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EDUCATION AND RELATED AWARDS

Ph.D. in Law, Melbourne Law School, University of Melbourne	2010
2011 Honorable Mention, Law & Society Association Dissertation of the Year Award	
2010 Harold Luntz Graduate Research Thesis Prize, Melbourne Law School	
2010 Chancellor's Prize for Excellence in the Ph.D. Thesis, University of Melbourne	
 B.A. in English (Honors), National University of Singapore	1993
1991-92 ACBC Gold Medal, National University of Singapore	
1991-92 Harvard Club Book Prize, National University of Singapore	
1990-91 Special Book Prize in English Literature, National University of Singapore	
1989-90 Special Book Prize in English Literature, National University of Singapore	
 Admitted as Advocate and Solicitor, Supreme Court of Singapore	1987
 LL.B, National University of Singapore	1986

CURRENT APPOINTMENT

Research Professor, American Bar Foundation, Chicago, IL	2011 - present
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FELLOWSHIPS

IFK Senior Fellowship, Vienna	Spring 2020
 Fellow of the SIAS Summer Institute 2011/2012 Regulating the World Society: Law, Governance and the Quest for Global Justice (National Humanities Center/Institute of Advanced Studies, Berlin [Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin]).	Summer 2011 & Summer 2012

PUBLICATIONS

Monographs

<i>Discounting Life: Necropolitical Law, Culture, and the Long War on Terror.</i> (New York: Cambridge University Press).	2023
Reviewed in <i>Critical Studies on Terrorism; International Affairs, Law & Social Inquiry</i>	
 <i>Authoritarian Rule of Law: Legislation, Discourse and Legitimacy in Singapore.</i> (New York, Cambridge University Press).	2012

Reviewed in *Law & Society Review*, *Law and Politics Book Review*, *Perspectives in Politics*, *Postcolonial Studies*, *Indiana Journal of Global Legal Studies*, *Australian Journal of Asian Law*, *Cambridge Law Journal*, *Oxford University Commonwealth Law Journal*

Translated into Simplified Chinese for a China only market 2019

Translated into Traditional Chinese for a Taiwan, Hong Kong, and Southeast Asian market, with a new Foreword 2021

Manuscripts in Development

Trump's Executive Orders: Law, Text, Event (with Barry Sullivan).

Curry and Sedition: Re-constituting Home, Nation, and Citizenship through Everyday Authoritarian Legality in Singapore

Submissions Under Review

"Displaced: A Decolonial Legal Guide to 'Indigenous' in Singapore", for *Detours: A Decolonial Guide to Singapore*, edited by Cheryl Narumi Naruse, Joanne Leow, and Faris Joraimi (Duke University Press, expected date of publication 2025).

"Legal Discourse" for *Routledge Handbook of Critical Discourse Studies*, 2nd edition, edited by John Flowerdew and John Richardson (expected date of publication 2026).

Peer Reviewed Articles and Book Chapters

"Populism's Melodramatic International Law: the 1998 US International Religious Freedom Act" in *London Review of International Law*, forthcoming. 2025

"Authoritarian Rule of Law Deploys Political Gaslighting: Singapore Legislates Against Fake News" in *The Routledge Handbook on the Rule of Law*, Michael Sevel (ed.). 239-346 2025

"Reading for Law in Barry Unsworth's *Sacred Hunger*", in 35:2 *Yale Journal of Law and the Humanities*, 275-291. 2024

"Normalising Authoritarianism: Authoritarian Rule of Law in Singapore and Hong Kong" in *The Palgrave Handbook of Political Norm Dynamics in Southeast Asia*, edited by Gabriel Facal, Elsa Lafaye de Micheaux and Astrid Norén-Nilsson, 59-79. 2024

"Law's Governing Centers: A Global Sociolegal Approach" in *Polycentrism: How Governing Works Today* edited by Jan Aart Scholte and Frank Gadinger, Oxford University Press, 171-190. 2023

"Authoritarian Rule of Law's Strategic Lexicon" in *Rule of Law: Cases, Strategies, and Interpretations*, Barbara Faedda (ed.), Ronzani S.r.l. 2021. 2021

- "Representing Transnational Law: Drone Warfare and Transnational Legal Text," in *The Oxford Handbook of Transnational Law*, Peer Zumbansen (ed), Oxford University Press, 1069-1089. **2021**
- "Imperialism and Law" in *The Routledge Handbook on Law and Society* (ed. Marianna Valverde, Prabha Kotiswaran, Eve Darian-Smith, and Kamari Clarke), 154-157. **2020**
- "Transnational Law as Drama," in Peer Zumbansen (ed) *The Many Lives of Transnational Law*, Cambridge University Press, 348-363. **2019**
- "Law, Politics, and Populism in the USA PATRIOT Act", 26:1 *Indiana Journal of Global Legal Studies*, 2019. 61-86. **2019**
- "Rule of Law and Sovereignty outside the State", Vol 11:2, *Hague Journal on the Rule of Law*, Oct 2019: 493-499. **2019**
- "Governing Authoritarian Law: Law as Security" in Lily Rahim & Michael Barr (eds), *The Limits of Authoritarian Governance in Singapore's Developmental State*. Palgrave McMillan, 277-303. **2019**
- "Legal Discourse" in John Flowerdew & John E. Richardson (eds), *The Routledge Handbook of Critical Discourse Studies*, Routledge, 480-496. **2018**
- "A Minor Jurisprudence of Spectacular War: Law as Eye in the Sky," 21 *Law Text Culture*, 252-275. **2017**
- "Law as Record: the Death of Osama bin Laden" in 13 *No Foundations: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Law and Justice*, 45-69. **2016**
- "Rule of Law Lineages: Heroes, Coffins, and Custom" in 2015 *Law, Culture, and the Humanities*, 1-14. **2015**
- "Rule of Law as Transnational Legal Order" in *Transnational Legal Orders*, Terence Halliday & Gregory Shaffer (eds.) New York: Cambridge University Press, 340-373. **2015**
- "Sinister Translations: Law's Authority in a Post-9/11 World." 21 *Indiana Journal of Global Legal Studies*, 107-143. **2014**
- "Flogging Gum: Cultural Imaginaries and Postcoloniality in Singapore's Rule of Law" in 18 *Law Text Culture*, 135-165. **2014**
- "Language-and-Law Scholarship: An Interdisciplinary Conversation and a Post-9/11 Example" in 10 *Annual Review of Law and Social Science*, 169-183 (with Elizabeth Mertz). **2014**

- “Of Masks and Absences: Cause Lawyering in Singapore.” 31 *Wisconsin International Law Journal*, 646-671 (with Arun K. Thiruvengadam). 2014
- “The Gulf between Promise and Claim: Understanding International Law’s Failure to Decolonise.” 3 *Transnational Legal Theory*, 285-296. 2012
- “Lawyers, Politics, and Publics: State Management of Lawyers and Legitimacy in Singapore.” *Political Liberalism and the Legal Complex in the Post-Colony*, Terence Halliday, Lucien Karpik & Malcolm Feeley, eds. (New York: Cambridge University Press) 149-192. 2012
- “Punishing Bodies, Securing the Nation: How Rule of Law Can Legitimate the Urbane Authoritarian State.” 36 (4) *Law & Social Inquiry*, 945-970. 2011
- “Muddling through Methodology” in 3:2 *Sortuz: Oñati Journal of Emergent Sociolegal Studies*, 111-135. 2009
- “Policing Religion: Discursive Excursions into Singapore’s Maintenance of Religious Harmony Act” in *Examining Practice, Interrogating Theory: Comparative Legal Studies in Asia*, Pip Nicholson & Sarah Biddulph (eds.) (Leiden: Martinus Nijhoff Publishers), 267-305. 2008
- “From Second Tongue to Mother Tongue: A Look at the Use of English in Singapore English Drama” in *Perceiving Other Worlds*, Edwin Thumboo (ed.). Singapore: Times Academic Press, 400-412 (with Simon Tay). 1991

Reviews/Online Essays/Encyclopedia Entry

- Review of *Crisis by Design: Emergency Powers and Colonial Legality in Puerto Rico*. By Jose Atilas. Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2025. Published in 59 *Law & Society Review*, 226-228. 2025
- Review of *How Autocrats Abuse Power: Resistance to Trump and Trumpism* by Richard L. Abel in 58 *Law & Society Review*, 350-352, 2024. 2024
- “The Hongkong 47: Understanding the National Security Trial through the lens of Authoritarian Rule of Law”, published online through SSRN’s open platform for the sharing of early-stage research. <http://ssrn.com/abstract=4353910> 2023
- “Social Drama, Universalisms’ Political Violence, and Transnational Law”, a contribution to a forum on Darryl Li’s *The Universal Enemy*, edited by Mona Oraby and Iza Hussin in *The Immanent Frame*, 10 June 2020, <https://tif.ssrc.org/category/book-blog/book-forums/universal-enemy/> 2020

“The Necropolitical Law of Assassination” in <i>The Immanent Frame</i> , 31 Oct 2019 https://tif.ssrc.org/2019/10/31/the-necropolitical-law-of-assassination/	2019
“Targeted Killing and Spectacular War”, Gunneflo Book Symposium (5), <i>Völkerrechtsblog</i> , April 2017, doi: 12345678.	2017
“Enlivening Rule of Law through Law and Order: Commentary on <i>Opposing the Rule of Law: How Myanmar’s Courts Make Law and Order</i> by Nick Cheesman” 9 <i>Hague Journal on the Rule of Law</i> , 15-18.	2017
Review of <i>Opposing the Rule of Law: How Myanmar’s Courts Make Law and Order</i> by Nick Cheesman, 50: 4 <i>Law & Society Review</i> , 1046-1048.	2016
Review of Eve Darian-Smith’s <i>Laws and Societies in Global Contexts</i> , 48:2 <i>Law & Society Review</i> , 479-481.	2014
Entry titled “Southeast Asian Hindu law,” commissioned by area editor, Dr. Werner Menski for <i>Oxford International Encyclopedia of Legal History</i> , Stanley Katz (editor) (Oxford University Press).	2009

GRANTS

National Science Foundation

\$356,972 Law and Social Science Fellowship and Mentoring Program for Law and Inequality (with Tera Agyepong and Steven Boutcher) 1 September 2023 – 31 August 2026. #SES-2314693. Abruptly terminated (without explanation) in April 2025.

AccessLex Institute

\$661,293 Emerging Scholars Fellowship Program in Legal and Higher Education (with Mark Suchman) 1 September 2024 – 31 August 2027.

TEACHING

Graduate Level

Co-Chair, Doctoral Fellows Program, American Bar Foundation

2017 - 2024

This program is designed to support doctoral students. It is built around workshopping draft chapters and articles, grant applications, supporting the production and revision of job application materials (cover letters, curricula vitae, research, teaching, and diversity statements), and building confidence through structured practices for conference presentations, job talks, and campus visits.

King's College London, Transnational Law Institute

The Transnational Law & Politics of Food, a short course for LL.M students

January 2017,
2018, 2019,
and 2020

This fifteen-hour course was part of a not-for-credit set of courses designed to introduce LLM students to issues in Transnational Law. My course centered on the contestation between food security and food sovereignty, while remaining alert to the human right to food. Students developed a sense of why it matters to interrogate the domination of corporate interests, and alliances between corporations and powerful states, when it comes to the law and politics of food.

Harvard Law, School, Institute for Global Law & Policy, Regional Workshops, (Bangkok)

January 2018

Co-Instructor on Law, Religion, Gender and the State in Southeast Asia

University of Helsinki, The Erik Castren Institute of International Law and Human Rights, Summer Seminar: A New Ideology of the Rule of Law in Development.

Summer 2013

I taught on the emergence of rule of law indicators.

University of Melbourne, Melbourne Law School

**May 2007 and
May 2009**

Guest lecture on “Singapore Lawyers in Civil Society” for Citizens, Groups and State in Asia, Melbourne Law School Graduate Programme.

Guest Lecture on “Singapore’s Maintenance of Religious Harmony Act” for Constitutionalism in Asian Societies, Melbourne Law School Graduate Programme.

**September
2006**

Workshops for Graduate Students and Early Career Researchers

I have served as faculty in the following workshops:

Law & Humanities Junior Scholar Workshop	2022
Law & Society Association Early Career Workshop	2022
Institute for Global Law and Policy (Harvard Law School) Writing Workshops	2018, 2017, 2014
Transnational Law Summer Institute, King’s College London	2015

Undergraduate Level

University of Melbourne. Melbourne Law School

2007

Law and Society in Southeast Asia, Co-Instructor

A course for advanced undergraduate students that included supervision of research projects

University of Melbourne, Department of Management, School of Economics and Commerce

**January –
May 2006**

Tutor, Southeast Asian Business and Economy

National University of Singapore

**June 2002 –
May 2005**

Faculty of Law, Legal Writing Programme Instructor

PRESENTATIONS TO PRACTICING LAWYERS

- “Discounting Life: Necropolitical Law, Culture, and the Long War on Terror,” presented at the American Bar Association Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Seminar, Annual Meetings of the ABA, Denver, CO, (with Judy Perry Martinez, Will Gunn, and George Freeman) **Aug 2023**
- “Law and the War on Terror: 21 Years and Counting,” presented at the New York Fellows of the American Bar Foundation Luncheon, Offices of Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz, New York, NY **June 2023**
- “The Patriot Act and the Rule of Law” presented at an American Bar Foundation Fellows National Event on the Rule of Law and National Security, (virtually) with Richard Abel and Baher Azmy, 18 May 2021 **May 2021**

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- Reader, “Race, Law, and Empire: New Perspectives on Puerto Rico’s Colonial Legal and Racial Histories”, Multi-Book Author-Meets-Reader, Law & Society Association Conference, Chicago. **May 2025**
- Speaker, “Finding Nomos: Law & Anthropology's Humanistic Empiricism”, Roundtable, Law & Society Association Conference, Chicago. **May 2025**
- Reader, “Defending American Democracy against Trumpist Autocracy”, Multi-Book Author-Meets-Reader, Law & Society Association Conference, Chicago. **May 2025**
- Speaker, “Law & Society and the Audiovisual in the 21th Century: Plural Ontologies and Epistemologies vs Hegemonic Extractivism”, Roundtable, Law & Society Association Conference, Chicago. **May 2025**
- “Authoritarianism, Law, and War”, The Davies Forum, University of San Francisco. **March 2025**
- “Aesthetics, Affect, and Sovereignty”, International Studies Association Annual Conference, Chicago. **February 2025**
- Discussant, Nitsan Chorev’s “Israel’s military-industrial complex and the making of a private cyber-attack market”, Colloquium jointly organized by Northwestern University Comparative Historical Social Science, University of Chicago Politics, History, and Society, and the American Bar Foundation. **February 2025**
- “Critical Discourse Studies as Sociolegal Methodology”, Law & Society Association Conference, Denver **2024**

Reader and Facilitator, International Law & Politics Collaborative Research Network Multi-Book Launch, Law & Society Association Annual Conference Denver	June 2024
Reader, Author-Meetings-Reader panel for <i>Terror Trials</i> by Mayur Suresh, Author-Meets-Reader panel, Law & Society Association Conference, Denver	June 2024
Discussant and Reader, Manuscript Workshop, <i>Legal Resistance under the Shadow of Authoritarianism: The Struggle for the Rule of Law in Post-Umbrella Hong Kong</i> by Eric Lai, organized by the Global Research Association of Politics in Hong Kong (GRAPH).	April 2024
Discussant for Hera Shakil's "False Starts: How Anti-Corruption Helped India Take an Illiberal Turn" in Anti-Corruption and Illiberalism in the Global South workshop, Chicago	April 2024
"The Mother of All Bombs", Allard Law School Faculty Colloquium Series, University of British Columbia, Vancouver.	October 2023
Discussant, <i>Buddhism and Comparative Constitutional Law</i> edited by Ben Schontal and Tom Ginsburg, ABF	October 2023
Panelist, Workshop on Freedom of Expression in Singapore, Forum for Global Human Rights and Cambridge Center for Governance and Human Rights.	August 2023
"Populism's Melodramatic International Law: the 1998 US International Religious Freedom Act", presented at a workshop entitled <i>International Law and the Challenge of Populism</i> , Monash Law Chambers (virtual).	June 2023
" <i>Discounting Life: Necropolitical Law, Culture, and the Long War on Terror</i> , Author Meets Reader", Law & Society Association conference.	June 2023
"Authoritarian Rule of Law", presented at Center for Social Sciences, Budapest, Hungary.	May 2023
"Authoritarian Constitutionalism", presented at Eötvös Loránd University Faculty of Law, Budapest, Hungary.	May 2023
Book Panel on <i>Discounting Life: Necropolitical Law, Culture, and the Long War on Terror</i> , with Richard Joyce, Vasuki Nesiha, and Gary Lee, Cardozo Law School	May 2023
"Authoritarian Rule of Law: Design, Discourse, and the Everyday", presented virtually in October 2022 for a conference entitled <i>Rule of Law, Resilience and Erosion: The Interplay Between Institutional Design and Everyday Practice</i> , hosted in Budapest by The Institute of Legal Studies at the Centre of Social Sciences, and The Re:Constitution Program,	October 2022

(funded by the Mercator Foundation (Germany), and hosted by the Forum Transregionale Studien (Berlin)).

“Shock and Awe in the War on Terror” presented at Law & Society Association conference, July 2022 (virtual).	July 2022
Keynote “Rule of Law and the UN’s Sustainable Development Goals”, Thailand Institute of Justice (with Institute for Global Law and Policy, Harvard Law School) International Virtual Forum on the Rule of Law and Sustainable Development.	June 2022
“Legislating Religion’s Borders: Singapore’s Maintenance of Religious Harmony Act and the US’s International Religious Freedom Act”, at a workshop entitled, “Global ‘Religion’: Invention, Translation, Critique,” at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois.	June 2022
Keynote (with Elizabeth Mertz), “New Directions for Law and Language”, Law and Language Colloquium, North-West University (South Africa: Vanderbijlpark Campus) via Zoom.	March 2022
Panelist, “Rule of Law in Singapore” in Defining and Defending the Rule of Law in Asia, Webinar Series on Asian Perspectives on Human Rights, Public Law and Human Rights Forum, School of Law, City University of Hong Kong, via Zoom	March 2022
“Law’s Governing Centers: A Global Socio-Legal Approach”, as part of a panel entitled, Polycentrism: How Governance Works Today, at the virtual conference of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE).	July 2021
"Necropolitical Law and Targeted Killing", paper presented at Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, May 2021.	May 2021
"Necropolitical Law and the Killing of al-Baghdadi", paper presented at the Van Vollenhoven Institute Research Meeting, Leiden University, the Netherlands (virtual).	March 2021
“The Assassination of al-Baghdadi: Translating from Liberal Legality to Necropolitical Law”, IFK Fellows Lecture, (by Zoom).	May 2020
“Discounting Life: Law, Media, and the Long War on Terror”, American Bar Foundation Seminar Series.	February 2020
“Legislating Truth, Weaponizing Fact: Singapore’s Prevention of Online Falsehoods Act”, at a workshop entitled, <i>Tackling the Authoritarian Rule of Law</i> , London School of Economics	June 2019

“Lawyers in a Post-9/11 World”, Law & Society Annual Meeting, Washington DC.	May 2019
“Singapore’s Maintenance of Religious Harmony Act”, at a workshop entitled, <i>The Politics of Religion at Home and Abroad</i> , Indiana University, Bloomington.	May 2019
“Law’s Governing Centers: A Global Sociolegal Approach” presented at Käte Hamburger Kolleg / Centre for Global Cooperation Research in Duisburg, Germany.	March 2019
“Law as Spectacular War”, Annie Macdonald Langstaff workshop series at McGill Faculty of Law.	November 2018
“Planetary Jurisdiction and Ordinary Laws: the U.S.A. P.A.T.R.I.O.T. Act,” presented at the Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, Toronto.	June 2018
“Reading the U.S.A. P.A.T.R.I.O.T. Act: Frames, Visibility, Subjectivity,” presented at the Institute for Global Law & Policy Conference, Harvard Law School.	June 2018
“Law, Populism, Patriotism: The U.S.A. P.A.T.R.I.O.T. Act” presented at Indiana Journal of Global Legal Studies Conference.	April 2018
“The Rule of Law in Singapore”, presented at Thailand Institute of Justice Conference on The Rule of Law, Bangkok.	January 2018
“Order and Law: Amos Yee and Singapore’s Rule of Law Refractions”, presented at the Law & Society Association Annual Conference, Mexico City.	June 2017
"A Jurisprudence of Spectacular War", presented at the Association for the Study of Law, Culture and the Humanities Annual Conference, Stanford Law School.	March 2017
“Measuring Rule of Law: The World Justice Project and its Index” presented at a conference, The Rule of Law in Europe, Tilburg University, The Netherlands, September.	September 2015
“Images Mediating Indicators: The Military and the Rule of Law Index” presented at the Institute for Global Law & Policy Conference, Harvard Law School, June.	June 2015
“Law and the Visual in a Post-9/11 World” presented at Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities Annual Conference, Georgetown University Law Center.	March 2015
Invited Panelist, “Global Rule of Law”, Nobel Peace Prize Forum, Minneapolis, March, http://nobelpeaceprizeforum.org/2014-2/	March 2014

‘Rule of Law Discourses as Transnational Legal Order’, Law & Society Association Meeting, Hawaii.	June 2012
“Of Masks and Absences: Cause Lawyering in Singapore”, with Arun K. Thiruvengadam, Law & Society Association Meeting, Hawaii.	June 2012
“Rule in Law as Meta-Transnational Legal Order”, Conference on Transnational Legal Orders, Jamaica.	February 2012
“Rule of Law: A Singapore Story,” Asia Research Institute Seminar Series, National University of Singapore.	August 2011
“Figuring ‘the people’; Bordering ‘the nation’”: APEC and Territories of Temporary Emergency, presented to the Melbourne Doctoral Forum on Legal Theory, Melbourne Law School.	December 2010
“Narrating the Lawful Nation: History, Hegemony and Law in Singapore”, presented to the Australia New Zealand Legal History Society conference, La Trobe University, Melbourne.	December 2010
“Colonial Continuities, National Inventions: ‘Race’, ‘Religion’ and ‘Law’ in Singapore”, presented to Malaysia and Singapore Association conference, Australian National University, Canberra.	December 2010
“A(nother) Great Leap Forward: Authoritarian Rule-of-Law”, American Bar Foundation Research Seminar series.	October 2010
“Splitting: How the Dual State Fragments the Legal Complex” presented to the Working Group on Comparative Studies of the Legal Professions, France.	July 2010
“Can the Foreign Lawyer Speak? Singapore Encounters Foreign Bar Associations”, paper presented at the Law & Society Association Meeting, Chicago.	May 2010
“Hindu Law Contortions: Legal Spaces for Colonial Subjects”, paper presented at Law & Society Association Meeting, Chicago, May 2010.	May 2010
“Legislating Illiberalism: Law, Discourse and Legitimacy in Singapore”, paper presented at the American Bar Foundation Research Seminar.	May 2010
“Punishing Bodies, Securing the Nation”, paper presented at the UC Berkeley Centre for the Studies of Law and Society Visiting Scholars Roundtable.	April 2010

“Policing Lawyers, Constraining Citizenship: State Management of Legitimacy in Singapore”, paper presented at workshop on legal research methodology entitled, In Search of Authority, Rebellion and Action, Melbourne Law School.	December 2008
“Press Regulation, State Surveillance and the Discourse of National Vulnerability: Singapore’s Newspaper and Printing Presses Act”, paper presented at the Centre for Media and Communications Law Annual Conference, Melbourne Law School.	November 2008
“Scouring Slogans, Securing the Nation: Sovereignty, Law and Singapore’s Vandalism Act”, paper presented at conference entitled Space, Politics and Postcolonial Representations, Institute of Postcolonial Studies, Melbourne.	September 2008
“Lawyers, Politics, Publics”, paper presented at workshop on The Legal Complex in Postcolonial Struggles for Political Liberalism, organized by Terence Halliday, Lucien Karpik and Malcolm Feeley, Berder, France.	June 2008
“Punishing Bodies, Securing the Nation: Singapore’s Vandalism Act”, paper presented at an interdisciplinary conference entitled New Worlds, New Sovereignities, Melbourne University.	June 2008
“Citizen Lawyer: Lawyers, Civil Society and the Rule of Law in Singapore”, paper presented at the Asian Law Institute Conference, National University of Singapore.	May 2008
“A Jurisprudence of Vandalism in the Singapore Legal System”, paper presented at Research Higher Degree Colloquium, Melbourne Law School.	May 2008
“Constantly Colonised: Hindu Legal Identities in the Modern Nation-State of Singapore”, paper presented at the Law & Society Association Meeting, Berlin.	June 2007
“Hindu Law in Singapore”, paper presented at workshop entitled Religion and the State in Asia, Asia Research Institute, Singapore.	May 2007
“Policing Religion: Singapore and the Maintenance of Religious Harmony Act” paper presented at the Early Career Researcher workshop attached to Law, Religion and Social Change, a conference hosted by the Australian National University, Canberra. An earlier version of this paper was presented at a Melbourne Law School, Asian Law Centre seminar	May 2006
“Tradition and Law: CEDAW and Singapore,” paper presented at Enculturing Law: New Agendas for Legal Pedagogy, a conference supported by the Indo-Dutch Program on Alternatives in Development (IDPAD) and organized in collaboration with the National Law School, Bangalore and the Alternative	August 2005

Law Forum, Bangalore (www.altlawforum.org) at the National Law School, Bangalore, India.

“Negotiating Legal Identities: Hindu Law in Singapore,” paper presented at the Asian Law Institute conference, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand. **May 2005**

“Embracing Complexity: Contexts, Constructs and Michael Fay,” paper presented to Asian Law Institute conference, National University of Singapore. **May 2004**

“Partial Order, Partial Control: Negotiating the Category ‘Hindu’ in the Courts of Singapore”, paper presented at National University of Singapore Faculty of Law Staff Seminar. **October 2003**

“Censorship and Cultural Policy in Singapore Drama,” paper presented at Liminality and States of Transition in Singapore Theatre, National University of Singapore. **May 1995**

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

INTERNAL SERVICE

Member, Appointments Committee	2024-2025 2015-2016
Co-Chair, Doctoral Fellows Committee	2017 - 2024
Member, Research Committee	2023 – Present 2015 – 2017 2011 – 2012 2018 - 2019
Co-Chair, Appointments Committee	2014 – 2017 2012 – 2013
Chair, Visiting Scholars Committee	2013 – 2014
Member, Institutional Review Board Committee	2012 - 2014
Co-Chair, Seminar Series	2011 - 2012
Associate Editor, <i>Law & Social Inquiry</i>	

EXTERNAL SERVICE

Book Review Editor, <i>Law & Society Review</i> (with Eve Lester, Australian National University, and Anna Reosti, American Bar Foundation). I lead this team.	2022 - 2026
Promotion Review Assessment for a faculty member at Carleton University's Law and Legal Studies Department	October 2024
External Examiner for PhD Dissertations	
Michael C. Leach, "A Kaleidoscope of Meaning Fragments: Understanding the Rule of Law's Paradoxes in International Development" Doctoral Jury, Tilburg Law School, Tilburg University, the Netherlands.	September 2021
Safiya Rochelle, "Capturing the Void(ed): Muslims Detainees, Practices of Violence, and the Politics of Seeing in Guantanamo Bay", Law and Legal Studies PhD dissertation examination, Carleton University, Canada.	January 2020
Member, Publications Committee, Law & Society Association	2024-2025
Member, Law & Society Association Program Committee for 2021 Annual Meeting	2021
Member, International Prize Committee, Law & Society Association	2019
Member, Governance Committee, Law & Society Association	2018
Member, Board of Trustees, Law & Society Association	2015 - 2018
Member, Editorial Board, <i>Hague Journal on the Rule of Law</i>	2016 - Present
Member, Advisory Board, Working Group on International Organizations and International Law, Northwestern University	2016 – Present
Member, Editorial Board, <i>Indiana Journal of Global Legal Studies</i>	2014 – Present
Member, World Justice Project, Rule of Law Research Consortium	2014 – Present
Co-Founder and Co-Convener (with Wesley Pue and Binyamin Blum) Collaborative Research Network 15, British Colonial Legalities, Law & Society Association	2011 - 2014

Associate Editor, Law & Social Inquiry (September 2011-Aug 2012).

2011 - 2012

RELATED PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Participant, Institute for Global Law & Policy Colloquium, Harvard Law School

June 2016

Discussant, World Justice Project Research Consortium Conference on the Rule of Law, Stanford Law School, 6-7 May 2016

May 2016

Participant, Advanced Writing Workshop, Institute for Global Law and Policy, Harvard Law School

June 2015

Participant, Early Career Workshop, Law & Society Association Annual Conference, Minnesota

May 2014

Participant, Harvard Law School, Institute for Global Law and Policy, workshop, Doha.

January 2013

Participant, Workshops on the United Nations Security Council and the Rule of Law, Australian Permanent Mission to the United Nations, New York.

May 2012

Conference steering committee, First International Conference on the Legal Histories of the British Empire.

July 2012

Visiting Scholar, Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore

2011 - 2012

Rapporteur, World Justice Project Asia Pacific Conference, Kuala Lumpur.

January 2011

Co-organizer, LSA Roundtable, Subversive Legalities: British Colonial Subjects and the Rule of Law, Law & Society Annual Meeting, Chicago.

May 2010

OTHER EMPLOYMENT AND VISITING POSITIONS

Visiting Affiliate, Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore

**February 2011
– June 2011**

Visiting Researcher, Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore

**January 2011 –
August 2011**

Visiting Scholar, Center for the Study of Law and Society, University of California, Berkeley

**January 2010
– December
2010**

Consultant, United Nations Development Program

**March 2005 –
December
2006
1987 - 1989**

Legal Officer, Development Bank of Singapore

MANUSCRIPT REVIEWS

Monographs and Edited Collections

Cambridge University Press
Oxford University Press
Amsterdam University Press
University of Michigan Press
University of Pennsylvania Press

Journal Submissions

Law & Society Review
Asia-Pacific Journal on Human Rights and the Law
Asian Journal of Law & Society
Australian Journal of Asian Law
Critical Discourse Studies
Democratization
Hague Journal on the Rule of Law
Law, Culture, and the Humanities
Law & Social Inquiry
Social Justice
Transnational Legal Theory