

Rachel E. Stern

Society of Fellows
78 Mount Auburn St., Cambridge, MA 02138
617-496-8504 (office) • 510-882-9461 (cell)
restern@fas.harvard.edu
<http://people.fas.harvard.edu/~restern>

CURRENT POSITION

2009-2012 Junior Fellow, Harvard University Society of Fellows

EDUCATION

Ph.D. University of California, Berkeley, Political Science, December 2009
Dissertation: “Navigating the Boundaries of Political Tolerance: Environmental Litigation in China”
Committee: Kevin J. O’Brien (chair), Robert Kagan, Katherine O’Neill (Environmental Science, Policy and Management)

M.A. University of California, Berkeley, Political Science, May 2004

B.A. Wellesley College, International Relations, *Summa Cum Laude*

BOOK

In Safety’s Shadow: Suing Polluters in China, under contract at Cambridge University Press (final manuscript due December 1)

REFEREED ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

“Amplifying Silence: Uncertainty and Control Parables in Contemporary China” (with Jonathan Hassid). *Comparative Political Studies* (forthcoming October 2012).

“Politics at the Boundary: Mixed Signals and the Chinese State” (with Kevin J. O’Brien). *Modern China* (forthcoming).

“From Dispute to Decision: Suing Polluters in China,” *The China Quarterly* 206 (June 2011), pp. 294-312.

“On the Frontlines: Making Decisions in Chinese Civil Environmental Lawsuits,” *Law & Policy* 32:1 (January 2010), pp. 79-103.

“Studying Contention in Contemporary China,” (with Kevin J. O’Brien) in *Popular Protest in China* (Harvard University Press: 2008).

“Unpacking Adaptation: The Female Inheritance Movement in Hong Kong,” *Mobilization* 10:3 (October 2005), pp. 421-439.

“The Female Inheritance Movement in Hong Kong: Theorizing the Local/Global Interface,” (with Sally Engle Merry) *Current Anthropology* 46:3 (June 2005), pp. 387-408. Reprinted in *The Anthropology of Globalization* (Blackwell Publishing: 2007) and *International Law and Society: Empirical Approaches to Human Rights* (Ashgate Publishing: 2007).

“Hong Kong Haze: Air Pollution as a Social Class Issue,” *Asian Survey* XLIII (September/October 2003), pp. 780-800.

NON-REFEREED ARTICLES, REPORTS AND POLICY BRIEFS

China Governance Analysis and Recommendations for a USAID Governance Strategy for China (with Dali Yang and David Timberman). Prepared for the United States Agency for International Development, December 2010 (135 pp.).

Toward Environmental Public Interest Litigation? Proposals for Legislative Change. Prepared for the Natural Resource Defense Council Beijing, April 2008 (14 pp.).

Evaluation of China's Energy Strategy Options (with Jonathan E. Sinton, Nathaniel T. Aden and Mark D. Levine) (Berkeley: Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, 2005) (30 pp.).

“One Country, Two Systems, One Smog: Cross-Boundary Air Pollution: Policy Issues for Hong Kong and Guangdong,” (with Lisa Hopkinson) *China Environment Series* 6 (2003), pp. 19-36.

Addressing Cross-Boundary Air Pollution: A Comparative Case Study (Hong Kong: Civic Exchange, 2001) (24 pp.).

SELECTED RECENT PRESENTATIONS

“Politics at the Boundary: Mixed Signals and the Chinese State,” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Seattle, September 2, 2011.

“Balancing GDP, Stability and Environmental Protection: China's New Environmental Courts,” University of Technology Sydney, conference entitled “Preserving Stability in China,” July 4, 2011.

“Running on Hope: International Soft Support for Environmental Litigation in China,” New England China Seminar, Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies, Harvard University, November 8, 2010.

“Environmental Litigation in China: Mapping the Consequences of Political Ambivalence,” Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, Chicago, May 28, 2010.

“Factory Noise Killed My Foxes!?: A Behind-the-Scenes Look at Environmental Lawsuits (and Social Science Research) in China,” Wellesley College, February 8, 2010.

“Between Bureaucrats and Judges: Justifying Decisions in Pollution Cases,” conference jointly hosted by Columbia and New York University Law Schools entitled “China's Changing Courts,” February 20, 2009.

HONORS, AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2011	Milton Fund research grant, Harvard University.
2009	Abigail Reynolds Hodgen Publication Fund, Manuscript Preparation Support, University of California, Berkeley
2007-2009	Simpson Memorial Research Fellowship, Institute of International Studies, University of California, Berkeley
2007-2008	Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship
2006-2008	National Science Foundation, Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant, Law and Social Sciences Program
2004-2007	National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellow
2006-2007	Pacific Rim Research Program Mini-Grant
2006-2007	Liu Graduate Research Fellowship in Chinese Studies, University of California, Berkeley
2003-2004	Horton-Hallowell Fellowship for graduate study, Wellesley College
2003-2004	Academic year fellowship, the Institute of East Asian Studies, University of California, Berkeley
2002-2003	Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship, Cornell University
2001	Best paper in International Relations and best paper in Asian Studies, Wellesley College

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Spring 2009	Visiting Lecturer, <i>Theories of International Relations</i> , Mills College, Oakland, CA
Spring 2006	Graduate Student Instructor, <i>War!</i> , Professor Ron Hassner, University of California, Berkeley

ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS

2007	Qinghua University Law School, Beijing
Fall 2006	Center for Chinese Legal Studies, Columbia University Law School

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

Summer 2008	Summer Institute for Preparing Future Faculty, University of California, Berkeley
January 2006	Training Institute on Qualitative Research Methods, Arizona State University
Summer 2004	Inter-University Program, Intensive Chinese, Beijing
2002-2003	Cornell University, Full year program in Mandarin Chinese (FALCON)

LANGUAGES

English, Mandarin Chinese