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Education

Yale Law School, New Haven, CT, USA Aug. 2018-June 2021

Juris Doctor

Activities: Yale Journal of International Law, Articles Editor
Paul Tsai China Centre, Student Director
National Security Group, Vice President
Coker Fellow (Teaching Assistant) in Constitutional Law to Professor P. Gewirtz
Research Assistant to Professors S. Calabresi, E. Fidell, P. Gewirtz, and O. Hathaway
Herbert Hansell Fellow at Yale Law Centre for Global Legal Challenges

Schwarzman Scholar, Tsinghua University, Beijing, China Aug. 2017-July 2018

Master of Global Affairs, concentration in Economics and Business

Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, USA Sept. 2013-June 2017

Bachelor of Arts, *summa cum laude*, Near Eastern Studies

Honours: Early election to Phi Beta Kappa Honour Society
Shapiro Prize for Academic Excellence
Elmer Adler Undergraduate Essay Prize
F.O. Kelsey Prize for Best Junior Thesis
Bayard and Cleveland Dodge Memorial Senior Thesis Prize
Ertegün Foundation Thesis Prize for Best Senior Thesis in Turkish Studies

Activities: Princeton University Orchestra, Cellist and President
Princeton Historical Review, Editor-in-Chief

Professional Experience

Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law - Assistant Professor of Law Aug. 2023 - present
Courses taught: China and International Law, Constitutional Law II, Public International Law

Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Canada – Law Clerk Aug. 2022-July 2023

Court of Appeal for Ontario – Law Clerk Aug. 2021-July 2022

- Prepared pre-hearing and research memoranda and edited legal judgments for Justices Pardu, Hourigan, Tulloch, and Favreau.

McCarthy Tétrault LLP, Toronto – Summer Student June-Aug. 2020

- Wrote legal memoranda on wide range of topics for firm's litigation section.

Yale Conference on Military Summary Proceedings – Research Assistant Sept.-Dec. 2019

- Moderated the Yale Conference and worked with military law experts to articulate minimum international law standards on summary proceedings.

Office of the British Judge Advocate General, Bulford Camp, England – Summer Clerk Aug. 2019

- Gained familiarity with the British military justice system by attending multiple courts martial and conducting research on live cases for His Honour Judge Jeff Blackett.

Office of the Honourable Erin O'Toole, Parliament of Canada – Policy Advisor May-Aug. 2019

- Wrote policy memoranda and talking points on foreign policy and international trade topics for distribution to the Conservative caucus.

Bibliography

Books

- *The Evolution of British Counter-Insurgency during the Cyprus Revolt of 1955-1959* (London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2018).

Works in progress

- "The Great Depression and Canada's Originalist Decade".

Articles and book chapters

- "The new Canadian defence: the impact of UNDRIP Article 30 on Canadian domestic defence strategy" (2023) *Queen's LJ* (forthcoming).
- "The Somalia Affair and the Transformation of Canadian Military Justice" (2023) 56:1 *UBC L Rev* (forthcoming).
- "The Originalism of F.R. Scott" (2023) 111 *SCLR* (2d) (forthcoming).
- "Justice Scalia's Impact on Canadian Jurisprudence" (2022) 106 *SCLR* (2d) 409-419.
- "Progressive, but definitely not revolutionary: *Martin, the United Kingdom*" in Navdeep Singh & Franklin D Rosenblatt, eds, *March to Justice: Global Military Law Landmarks* (India: BluOne India, 2021) 196-204.
- "The COVID-19 pandemic and international law" (2021) 54 *Cornell Intl LJ* 149-244 (with Oona A. Hathaway et al.).
- "Applying international law solutions to the Xinjiang crisis" (2020) 22 *Asian-Pacific L & Policy J* 90-156.
- "Churchill's butchers: Mission 204's operations in China" (2020) 84 *J Military History* 1127-1156.
- "Parliamentary debate as a driver of military justice reform in Canada" (2020) 35 *CJLS* 437-454.
- "Reforming Canada's war prerogative" (2020) 26 *Can Foreign Policy J* 345-359.
- "Sino-Canadian relations in the age of Justin Trudeau" (2020) 26 *Can Foreign Policy J* 25-40.
- "The prickly thorn: a re-evaluation of Orde Wingate and the Special Night Squads" (2017) 29 *Small Wars & Insurgencies* 91-111.
- "Upon the altar of British prestige: a re-evaluation of Dunsterforce's exploits and legacy" (2017) 5 *Caucasus Survey* 103-120.
- "Serving a new master: an examination of Chuck Colson's legacy with regards to prison reform" (2015) 6 *Intermountain West J Religious Studies* 97-110.

Newspaper op-eds

- "America's vaccine diplomacy should start in its backyard", *Newsweek* (29 April 2021) (with Ryan Dukeman).
- "After the shootings in Atlanta, the U.S. is reckoning with anti-Asian racism. Canada must do the same", *The Globe and Mail* (19 March 2021).
- "Amy Coney Barrett's Supreme Court appointment dims the U.S.'s international standing", *The Globe and Mail* (11 October 2020).
- "How China's legal bulwarks for its atrocities in Xinjiang can be overcome", *The Globe and Mail* (11 September 2020).
- "The world needs more Canada, despite – and because of – the coronavirus pandemic", *The Globe and Mail* (2 April 2020).
- "It's now Canada's chance to stand up for Hong Kong", *The Toronto Star* (10 December 2019) (with Dennis Kwok).
- "China is interfering with Canadian democracy. That requires a public response", *The Toronto Star* (4 December 2019).
- "If Canada bans Huawei, leaders better have a new plan for 5G", *The Toronto Star* (23 September 2019).
- "Trudeau needs a coherent China strategy", *The Toronto Star* (28 October 2019).
- "If Canada cares about the rule of law, it has to answer China's ocean aggression", *The National*

Post (26 June 2018).

Legal blog and think tank pieces

- COVID-19 and international law, series, *Just Security* (9 articles, 2020) (with Oona Hathaway et al.).
- Canadian national security, series, *Lawfare* (13 articles, 2019-2020).
- National security at the United Nations, series, *Just Security* (7 articles, 2019-2020).
- Sinotech: U.S.-China trade relations, series, *Lawfare* (22 articles, 2018-2019) (with Rachel Brown).
- “Now is the time for a Canadian pivot to the Indo-Pacific”, *Macdonald-Laurier Institute* (17 November 2020).
- “Bill 197: Ontario’s sweeping COVID-19 recovery legislation – key takeaways for your business”, *McCarthy Tétrault* (21 July 2020) (with Adam Goldenberg et al.).
- “Canadian Supreme Court allows corporate liability for international law violations”, *Lawfare* (12 March 2020).
- “Canada considers most far-reaching intelligence reforms in decades”, *Just Security* (13 May 2019).
- “Canadian Supreme Court’s chance to reform its military justice system”, *Just Security* (24 March 2019).
- “Huawei arrest raises thorny questions of law enforcement and foreign policy”, *Lawfare* (7 December 2018) (with Robert Williams).
- “Disruptive innovation in China’s military modernization”, *Macdonald-Laurier Institute* (19 October 2018).
- “What Ottawa should learn from China’s Belt and Road Initiative”, *Macdonald-Laurier Institute* (26 July 2018).

Presentations and interviews

- “Legal Approaches to the Xinjiang Crisis”, Presentation, *Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada* (May 4, 2023).
- “The Impact of Article 30 of UNDRIP on Canadian National Defence”, Panel discussion, *Annual Conference, Canadian Council on International Law* (October 28, 2022).
- “March to justice/global military law landmarks”, Panel discussion, *Royal Canadian Military Institute* (15 February 2022).
- “Examining Canada’s war powers: an interview with Preston Lim”, Interview, *iAffairs Canada* (16 November 2020).
- “Uyghurs under threat”, Panel discussion, *Montréal Institute for Genocide and Human Rights Studies* (12 November 2020).
- “Preston Lim, Yale Law JD candidate, on being angrily refuted by Chinese Embassy in Ottawa”, Interview, *Global News: Roy Green Show* (September 20, 2020).
- “China threatens Hong Kong with new “National Security Law””, Interview, *Global News: Roy Green Show* (May 23, 2020).
- “COVID 19 is reshaping the global order, so says Preston Lim of Yale Law School,” Interview, *Global News: Roy Green Show* (10 May, 2020).

Additional experience and skills

- **Affiliations:** International fellow, National Institute of Military Justice. Centre Associate, UBC Centre for Constitutional Law and Legal Studies.
- **Arts:** Former professional cellist and pianist. Performed at Carnegie Hall seven times.
- **Awards:** *China Hands Magazine’s* Top 25 under 25 leaders in U.S.-China relations award(2019) and Canada’s Top 20 Under 20 leadership award (2013).
- **Continuing Education:** Honorarium recipient, Originalism Summer Seminar at the Georgetown Centre for the Constitution.
- **Languages:** Proficient in French, Mandarin, Taiwanese. Basic skills in Turkish and Azeri.