe, Asia, and the U.S. in litigation matters, with a focus on intellectual property law. • Pro bono practice focused on criminal law matters (two murder cases at SDNY); initiated and led animal law matters; served on the firm's U.S. Pro Bono Committee.	

ADDITIONAL RESEARCH AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Harvard Law School , Cambridge, MA	2020–2021
<i>Teaching Fellow for Judge Joseph A. Greenaway's "Great Cases of the Supreme Court" Course</i>	
Designed course syllabus with Judge Greenaway; proposed weekly discussion questions; assisted with research and other aspects of course management.	
Harvard Law School , Cambridge, MA	2020–2021
<i>Research Assistant to Professor Jeannie Suk Gersen</i>	
Contributed legal research and analysis to Prof. Suk Gersen's academic projects, including law review publications and legal articles for <i>The New Yorker</i> on criminal, constitutional, and family law.	
Harvard Law School , Cambridge, MA	2020–2021
<i>Research Assistant to Professor Noah R. Feldman</i>	
Contributed research to Prof. Feldman's book <i>The Broken Constitution: Lincoln, Slavery, and the Refounding of America</i> .	

National Bureau of Economic Research, Cambridge, MA 2020–2021
Research Assistant to Professor Amy N. Finkelstein
 Contributed legal and policy 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 on, and proposed edits to, Prof. Gasser's manuscript on AI, trust, and law; assisted with legal research.

Harvard Program on International Law and Armed Conflict, Cambridge, MA Summer 2020
Research Assistant
 Analyzed law and AI issues in the context of international armed conflicts.

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

International Freelance Writer – International 2010–2021
 • Regularly contributed to *Huffington Post*, *USA TODAY*, *South China Morning Post*, *Caixin*, and 12 other publications in English, Chinese, and Spanish; attracted over 500,000 readers.
 • Interviewed primatologist Dr. Jane Goodall, Federal Circuit Judge Richard Taranto (public event in talk-show format), WHO Chef de Cabinet Bernhard Schwartländer, and 20 others.
 • Authored front-page reports on Justice Sonia Sotomayor's visit to Pomona College.
 • Work was cited by *Reader's Digest* and an international business textbook.

Editor-in-Chief, *The Claremont Journal of Law and Public Policy* – Claremont, CA 2016–2018
Founder, *The Intercollegiate Law Journal* – U.S. and Canada 2017–2018
 • Headed *The Claremont Journal of Law and Public Policy*, which publishes three print editions yearly and eight web articles weekly with submissions from students, academics, and lawyers.
 • Founded and spearheaded *The Intercollegiate Law Journal*, partnering with undergraduate law journals from McGill, Harvard, University of Pennsylvania, Williams College, and 11 others.

Health Systems Intern, World Health Organization – WHO for the Western Pacific 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; reached 269,470+ subscribers.
 • Analyzed data to brief WHO Director-General Dr. Tedros Ghebreyesus on health in China.
 • Co-hosted WHO Health Law and Policy Roundtable, featuring 30+ Asian and European experts.

SELECTED GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS

- **Rhodes Scholarship Finalist:** One of 14 finalists selected from China.
- **Downing Scholar:** Full merit scholarship for the University of Cambridge's MPhil degree.
- **Phi Beta Kappa Graduate Scholarship:** Awarded to one Pomona College graduate yearly.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Personality Disorders and the Insanity Defense

- ♦ Southeastern Association of Law Schools (SEALS) Annual Conference - Amelia Island, FL (July 2026)
- ♦ Criminal Law and Procedure Workshop

- ♦ Criminal Liability and Culpability Panel
- ♦ Law and Society Association Annual Meeting - San Francisco, CA (May 2026)
- ♦ Tulane Research, Innovation, & Creativity Summit - New Orleans, LA (April 2026)
- ♦ Neurolaw Works in Progress Workshop (February 2026)
- ♦ ABA Criminal Justice Academics Committee and AALS Section on Criminal Law's Criminal Justice Academic Workshop (December 2025)
- ♦ Central States Law Schools Association Scholarship Conference - Lawrence, KS (October 2025)

Desire by Design: Intimate Companion Robots ("Sexbots") at the Intersection of Criminal, Health, and Technology Law

- ♦ Governance of Emerging Technologies and Science Conference - Phoenix, AZ (May 2026)
 - ♦ Invited as plenary panelist
- ♦ Tulane Faculty Scholarship Workshop - New Orleans, LA (May 2026)

Smartphones Out, Bye COVID-19!—Assessing the Possibility of Exporting China's Global Pandemic-Era QR Codes as Health Certificates

- ♦ Salzburg Cutler Law Fellows Program (March 2021)

Presentations on pedagogy, legal writing, and career advice

- ♦ Progressive Education Forum - Beijing, China (June 2025)
- ♦ Harvard Law School Clerkship Panel (February 2022)
- ♦ Pomona College Alumni Panels (spoke at several panels in 2020–2022)
- ♦ Ideas@Pomona Summit - San Francisco, CA (October 2019)

SERVICE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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- President, Harvard Law School Association Recent Graduates Network (2023–2025) (covering 10 class years of HLS graduates)
 - Harvard College Alumni Admissions Interviewer (2024–present)
 - Judge, Thomas Tang Moot Court Competition (Semi-Finals at NAPABA Conference in Las Vegas)
 - Judge, Social Shifters (international social change competition)
 - Observer, Uniform Law Commission
 - Moderator, Harvard College Project for Asian and International Relations Conference
 - Pomona College Alumni Admissions Interviewer (2018–2024)
 - Co-Founder and Pilot Instructor, FOCUS SAT 2400: provided free academic coaching for students from low-income families in Greater Los Angeles
 - Founding President, Roots & Shoots BCIS: award-winning youth conservation club
 - Volunteer, the Jane Goodall Institute, el Instituto Cervantes, and Lions Clubs International

BAR ADMISSIONS

New York (2022); Texas (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)

LANGUAGES AND INTERESTS

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- Bilingual in English and Chinese, fluent in Spanish, intermediate French and Japanese
 - Interests: creative writing (completed draft of a legal-thriller romance novel), swimming, singing