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EXPERIENCE

COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL, New York

Robert L. Lieff Professor of Law 2011-
Professor of law 2007-2011
Associate professor of law 2002-2007

Director, Hong Yen Chang Center for Chinese Legal Studies 2021-
Director, Center for Chinese Legal Studies 2002-2020

Director, Parker School of Foreign and Comparative Law 2018-

SULLIVAN & CROMWELL, London 2000-2002
Associate in general practice group. Practice focused on international securities transactions.

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES, Washington, D.C. 1999-2000
Law clerk to Justice David H. Souter.

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS, FIRST CIRCUIT, Boston 1998-1999
Law clerk to Judge Sandra L. Lynch.

PAUL, WEISS, RIFKIND, WHARTON & GARRISON, New York and Beijing Summer 1997
Conducted research on corporate and environmental law. Assisted in joint venture negotiations.

INSTITUTE OF LAW, CHINESE ACADEMY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, Beijing Summer 1996
Researched Chinese environmental law, public interest law, and class action litigation.

COUDERT BROTHERS, Beijing 1994-1995
Assisted in construction contract arbitration. Prepared and translated joint venture contracts.

PUBLICATIONS

Closing Open Government: Grassroots Policy Conversion of China's Open Government Information Regulation and Its Aftermath (Jieun Kim, Rachel Stern, Xiaohan Wu, Benjamin Liebman & Margaret Roberts), 55 COMP. POL. STUD. 319 (2022)

Automating Fairness: Artificial Intelligence in the Chinese Courts, 59 COLUM. J. TRANSNATIONAL L. 515 (2021)
(Rachel Stern, Benjamin Liebman, Margaret Roberts & Alice Wang)

Ordinary Tort Litigation in China: Law Versus Practical Justice?, 13 J. TORT L. 197 (2020)

Mass Digitization of Chinese Court Opinions: How to Use Text as Data in the Field of Chinese Law, 8 J. L. & COURTS 177 (2020) (Benjamin Liebman, Rachel Stern, Margaret Roberts & Alice Wang)

On Constructing a Knowledge Base of Chinese Criminal Cases (Xiaohan Wu, Benjamin L. Liebman, Rachel E. Stern, Margaret E. Roberts & Amarnath Gupta), JURIX 2019: 235-240

- Toward Building a Legal Knowledge-Base of Chinese Judicial Documents for Large-Scale Analytics* (Amarnath Gupta, Alice Z. Wang, Kai Lin, Haoshen Hong, Haoran Sun, Benjamin L. Liebman, Rachel E. Stern, Subhasis Dasgupta & Margaret E. Roberts), JURIX 2017: 135-144
- Authoritarian Justice in China: Is There a Chinese Model?*, in THE BEIJING CONSENSUS? HOW CHINA HAS CHANGED THE WESTERN IDEAS OF LAW AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (CHEN WEISTENG, ED.) (Cambridge University Press 2017)
- Law in the Shadow of Violence: Can Law Help to Improve Doctor-Patient Trust in China?*, 30 COLUM. J. ASIAN L. 113 (2016)
- REGULATING THE VISIBLE HAND: THE INSTITUTIONAL IMPLICATIONS OF CHINESE STATE CAPITALISM (BENJAMIN L. LIEBMAN & CURTIS J. MILHAUPT, EDS.) (Oxford University Press, 2016)
- Introduction: The Institutional Implications of China's Economic Development* (with Curtis J. Milhaupt) and *SOEs and State Governance: How State-Owned Enterprises Influence China's Legal System* (with Zheng Lei & Curtis J. Milhaupt) in REGULATING THE VISIBLE HAND: THE INSTITUTIONAL IMPLICATIONS OF CHINESE STATE CAPITALISM (BENJAMIN L. LIEBMAN & CURTIS MILHAUPT, EDS.) (Oxford University Press, 2016)
- Leniency in Chinese Criminal Law: Everyday Justice in Henan*, 33 BERKELEY J. INT'L L. 153 (2015)
- China's Law-Stability Paradox*, in CHINA'S CHALLENGES: THE ROAD AHEAD (AVERY GOLDSTEIN & JACQUES DELISLE, EDS.) (Center for the Study of Contemporary China, University of Pennsylvania 2015)
- Legal Reform: China's Law-Stability Paradox*, DAEDALUS (Spring 2014)
- Article 41 and the Right to Appeal* (proceedings of *Social Change and the Constitution – a Conference on the Occasion of the 30th Anniversary of the Constitution of the PR China of 1982*, Free University in Berlin, 2015)
- Malpractice Mobs: Medical Dispute Resolution in China*, 113 COLUM. L. REV. 181 (2013)
- Professionals and Populists: The Paradoxes of China's Legal Reforms*, in CHINA BEYOND THE HEADLINES, THIRD EDITION (TIMOTHY WESTON & LIONEL JENSEN, eds.) (Rowman & Littlefield 2012)
- Toward Competitive Supervision? The Media and the Courts*, 208 CHINA Q. 833 (Dec. 2011)
- A Return to Populist Legality? Historical Legacies and Legal Reform*, in MAO'S INVISIBLE HAND (ELIZABETH PERRY AND SEBASTIAN HEILMANN, eds.) (Harvard University Press 2011)
- A Populist Threat to China's Courts?*, in CHINESE JUSTICE: CIVIL DISPUTE RESOLUTION IN POST-REFORM CHINA (MARY GALLAGHER & MARGARET WOO, eds.) (Cambridge University Press 2011)
- Changing Media, Changing Courts?*, in CHANGING MEDIA, CHANGING CHINA (Susan Shirk ed., Oxford University Press 2010)
- Introduction to The 60th Anniversary of the PRC: A Retrospective on the Chinese Legal System*, 23 COLUM. J. ASIAN L. 1 (2009)
- Assessing China's Legal Reforms*, PROCEEDINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THIRTY YEARS OF REFORM AND OPENING-UP, CHINESE ACADEMY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES (2008) (also 23 COLUM. J. ASIAN L. 17 (2009))

- Reputational Sanctions in China's Securities Markets*, 108 COLUM. L. REV. 929 (2008) (with Curtis Milhaupt)
- Scandal, Sukyandaru, and Chouwen*, 106 MICH. L. REV. 1041 (2008) (reviewing MARK D. WEST, SECRETS, SEX AND SPECTACLE: THE RULES OF SCANDAL IN JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES)
- China's Courts: Restricted Reform*, 191 CHINA Q. 620 (Sept. 2007)
- China's Courts: Restricted Reform*, 21 J. ASIAN L. 1 (2007) (expanded version)
- Chinese Network Justice*, 8 CHI. J. INT'L L. 257 (2007) (with Tim Wu)
- Innovation through Intimidation? An Empirical Account of Defamation Litigation in China*, 47 HARV. INT'L L.J. 33 (2006)
- Introduction: Celebrating Stanley Lubman*, 19 J. ASIAN L. i (2006) (with R. Randle Edwards)
- Watchdog or Demagogue? The Media in the Chinese Legal System* 105 COLUM. L. REV. 1 (2005)
- Lawyers, Legal Aid, and Legitimacy in China*, in RAISING THE BAR (Alford & Miyazawa eds. 2004)
- Clean Air, Clear Process? The Struggle over Air Pollution Law in the People's Republic of China*, 52 HASTINGS L.J. 703 (2001) (with William P. Alford)
- Legal Aid and Public Interest Law in China*, 34 TEXAS INT'L L.J. 211 (1999)
- Autonomy through Separation?: Environmental Law and the Basic Law of Hong Kong*, 39 HARV. INT'L L.J. 231 (1998)
- Note, *Class Action Litigation in China*, 111 HARV. L. REV. 1523 (1998)
- The Supreme Court, 1996 Term – Leading Cases, Old Chief v. United States*, 111 HARV. L. REV. 360 (1997)
- Recent Legislation, *Congress Imposes New Restrictions on Use of Funds by the Legal Services Corporation*, 110 HARV. L. REV. 1346 (1997)

Works appearing in Translation:

- Zhongguo de Lüshi, Falü Yuanzhu yu Hefaxing* [*Lawyers, Legal Aid and Legitimacy in China*], in ZHONGGUO SHEHUI ZHUANXING SHIQI DE FALÜ FAZHAN [CONTEMPORARY CHINESE LEGAL DEVELOPMENT] 587-632 (Xu Chuanxi ed. 2004)
- Les Acciones Colectivas En China* [*Class Action Litigation in China*], in PROCESOS COLECTIVOS 425 (Antonio Gidi & Eduardo Ferrer Mac-Gregor eds. & Angela Liliana Sanchez Rojas trans. 2003)
- “Pizi” Yu Wenxue: *Wang Shuo Xiaoshuo Zhong de Yuyan, Quanwei yu Shuli* [*Reluctant Ruffians: Language, Authority, and Alienation in Wang Shuo's Fiction*] in WANG SHUO PIPAN (Zhang Dexiang & Jin Huimin eds. & Dong Zhilin trans. 1993)

WORKS IN PROGRESS

- Augmenting Serialized Bureaucratic Data: The Case of Chinese Courts* (Xiaohan Wu, Margaret Roberts, Amarnath Gupta, Luke Sanford, Benjamin Liebman & Rachel Stern) (in draft)

Seeing the Shadow: Party Documents in Chinese Courts (Benjamin Liebman, Rachel Stern, Eva Gao, Xiaohan Wu & Margaret Roberts) (in draft)

Dodging Decisions: Avoiding Responsibility in Chinese Courts (Benjamin Liebman, Rachel Stern, Margaret Roberts & Xiaohan Wu) (in draft)

Social Order Beyond Stability: Conceptions of Fairness in Chinese Tort Cases (Rachel Stern & Benjamin Liebman) (R&R at ASIAN J. L. & SOC.)

Pocketing Repression: "Picking Quarrels" and the Resurgence of Pocket Crimes in China

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS AND LECTURES

"Disappearing Transparency in Chinese Courts," Columbia Law School 10-10 Lunch, March 8, 2022

"The New Comparative Constitutional Law," Columbia Academy of Law and Global Affairs, March 4, 2022 (online, panelist)

"Open Science: Sino-U.S. Collaboration in the Age of Surveillance," Weatherhead East Asian Institute, Dec. 2, 2021 (panelist)

"Fairness Beyond Law: How Contemporary Chinese Courts Smooth Financial Loss and Repair Emotional Rupture," (with Rachel Stern), April 21, 2021, University of British Columbia School of Law (online)

"Seeing the Shadow: Party Documents in Chinese Courts," West Coast Chinese Law Works-in-Progress Workshop, July 23 2021 (online); University of Hong Kong Faculty of Law, April 15, 2021 (online)

"Ethical Dilemmas of the China Scholar," New York University School of Law (online), March 25, 2021 (panelist)

"Legal Issues in the U.S. Presidential Transition: A Dialogue with Professors Ben Liebman and Wang Xixin," 2020 Peking University Law School Distinguished Global Faculty Lecture Series (online), Dec 16, 2020

"Automating Fairness? Artificial Intelligence in the Chinese Courts," 2020-2021 International Speaker Series: Rethinking Cultural Constructions of Law in East Asia, University of Toronto and Yale Law School (online), December 11, 2020

"Data Analytics and the Chinese Legal System: Challenges and Lessons Learned," Faculty of Law, The Chinese University of Hong Kong (online), December 4, 2020

"U.S. China Relations in the Era of COVID-19," Columbia University, School of International and Public Affairs (online), May 8, 2020 (panelist)

"East Asia's Response to COVID-19: Legal Approaches of China, Japan, and South Korea," Columbia Law School, Center for Korean Legal Studies (online), April 24, 2020 (panelist)

"Pocketing Repression? The Resurgence of 'Pocket Crimes' in China," Columbia Law School 10-10 Faculty Lunch (online), April 20, 2020

"Dodging Decisions: Avoiding Responsibility in Chinese Courts," Peking University School of Law, Beijing, December 9, 2019; East China University of Law and Politics, Shanghai, November 12, 2019 (in Chinese); Fudan University Law School, Shanghai, November 12, 2019 (in Chinese); Shanghai Jiaotong University School of Law, Shanghai, November 11, 2019 (in Chinese); Conference on "China's Legal Construction Program at 40 Years - Towards an Autonomous Legal System?," University of Michigan, October 12, 2019

- “The Challenges of Data-Driven Governance in Contemporary China,” Columbia Law School Faculty Workshop, Sept. 19, 2019
- “Discovering Difficult Cases in China: Evidence from Administrative Litigation,” Peking University School of Law, Beijing, May 6, 2019 (in Chinese); Tsinghua University School of Law, Beijing, May 7, 2019 (in Chinese); Columbia Law School Faculty 10-10 Workshop, April 2, 2019
- “Disaggregating Rule of Law: Empirical Evidence from Administrative Litigation in China,” Peking University School of Law, Beijing, October 17, 2018 (in Chinese); 2018 Annual General Conference of the European China Law Studies Association, Turin, September 13, 2018
- “Using Topic Modelling to Study Court Data: An Example from Administrative Cases in Henan,” China Society of Empirical Legal Studies Annual Meeting, Yunnan University, Kunming, June 23, 2018
- “Comparative Legal Studies in the Globalization of Rule of Law,” Peking University School of Law, October 19, 2018 (panelist)
- “Courts & Torts: Driving the Chinese Legal System,” Sinica Podcast, February 26, 2018, *available at* <https://supchina.com/podcast/courts-torts-driving-chinese-legal-system/>
- “Mass Digitization of Chinese Court Opinions: How to Use Text as Data in the Field of Chinese Law,” Renmin University School of Law, Beijing, May 6, 2019 (in Chinese); School of Law, Shanghai Jiaotong University, October 15, 2018 (in Chinese); East China University of Political Science and Law, Shanghai, October 14, 2018 (in Chinese); Faculty of Law, University of Tokyo, June 18, 2018; China University of Political Science and Law, Beijing, April 28, 2018 (in Chinese); Administrative Law Division, Supreme People’s Court, Beijing, April 27, 2018 (in Chinese); Central University of Finance, Beijing, April 26, 2018 (in Chinese); National Taiwan University Law School, Taipei, April 24, 2018 (in Chinese); Association of Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., March 23, 2018; Peking University School of Law, Beijing, December 12, 2017 (in Chinese); Sichuan University School of Law, Chengdu, December 11, 2017 (in Chinese); Jilin University School of Law, Changchun, December 7, 2017 (in Chinese); Harvard Law School Bicentennial, October 27, 2018; Harvard Law School Comparative Law Workshop, October 17, 2017; Keynote Address, European China Law Studies Association, Leiden, August 24, 2017; Institute of Law, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing, May 16, 2017 (in Chinese); Institute of Applied Jurisprudence, Supreme People’s Court, Beijing, May 15, 2017 (in Chinese); Zhengzhou University, May 13, 2017 (in Chinese); Centre for Chinese Law, Faculty of Law, University of Hong Kong, May 9, 2017; University of British Columbia, Allard School of Law, April 26, 2017
- “Artificial Intelligence in the U.S. Legal System: Challenges and Concerns,” School of Law, Tsinghua University, Beijing, May 9, 2019 (in Chinese); School of Law, Fudan University, Shanghai, October 13, 2018 (in Chinese); Yunnan University School of Law, Kunming, June 24, 2018 (in Chinese); China University of Political Science and Law, Beijing, June 20, 2018 (in Chinese); Peking University Law School, Beijing, April 25, 2018 (in Chinese); Sichuan University School of Law, Chengdu, December 10, 2017 (in Chinese)
- “Ordinary Tort Litigation in China: Law Versus Practical Justice?” Jilin University School of Law, Changchun, December 6, 2018 (in Chinese); University of British Columbia, Allard School of Law, April 26, 2017; Columbia Law School Faculty Workshop, January 19, 2017; Zhongnan University of Economics and Law, Wuhan, November 12, 2016 (in Chinese); Zhengzhou University School of Law, November 14, 2016 (in Chinese); Henan Procurators College, Zhengzhou, November 15, 2016 (in Chinese); Peking University School of Law, November 16, 2016 (in Chinese); National Taiwan University School of Law, Taipei, July 6, 2016
- “Court Transparency in the American Legal System,” Institute of Applied Jurisprudence, Supreme People’s Court, Beijing, November 17, 2016 (in Chinese); Wuhan University Law School, April 20, 2015 (in Chinese)

- “Is there a Chinese Model of Legal Reform,” King’s College, London, August 22, 2016; National Taiwan University, July 13, 2016; University of Tokyo, “Rule of Law and Democracy in East Asia,” June 25, 2016; University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, January 26, 2016; East China University of Law and Politics, Shanghai, October 9, 2015 (in Chinese); Peking University Law School, April 23, 2015 (in Chinese); Institute of Law, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing, April 14, 2015 (in Chinese)
- “Methodological Challenges in the Study of Chinese Law,” National Taiwan University School of Law, Taipei, July 20, 2016
- “Viewing Chinese Legal Reform from an American Perspective,” Zhongnan University of Economics and Law, Wuhan, November 11, 2016 (in Chinese); Sichuan University School of Law, Chengdu, April 6, 2016 (in Chinese); Southeast University School of Law, Nanjing, April 8, 2016 (in Chinese); Guizhou Academy of Social Sciences, Guiyang, April 12, 2016 (in Chinese)
- “Lawyers and Legal Reform in China,” University of Indiana Maurer School of Law, Bloomington, February 24, 2016
- “Current Developments in Legal Reform in China,” National Committee on U.S.-China Relations, New York, February 17, 2016
- “Recent Developments in Alternative Dispute Resolution in China and the United States,” Zhengzhou University School of Law, Zhengzhou, December 13, 2015 (opening remarks and conference organizer)
- “Trust in the Courts: Perspectives on China from the American Experience,” Rule of Law Forum, Institute of Law, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing, December 11, 2015 (in Chinese)
- “Damages for Disasters in China,” Legal Responses to Disasters in the U.S. and Asia, University of Pennsylvania Law School, November 20, 2015
- “Law in the Shadow of Violence: Can Law Help to Improve Doctor-Patient Trust in China?” Rebuilding Patient-Physician Trust in China Summit, Harvard Shanghai Center, October 10th-11th, 2015
- “The Current State of Court Reform in China,” Columbia Global Centers East Asia, Beijing, April 23, 2015 (panel organizer and participant)
- “Opening Address” and “Court Transparency in the American Legal System,” *International Forum on the Rule of Law*, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing, November 8-9, 2014 (in Chinese)
- “Is There a Crisis in U.S. Legal Education?” Zhengzhou University, April 21, 2015 (in Chinese); Institute of Law, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing, April 8, 2014 (in Chinese)
- “Authoritarian Justice in China: Is There a Chinese Model?” *The Beijing Consensus? How China has Changed the Western Ideas of Law and Economic Development*, National University of Singapore, January 9, 2015
- “China’s Law and Stability Paradox and the Future of Legal Reform,” National Committee on U.S.-China Relations, China Town Hall 2014, Colby College, October 16, 2014
- “Leniency in Chinese Criminal Law? Everyday Justice in Henan,” University of California, Berkeley Law School, February 2, 2015; National University of Singapore, January 12, 2015; UCLA Law School Faculty Workshop October 24, 2014; University of California, Irvine October 23, 2014; Stanford University, April 29, 2014; Yale Law School, April 1, 2014; Annual Meeting of the European Chinese Law Society, Oxford, September 19, 2013; Columbia Law School Faculty Workshop, Feb. 21, 2013; School of Law, Peking University, April 11, 2013 (in Chinese); School of Criminal Justice, Beijing Normal University, Beijing,

- April 12, 2013 (in Chinese); China University of Law and Politics, Beijing, April 12, 2013 (in Chinese); Zhengzhou University, April 13, 2013 (in Chinese); Institute of Law, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing, April 16, 2013 (in Chinese); School of Law, Renmin University of China, Beijing, April 16, 2013 (in Chinese)
- “Growing Pains for a Rising China: Legal Reform,” American Academy of Arts & Sciences 207th Stated Meeting, Cambridge, April 17, 2014
- “China’s Law-Stability Paradox,” *China’s Challenges: The Road Ahead*, Center for the Study of Contemporary China, University of Pennsylvania, April 25, 2013; *China, the Chinese, and the World: Trajectories of Change*, University of Notre Dame, May 13, 2013
- “Stability Without Law: The State of Legal Development in China,” University of Colorado, Boulder, March 13, 2013
- “Article 41: China’s Overprotected Constitutional Right?,” *Social Change and the Constitution – a Conference on the Occasion of the 30th Anniversary of the Constitution of the PR China of 1982*, Free University in Berlin, June 17, 2012
- “Judicial Review and Harmonization of Legal Provisions in the United States: An Overview,” *International Symposium: Comparative Research on Systems and Mechanisms to Ensure the Harmonization of Legislation at Different Levels*, Legislative Affairs Commission, National People’s Congress, Huangshan, March 22-23, 2012 (in Chinese)
- “The Importance of Educational Exchanges with China: Personal Reflections,” *Global Education Strategies: U.S.-China School Exchanges*, Boston University, Jan. 27, 2012 (sponsored by Primary Source)
- “Chinese Courts Since the Empire’s Collapse,” *China’s Quest for Justice: Law and Legal Institutions since the Empire’s Collapse*, New York University Law School, Nov. 7, 2011
- “Tort Law in China,” *Global Justice Forum*, Columbia Law School, October 14, 2011
- “Law in the Shadow of Protest: Medical Malpractice Litigation in China,” *Workshop on Chinese Legal Reform*, Yale Law School, October 4, 2011; Columbia Law School Faculty Workshop, October 13, 2011; Max Plank Institute for International and Comparative Private Law, Hamburg, June 19, 2012
- “The Leniency of Chinese Criminal Law? Evidence from a County Court,” *Criminal Justice in China: Comparative Perspectives*, Chinese University of Hong Kong, May 3, 2011; Columbia Law School Works-in-Progress on Chinese Law Workshop, May 9, 2012
- “Medical Disputes in China: In the Courtroom and on the Streets,” Colloquium in Health, Law, and Society, Columbia Law School, April 6, 2011
- “Empirical Analysis of Medical Disputes in China: A Comparative Perspective,” Beijing University of Science and Technology, March 27, 2011 (in Chinese); Institute of Law, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, March 29, 2011 (in Chinese); School of Law, Beijing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics, March 30, 2011 (in Chinese); School of Law, Wuhan University, April 1, 2011 (in Chinese); School of Law, Huazhong University of Science and Technology, Wuhan, April 2, 2011 (in Chinese); Zhejiang University School of Law, Hangzhou, March 24, 2012 (in Chinese); Zhengzhou University School of Law, Zhengzhou, March 25, 2012 (in Chinese); Henan University School of Law, Kaifeng, March 26, 2012 (in Chinese); Henan Normal University School of Law, Xinxiang, March 27, 2012 (in Chinese); Fudan University School of Law, Shanghai, April 22, 2012 (in Chinese)

- “Medical Dispute Resolution and Civil Society in China,” *Civil Society and Legal Activism in China: The Public Health Challenge*, Fordham Law School, February 24, 2011
- “The Media and the Courts,” *China’s New Media Landscape*, Asia Society, January 6, 2011
- “The Great Debate,” *A Free Press for a Global Society*, Columbia University, November 3, 2010 (panel moderator and organizer)
- “A Comparative Perspective on Chinese Tort Law,” Southwest University of Politics and Law, Chongqing, June 24, 2010 (in Chinese)
- “Celebrating U.S.-China Educational Exchange,” *Beijing Jingshan School Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration*, Great Hall of the People, Beijing, May 4, 2010 (in Chinese)
- “The Role of the Legal Profession in China,” *Wolfgang Friedman Conference: Developments in Chinese Law and Society*, Columbia Law School, March 25, 2010 (moderator and panelist)
- “Medical Malpractice Litigation in China,” Columbia Law School 10-10 Workshop, March 2, 2010
- “Legal Thought in China,” The Pingry School, February 27, 2010 (sponsored by The China Institute)
- “Understanding Chinese Environmental Law,” The China Institute, February 17, 2010
- “Toward Competitive Supervision? The Media and the Courts,” *Conference on New Media and Global Transformation*, Columbia University, October 9, 2009; *The Development of the Chinese Legal System: Change and Challenges*, University of Hong Kong, December 10, 2009
- “Tort Law in China and the United States,” East China University of Law and Political Science, Shanghai, December 7, 2009 (in Chinese)
- “Workshop on Tort Liability Law,” Yale Law School China Law Center and Legislative Affairs Commission of the National People’s Congress, Beijing, November 13, 2009 (workshop participant)
- “Sino-U.S. International Conference on Tort Law,” Renmin University of China Law School and the American Law Institute, Beijing, July 11, 2009 (conference organizer)
- “The Media in the Chinese Legal System,” *Beyond East and West: Two Decades of Media Transformation after the Fall of Communism*, Central European University, Budapest, June 26, 2009
- “The Media and the Courts in Chinese Politics,” *Workshop on Media in Contemporary Chinese Politics*, Harvard University Fairbank Center for East Asian Research, April 25, 2009
- “A Return to Populist Legality? Historical Legacies and Legal Reform,” Institute of Law, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing, June 27, 2008 (in Chinese); Renmin University of China Law School, Beijing, June 28 2008 (in Chinese); *Conference on Adaptive Authoritarianism: China’s Party-State Resilience in Historical Perspective*, Harvard University Fairbank Center for East Asian Research, July 14, 2008; *Workshop on Scholarship on China’s Courts*, Columbia Law School, February 20, 2009; *Workshop on Chinese Legal Reform*, Yale Law School, February 17, 2009; Columbia Law School Faculty Workshop, March 6, 2009; Touro Law School Faculty Workshop, March 10, 2010; Association of Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, March 26, 2010
- “China’s Changing Courts: Populist Vehicle or Party Puppet?” NYU Law School, February 19, 2009 (panel moderator and organizer)

- “Assessing China’s Legal Reforms,” *International Conference on Thirty Years of Reform and Opening-Up*, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing, December 17, 2008 (in Chinese)
- “After the Olympics: Prospects for Public Interest Advocacy in China,” *Public Interest Law Institute*, New York, November 20, 2009 (panelist and moderator)
- “Doing Business in China: A Historical Perspective,” *Doing Business in China: The Labor and Employment Story*, Center for Labor and Employment, New York University School of Law, May 9, 2008
- “A Populist Threat to China’s Courts?” *Chinese Justice: Civil Dispute Resolution in Post-Reform China*, Harvard University Fairbank Center for East Asian Research, October 13, 2007; Temple Law School Faculty Workshop, February 25, 2008; Columbia Law School 10-10 Workshop, April 1, 2008
- “The Challenge of China: Seeking Justice Within and Outside its Borders,” *Global Justice Forum*, Columbia Law School, November 2, 2007 (panelist)
- “The Purposes of Tort Law: Observations from an American Perspective,” *Conference on Drafting China’s Tort Law*, China Law Society Civil Law Association and Huazhong University of Science and Technology School of Law, Wuhan, September 27, 2007 (in Chinese)
- “Judges Becoming Judges? Judicial Innovation in China,” *First Annual Conference of the European China Law Studies Association*, Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law, Hamburg, August 31, 2007
- “*The People’s Court*: Preview Screening of the Documentary from PBS’ Wide Angle Series,” The Asia Society, June 28, 2007 (commentator)
- “Reputational Sanctions in Chinese Securities Markets,” Columbia Law School Faculty Workshop, November 29, 2007; Columbia Law School Blue Sky Lunch, April 16, 2007 and *The Structure of the Corporation*, Columbia Law School, November 17, 2006 (with Curtis Milhaupt)
- “Chinese Network Justice,” Columbia Law School Faculty Workshop, February 1, 2007 (with Tim Wu)
- “A Comparative Analysis of Media Law,” Jiangxi University of Finance and Economics, Nanchang, January 12, 2007 (in Chinese)
- “China’s Courts and Social Unrest,” *Rural Discontent, Rule of Law and Social Unrest in China: Implications for U.S. Policy*, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, December 5, 2006
- “China’s Courts: Restricted Reform,” *Developments in Chinese Law: The Past Ten Years*, All Souls College, Oxford, Sept. 15 2006; Columbia Law School Faculty Workshop, September 21, 2006; Harvard Law School Workshop in Asian Law, January 29, 2007; Duke Law School Comparative Law Workshop, April 13, 2007; and Asian Affairs Committee, New York City Bar, May 8, 2007
- “The Impact of the Internet on the Chinese Legal System,” Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing, July 18, 2006 (in Chinese, with Tim Wu)
- “Chinese Legal Research in Europe: A Workshop Mapping European Research on Chinese Law and Creating a European Network,” Lund University Centre for East and Southeast Asian Studies, Mölle, Sweden, June 1-4, 2006 (workshop participant)
- “Static Change in China’s Courts,” *Reconfiguring the Party-State: The Shifting Locus of Power in Reform-Era China*, Harvard University, May 19-20, 2006

- “Changing Media, Changing Courts?,” *Changing Media, Changing China*, University of California at San Diego, May 5-6, 2006
- “The Role of the US in Dealing with Censorship in China,” Columbia University Partnership for International Development, March 21, 2006 (panelist)
- “Innovation through Intimidation? Defamation Litigation in China,” 2005-06 Clarke Lecture, Cornell Law School, March 14, 2006
- “Legitimacy through Law in China,” United States Court of International Trade, February 22, 2006
- “Judges Becoming Judges? Judicial Innovation in China,” Workshop on Chinese Legal Reform, Yale Law School, February 7, 2006
- “China’s Legal and Institutional Infrastructure,” *China’s Emerging Financial Markets: Opportunities and Obstacles*, Columbia Law School Transactional Studies Program, January 19, 2006 (panel organizer and moderator)
- “Sino-American Cooperation in Building China’s Legal System,” *Timothy A. Gelatt Dialogue on Law and Development in Asia*, New York University School of Law, January 18, 2006 (roundtable participant)
- “The Globalization of American Law? Evidence From China,” *Section on Comparative Law*, American Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, Washington, January 5, 2006
- “A Comparative Perspective on Courts and the Media,” Jilin University School of Law, Changchun, December 13, 2005 (in Chinese)
- “An Overview of U.S. Media Law” and “The Balance Between Fair Trials and a Free Press in China and the West,” *International Symposium on Media Law*, Institute of Law, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing, December 10-11, 2005 (in Chinese)
- “Legitimacy through Law in China,” *C.V. Starr Lecture*, New York Law School, November 16, 2005
- “The Populist Threat to China’s Courts,” *Conference on Rule of Law Developments in China*, U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, Washington, November 7, 2005
- “International Norms and Post-WTO China,” *The American Branch of the International Law Association International Law Weekend*, New York, October 22, 2005 (panel moderator)
- “An Empirical Account of Defamation Litigation in China,” Institute of Law, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing, July 19, 2005, and China University of Law and Politics Publishing House, July 20, 2005 (in Chinese)
- “Courts and the Media in China and the U.S.” and “Defamation Litigation in Comparative Perspective,” *Symposium on the Judiciary and the Media*, Northwest University of Law and Politics, Xi’an, July 16-17, 2005 (co-sponsored by Internews) (in Chinese)
- “Courts and the Internet: Justice or Populism?,” *Third Annual Chinese Internet Research Conference*, Michigan State University College of Law, May 23, 2005
- “An Empirical Account of Defamation Litigation in China,” *Columbia Law School Faculty Workshop*, April 21, 2005

- "Defamation Litigation in China," *New Research on Chinese Law: A Celebration in Honor of Stanley Lubman*, Columbia Law School, April 15, 2005
- "Legal Institutions and Economic Growth In China," *China's Economic Emergence: Progress, Pitfalls, and Implications at Home and Abroad*, Weatherhead East Asian Institute, Columbia University, April 8, 2005
- "Professions and Accountability," *Conference on the Professions and Professionalism in China*, Harvard Law School, January 29, 2005 (panel commentator)
- "Legitimacy through Law in China," *Columbia University Peace Seminar*, January 25, 2005
- "Politics, News and the Internet in China," *Museum of Television and Radio Media Center Dialogue*, January 10, 2005 (roundtable participant)
- "The Media and Courts in China and the United States," Peking University School of Law, Shenzhen Graduate School, December 11, 2004 (in Chinese)
- "China: Is the Economic Boom Sustainable," *Net Impact Conference*, Columbia Business School, November 13, 2004
- "Regulation of the Media in China," *Conference on Regulatory Compliance in China*, Georgetown Law Center, November 4, 2004
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- "The Media and Courts in China and the United States," Wuhan University School of Law, March 17, 2004, and South Central University of Finance and Law, Wuhan, March 18, 2004 (in Chinese)
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- "The Future of China's Legal Reforms," *Conference on the Future of Political Reform in China*, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Washington, D.C., January 29, 2004, available at <http://www.ceip.org/files/pdf/Jan29-FinalPanel-edited-23Feb2004.pdf>
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