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### **ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT**

#### **Osgoode Hall Law School, York University**

*Assistant Professor* (2015-)

#### **Stanford University**

*Postdoctoral Fellow*, Center on Democracy, Development and the Rule of Law (2013-2015)

*Predocctoral Fellow*, Center on Democracy, Development and the Rule of Law (2012-2013)

### **EDUCATION**

#### **University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, CA**

Ph.D., Political Science, 2015

M.A., Political Science, 2005

#### **Stanford Law School, Stanford, CA**

J.D., 2013

#### **Yale University, New Haven, CT**

B.A., Humanities, 2001

*Cum Laude*, Distinction in Major

#### **Lycée International, St. Germain-en-Laye, France**

French Baccalauréat, with International Option (OIB), 1997

Highest honors (“Mention Très Bien”)

### **PUBLICATIONS**

“Evidence of Caste-Class Discrimination from a Conjoint Analysis of Law Enforcement Officers,” (with Rachel L. Fisher and Cecilia Hyunjung Mo), *American Political Science Review* (conditional acceptance).

“Being Out of Place in China’s Sex Industry,” in *Out of Place: The Power of Positionality in Socio-Legal Research* (Cambridge University Press) (forthcoming, 2023).

“Using Incentives to Increase HIV/AIDS Testing by Sex Workers: Evidence from a Randomized Field Experiment in China,” *Law & Policy* 40: 4 (2018), pp. 398-423.

“New Perspectives from the Oldest Profession: Abuse and the Legal Consciousness of Sex Workers in China,” *Law & Society Review* 47: 2 (2013) (Lead Article), pp. 245-278.

### **BOOK MANUSCRIPT**

*The Regulation of Prostitution in China: A Study of Law in the Everyday Lives of Sex Workers, Police Officers, and Public Health Officials* (under contract, Cambridge University Press)

## MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

“Reverting to Traditional Views of Gender During Times of Economic Anxiety: An Experimental Study in Nepal” (with Katrina Kosec, Cecilia Hyunjung Mo, and Soo Sun You).

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Do Rights-Awareness Campaigns Work? Experimental Evidence of Labor Abuse of Migrant Domestic Workers” (with Cecilia Hyunjung Mo, Biz Herman, Sarah Rich-Zendel, and Soo Sun You).

“Can Natural Disasters Have a Rally ‘Round the Flag’ Effect? The Political Consequences of Nepal’s 2015 Earthquake” (with Cecilia Hyunjung Mo and Stephen Utych).

Press: FiveThirtyEight/ABC News: <https://fivethirtyeight.com/features/what-explains-the-bump-in-trumps-approval-ratings/>

“Reassessing the Quality of Government in China” (with Greg Distelhorst and Francis Fukuyama).

“The Unintended Consequences of Mass-Media Anti-Trafficking Campaigns: Evidence from an Experimental Test in Nepal” (with Cecilia Hyunjung Mo).

“Tolerance for Labor Exploitation: An Experimental Intervention Using Awareness Campaigns in Hong Kong” (with Cecilia Hyunjung Mo).

“Law Enforcement and Human Trafficking Vulnerability: The Case of Nepal” (with Cecilia Hyunjung Mo).

“Human Trafficking Vulnerability: An Experimental Intervention Using Mass Media to Change Norms and Behaviors in Nepal” (with Cecilia Hyunjung Mo).

“Rule of Law, Meritocracy, and Autonomy: Insights from Public Servants in China” (with Greg Distelhorst and Francis Fukuyama).

## REPORTS AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS

“Experimental Interventions Using Mass Media to Change Knowledge, Attitudes and Practices Around Vulnerability to Forced Labor in Hong Kong,” prepared for the US Department of Labor, September 2020 (with Biz Herman, Cecilia Hyunjung Mo, Sarah Rich-Zendel, and Soo Sun You).

“Designing an Effective Human Trafficking Awareness Campaign: Lessons from Nepal,” *Global Insights Series #002, LAPOP, Vanderbilt University*, June 2018 (<https://www.vanderbilt.edu/lapop/insights/IGI002en.pdf>) (with Dan Archer, Cecilia Hyunjung Mo, and Sarah Rich-Zendel).

“An Issue of “Otherness”: Beliefs that Human Trafficking Cannot Affect One’s In-Group Present Obstacle to Combatting Human Trafficking.” *Global Insights Series #001, LAPOP, Vanderbilt University*, June 2018 (<https://www.vanderbilt.edu/lapop/insights/IGI001en.pdf>) (with Claire Q. Evans, Cecilia Hyunjung Mo, and Frank T. Tota II).

“Vulnerability to Child Labor and Forced Labor: Experimental Interventions with Law Enforcement Using Mass Media to Change Norms and Behaviors,” prepared for the US Department of Labor, March 2018 (with Cecilia Hyunjung Mo).

“Reducing Vulnerability to Human Trafficking: An Experimental Intervention Using Anti-Trafficking Campaigns to Change Knowledge, Attitudes, Beliefs, and Practices in Nepal,” prepared for USAID, Humanity United, the US Department of Labor, and Terre des Hommes, March 2016 (with Dan Archer and Cecilia Hyunjung Mo) ([http://pdf.usaid.gov/pdf\\_docs/PA00MBT4.pdf](http://pdf.usaid.gov/pdf_docs/PA00MBT4.pdf)).

“Strengthening Protection, Prevention, and Prosecution Against Human Trafficking,” prepared for Terre des Hommes, July 2015 (with Cecilia Hyunjung Mo).

## **GRANTS**

Canada-China Initiatives Fund, York Centre for Asian Research for “The Long Term Effects of Migrant Rights’ Campaigns on Vulnerability to Forced Labour in Hong Kong,” 2021-2022 (\$5,000)

Humanity United Grant for “Human Trafficking Vulnerability: An Experimental Intervention Using Mass Media to Change Norms and Behaviors in Nepal,” 2016-2017 (\$25,000)

U.S. Department of Labor Grant for "Human Trafficking Vulnerability: An Experimental Intervention Using Mass Media to Change Norms and Behaviors in Nepal and China," 2015-2019 (\$1,000,000)

Terre des Hommes Grant for "Human Trafficking Vulnerability: An Experimental Intervention Using Mass Media to Change Norms and Behaviors in Nepal," 2013-2015 (\$31,710)

USAID Counter-Trafficking in Persons Research Challenge Grant for "Human Trafficking Vulnerability: An Experimental Intervention Using Mass Media to Change Norms and Behaviors in Nepal," 2013-2015 (\$199,731)

Humanity United Grant for "Human Trafficking Vulnerability: An Experimental Intervention Using Mass Media to Change Norms and Behaviors in Nepal," 2013-2015 (\$210,072)

Stanford University Action Fund Grant for "Human Trafficking Vulnerability: An Experimental Intervention Using Mass Media to Change Norms and Behaviors in Nepal," 2013-2014 (\$39,925)

National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant, 2009-2010

UC Pacific Rim Research Program Mini-Grant, 2009-2010

UC Berkeley Liu Graduate Research Fellowship in Chinese Studies, 2009-2010

UC Berkeley Graduate Division Summer Grant, 2006

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

York University Research Leader, 2016

Center on Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law Fellowship, Stanford University, 2012-2015

Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, 2011-2012

UC Berkeley Dean’s Normative Time Fellowship, 2009-2010

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, 2006-2009

Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Academic Year Fellowship, 2005-2006 (declined)

Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Academic Year Fellowship, 2004-2005

Henry Scott Russian Studies Award for senior essay on Russian Futurist Ilia Zdanevich, 2001

Robert C. Bates Summer Traveling Fellowship to Russia and France, 2000

Richter Fellowship for research in Russia and France, 2000

William S. Charnley Scholarship for academic achievement and extracurricular activities, 2000

## **INVITED TALKS AND CONFERENCES**

University of Pennsylvania Center for the Study of Contemporary China, April 2023

Comparative Law Workshop, University of Pennsylvania Law School, June 2020

QuantLaw, University of Arizona Law, February 2020

Out of Place: Power, Person and Difference in Socio-Legal Research, National University of Singapore, December 2019

China's Legal Construction Program at 30 Years, University of Michigan, October 2019

Measuring Governance Cross-Nationally, Stanford University, May 2019

Michigan Law School Junior Scholars Conference, University of Michigan Law School, April 2019

USC Gould School of Law, Center for Law and Social Science, March 2018

Center on Democracy, Development and the Rule of Law, Stanford University, March 2018

Law Faculty Workshop, The Baldy Center for Law & Social Policy, University at Buffalo School of Law, March 2017

Center on Democracy, Development and the Rule of Law, Stanford University, December 2016

Center on Democracy, Development and the Rule of Law, Stanford University, October 2016

The Past and Future of Law & Development, University of Toronto Faculty of Law, May 2016

Slavery and International Law: Past and Present, Stanford Law School, May 2015

China Law Conference, University of Toronto Faculty of Law, February 2015

Tsinghua-University of Toronto Law Faculty Conference, University of Toronto, October 2014

Rule of Law New Scholars Workshop, Rule of Law Collaborative, University of South Carolina, April 2014

Measuring State Quality in China and Beyond Workshop, The Governance Project at Stanford University, March 2014

Triangle East Asia Colloquium, North Carolina State University, February 2014

Effective States and Inclusive Development Workshop, Johns Hopkins SAIS, November 2013

Governance Indicators Workshop, Hertie School of Governance, Berlin, Germany, September 2013

Center on Democracy, Development and the Rule of Law, Stanford University, May 2013

Workshop on Human Trafficking, Program on Human Rights at the Center on Democracy, Development and the Rule of Law, Stanford University, April 2012

Workshop on Human Trafficking, International Crime and National Security: A Human Rights Perspective, Goettingen, Germany, February 2012

Yale University Workshop on Contemporary China, New Haven, CT, April 2010

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

American Law and Economics Association Annual Meeting, 2012, 2021

Law and Society Association Meeting, 2011, 2018, 2020

Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, 2012, 2019, 2022

Canadian Law and Economics Association, 2019, 2022

Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, 2010, 2017, 2018

Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, 2016  
Interdisciplinary Conference on Human Trafficking, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2015  
American Political Science Association, 2015  
Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2015  
Berkeley-Stanford Contemporary China Network, 2012  
International Studies Association Annual Convention, 2011  
The Chinese University of Hong Kong Universities Service Center, 2009

## **LEGAL EXPERIENCE**

**Urban Justice Center, The Sex Workers Project**, New York, NY, *Legal Intern*, Summer 2010  
Conducted client intake, legal research and writing on cases pertaining to sex work and trafficking in New York City. Caseload included visa applications for trafficking survivors, employment discrimination of exotic dancers, and applications to vacate prostitution convictions.

**Center for Women's Law and Legal Services of Peking University**, China, *Intern*, Summer 2005  
Researched marriage law in the United States for proposal to reform Chinese marriage law. Translated materials from Chinese to English.

**Congressional-Executive Commission on China**, Washington, DC, *Research Associate*, 2003-2004  
Researched Chinese human rights and rule of law topics for the Commission's Annual Report, focusing on legal aid, non-governmental organizations, and administrative law.

**Ningbo Legal Aid Center**, Ningbo, China, *Intern*, 2001-2003  
Researched governmental and non-governmental provision of legal aid in China. Translated legal aid materials from English to Chinese.

**Public Defender Service**, Washington, DC, *Intern-Investigator*, Summer 1999  
Located and interviewed witnesses, interviewed clients, took detailed witness statements, performed extensive criminal background checks, served subpoenas, prepared memoranda regarding investigative activities, and assisted with case development for felony and misdemeanor cases.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Assistant Professor**, Osgoode Hall Law School  
International and Transnational Law Intensive Program (ITLIP), 2022-2023  
Property Law, Spring 2018, 2020, 2021, 2023  
Law and Legal Institutions in China, Fall 2015, 2017, 2020, Spring 2023  
Advanced Legal Research Methodologies (PhD Course) Spring 2016, 2018, 2020, 2021, 2023  
Empirical Evidence in Research and Litigation, Fall 2020

**Graduate Student Instructor**, University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, CA  
Extreme Encounters with Power, Professor Kevin O'Brien, Undergraduate Course, Spring 2006  
Introduction to American Politics, Professor Taeku Lee, Undergraduate Course, Fall 2005

**French Teacher, Alliance Française**, Washington, DC, 2003-2004  
Taught introductory and advanced French courses to professionals.

**Yale-China Teaching Fellow**, Ningbo, China, 2001-2003  
Taught English to first, fourth and fifth graders in a Chinese primary school.

**Russian Language and Culture Teacher, East Rock Global Magnet School**, New Haven, CT, 1999-2000  
Taught fifth grade Russian language and culture.

### **SERVICE**

Clinical Education Committee, Osgoode Hall Law School, 2022-2023  
Academic Standing Committee, Osgoode Hall Law School, 2019-2021, 2022-2023  
President's Sustainability Council, York University, 2019-2021  
Digital Innovation Committee Meeting, Osgoode Hall Law School, 2018  
Research and Seminars Committee, Osgoode Hall Law School, 2015-2016; 2017-2018  
Grades Review Committee, Osgoode Hall Law School, 2017-2018

### **ADDITIONAL TRAINING**

**Institute on Qualitative Research Methods (IQRM)**, Tempe, AZ  
Coursework in qualitative research methods, January 2007

**Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR)**, Ann Arbor, MI  
Coursework in statistical methods, Summer 2006

**Princeton in Beijing, Intensive Language Program**, Beijing, China  
Advanced Chinese at Beijing Normal University, Summer 2002, Summer 2003, Summer 2008

**Duke in St. Petersburg**, Russia  
Advanced Russian, Summer 2000

### **REVIEWER**

*Cambridge University Press*  
*Comparative Political Studies*  
*European Journal of Cultural Studies*  
*Global Public Health*  
*Law & Policy*  
*Law & Society Review*  
*Law and Social Inquiry*

### **LANGUAGES**

French and English, bilingual native speaker  
Mandarin Chinese, fluent (speaking, reading, writing)  
Russian, proficient  
Spanish, proficient

### **FIELDWORK**

China (2005, 2008-2010, 2011, 2014)  
Nepal (2013, 2014, 2017)  
Russia (2006, 2009)