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Biography

I teach courses on communication law and artificial intelligence and the law at the Wee Kim Wee School of Communication & Information.

I am Associate Dean (Undergraduate Education) for the College of Humanities, Arts & Social Sciences.

I've been an educator in communication law since 1998, in Asia since 2001. My interactive approach is grounded in pedagogical research about how students learn. I am a four-time recipient of Nanyang Technological University's award for excellence in teaching. Most recently, I was awarded the Nanyang Education Award (University), which has three levels of distinction; I was awarded the highest, gold, and was named NTU's "Educator of the Year" for 2016. Before that, I won at the school level in 2004 and 2008 and the college level award in 2014.

My current publishing is mainly of journalistic analysis and commentary, for a broad public audience, about legal issues.

As Associate Chair (Academic) from 2015 through June 2019, I oversaw all academic programmes at WKWSCI. Before that, I served as Associate Chair (Undergraduate Studies) from 2013-15, Assistant Chair (2013, and 2006-2008) and Acting Head of the Division of Communication Research (2008-2010).

I have a Juris Doctor degree (the American law degree, which is a postgraduate degree) from Stanford Law School and a PhD in mass communication from the University of Minnesota. My bachelor's degree is in psychology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. I received the Bok Teaching Certificate in Higher Education Pedagogy from Harvard University's Derek Bok Center for Teaching and Learning in 2018, upon completion of their online programme.

I have also taught media law at Hong Kong Baptist University's School of Communication, the University of Denver, and my doctoral institution, the University of Minnesota.

My name is pronounced chay-NEE-tay (I'm Italian-American), although I'm not too particular about the exact pronunciation.

Research Interests

My work focuses on constitutional law and the law and policy issues raised by new communication technologies, including artificial intelligence.

Current Projects

- Nanyang Education Award (University) 2016
- Transforming Team-Based Learning to Humanities and Social Science courses
- Understanding Singaporeans' attitudes toward homosexuality and perceptions of media portrayals of lesbians and gays: A longitudinal investigation

Selected Publications

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