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Ph.D. Student in History, admitted Autumn 2018

Bio

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

- M.A., University of British Columbia , History (2018)
- B.A., University of California, Berkeley , History (2015)

Research & Scholarship

CURRENT RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY INTERESTS

My dissertation examines the unexpected itineraries, mutations, and afterlives of late imperial Chinese legal culture across the Chinese diaspora in Southeast Asia during the long 19th century. Empirically, my study uses archives in classical and vernacular Chinese, Dutch, and English and situated in Hong Kong, Singapore, Jakarta, London, and the Hague. Viewed together, they reveal how the communal identities and institutions of Chinese migrants and their descendants were shaped by world-historical forces: the rise of global capitalism and European colonialism, the contest between liberal and pluralist models of law and sovereignty, and the transformation and eventual collapse of the late Qing state.

Teaching

COURSES

2025-26

- Law and the Making of Modern Asia: HISTORY 295C (Spr)

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **Wounding Our Customs: Law, Gender, and Pluralism in Chinese Batavia, 1740-1811** *LATE IMPERIAL CHINA*
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