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EDUCATION

Harvard Law School, J.D.

May 2021

- **President**, Harvard Asia Law Society (HALS)
- **Salzburg Cutler Fellow in International Law** (2021): one of four Harvard Law School-nominated Cutler Fellows
- **Managing Editor**, *Harvard Negotiation Law Review* (HNLR) | **International Editor**, *Cambridge Law Review* [U.K.] | **Digest Engagement Editor**, *Harvard Journal of Law and Technology* (JOLT) | **Symposium Chair** and **Line Editor**, *Harvard International Law Journal* (ILJ)
- Harvard Radcliffe Student **Advisory Board Member**
- **J.D. Mentor** to HLS LLM candidates | **Pre-Law Mentor** to Harvard College students
- **Academic Chair**, 1L Section Committee | **Internal Chair**, Harvard Law West Coast Club
- **Actress, Singer, and Dancer**, HLS Parody (2021) | **Actress**, Harvard APALSA Trial Reenactments (2019 and 2020)
- **Student Attorney**, HLS Recording Artists Project (RAP) | **Founding Member**, HLS Francophone Society

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

- **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 [declined offer]
- **Stanford Knight-Hennessy Fellowship Inaugural Finalist**: Top 2% of the applicant pool

LAW REVIEW PUBLICATIONS

- April Xiaoyi Xu, *When Judges Compete on a Lawless Terrain: Possible Futures for Clerkship Hiring*, HARV. L. & POL'Y REV. (2020).
- 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 (Aug. 2, 2020).
 - Featured in Harvard's law school-wide News@Law newsletter
- 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 (Nov. 2020).
 - Featured in Harvard Law School's Criminal Law and Policy Program's newsletter "The Docket"
 - Featured in Harvard's law school-wide News@Law newsletter
- 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 (Dec. 2020).
 - Featured on the World Health Organization (WHO)'s "COVID-19 Global literature on coronavirus disease" webpage
 - Featured in Harvard's law school-wide News@Law newsletter
- 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), <https://jolt.law.harvard.edu/digest/smartphones-out-bye-covid-19-assessing-the-possibility-of-exporting-chinas-global-pandemic-era-qr-codes-as-health-certificates-1>.
 - Featured by the Harvard Law School Petrie-Flom Center's web publication "Bill of Health"
 - Featured by the Harvard Law School Petrie-Flom Center's newsletter to all subscribers
- 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 (forthcoming in June 2021).

SELECTED LEADERSHIP, RESEARCH, AND WORK EXPERIENCE

Allen & Overy LLP, New York City, NY and London, United Kingdom Summer 2020, virtual due to Coronavirus
Summer Associate

- 8 assignments from the litigation, banking, international capital markets, and corporate groups and pro bono cases involving ongoing communication in Spanish with client
- Moderated the annual A&O Legal Outreach panel

Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA February 2020 - Present
Teaching Fellow to Judge Joseph A. Greenaway, "Great Cases of the Supreme Court" Seminar (2020-2021)
Research the latest scholarship on 8 prominent Supreme Court cases, design the course syllabus based on my research and regular meetings with Judge Greenaway, propose edits to weekly discussion questions, assist with all aspects of the course.

Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA March 2020 - Present
Research Assistant to Professor Jeannie Suk Gersen
Contribute to Prof. Suk Gersen's ongoing academic and private practice projects, including law review articles, court documents, *New Yorker* column, among others; topics include constitutional, family, and criminal law

Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA September 2020 - Present
Research Assistant to Professor Noah R. Feldman
Contribute to the latter stages of Prof. Feldman's upcoming book *Lincoln and the Broken Constitution*

Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA May 2021
Research Assistant to Professor Urs Gasser
Provide substantive comments and edits for Prof. Gasser's unpublished manuscript on AI, trust and law

National Bureau of Economic Research, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA May 2020 - Present
Research Assistant to Professor Amy N. Finkelstein
Contribute policy, economics, historical and legal research to Professors Amy Finkelstein (MIT) and Liran Einav (Stanford)'s book project on universal health insurance

Harvard Law School Program on International Law and Armed Conflict (PILAC), Cambridge, MA May 2020 – Sep. 2020
Research Assistant
Contribute research on international law and artificial intelligence in the context of international armed conflicts

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, New York City, NY
Judicial Intern, Chambers of Judge Alvin K. Hellerstein (Summer 2019)
Wrote a judicial opinion (available on WestLaw and ECF/PACER), orders, and bench memoranda for Judge Hellerstein; issues included personal jurisdiction, trade secrets, and patent law. Collaborated with law clerks on legal research and briefs. Regularly attended SDNY and Second Circuit civil and criminal proceedings.

International Freelance Writer – International 2010 – Present

- Regularly contribute 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 (quoted by *Readers' Digest*), 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 spearhead *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

- Increased events hosted by the CJLPP by ~200%, including talks by federal and state judges, as well as legal/policy experts, partly through collaboration projects with 16 Southern California-based organizations
- Previously: CJLPP **Chief Operating Officer** (03/16-12/16), **Senior Editor** (05/15-05/16), and **Staff Writer** (08/14-05/15)

Health Systems Intern, World Health Organization (WHO) – China Office, 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; the social media portion of the campaign alone reaches 269,470+ subscribers
- Collected and summarized data to brief WHO Director-General Dr. Tedros Ghebreyesus on health in China
- Mobilized and lead 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; strengthened oral advocacy skills under the tutelage of barrister and Hong Kong Financial Services Development Council Chairman Laurence Li
- Attended 4 Hong Kong High Court proceedings involving *ex parte* injunctions and Hong Kong-Mainland China investment disputes, closely shadowing Mr. Li, solicitors, and junior barristers on a daily basis

Iberian Grant Awardee and Independent Researcher – Cádiz, San Sebastián and Barcelona, Spain 2016-2017

- Selected as the 2016 recipient of the Iberian Grant, which is awarded to one Pomona student yearly
- Conducted a self-directed research project involving a 3-week fieldwork component in 3 sites in Spain, studying Spanish gastronomy in relation to the country's evolving regional and national identities in the era of globalization
- Invited to present findings to the Claremont community and newly admitted students on 4 formal occasions
- Served alongside history and Spanish professors on the 2017 Grant Committee as the only student member

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

- Conducted original research on the 2016 Hong Kong Legislative Council election and presented findings to Hong Kong Executive Councilor and former Legislator Bernard Charnwut Chan
- Published sections of my 47-page research paper in the D.C.-based academic journal *International Affairs Forum*

Writer and Editorial Intern, Pomona College Office of Communications – Claremont, CA, USA 2014-2018

- Research for, write, translate, and proofread documents, including former Pomona College President David W. Oxtoby's speeches, various sections of the College's revamped website, among others
- Work has been repeatedly featured on the Pomona College website homepage, official magazine, and blog

Research Assistant, Pomona College Department of International Relations – Claremont, CA, USA 2016-2017

- Investigated China's response to Japanese political apologies, WWII comfort women survivors' judicial approach, and soft power by coding and analyzing 220+ sources, including government speeches, legal documents, and polls

Public Policy Summer Associate, North Head Consultancy – Beijing, China Summer 2015

- Analyzed Chinese policies and laws (e.g. advertising, food safety, manufacturing) and advised 8 clients (MNCs and governments including P&G, McDonald's, and British Columbia) on expansion within China's political context

Intern Correspondent and Translator, China Files – Beijing, China Summer 2014

- Conducted investigations, translated and contributed Spanish, English and Chinese articles on the Nicaragua Canal Project, China Gold Association, and commodity prices in Asia and Latin America

International News Intern Correspondent, Caixin Media (财新传媒) – Beijing, China Summer 2013

- Co-authored paper on Africapitalism in *China Reform*, Caixin's flagship monthly magazine; reported daily news
- Represented Caixin at various events, networking with public figures including British Ambassador to China Sebastian Wood and U.S. Ambassador Gary Locke, as well as former Olympics champions

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- **Alumni Admissions Interviewer:** conduct evaluative admissions interviews of Pomona College applicants

- **Moderator**, Harvard College Project for Asian and International Relations (HPAIR) Conference (2019)
- **Speaker**, Ideas @ Pomona Summit (October 2019, San Francisco)
- **Panelist**, Pomona College Alumni Panel (April 2020, online session due to covid-19)
- **Panelist**, Pomona Plunge “Major Madness” Panel (July 2020, online session; 750+ audience members)
- **Panelist**, Perspectives on Pomona Alumni Panel (September 2020, online session due to covid-19)
- **2021 Opening Session Speaker**, Oscar Book Club (January 2021, online due to covid-10; 360+ audience members)
- **Pomona College Ambassador** and **Philanthropy Chair**, the Pomona College Student Ambassadors Program
- **Founding President**, Roots & Shoots BCIS: an award-winning youth conservation club featured by several publications in Chinese, Finnish, and English, with collaboration projects with groups from the U.S., U.K., and China
- **Judge**, the Little Star-CISB Short Story Competition (2017 and 2018)
- **Chair**, the Oldenborg Modern Languages and International Relations Luncheon Colloquium
- **Student Body Representative**, Pomona Faculty Orientation, Media, Speakers, and First-Year Book Committees
- **Co-Founder and Pilot Instructor**, FOCUS SAT 2400: free academic coaching for low-income students in Greater LA
- **Volunteer**, the Jane Goodall Institute, el Instituto Cervantes, and Lion’s Club
- **Newscaster**, KSPC 88.7FM; **Television Host**, Claremont Colleges TV

SKILLS AND INTERESTS

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