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Academic Appointments	Postgraduate Research Associate , Yale University Affiliations: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jackson Institute for Global Affairs• Department of Political Science	2020 to Present
Education	Cornell University , Ithaca, NY Ph.D., Government, 2021 (anticipated) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dissertation: <i>Constructing International Commercial Arbitration: Traders, Lawyers and the Professional Competition for Authority over Global Commerce</i>• Advisers: Matthew Evangelista (chair), Odette Lienau, Christopher Way• Exam fields: International Relations and Comparative Politics University of Iowa , Iowa City, IA B.A., Political Science and Chinese, 2011 Beijing Language and Culture University , Beijing, China	2013 to Present 2008–2009 2006–2007
Dissertation Project	My dissertation examines the causes and consequences of the global privatization of commercial dispute resolution. Specifically, I investigate the origins of the transnational movement behind the construction of international commercial arbitration (ICA) and how this regime interacts with domestic legal institutions today. ICA is a private system of binding dispute resolution in which parties have near complete freedom to design the process to fit their needs with minimal judicial oversight. To account for rapid the growth of ICA , I present a novel theory of institutional construction and change that accounts for the out-sized role of private, professional groups in the construction of transnational legal regimes such as ICA. Beyond providing know-how and expertise, expert and professional groups seek to enhance their professional prestige and workload by shaping institutions in order to cement their own authority over the institution's mandate. I test this theory in two ways. First, I use extensive archival material to trace the origins of the commercial arbitration movement in the United States and its expansion abroad. Second, I use data on local commercial arbitration laws as well as case, roster and professional membership data from leading international arbitration centers and professional groups to examine the effect of ICA on the authority of domestic courts. I show the ICA serves as a systemic substitute for local courts in regard to foreign direct investment, negating the well-known sensitivity of foreign direct investors to the quality of local legal institutions. This has the indirect effect of reducing investment in progressive legal reforms in weak rule of law countries.	

Peer-Reviewed Publications	[1] <i>Forthcoming</i> . Michael Allen and Kenneth Scheve. "Sustaining Capitalism and Democracy: Lessons from Global Competition Policy." <i>International Studies Review</i>	
Working Papers	[1] Michael Allen. "Is International Commercial Arbitration a Complement or Substitute for Domestic Legal Institutions?" Revised and resubmitted, International Organization	
	[2] Michael Allen. "Unbundling the State: Legal Development in an Era of Global, Private Governance" Under review	
	[3] Michael Allen, Kenneth Scheve and David Stasavage. "Democracy, Inequality and Antitrust" Under review	
	[4] Elizabeth Acorn and Michael Allen. "Extra-Territorial Law Enforcement as a Mechanism of Legal Diffusion: A Reappraisal of the OECD Anti-Bribery Convention"	
	[5] Michael Allen. "The Corruption Penalty: Global Commerce, Bribery, and the Growing Fear of Getting Caught"	
Works in Progress	[1] Michael Allen. "Sources of Gender and National Bias in the Selection of Arbitrators at the International Chamber of Commerce"	
	[2] Michael Allen and Aditi Sahasrabuddhe. "Popular Legitimacy of Central Bank Independence"	
	[3] Michael Allen and Jimena Valdez. "Populism and the Termination of Bilateral Investment Treaties"	
Additional Training	Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research Courses on historical and interpretative methods	2016
	Inter-University Consortium for Political & Social Research Courses: Empirical Modeling for Theory Evaluation, Complex Systems Models	2014
Teaching	Cornell University <i>Instructor</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Politics of International Law and Courts <i>Teaching Assistant</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inquiry in Politics and Policy (Prof. David Silbey) • The Cold War (Prof. Matthew Evangelista) • Freedom and Justice in the Western Tradition (Prof. Isaac Kramnick) • Democracy and its Discontents (Prof. Alexander Livingston) • Constitutional Law (Prof. Joseph Margulies) 	2015 2017, 2018 2016 2015 2015 2014
Scholarships and Awards	Hayek Fund for Scholars (\$3,000, w/ Aditi Sahasrabuddhe) Institute for Humane Studies , George Mason University	2021

	Sage Doctoral Fellowship Cornell University	2013, 2019
	IQMR “Open Pool” Fellowship Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research , Syracuse University	2015
	Houston I. Flournoy Fellowship Research Grant (\$1,000) Cornell University	2015
	Inequality Seed Grant (\$1,500) Center for the Study of Inequality , Cornell University	2015
	Houston I. Flournoy Fellowship Award Cornell University	2014
	Chinese Government Scholarship Beijing Language & Culture University	2008
Presentations & Talks	Junior International Law Scholars Assoc. Annual Meeting University of Miami School of Law	Upcoming
	International Studies Association Annual Convention Nashville, TN	Upcoming
	DVPW-ÖGPW-SVPW Joint Int’l Political Economy Conf. Technical University of Munich (Postponed)	Upcoming
	International Political Economy Society Annual Meeting University of Colorado Boulder	2021
	Roundtable on Empirical Anticorruption Law New York University School of Law	2021
	American Political Science Association Annual Meeting Seattle, WA	2021
	International Studies Association Annual Convention Online	2021
	Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting San Juan, Puerto Rico	2020
	American Political Science Association Annual Meeting Washington, DC	2019
	European and Transnational Rulemaking University of Amsterdam	2019
	Law & Society Association Annual Meeting Washington, DC	2019
	American Society of International Law Annual Meeting Washington, DC	2019

	Perry World House Workshop on Int'l Law, Org. and Politics University of Pennsylvania	2019
	Doing International Political Sociology University of London (Paris, France)	2018
	Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference Chicago, IL	2016
	Midwest Regional Colloquium on Int'l Organizations and Law Notre Dame University	2016
Professional Service	Reviewer <i>International Organization, International Studies Quarterly</i>	
	International Relations Minor Coordinator Cornell University	2016–2017
	Conference Organizer Reppy Institute Graduate Workshop on Peace & Conflict , Cornell University (This workshop is now held annually and organized by the Reppy Institute Graduate Fellows.)	2016
	Director's Fellow Judith Reppy Institute for Peace & Conflict Studies , Cornell University	2015–2016
	Graduate Fellow Judith Reppy Institute for Peace & Conflict Studies , Cornell University	2014–2017
	Graduate Fellow Center for Teaching Innovation , Cornell University	2016–2017
	Graduate Student Steering Committee Member East Asian Program , Cornell University	2014–2016
	Graduate Editor Cornell International Affairs Review	2014–2015
Work Experience	Chinese University of Political Science and Law , Beijing, China International Program Officer	2011–2013
Languages	Mandarin (Advanced) Italian (Intermediate)	
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