

**MARY CHRISTINE SZTO**

950 Irving Avenue  
Syracuse, NY 13244

**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**

“Markets and Morality”, Multidisciplinary project researcher, 2018-present, Amsterdam, Holland  
Subject: Confucianism, markets, and human flourishing (sponsored by Templeton World Charity Foundation)  
American Bar Foundation, Visiting Scholar, 2014-2015, Chicago, Illinois  
Projects: Chinese gift-giving, anti-corruption law, and governance; US legal education curricular reform

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Syracuse University College of Law, Syracuse, New York**

Teaching Professor, 2019-present

Courses: Contracts, Business Associations, Asian Americans and the Law (Seminar)

**Mitchell|Hamline School of Law, St. Paul, Minnesota**

Visiting Professor of Law, 2018-2019

Courses: Business Organizations, Property, Chinese Law (Seminar), Asian Americans and the Law (Seminar)  
1L Faculty Advisor

**Valparaiso University School of Law, Valparaiso, Indiana**

Associate Professor, 2015-2018

Visiting Associate Professor, 2014-2015

Courses: Property, Contracts, Civil Procedure, Corporate Finance, UCC Payment and Credit Systems; Remedies; Advanced Legal Analysis; Race and the Law (Seminar); Property Law: Selected Topics; Contracts: Selected Topics; Civil Procedure: Selected Topics (co-taught with Prof. JoEllen Lind).  
Service: Report on Curricular Reform; Non-JD Programs Committee; Honorary Degrees Task Force; University Faculty Senate; University Committee to Enhance Teaching and Learning (CELT); University Council; Faculty Advisor, Asian American Pacific Islander Law Students Association; Faculty Advisor, 1L's; China initiatives: Faculty Host, Visiting Scholars from Zhejiang University and Zhejiang University of Technology; LLM Student Recruitment.

**Hamline University School of Law, St. Paul, Minnesota**

Associate Professor, 2011-2015

Visiting Associate Professor, 2009-2010

Courses: Property, Contracts, Corporations, Torts (taught in both full-time day and part-time weekend programs)

Seminars: Introduction to Chinese Law, Race and the Law

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

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Recruitment

### Other Teaching

St. Thomas University School of Law, Minneapolis, Minnesota, Spring 2011 (Visiting Associate Professor)

Courses: Business Associations, Chinese Law (Seminar)

Hofstra University School of Law, Hempstead, New York, 2008-2009 (Visiting Associate Professor)

Courses: Business Organizations, Property (taught in day and evening programs)

Suffolk University Law School, Boston, Massachusetts, 2007-2008 (Visiting Associate Professor)

Courses: Property, Chinese Law (Seminar), Non-Profit Organizations; taught in day and evening programs

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 (taught in day and evening programs)

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**

#### ***BOOK AND BOOK CHAPTERS***

“Chinese Women Lawyers and Judges as Priests” in Marie Failinger, 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]

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*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)

**ARTICLES**

From Exclusion to Exclusivity: Chinese American Property Ownership and Discrimination in Historical Perspective, 25 *J. Transnat'l. L. & Pol'y* 33 (2015-2016) (symposium issue on transnational perspectives on Chinese real estate investment)

Featured in Legal History Blog  
<http://legalhistoryblog.blogspot.com/2018/02/szto-on-chinese-american-property.html>  
SSRN Top Ten Download Lists  
Real Estate Ejournal  
Property, Citizenship, & Social Entrepreneurism eJournal  
AARN: Race & Ethnicity (Sub-Topic)  
AARN: North America (Topic)  
AARN: Minority Rights & Protections (Topic)

Chinese Gift-Giving, Anti-Corruption Law, and the Rule of Law and Virtue, 39 *Fordham Int'l. L.J.* 591 (2016)

Featured in Crim Prof Blog  
[http://lawprofessors.typepad.com/crimprof\\_blog/2016/05/szto-on-anti-corruption-law-and-.html](http://lawprofessors.typepad.com/crimprof_blog/2016/05/szto-on-anti-corruption-law-and-.html)  
SSRN Top Ten Download Lists  
AARN: East Asia (Topic)  
White Collar Crime eJournal  
Corporate Governance: Social Responsibility & Social Impact eJournal  
CGN: Business Practices & Ethics (Topic)  
CGN: Corporate Social Responsibility/Corporate Citizenship (Topic)  
AARN: Economic Systems (Sub-Topic)

Chinese Governance as Giving (submitted for publication)

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)

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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>

SSRN Top 10 Download Lists

Housing & Community Development Law eJournal

Property, Citizenship, & Social Entrepreneurism eJournal

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

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

- 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>

SSRN Top Ten Download List for WGSRN: Gender Disparity (Topic) and WGSRN: Segregation by Gender & Race (Sub-Topic).

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)

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, Law & Society Review

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

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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**

"The Confucian Analects and Property Law", the Association of Law, Property, and Society Conference, 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Syracuse University College of Law, May 18, 2019 (selected presenter)

"How to Become a Tiger Law Professor", Asian American Judges Reception, Mitchell Hamline School of Law, May 11, 2019

"Chinese Gift-Giving, Anti-Corruption Law, and the Rule of Law and Virtue", 2019 Association of American Law Schools Annual Conference, Joint Panel on Corruption and Legitimation, Law and Anthropology and Law and Social Sciences Sections, New Orleans, Louisiana, Jan. 2-6, 2019 (selected presenter)

"From Exclusion to Model Minority to Re-Exclusion: Themes from Chinese-American Legal History", Western Law Professors of Color (WLPOC) & Conference of Asian Pacific American Law Faculty (CAPALF) Joint Conference, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Boyd School of Law, October 18 -October 20, 2018 (selected presenter)

"The Spirit Courts and Chinese Criminal Law", 2018 Annual General Conference of the European China Law Studies Association, Turin, Italy, Sept. 13-14, 2018 (selected presenter)

"An Overview of the Legal History of the Chinese in the United States," Suzhou University Law School, June 13, 2018, Suzhou, China

"The Legal History of Chinese in the US: An Introduction", and "The Legal History of Chinese in the US: Property Ownership and Discrimination", Zhejiang University Guanghua Law School, June 11-12, 2018, Hangzhou, China

"An Overview of Chinese-American Legal History", Xiamen University School of Law, Xiamen, China, June 8, 2018

"Wine, Sacrifice and Heavenly Governance in the Book of Rites", International Linguistics Association 63rd Annual Conference, April 20- 22, 2018, St. John's University, New York (selected presenter)

"From Exclusion to Exclusivity: Chinese American Property Ownership and Discrimination in Historical Perspective", LatCrit XXI Biennial Conference, Orlando, Florida, Sept. 29-30, 2017 (selected presenter)

"The Spirit Courts and Chinese Criminal Law," Second International Conference for Chinese Law and History, China University of Political Science and Law, Beijing, China, July 15-16, 2017 (selected presenter)

"From Exclusion to Exclusivity: Chinese American Property Ownership and Discrimination in Historical Perspective", Conference of Asian Pacific American Law Faculty – Northeast People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, June 2-3, 2017; Brooklyn Law School, NY (selected presenter)

"From Exclusion to Exclusivity: Chinese American Property Ownership and Discrimination in Historical Perspective", Association for Law, Property, and Society (ALPS) 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, University of Michigan, May 19-20, 2017 (selected presenter)

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"The Spirit Courts and Chinese Criminal Law," Twentieth Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of Law, Culture and the Humanities", Stanford Law School, Palo Alto, CA, March 31-April 1, 2017 (selected presenter; panel organizer)

"Barring Diversity? The American Bar Examination as Initiation Rite and Strategies to Diversify the Legal Profession: A Historical Perspective", Association of American Law Schools Annual Conference "Theorizing Educational Diversity in the Legal Academy" Roundtable, San Francisco, CA, January 5, 2017 (selected presenter)

"Chinese American Property Ownership and Discrimination", Asian Women Scholars Workshop, Valparaiso University, Sept. 23, 2016

Work-in-Progress, "From Exclusion to Exclusivity: Chinese Real Estate Investors in the US in Historical Perspective", Conference of Asian Pacific American Law Faculty, March 8-9, 2016; UC Davis School of Law, California

"Chinese Gift-Giving and Governance in the Book of Rites and Qing Magistrate Practices", International Conference on Chinese Law and History, July 10-11, 2015, Fudan University, Shanghai, China; co-sponsored by the International Society for Chinese History and Law (selected presenter; panel organizer and chair)

"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

"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 presenter)

"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

"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

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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 presenter)

“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 presenter)

“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 presenter)

“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 presenter)

“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 presenter)

“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 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



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“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

**MEDIA AND LEGISLATIVE TESTIMONY**

Testimony, April 9, 2019, Minnesota State Senate on student ethnic data disaggregation

Quoted in "New Law Breaking Down Student Ethnic Data Triggers Battle Among Parents: Schools Want Better Information, but Some Asian families Fear Bias", Star Tribune, April 6, 2019, discussed the model assimilated minority myth and its impact on Asian Americans. <http://www.startribune.com/new-law-breaking-down-student-ethnic-data-triggers-battle-among-parents/50821553>

**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 PAST AFFILIATIONS/VOLUNTEER WORK**

American Bar Association  
American Society for Legal History  
Asian Women Scholars (Co-Founder)  
Association for Asian Studies  
Association for Law, Property, and Society  
Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and Humanities  
Conference of Asian Pacific American Law Professors  
Chicago Art Institute

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Chinese Heritage Foundation (Minnesota)  
European China Law Studies Association  
International Society for Chinese Law and History (founding member)  
National Asian Pacific American Bar Association, Minnesota Chapter  
Queens Christian Reformed Church  
Taltree Arboretum & Gardens (Valparaiso, Indiana)  
US-China Peoples Friendship Association-Minnesota Chapter  
Valparaiso Chinese Christian Association  
Valparaiso University Chapel of the Resurrection  
Wellesley College Alumnae Association-Minnesota Chapter

**LANGUAGES/OTHER INTERESTS**

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