

LAN CAO
Dale E. Fowler School of Law
Chapman University

EDUCATION

Yale Law School, New Haven, Connecticut

J.D., June 1987

Yale Law Journal, 1985-86

Note Editor, Yale Law Journal, 1986-87

Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, Massachusetts

B.A., Political Science, 1983

Magna Cum Laude

Phi Beta Kappa

Sarah Williston Prize Winner for the highest grades in the senior class

WORK EXPERIENCE

Chapman University School of Law, Orange, California, Betty Hutton Williams Professor of International Economic Law (beginning Fall 2013). Courses include contracts, corporations, international business transactions, public international law, international trade, law and development

College of William and Mary, Marshall-Wythe School of Law, Williamsburg, Virginia Professor of Law (2001-2013). Courses include women and the law, international human rights, international trade, international business transactions, public international law, international economic development, and corporations; **Cabell Professor of Law (2002-2003)**

Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor, MI, Visiting Professor of Law, Winter 2003. Taught Enterprise Organizations and International Business Transactions

Brooklyn Law School, Brooklyn, New York

Professor of Law. Courses include international business transactions, international trade, public international law, international economic development, and corporations. (Spring 1994 to Fall 2000)

Duke University School of Law, Durham, North Carolina

Visiting Associate Professor of Law. Taught public international law and seminar on Normative Issues in International Trade and Development (Fall 1998)

Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison, New York, New York

Corporate Associate. Experience in commercial transactions, with an emphasis on securities regulations, international joint ventures, international trade and international business transactions. (1992-1993)

Ford Foundation Fellowship, Ford Foundation Scholar, New York University School of Law. Research of emerging legal orders in Eastern Europe, China and Vietnam with an emphasis on foreign investment, privatization and economic and legal reforms. (1991-1992)

Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison

Litigation Associate. Experience in the substantive areas of contract, civil procedure, criminal, ERISA, bankruptcy, and civil rights litigation. (1990-1991; 1987-1988)

Law Clerk to the Honorable **Constance Baker Motley**, U.S. District Judge, S.D.N.Y. (1988-89)

Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison (Summer 1986)

Davis, Markel & Edwards (Summer 1985)

AWARDS AND HONORS

Voted 1L Professor of the Year by the 2025 1L class, 2022-2023

Michael Lang Award for Scholarly Excellence, 2022, Chapman University Fowler School of Law

Unit Faculty Excellence Award, 2021, Chapman University, 2021

LEGAL PUBLICATIONS

Dollar Trap and China's Central Bank Digital Currency, 25 CHAPMAN L. REV. 503 (Symposium) (2023)

Ethnic Economies, Cultural Resources, and the African American Question, 91 U. CIN. L. REV. 303 (2022)

Weaponizing Culture to Undermine International Women's Rights, 73 HASTINGS L. J. 233 (2022)

Made in America: Race, Trade, and Prison Labor, 42 N.Y.U. REVIEW OF LAW & SOCIAL CHANGE 1 (2019)

Charter Cities, 17 WILLIAM & MARY BILL RTS J 717 (Symposium) (2019)

Pride and Prejudice in U.S. Trade, 7 NOTRE DAME J. INT'L & COMP. L 1 (2017).

Currency Wars and the Erosion of Dollar Hegemony, 38 MICH. J. INT'L L 101 (2016).

CULTURE IN LAW AND DEVELOPMENT: NURTURING POSITIVE CHANGE (Oxford University Press May 2016) (600 page monograph). Reviewed in Jane Stromseth, 112 A.J.I.L. 798-804 (2018)

Informal Institutions and Property Rights, 1 BRIGHAM-KANNER PROPERTY RIGHTS CONFERENCE JOURNAL 263-279 (2012)

Rethinking Microfinance, 33 PENN. J. INT'L L. 971 (2012) (symposium)

Culture, Security and Other Difficulties in Rule of Law Reform, 101 A. J. I. L. 901 (2008) (reviewing Jane Stromseth, David Wippman & Rosa Brooks, CAN MIGHT MAKE RIGHTS (Cambridge University Press 2006))

Culture Change, 47 VA. J. INT'L L. 357-412 (2007)

An Evaluation of the World Bank's New Comprehensive Development Framework, in PRIVATIZING DEVELOPMENT 27-63 (ed. Michael B. Likosky) (2005) (Martinus Nijhoff Publisher)

The Transnational and Subnational in Global Crimes, 22 BERKELEY J. INT'L L. 59-97 (2004)

The Ethnic Question in Law and Development, 102 MICH. L. REV. 1044-1103 (2004)

Ethnic Economies in the Shadow of Law: Beyond the Pale? 44 WILLIAM AND MARY L. REV. 1521-1625 (2003)

Corporate and Product Identity in the Post-National Economy: Rethinking US Trade Laws, 90 CALIFORNIA LAW REV 401-484 (2002)

Reflections on Market Reform in Post-War, Post-Embargo Vietnam, 22 WHITTIER L. REV. 1029-1057 (2001) (symposium)

Chinese Privatization: Between Plan and Market 63 LAW AND CONTEMPORARY PROBLEMS 13-62 (2000) (symposium)

Looking at Communities and Markets, 74 NOTRE DAME LAW REVIEW 841-924 (1999)

Towards a New Sensibility for International Economic Development, 32 TEXAS INT'L. L. J. 209 (1997)

Law and Economic Development: A New Beginning, (book review) 32 TEXAS INT'L L. J. 545-559 (1997)

Law Reform in Vietnam, 29 N.Y.U. J. INT'L. L. & POL. 555-576 (1997) (co-author with Spencer Weber Waller)

The Cat that Catches Mice: China's Challenge to the Dominant Privatization Model, 21 BROOKLYN J. INT'L L. 97-178 (1995) (Symposium) (article reprinted in a four-volume set of

scholarly articles titled CHINESE LAW, edited by Professor Tahirih Lee, Garland Publishing, Inc.).

Illegal Traffic in Women: A Civil RICO Proposal, 96 YALE L. J. 1297-1322 (1987) (Note).

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

FAMILY IN SIX TONES, Viking Penguin (September 2020)

A Trade War the U.S. Is Actually Winning, For Now, Op Ed, New York Times, Apr. 26, 2018

Vietnam Wasn't Just an American War, Op Ed, New York Times, March 22, 2018

Five Myths About the Vietnam War, Opinion, Washington Post, Sept. 29, 2017

THE LOTUS AND THE STORM, A NOVEL (August 2014, Viking) (Penguin Paperback April 2015)

MONKEY BRIDGE (novel, hardback edition, July 1997, Viking/Viking Penguin/Putnam; paperback edition, Penguin, July 1998)

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT ASIAN AMERICANS (trade nonfiction, co-authored with Himilce Novas, Penguin Plume, August 1996) (2nd edition 2004)

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Article on legal personhood for certain animals and rivers

Article on “global supply chains” in rule of law projects

Article on water wars

SERVICE, CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY

Dean Search Committee, 2022-2023

Honor Council, 2022-2023 (Chair)

Dean Search Committee, 2021-2022

Externship Committee, 2020-2022

Law Review Advisory Committee, Summer 2020, 2021

Appointments Committee (Chair), 2019-2020

University Grievance Committee, 2019-2020

Subcommittee evaluating Professor Ron Steiner's Application for Retention & Promotion, 2019

Curricular Committee 2018-2019

Chair of Subcommittee evaluating Professor Richard Faulkner's Application for Retention & Promotion, Fall 2017 and Spring 2018 (Committee Members: Professor Donald Kochan and Professor Tom Caso)

Director, International Law Program, 2016-present

Outcome and Assessment Committee, 2016-2017

Executive Council of the International Law Section of the AALS (2015-present)

Executive Council, Section on Economic Globalization of the AALS (2015-present)

Diversity Training For Faculty Searches, May 26, 2016

Asian American Law Student Association, Faculty Advisor, 2016-present

Chair of Subcommittee evaluating Professor Tom Caso's Application for Retention & Promotion, Fall 2014 (Committee Members: Professors John Eastman, Mario Mainero)

Chair of the International Legal Studies Committee, Tasked to Study Collaboration and Exchange with Bar Ilan and Hebrew Universities, 2014-2015

Law School Appointments Committee, 2013-2014

Asian American Literary Review, Advisory Board

Vietnamese American Bar Association of Southern California, Advisory Board

Vietnamese American Law Student Association, Faculty Advisor, 2013-2016

ACADEMIC CONFERENCES & PAPER PRESENTATIONS

January 27, 2023, Panel Presentation, Central Bank Digital Currencies: The Case of China, Chapman Law Review Symposium, Blockchain and Beyond: The Interaction Between Distributed Ledger Technology And the Law

July 13-16, 2022, Panel Presentation “Private Charter Cities and NeoColonialism,” Global Meeting on Law & Society, Lisbon, Portugal

June 20, 2020, Panelist, Charter Cities, Virtual Conference on Radical Markets, Organized by Radical Xchange Foundation

July 31, 2019, Speaker, British Chamber of Commerce, Zambia Currency Crisis, Lusaka, Zambia

July 19, 2019, Strathmore University, Panelist, Private International Law and International Economic Law in Africa, 4th African Approaches to International Economic Law Network Biennial Conference, Nairobi, Kenya

July 26, 2018, University of Granada, Spain, International Law and Culture, International Conference on Interdisciplinary Social Sciences

April 3, 2018, Cambridge Journal of International Law Conference, New Non-State Actors and International Law, Cambridge University Faculty of Law, Cambridge, UK,

March 16, 2017, William & Mary Bill of Rights Journal Symposium, International Law, Williamsburg, VA

January 23, 2018, AALS Annual Meeting, International Borders, International Law panel, San Diego

September 16, 2016, Panel on International Law and Business in Vietnam, National Conference of Vietnamese American Attorneys, Chapman Law School

September 15, 2016, Panel, Prison Labor and the Private Sector in the United States, Scholars’ Conference on Business and Human Rights, Santa Clara Law School

August 7, 2017, Lecture, International Sales and Finance, University of Economics & Law, Saigon

July 31, 2017, Lecture, Pride and Prejudice in US Trade Laws, Faculty of Law, National Economics University, Hanoi

July 14, 2017, Lecture, Pride and Prejudice in US Trade Laws, National University of Singapore, Asian Law Center

January 6, 2017, AALS Annual Meeting, San Francisco, International Law Section,
Implementing the Trans-Pacific Partnership: Challenges and Opportunities on the Road Ahead,
Moderator and Speaker

January 5, 2017, AALS Annual Meeting, San Francisco, Economic Globalization and
Governance Section, Panelist, The Corporate Stake in Climate Change Response

October 14, 2016, Presentation, Currency Wars, Scholars' Roundtable, Finance and Financing in
the International Arena Panel, Brooklyn Law School Center for the Study of International
Business

June 30, 2016, Lecture, Culture and Business, Sydney University, Faculty of Law

June 29, 2016, Lecture, Culture in Law and Development, University of New South Wales,
Faculty of Law

June 23, 2016, Lecture, Culture in Law and Development, University of Melbourne, Faculty of
Law

May 27, 2016, Keynote Speaker, Vietnamese American Bar Association, Washington D.C.

December 17, 2015, Panel Presentation, The Decline of Dollar Hegemony, International Law &
Society Conference, Bangkok, Thailand

August 6, 2015, Lecture, The Demise of Bretton Woods and Alternatives to the US Dollar,
Universidad Antonio Nariño, Facultad de Economía y Comercio Internacional

April 6, 2015, Chapman Dialogue, Associate Dean Gary Jenkins, How New Philanthropy Helps
and Hurts, Moderator and Commentator

February 6-7, 2015, Panel, Corporate Responsibility, Santa Clara Journal of International Law
Symposium, Santa Clara University

January 5, 2015, Panel, Communicable Diseases, World Health Organization versus the World
Trade Organization, Biolaw section of the AALS, Ebola and the Law, Washington DC

December 16, 2015, Lecture, Culture in Public & Private International Law, Waseda University,
Tokyo, Japan

November 17, 2014, Orange County Bar Association, International Law Section, Rules of
Origin, Corporate Nationality and International Trade Law

November 11, 2014, Chicago-Kent Law School, Faculty Forum, Law and Development and

Women's Rights

October 16, 2014, Yale Law School, Culture in Law and Development

October 15, 2014, Mount Holyoke College, Law and Development and Women's Rights, Politics Department

March 17, 2014, Orange County Bar Association, International Law Section, Why Rule of Law Projects Fail

December 9, 2013, Dale E. Fowler School of Law, Chapman University, Conference, U.S.-China Legal Exchange, Panelist/Moderator, Private Equity and Venture Capital in China.

December 3, 2013, Chicago-Kent Law School, Faculty Forum, Culture in Law and Development

October 14-15, 2011, William & Mary Law School and Tsinghua University School of Law, Property Rights Project, Panel on Property Rights and Culture

November 12, 2010, University of Pennsylvania Law School, Conference on Global Financial Architecture: Sovereignty and International Implications, Journal of Business Law & Journal of International Law, Panel on Microfinance in LDCs

July 13-15, 2008, Ho Chi Minh Law Faculty, Lecture, MFN Principles and other WTO Obligations, Saigon, Vietnam

March 27, 2008, UC Davis Law School, The Asian Multinational Corporation, Panel, Conference of Asian Pacific American Law Faculty

November 9, 2007, Cornell Law School, Comparative Law and Culture, Comparative Law Annual Conference

September 21, 2007, Gender-Based Barriers to International Economic Development, Baldy Center, Buffalo Law School

March 13, 2007, Culture Change, Cornell Law School, Clarke Program in East Asian Law and Culture

AALS Annual Conference, January 4, 2007, Comparative Law Section, Can, and Should the Rule of Law Be Transplanted Outside the West?, Washington, D.C.

SEALS Conference, July 18, 2006, Panel on International Human Rights, Western Values and International Tribunals, West Palm Beach, Florida

William and Mary Law School, Blackstone Lecture, March 2, 2006, The Ethnic Question in Law

and Development

Columbia Law School, Center for the Study of Law and Culture, Feb. 21, 2006, Lecture, Culture Change

SEALS Conference, July 23, 2005, Panel on Human Rights and Economic Development, Hilton Head, SC

Columbia Law School, April 15, 2005, Conference on Writings of Stanley Lubman, NYC

American Society of International Law Annual Meeting, March 31, 2005, Panel: Turning Emotional Attachments into Cash

Northwestern University, Chicago Historical Homicide Project, Panel, Law, Violence, and Literature, November 13, 2004

Michigan Law School, Annual Conference, American Society of Comparative Law, Comparative Law and Human Rights, Panel: Asian Systems :Counterpoint to Human Rights? Oct. 22, 2004

Brooklyn Law School, International Economics Faculty Workshop, The Ethnic Question in Law and Development, Nov. 6, 2003

San Diego Law School, Faculty Workshop, *Ethnic Economies*, Oct. 13, 2003

Harvard Law School, European Law Research Center, Panel, Institutions and the Organization of Global Governance, at the Conference on Reflecting Critically on Global Governance, Oct. 3, 2003

American Society of International Law, Panel Chair, The WTO, Developing Countries, and Human Rights, April 3-5, 2003

Cornell Law School, Panel, Cultural Approaches to Asian Financial Markets, Program in East Asian Law and Culture, April 26, 2003

Harvard Law School, European Law Research Center, Panel, Rules of Origin in International Trade and Economic Development, at Conference on Law and Development April 12, 2003

Berkeley Law School, Berkeley Journal of International Law, Panel, International Trafficking in Women, at Conference on International Money Laundering, March 1, 2003

AALS Panel, International Business, January 2002 at the Annual AALS Conference

Michigan Law School, International Law Workshop, The Diaspora of Ethnic Economies:

Beyond the Pale? January 28, 2002

William and Mary School of Law, Rule of Law in China, Feb. 22, 2002

University of Kansas, Keynote Speech, Economic Globalization and Culture, March 7, 2002

Northwestern University Law School, Privatization: The Case of China, November 16, 2001

DePaul Law School, Faculty Workshop, Nationality in US Trade Laws, March 12, 2001

University of Alberta School of Law, Alberta, Canada, Distinguished Eldon Foot Lecture on International Business Law, March 8, 2001

Harvard Law School, Commentary on Panel, Pre-colonial and Colonial Land Regimes, Conference on Land Regimes and Domination, March 3, 2001

Hastings College of Law, Commentary on Panel, Ethical Obligations of Intellectual Property Owners, Conference on Holding Multinational Corporations under International Law, February 24, 2001

Whittier Law School, Panel Presentation, Conference on Doing Business in Vietnam: Policy and Practice, November 18, 2000

Columbia Law School, The Center for the Study of Law and Culture, Workshop, Jurisprudence of Identity Workshop, Corporate and Product Identity in the Post-National Economy: Rethinking Nationality and Origin in U.S. Trade Laws, November 1, 2000

Hague Academy of International Law, Principal Lecture, The Distributional Impact of Globalization: Rethinking US Trade Laws, July 22, 2000, the Hague, Netherlands

Harvard Law School, Panel Presentation: International Economic Law, Structural Bias and Identity: Examples from International and Comparative Law, April 14, 2000

Fordham University School of Law, Faculty Workshop, Money and Culture in the Global Economy, November 10, 1999

University of Connecticut School of Law, Faculty Workshop, AInternational Law and Economic Development, November 2, 1999

The Walt Whitman Center for the Culture and Politics of Democracy, Rutgers University, and the White House Millennium Council, Panel Presentation, Conference on Mission 2000: Internationalism and Democracy, October 28, 1999

College of William and Mary, Marshall-Wythe School of Law, Faculty Workshop, AChina's Privatization: Between Plan and Market, October 1, 1999

St. Mary's Institute on World Legal Problems, Katherine A. Ryan Distinguished Visiting Professor for the 1999 Innsbruck Program, July-August 1999, Innsbruck, Austria

University of Alberta and University of Geneva, Panel Presentation, Conference on Public Perspectives on Privatization, July 16, 1999, Geneva, Switzerland.

Georgetown University Law Center, Paper Presentation, The IMF's Cosmopolitanism versus Malaysian Nationalism: Responses to the Asian Currency Crisis, April 27, 1999

European Law Research Center, Harvard Law School, Panel Presentation, Antiformalism in International Law, April 17, 1999

American Society of International Law Annual Meeting, Lecturer, Reviewing the Internationalist Legacy: On Violence, Money, Power and Culture, March 26, 1999 (Principal lecture on money)

Duke University School of Law, Faculty Workshop, ACommunities and Markets, November 16, 1998

The Merrill Lynch Center for the Study of International Financial Services and Markets, Frank G. Zarb School of Business, Hofstra University, Panel Presentation, Conference on Regulation of the Financial Sector: Global and Domestic Perspectives, October 3, 1998

Harvard Law School, Panel Presentation, Conference on Postmodern Theories of Development, April 18, 1998

Hofstra University School of Management, Guest Lecture, Economic Development in Transitional Economies: The Case of Vietnam, March 20, 1998

Georgetown University Law Center, John M. Olin Law & Economics Program, Paper Presentation, January 27, 1998

Aspen Institute, Justice and Society Seminar, Participant, Aspen, Colorado, August 9-16, 1997

Harvard Law School, Panel Commentator, Conference on International Economic Development: New Approaches to International Law, May 10, 1997

The Merrill Lynch Center for the Study of International Financial Services and Markets, Frank G. Zarb School of Business, Hofstra University, Panel Presentation, Conference on AEconomic, Political, and Regulatory Environment of the Asian and Pacific Markets, April 11, 1997

Duke University School of Law, Guest Lecture, The Chinese Model of Privatization, @ February 21, 1997

St. Mary's School of Law Summer Institute, Visiting Professor, Taught International Business Transactions, Innsbruck, Austria, July 1-August 5, 1996

University of Ho Chi Minh City Faculty of Law and University of Hanoi Faculty of Law, Guest Lecture, Foreign Investment Models, March 26-April 1, 1996

New York University School of Law, Panel Presentation, Conference on East Asia: Reforms and Development, February 22, 1995

Brooklyn Law School, Panel Presentation, AComparative Privatization: The Chinese Model of Privatization, November 6, 1994

LANGUAGES

Fluent in Vietnamese and French, working knowledge of Spanish

BAR ADMISSIONS

Admitted in the State of New York and U.S. District Court, S.D.N.Y.