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### EDUCATION

Columbia University School of Law, New York, New York, J.D., 1986  
Westminster Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, M.A., Religion, 1983  
Chinese University, New Territories, Hong Kong, International Rotary Fellow, 1981-1982  
Wellesley College, Wellesley, Massachusetts, B.A., English, 1981

### RESEARCH AFFILIATION

American Bar Foundation, Visiting Scholar, 2014-2015, Chicago, Illinois

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Hamline University School of Law, St. Paul, Minnesota, Associate Professor, 2011-present;  
Visiting Associate Professor, 2009-2010

Courses: Contracts, Corporations, Property, Torts  
Seminars: Introduction to Chinese Law, Race and the Law

### Service

Committees: Teaching and Learning Committee (Co-Chair); Diversity & Student Affairs  
Faculty Advisor, Chinese Culture and Law Society; Honorary Faculty Advisor, Black Law Students  
Association; Faculty Mentor, 1L, Weekend and Transfer Students  
China initiatives: Faculty Host, Visiting Scholars from Shanghai and Xiamen Universities; LLM Student  
Recruitment

### Other Teaching

Valparaiso University School of Law, Valparaiso, Indiana, 2014-present (Visiting Associate Professor)  
Courses: Contracts, Race and the Law (Seminar); MBE Bar Prep Federal Civil Procedure (co-teaching with  
Prof. JoEllen Lind); and MBE Bar Prep Contracts  
St. Thomas University School of Law, Minneapolis, Minnesota, Spring 2011 (Visiting Associate Professor)  
Courses: Business Organizations, Chinese Law (Seminar)  
Hofstra University School of Law, Hempstead, New York, 2008-2009 (Visiting Associate Professor)  
Courses: Business Organizations, Property  
Suffolk University Law School, Boston, Massachusetts, 2007-2008 (Visiting Associate Professor)  
Courses: Property, Chinese Law (Seminar), Non-Profit Organizations  
Santa Clara University School of Law, Santa Clara, California, 2005-2007 (Visiting Associate Professor)  
Courses: Contracts, Property, Business Organizations, Chinese Law (Seminar)  
Xiamen University School of Law, Xiamen, China, Spring 2005 (Visiting Professor)  
Touro College Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center, Huntington, New York, 2003-2004 (Visiting Assoc. Professor)  
Courses: Business Organizations, Property

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Regent University School of Law, Virginia Beach, Virginia, Associate Professor, 1998-2003

Courses: Business Associations, Property, Chinese Law

Pepperdine University School of Law, Malibu, California, Associate Professor, 1994-1998

Contracts, Jurisprudence, Chinese Law, Religion and Current Legal Issues (Seminar)

University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, Detroit, Michigan, 1993-1994 (Visiting Assistant Professor)

Contracts, Agency and Partnership, Law and Theology (Seminar)

City University School of Law, Flushing, New York, 1992-1993 (Adjunct)

Courses: Uniform Commercial Code (Articles 3, 4 and 9), Corporations

Nyack College, Nyack, New York, Fall 1992 (Adjunct)

Course: Business Law

## CHINA LAW SUMMER PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

Touro Law Center Summer Program, Hong Kong, Xiamen, Beijing, China, Co-director, 2005-2008;

Administrator, 2009-2010

Innovated and coordinated exchange between American and Chinese law faculty and students from Xiamen Law School, Hong Kong University Faculty of Law and various American law schools; also liaised with members of the US Consulate in Hong Kong for annual program; recruited and supervised local Chinese staff and student volunteers; created peer pairing program of American and Chinese law students; arranged visits to local Chinese courts and law firms.

## PUBLICATIONS

### *BOOKS AND BOOK CHAPTERS*

“Contract in My Soup: Chinese Contract Formation and Ritual Eating and Drunkenness”, in Daniel P. Buck, Ina A. Asim, Eds., *Foodways in China: New Scholarly Trajectories* (Conference volume; reprint of article below; publication expected 2015) [**peer-reviewed**]

“Contract in My Soup: Chinese Contract Formation and Ritual Eating and Drunkenness”, in Kimmo Nuotio and Chen Yifeng, Eds., *Rule of Law with Chinese Characteristics: Asian, European, and Global Perspectives* (Intersentia Press; publication expected 2015) (reprint of article below) [**peer-reviewed**]

“Chinese Women Lawyers and Judges as Priests” in Marie Failing, Elizabeth Schiltz, Susan Stabile, eds., *Feminism, Law and Religion*, Ashgate Publishing (2013) [**peer-reviewed**]

“Towards a Global Bar: A Look at China, Germany, England and the United States”, in John Head, *Great Legal Traditions: Civil Law, Common Law, and Chinese Law in Historical and Operational Perspective* (2012) (reprint of article below) [**peer-reviewed**]

*Meiguo Cai Chan Fa* [American Property Law], Chen Huiping, co-editor, *Zhongguo Min Zhu Fa Zhi Chu Ban Se* [Chinese Democracy and Legal System Press] (bilingual text for Chinese students; part of series on American law) (2006)

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### ARTICLES

Representing Chinese Real Estate Investors in the US, 23 Minn. J. Int'l. L. 173 (2014) (invited submission)

SSRN Top Ten Download Lists  
AARN: East Asia (Topic)  
AARN: Legal Anthropology (Sub-topic)  
AARN: Political Anthropology & Legal Anthropology (Topic)

Chinese Ritual and the Practice of Law, 30 Touro L. Rev. 103 (2014) (invited submission; symposium issue)

SSRN Top 10 Download Lists  
AARN: East Asia (Topic)  
AARN: Health and Illness  
AARN: Health Care Approaches (Sub-Topic)  
AARN: Religion & Theory (Topic)  
AARN: Religious Practices (Sub-Topic)

加强 德治 与发现 “别处” 的中国法—神灵， 亲族， 商会和礼尚往来 (translation of Strengthening the Rule of Virtue and Finding Chinese Law in ‘Other’ Places: Gods, Kin, Guilds and Guilds), The Chinese Legal System, Beijing (2014) **[peer-reviewed]**

Real Estate Agents as Agents of Social Change: Redlining, Reverse Redlining and Greenlining, 11 Seattle J. for Soc. Just. 1 (2013)

SSRN Top 10 Download List  
Housing & Community Development Law eJournal  
Property, Citizenship, & Social Entrepreneurism eJournal  
Featured in  
Legal History Blog <http://legalhistoryblog.blogspot.com/2014/09/szto-on-real-estate-agents-as-agents-of.html>  
PropertyProf Blog <http://lawprofessors.typepad.com/property/2014/09/szto-on-real-estate-agents-as-agents-of-social-change.html>

Contract in My Soup: Chinese Contract Formation and Ritual Eating and Drunkenness, 25 Pace Int'l L. Rev. 1 (2013)

To be reprinted in Kimmo Nuotio and Chen Yifeng, Eds., Rule of Law with Chinese Characteristics: Asian, European, And Global Perspectives (Intersentia Press) (publication expected 2015) (see above) **[peer-reviewed]**

SSRN All Time Top Ten Download List  
- AARN: East Asia (Topic) (1997-present)  
Other SSRN All Time Top Ten Download Lists  
- AARN: Health & Illness (Topic)  
- AARN: Illness Case Studies (Sub-Topic)  
- AARN: Legal Anthropology (Sub-Topic)  
- AARN: Nutrition & Food (Topic)  
- AARN: Political Anthropology & Legal Anthropology (Topic)  
- Anthropology of Agriculture & Nutrition eJournal  
- Asian Law eJournal  
- Contracts & Commercial Law eJournal  
- Cultural Anthropology eJournal  
- Culture Area Studies eJournal  
- Law & Culture eJournal  
- Law & Humanities eJournal

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- Law & Religion eJournal
- Legal History eJournal
- Medical Anthropology eJournal

Dual Real Estate Agents and the Double Duty of Loyalty, 41 Real Estate L.J. 22 (2012) **[peer-reviewed]**

SSRN Top Ten Download List, Housing & Community Development Law eJournal

Strengthening the Rule of Virtue and Finding Chinese Law in ‘Other’ Places: Gods, Kin, Guilds, and Gifts, 35 Suffolk Transnat’l L. Rev. 1 (2012)

Featured in Prof. Solum’s Legal Theory Blog <http://lsolum.typepad.com/legaltheory/2011/02/szto-on-virtue-chinese-law.html>

SSRN Top Ten Download List for Asian Law eJournal  
SSRN Top Ten Download List for Law, Institutions & Development eJournal

Gender and the Chinese Legal Profession: From Heaven and Earth to Rule of Woman? 18 Tex. J. Women & L. 195 (2009)

Featured in Legal History Blog by Prof. Dan Ernst <http://legalhistoryblog.blogspot.com/2008/08/mary-szto-of-hoifstra-university-law.html>

Towards a Global Bar: A Look at China, Germany, England and the United States, 14 Ind. Int’l & Comp. L. Rev. 585 (2004)

Reprinted in John Head, Great Legal Traditions: Civil Law, Common Law, and Chinese Law in Historical and Operational Perspective (2012) (see above) **[peer-reviewed]**

Limited Liability Company Morality: Fiduciary Duties in Historical Context, 23 Quinn. L. Rev. 61 (2004)

Cited in:

### *Cases*

Bascom/Magnotta, Inc. v. Magnotta, 2008 WL 283264, \*4 (Conn.Super. Jan 17, 2008)

News America Marketing In-Store, Inc. v. Marquis, 862 A.2d 837, 843, 86 Conn.App. 527, 535, 22 IER Cases 357, 357 (Conn.App. Dec 21, 2004)

### *Treatises*

BNA Corporate Practice Series No. 67-2 BIBLIO, BIBLIOGRAPHY (2013)

BNA Tax Management Accounting Policy & Practice Portfolios NO 5512 BIBLIO UNOFFICIAL, Bibliography Unofficial (2013)

Conflicts of Interest in Business & Professions §1:4 (2011)

Conflicts of Interest in Business and Professions: Law & Compliance s 2:3, Fiduciary relationships (2011)

BNA Tax Management Accounting Policy & Practice Portfolios NO 5512 BIBLIO UNOFFICIAL, Bibliography Unofficial (2011)

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BNA Corporate Practice Series No. 67-2 BIBLIO, BIBLIOGRAPHY (2010)

*Book*

Tamar Frankel, *Fiduciary Law* (2010)

Strategic Alliances: Legal and Ethical Challenges, 16 Regent U. L. Rev. 351 (2004)

“Family” Law: Multi-generational Teaching, *The Law Teacher*, Fall 2003, at 6

Lawyers as Hired Doves: Lessons from the Sermon on the Mount, 31 Cumb. L. Rev. 27 (2000-2001)

*The Advocate: A Biblical Approach to Legal Ethics* (Christian Legal Society, 1995)

## **BOOK REVIEW**

The Culture of Disbelief, 11 J. L. & Religion 449 (1994-1995) [**peer-reviewed**]

## **PEER REVIEW AND EDITOR**

Peer Reviewer, Tenure and Promotion Application, Seton Hall Law School

Peer Reviewer, *Oxford Journal of the American Academy of Religion*

Peer Reviewer, *Frontiers of Law in China*

Peer Reviewer, *Journal of Law and Religion*

Editor, selected manuscripts for publications of the Xiamen Academy of International Law (China)

Editor, other articles written by mainland Chinese law faculty

## **SELECTED PRESENTATIONS AND PANELS**

“Chinese Real Estate Investors in the US”, Association for Law, Property & Society 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, May 1-2, 2015, University of Georgia School of Law (panel proposal pending)

“Real Estate Agents as Agents of Social Change: Redlining, Reverse Redlining and Greenlining”, *Looking Forward After the 2008 Crash: The Future of Housing – Equity, Stability and Sustainability*, Washburn Law School Business and Transactional Law Center and Law Review Symposium, Feb. 26, 2015 (invited; scheduled)

“Chinese Gift-giving, Anti-Corruption Law, and the Rule of Law and Virtue”, American Bar Foundation, Chicago, Illinois, January 28, 2015

“Chinese Gift-giving, Anti-Corruption Law, and the Rule of Law and Virtue”, City University of Hong Kong, JSD Research Seminar, Nov.21, 2014.

“Graduate Legal Education in the US”, Shanghai University School of Law, Shanghai, China, Nov. 19, 2014.

“The US Foreign Corrupt Practices Act”, Wenzhou Medical University Department of Law, Wenzhou, China, Nov. 17, 2014.

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“Gift-giving in China and the Rule of Law and Virtue”, Ninth Annual General Conference of the European China Law Studies Association, Hong Kong, November 15-16, 2014 (selected presenter)

“Chinese Gift-giving, Anti-Corruption Law, and the Rule of Virtue”, 2014 International Business Law Scholars’ Roundtable, Brooklyn Law School, October 10, 2014 (selected presenter; one of twelve papers selected from around 40 submissions)

“Representing Chinese Real Estate Investors in the US”, Law and Society Conference, Minneapolis, Minnesota, May 2014 (selected presenter and panel organizer and chair)

“Chinese Women Lawyers and Judges as Priests”, Feminism, Law and Religion Conference, St. Thomas University, St. Paul, Minnesota, March 2014 (invited speaker)

“Contract in My Soup: Chinese Contract Formation and Ritual Eating and Drunkenness”, Foodways in China: New Scholarly Trajectories Conference, University of Oregon, May 8-10, 2013 (selected to present)

“Chinese Ritual and the Practice of Law”, Fourth Annual Religious Legal Theory Conference: Expanding the Conversation, Touro Law School, New York, April 10-12, 2013 (invited speaker)

“Chinese Contract Formation and Ritual Eating and Drinking: Then and Now”, Third East Asian Law and Society Conference, KoGuan Law School, Jiaotong University, Shanghai, March 22-23, 2013 (Panel organizer, Chair and Presenter) (selected to present)

“There’s a Contract in My Soup: Chinese Contract Formation and Ritual Eating and Drinking”, 2012 7<sup>th</sup> Annual General Conference of the European China Law Studies Association (ECLS), Helsinki, Finland, September 2012 (selected to present)

“Managing Law School Stress (And Finding Peace and Purpose)”, Hamline Law School Academic Success Workshop, September 2012

“Strengthening the Rule of Virtue and Finding Chinese Law in ‘Other’ Places: Gods, Kin, Gifts, and Guilds”, for panel “Chinese Ritual, Property and Family Litigation”, 2012 International Conference on Law & Society, Honolulu, Hawai’i, June 2012 (Panel Organizer, Chair and Presenter) (selected to present)

“Strengthening the Rule of Virtue and Finding Chinese Law in ‘Other’ Places: Gods, Kin, Gifts, and Guilds”, for panel “Chinese Ritual, Clan Codes and Family Litigation”, 2011 American Society for Legal History Conference, Atlanta, GA, November 2011 (Panel Organizer and Presenter) (selected to present)

“Strengthening the Rule of Virtue in China”, International Law Association, University of St. Thomas Law School, March 2011

“Ritual and Law in China”, Faculty Colloquium, University of St. Thomas Law School, February 2011

Moderator, Eliminating Racial Bias in the Legal Profession, Hamline Law School, February 2011

“From Stress to Success”, Black Law Students Association, Hamline Law School, September 2010

“Finding Chinese Law in Other Places: Gods, Kin and Guilds”, Conference of Asian Pacific American Law

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Faculty Work-in-Progress, March 2009

“The Calling of an Attorney”, Beijing, China, June 2008

“How to Become an Attorney in the US”, Zhangzhou Normal University, Zhangzhou, China, June 2008

“Gender and the Chinese Legal Profession in Historical Perspective: From Heaven and Earth to Rule of Woman?”, Suffolk Law School, Boston, February 2008

“American Corporate Law and Fiduciary Duties”, Xiamen Law School, Xiamen, China, July 2006

“Business in China: Ethics and Governance,” Co-presenter, Kirk Hanson, Executive Director, Markkula Center for Applied Ethics, Santa Clara University, April 2006

“Emerging Gender Roles in the Chinese Legal Profession”, Co-sponsored by School of Law, Women’s and Gender Studies Program, Anthropology Department, Asian Studies Program, International Programs, Santa Clara University, March 2006

“Diversity in the Classroom”, Touro Law Center Diversity Day, October, 2003

“LLC Morality: Fiduciary Duties in Historical Context”, Touro Law Center Faculty Colloquium, October, 2003

"Teaching Chinese Law: Towards an Asian-American Pedagogy", Second Annual Asian Pacific American Law Professors Conference, September, 1995, John Marshall Law School

## **OTHER EXPERIENCE**

Admitted to the Bar of the State of New York, 1987

**Jubilee Legal Services**, Flushing, New York, Acting Executive Director, 1991-1993

Co-founder of legal services organization specializing in bilingual (Chinese and English) immigration services and community education. Responsible for strategic planning, volunteer recruitment and fundraising.

**Citibank, N.A.**, Long Island City, New York, Assistant Vice President, 1989-1992

Commercial lending counsel responsible for middle market and community development lending groups in New York area consumer bank. Tasks included training, policy formation, contract and documentation review and drafting, compliance oversight and review of federal and state legislation.

**Hill, Betts & Nash**, New York, New York, Associate, 1986-1989

Corporate associate in medium-sized international law firm. Represented European and Asian banks in real estate and ship financing transactions.

## **PRESENT AND RECENT MEMBERSHIPS/VOLUNTEER WORK**

American Bar Association

American Society for Legal History

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Chinese American Academic & Professional Association in Minnesota  
Chinese Heritage Foundation (Minnesota)  
International Society for Chinese Law and History (founding member)  
National Asian Pacific American Bar Association, Minnesota Chapter  
US-China Peoples Friendship Association-Minnesota Chapter

## **LANGUAGES/OTHER INTERESTS**

Working knowledge of Chinese (Mandarin and Cantonese); can read Spanish.  
Enjoy swimming, hiking, gardens and museums.

## **REFERENCES**

Prof. James Coben, Hamline Law School, St. Paul, MN; (651) 523-2137; jcoben@hamline.edu  
Prof. Daniel Derby, Touro Law Center, Central Islip, NY; (631) 761-7118; dderby@tourolaw.edu  
Prof. John Head, University of Kansas Law School, Lawrence, KS; (785) 864-9233; jhead@ku.edu  
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