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**EDUCATION**

**NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW**, New York, NY

Doctor of Juridical Science Candidate

Master of Laws in International Legal Studies, May 2014

Positions: Teaching Assistant to Hon. Gerald Lebovits (Summer 2014)  
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**UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE**, Cambridge, England, UK

Master of Arts in Law, February 2011 (conferred as of right)

Bachelor of Arts in Law, June 2007

Honors: Prince Philip Scholarship 2004 (merit-based scholarship for Cambridge students from Hong Kong)  
Winner, 2006 Weekly Law Reports Mooting Competition  
Class II, Division 1 Honors

**UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG**, Hong Kong

Professional Certificate in Laws, June 2008

**LEGAL EXPERIENCE**

**U.S.-ASIA LAW INSTITUTE (USALI)**, **NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW**, New York, NY

*Non-Resident Affiliated Scholar*, September 2016 – current

*Affiliated Researcher*, December 2015 – July 2016

*Visiting Scholar*, 2014 – 2015

**HONG KONG BAPTIST UNIVERSITY**, Hong Kong

*Lecturer*, Fall 2015

Lecturer for the Law & Public Affairs course, Masters of Public Administration program.

**ASIAN AMERICAN LEGAL DEFENSE AND EDUCATION FUND (AALDEF)**, New York, NY

*Voting Rights Intern*, September 2013 – December 2013

**SIR OSWALD CHEUNG'S CHAMBERS**, Hong Kong

*Member of Chambers / Barrister-at-Law*, January 2010 – July 2013

Member of barristers' chambers primarily focused on civil litigation. One of the oldest barristers' chambers in Hong Kong.

**BAR ADMISSIONS**

Hong Kong (admitted April 2009; non-practicing as of July 24, 2013)

New York (admitted June 2015)

**NATIONALITY**

Canadian (U.S. Permanent Resident)

**LANGUAGE SKILLS**

English (native)

Cantonese (near-native)

Mandarin (advanced)

French (intermediate)

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

### BOOK CHAPTERS

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### ARTICLES

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### PRESENTATIONS

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“Is Hong Kong’s Academic Freedom Further Eroding?” Council on Foreign Relations, New York, NY, December 15, 2015.

“Intra-Executive Regulatory Policy Laundering Through Megaregional Negotiations,” International Society of Public Law 2015 Conference, New York University School of Law, New York, NY, July 2, 2015.

“Moving the Goalposts: Beijing’s Undermining of ‘One Country, Two Systems’ in Hong Kong,” Panel on Hong Kong, China Law Conference, University of Toronto School of Law, Toronto, Canada, February 7, 2015.

“Hong Kong’s Umbrella Movement: Perspectives from International and Constitutional Law,” Dean Rusk Center for International Law and Policy, University of Georgia School of Law, Athens, GA, November 20, 2014.

“One Country, Two Systems: The Legal Issue of Democracy in Hong Kong,” Columbia Law School Asian Pacific American Law Students Association, New York, NY, October 20, 2014.

“Road to Nowhere: Hong Kong’s Democratization and China’s Obligations Under Public International Law,” Panel on Self-Determination and Human Rights, NYU School of Law Center for Human Rights and Global Justice Emerging Human Rights Scholarship Conference, New York, NY, March 27, 2014.

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