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APPOINTMENTS

Washington University in St. Louis

Associate Professor of Law (Beginning July 2026)

Stanford Law School

Research Fellow, Neukom Center for the Rule of Law (Beginning July 2025)

EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley Law, Ph.D. (2025), M.A. (2018)

Jurisprudence and Social Policy (JSP)

Yale Law School, J.D. (2022)

Empirical Scholarship Editor, *Yale Law Journal*; Executive & Managing Editor, *Global Constitutionalism Seminar*; Submissions Editor, *Yale Journal of International Law*

Princeton University, A.B. (2016)

School of Public and International Affairs, *magna cum laude*, *Phi Beta Kappa*
Certificates in East Asian Studies (China Focus) | Values and Public Life

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIP

Judge Andrew D. Hurwitz, U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit, 2022-2023

ARTICLES

Liu, Lawrence J. 2024. "Independence through Judicialization: The Politics Surrounding Administrative Adjudicators, 1929–1949." *Michigan Journal of Environmental and Administrative Law* 13(2): 522-69.

Liu, Lawrence J. 2021. "The Rules of the (Belt and) Road: How Lawyers Participate in China's Outbound Investment and Infrastructure Initiatives." *Yale Journal of International Law Online* 46: 168-96.

Liu, Lawrence J. & Rachel E. Stern. 2021. "State-Adjacent Professionals: How Chinese Lawyers Participate in Political Life." *The China Quarterly* 247: 793-813.

Stern, Rachel E. & Lawrence J. Liu. 2020. "The Good Lawyer: State-Led Professional Socialization in Contemporary China." *Law & Social Inquiry* 45(1): 226-48.

–Awarded the 2021 Law and Society Association Article Prize

Shahshahani, Sepehr & Lawrence J. Liu. 2017. "Religion and Judging on the Federal Courts of Appeals." *Journal of Empirical Legal Studies* 14(4): 716-44.

RESEARCH BRIEFS

Liu, Lawrence J. 2020. "Environmental Litigation in BRI Host Countries." China, Law and Development Project.

Liu, Lawrence J. 2019. "The Role of PRC Lawyers and Law Firms in Chinese Outbound Initiatives." China, Law and Development Project.

SELECTED

PRESENTATIONS

"The Politics of Capital City Lawyering: A Comparison of Chinese and U.S. Trade Remedy Lawyers," Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, May 2025

“The Best Offense is a Good Defense: The Legal Tools and Agents Behind U.S. Tariffs,” Asian Law Junior Scholars Workshop, Aug. 2024

“The Best Offense is a Good Defense: Demanding Administrative Trade Remedies,” Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, June 2024

“State-Adjacent Lawyering: How Chinese Lawyers Participate in Political Life,” with Rachel E. Stern, Rethinking Cultural Constructions of Law in East Asia, March 2021

“The Rules of the (Belt and) Road: How Lawyers Participate in China’s Outbound Investment and Infrastructure Initiatives,” China and the International Legal Order Virtual Symposium, Oct. 2020

“State-Adjacent Lawyering: How Chinese Lawyers Participate in Political Life,” with Rachel E. Stern, Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, June 2019

“The Good Lawyer: State-Led Legal Professionalism in Contemporary China,” with Rachel E. Stern, Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, June 2018

“Religion and Judging on the Federal Courts of Appeals,” with Sepehr Shahshahani, American Law and Economics Association Meeting, May 2017

“Religion and Judging on the Federal Courts of Appeals,” with Sepehr Shahshahani, Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, Nov. 2016

PROFESSIONAL
EXPERIENCE

Law Student Intern, Housing Clinic, Jerome N. Frank Legal Services Organization, Aug. 2019-Aug. 2020, Jan. 2022-May 2022

Summer Associate, Davis Polk & Wardwell, June 2020-Aug. 2020, May 2021-June 2021

Children’s Rights Center Legal Intern, Zhicheng Public Interest Law (Beijing), June 2019-Aug. 2019

Economic Section Intern, U.S. Embassy in Beijing, June 2015-Aug. 2015

TEACHING
EXPERIENCE

Graduate Student Instructor, “Quantitative Approaches to Law & Social Science,” Berkeley Law, Spring 2025
Average Student Rating: 6.83/7 (Department Average: 6.25)

Graduate Student Instructor, “Law and Rights in Authoritarian States,” Legal Studies, U.C. Berkeley, Fall 2023
Average Student Rating: 6.57/7 (Department Average: 6.09)

Teaching Assistant for Judith Resnik, “Federal and State Courts in a Federal System,” Yale Law School, Spring 2022

Graduate Student Instructor, “Law and Rights in Authoritarian States,” Legal Studies, U.C. Berkeley, Fall 2021
Average Student Rating: 6.71/7 (Department Average: 6.38)

	<p>Graduate Student Instructor, “Sociology of Law,” Legal Studies, U.C. Berkeley, Fall 2020 <i>Average Student Rating: 6.84/7 (Department Average: 6.33)</i></p> <p>Visiting Lecturer, “Empirical Research Methods: Computational Text Analysis and Causal Inference,” Sichuan University Law School, Summer 2018</p> <p>Senior Commissioner, “Promoting the Rule of Law in China,” School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University, Fall 2015</p>
AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS	<p>Graduate Fellowship in Empirical Legal Studies, Center for the Study of Law and Society, Berkeley Law, 2024-2025</p> <p>Liu Graduate Research Fellowship in Chinese Studies, Center for Chinese Studies, U.C. Berkeley, Fall 2024</p> <p>Synar Graduate Research Fellowship, Institute of Governmental Studies, U.C. Berkeley, Spring 2024</p> <p>Fellow, Miller Institute for Global Challenges and the Law, Berkeley Law, 2020-2021</p> <p>Streicker Scholar, Yale Law School, Fall 2019</p> <p>“Millennial Mastermind” Participant, George H.W. Bush Conference on U.S.-China Relations, Oct. 2019</p> <p>Syzmanski Rule of Law Program Fellow, U.S.-Asia Institute, Summer 2019</p> <p>Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, East Asia/Chinese Focus, U.S. Department of Education, 2017-2018</p> <p>“Spirit of Princeton” Award, Princeton University, April 2016</p> <p>Finalist, Rhodes Scholarship, District VIII, Nov. 2015</p>
PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	<p>Bar Admission: District of Columbia</p> <p>Reviewer for <i>Journal of Empirical Legal Studies</i>, <i>Law & Social Inquiry</i>, <i>Law & Society Review</i>, <i>Asian Survey</i>, <i>China: An International Journal</i>, <i>Northwestern University Law Review</i> (Empirical Issue)</p>
SKILLS	<p>Languages: Mandarin Chinese (Advanced)</p> <p>Programming: R, Python, \LaTeX</p>