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WORK EXPERIENCE

VERMONT LAW SCHOOL, South Royalton, Vermont, U.S., *Sept.2010-Present*

Associate Professor of Law (May 2015-present)
Assistant Professor of Law (August 2013-April, 2015)
Associate Director of U.S.-Asia Partnershis for Environmental Law (Aug.2012-persent)
Assistant Director of U.S.-China Partnership for Environmental Law (Sept.2010-Aug.2012)

Courses taught: International and Comparative Environmental Law, Environmental Governance in the Developing World, Comparative Environmental Law Research Seminar, and Introduction to Chinese Law, Ecological Governance and Law in China, Guest lecturer for China's Environmental Law in on-line LL.M Seminar

Programmatic work: Conceptualize and develop strategic objectives and overall program activities, both in China and in the U.S., and implementing the program activities of the Partnerships; led the development and the implementation of three Partnerships' major programs in China: 1) *Environmental Mission Scholars Institute*, which aims to train environmental stewards and legal advocates to effectively use legal tools and good science to strengthen environmental rule of law in partnerships with Chinese Universities and environmental social organizations; 2) *Promoting Environmental Justice through Civil Reform*, which helps build and support a national alliance of environmental social organizations that can develop an environmental public interest litigation strategy to improve enforcement of environmental laws and promote public participation in environmental decision-making; 3) *Partnership for Environmental Justice project*, which helps create an environmental law clinic to advance environmental protection in the region. Programmatic work includes delivery of key outputs, coordination of other VLS inputs, and overall project management and reporting; expand and diversify partnership activities by developing new program initiatives and new strategic partnerships; led practical research to provide technical assistance to Chinese partners, support fundraising efforts, including preparing grant proposals and meeting with potential donors and grant makers.

Program highlights include: designed and implemented environmental law judicial training program for Chinese judges, in collaboration with National Judges College of Supreme People's Court; support development of a new Environment and Biodiversity Law Clinic in Yunnan Province to provide legal aid services to NGOs and vulnerable communities to protect their rights and support the development of the environmental public interest litigation legal advocacy and support network.

AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION RULE OF LAW INITIATIVE, Beijing, China *Jun.2007-Sept. 2010*

Program Officer, China Program
Managed and implemented projects in the areas of environmental law, access to information, participatory governance in land and natural resources management, urban planning and civil society development in China; organized more than 20 workshops and conferences.

Project implemented highlights include: design and develop a project to facilitate collaboration between traditionally disconnected civil society sectors, bringing together environmental NGOs and lawyers to devise litigation strategies in the context of expanded standing provisions in environmental public interest cases; introduced innovative participatory dialogue methodologies to NGOs and local governments to transform grassroots engagement between citizens and government officials.

MINZU UNIVERSITY OF CHINA, Beijing, China *Nov., 2006- May, 2007*

China Institute of Environment and Resources Protection in Minority Areas

Course taught: Environmental Management

Conducted researches on access to and benefit sharing on genetical resources funded by Third World Network; developed and implemented two new projects on local community's rights over traditional resources supported by Oxfam HK; authored and presented research reports on the issues related to access to and sharing benefits arising from use of genetical resources and traditional knowledge.

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, New York City, U.S. *Feb., 2006- Nov., 2006*

Research Assistant, US-Asia Law Institute

Conducted research on the death penalty reform in China and wrote the summary on literatures and laws and regulations related to death penalty; translated a book on Taiwan's Liumang Act written by Jerome A. Cohen and Margaret Lewis.

NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL, New York City, U.S. *Sept., 2005- Dec., 2005*

Student Clinician

Conducted research on the regulations governing China's marine fishery and the actual practice; drafted memorandum on China's fishery law and the trend of China's distant water fishing.

GREENPEACE, CHINA, Beijing, China

Campaign Researcher (Jul 2004- Aug 2005)

Researched and wrote a report on patents, patent applications and new plant varieties related to agriculture and genetic resources in China and their impact on farmers, public researchers and seed market.

Campaign Assistant (Feb. 2001- Jul.2002)

Helped Managing a Biosafety Project in China, organizing workshops and seminars on GMOs and Environment; Researched Intellectual Property Rights and Biotechnology; contributed to a report entitled "Enclosure of the Mind: Intellectual Monopolies".

EDUCATION

CHINA UNIVERSITY OF POLITICAL SCIENCE AND LAW, Beijing, China

Ph.D. in Environment and Natural Resources Law, June 2018

Honors: National Scholarship

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, New York City, U.S.

LL.M. in International Legal Studies May 2006

Honors: Dean's Scholarship

FUDAN UNIVERSITY, Shanghai, China

Master of Law in Jurisprudence and the Philosophy of Law, July 2005

Honors: The First Prize of Fudan University Scholarship

FUDAN UNIVERSITY, Shanghai, China

Bachelor of Law, July 2002

Honors: Dongshi Oriental Scholarship and Coudert Brothers LLP's Scholarship

Activities: Director (Fudan Student-Run Legal Aid Center)

Languages: Mandarin Chinese (native), Cantonese (native), English (fluent)

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

State of New York, U.S. (2009)

PUBLICATION

Forging Partnerships and Fostering Wisdom: Dynamics of NGOs Using Environmental Public Interest Litigations in Advocating Sustainable Waste Management in China, Yanmei Lin and Natalie Wong, Chinese Journal of Comparative Law, Forthcoming 2021

A Perfect Storm: How China's Taizhou Case Marks the Beginning of a New Wave of Environmental Enforcement, Amy Pickering and LIN Yanmei, Environmental Story around the World, the Proceedings of the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law 15th Colloquium University of Cebu Philippines 29 May-2 June 2017, Edward Elgar (May, 2020)

Overview of Ecology Law Scholarship in the United States, LIN Yanmei, an article in the Ecology Law Review edited by the Chinese Academy of Social Science, published by Legal Press (July, 2020)

Waterkeepers' EPIL Actions to Restore Watershed Health, LIN Yanmei, Journal of Chinese Prosecutors, August 2019

Environmental Mission Scholars Program: Fostering Next Generation of Environmental Public Interest Law Practitioners, LIN Yanmei, China's Environmental Law Education and Innovation in Practical Training, edited by Professor Zhu Xiao, published by Legal Press (June 2019)

2019 Top Ten Watchlist Essay: **China's Waste Ban Exposes Missing Links in Recycling** (with Nicha Rakpanichmanee) http://vjel.vermontlaw.edu/topten/chinas-waste-ban-exposes-missing-links-recycling/

Rules and Practices of Citizen Suits Settlement: Lesson from the United States, LIN Yanmei, Review of Public Interest Litigation in Environmental Protection, edited by Li Dun, Legal Press (November 2018)

U.S- China Comparative Study on Environmental Public Interest Litigation Practices, LIN Yanmei, Social Governance Review, Issue 2, 2018

Toward Regulation to Prevent Illegal Timber Imports to China, LIN Yanmei, Sheng Sun, Dong Ke, Allison Lewin, A Discussion Paper, The Nature Conservancy, December, 2017

Where the Compensation Fund Comes from in the Environmental Public Interest Litigation? How to Manage the Fund? Ma Rongzhen, Ge Feng and LIN Yanmei, China Environment, Issue 2, 2017

Hudson River Keeper's Environmental Public Interest Litigation, LIN Yanmei**,** Review of Public Interest Litigation In Environmental Protection , Li Dun, Legal Press, December, 2016, 365-370

Case Analysis of Interfaith Community Organization, et al., v. Honeywell International, Inc., et al, Lin Yanmei**,** Review of Public Interest Litigation In Environmental Protection, Li Dun, Legal Press, December, 2016, 361-365

Environmental and Biodiversity Law Clinic at Southwest Forestry University: A New Environmental Law Clinic Model in China, LIN Yanmei,Volume 18, Issue 1 of the Vermont Journal of Environmental Law, Winter 2016

Digital Environment and Public Participation in China, LIN Yanmei and YIN Hong, Southeast Academy Research 2016, No.254 (04) 95-100.

Environmental Civil Public Interest Litigation: Empowering Chinese Environmental NGOs to Fight against Pollution, LIN Yanmei and HU Shaobo, China Environmental Series 13, March, 2016.

Green NGOs Win China's First Environmental Public Interest Litigation: The Nanping Case, LIN Yanmei and Jack Tuholsky, Environmental Law Reporter, December, 2016.

Field Notes from the East: China's New Environmental Public Interest Litigation in Action, LIN Yanmei and Jack Tuholsky, Environmental Law Reporter, September, 2015.

An Analysis on the Implementation Effects of India's Access and Benefit Sharing Regime on Biological Resources and Relevant Traditional Knowledge, LIN Yanmei , Journal of Guizhou Normal University (Social Science), 2015, No.192(01) 98-103

Comparative Study on Comprehensive and Centralized Jurisdiction Model of Specialized

Environmental Courts and Tribunals, LIN Yanmei, Journal of China University of Political Science and Law, Issue 1, 2015: 62-71

India's Legal Regime on Access to and Benefits Sharing of Genetic Resources and Traditional Knowledge, LIN Yanmei and CHENG Gong, Journal of Guizhou Social Science, Issue 10, 2014: 87-91

Improve and Perfect China's Government Environmental Information Disclosure System, WANG Canfa, LIN Yanmei, Administration Reform, Issue 6: 2014, July, 2014

China's New National Rules on Wetland Protection, LIN Yanmei, CHEN Yue, IUCN Academy of Environmental Law E-Journal, Issue 5: 2014, 117

Toxic Release Inventory：US Lessons and Experiences for China, HOU Jiaru, LIN Yanmei, Journal of Ocean University of China (Social Sciences Edition), Issue 1: 2014, 86

Environmental Public Interest Litigation Back to the Beginning in 2013, LIN Yanmei, Wang Xiaoxi, Annual Report on Environment Development of China (2014), Social Science Academic Press, May, 2014, 146, Brill Press 2015

Global Environmental Law: Food Safety & China, Jason J. CZARNEZKI, LIN Yanmei, Cameron F. FIELD, Georgetown University School of Law International Law Review Volume XXV Issue 2, 261-287, Winter 2013

Book Interpretation: An Explanatory Guide to the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing, IUCN, China Environmental Press, 2013

Two Recommendations on Judicial Interpretations on Environmental Tort Liability, GONG Yangfan, LIN Yanmei, China's Environmental Rule of Law (2012 Issue No. 2), Law Press, April 2013

Blueprint and Roadmap for Access to and Benefits Sharing of Genetical Resources and Traditional Knowledge, LIN Yanmei, CHENG Gong, China Invention and Patent, Issue No. 11, 2013, November, 2013

How to Make Environmental Protection Law Easy to Use, LIN Yanmei, China Reform, Issue No.12, 2012, December, 2012

Legal Analysis on the Daily Penalty Provision in Proposed Draft of the Amendments to China's Environmental Protection Law, LIN Yanmei, CHENG Gong, China's Environmental Rule of Law (2011 Issue No.2), Law Press, April, 2012

Public Interest Litigation: A New Tool to Hold Hazardous Waste Generator Liable for Illegal Deposition, LIN Yanmei, CHENG Gong, China's Environment and Resources Law Review (Volume 9), Law Press, January, 2012

China's Evolving Energy Governance: A Case Study of Mining Rights Disputes, LIN Yanmei, Energy Governance Case Studies Number #14, December, 2011

Analysis of A Water Pollution Case under U.S. Public Interest Litigation System, LIN Yanmei, CHENG Gong, China's Environmental Rule of Law (2011 Issue No.1), Law Press, September 2011

Development of Environmental Public Interest Litigation in China: Seven Test Cases Studies, LIN Yanmei, Annual Report on Environment Development of China (2010), Social Science Academic Press, March 2010, Brill, 2011

Lessons from International Experiences in Environmental Public Interest Litigation, LIN Yanmei, World Environment, Issue No. 6, 2008

Biosafety Management Rules on Genetically Modified Organisms in the United States and the European

Union, LIN Yanmei, Environment Education, Issue No. 4, 2007

Discovering the Secret of Biopiracy, LIN Yanmei, China Invention and Patent, Issue No. 1, 2007, January. 2007 pp7-8

Book: **Humanism Legal Thoughts (**《人文主义法学思潮》**),** HOU Jan and LIN Yanmei, Law Press-China, April, 2007,

Property Theory on Biological Genetical Resources and ABS Regime, XUE Dayuan, LIN Yanmei, Study on Patents, Intellectual Property Press, January, 2006

Conflict about Global Trade in GMOs: General Issues and Chinese Case Studies, XUE Dayuan, LIN Yanmei and Clem TISDELL, Economic Globalisation -Social Conflicts, Labor and Environmental Issues, edited by Clem TISDELL and Raj Kumar SEN, Edward Elgar Publishing (UK&US), January, 2004 pp314-335

Globalization and Problems in Legal Transplant, LIN Yanmei, Studies in Law and Business, Vol. 21, September, 2004 pp10-12

International Legal Framework on Access to Genetic Resources and Benefit Sharing, LIN Yanmei, CHENG Gong, XUE Dayuan, The Situation and Protection of Biological Genetic Resources in China, edited by XUE Dayuan, China Environmental Science Press (Beijing), November, 2004 pp446-480

Property Theory Concerning Biological Genetic Resources and the System of Benefit Sharing, XUE Dayuan, LIN Yanmei, The Situation and Protection of Biological Genetic Resources in China, edited by XUE Dayuan, China Environmental Science Press (Beijing) , November, 2004：481-500

Comparative Study on Texts of Constitutions, LIN Yanmei, Theoretical Study On Constitutions of Modern Nations, edited by YANG Xinyu, Shanghai Shanlian Press, December. 2004

SARS: Have been patented? LIN Yanmei and CHENG Gong, View Point (Beijing), Vol. 11-12, December, 2003 pp34-37

Patent on Life: the New Enclosure Campaign of Our Century, SHI Pengxiang, LU Sicheng and LIN Yanmei, Horizons Vol.7, edited by LI Tuo and CHEN Yangu, Hebei Education Press (Shijiazhuang), 2002 pp26-47

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- "Environmental Clinic Education and Public Interest Legal Service", in the Break-out Session on Environmental Clinic Education and the Construction of Ecological Civilization of 6th Ecological Co-governance Conference in Fuzhou, Fujian Province on December 11, 2020
- "Forging Partnerships and Fostering Wisdom: Dynamics of Environmental NGO Networks in Advocating Sustainable Municipal Solid Waste Management in China," 11th Annual Colloquium on Environmental Scholarship, Vermont Law School, (September 26, 2020).
- "Environmental Public Participation and Public Interest Legal Service under the New Environmental Protection Law" at the Environmental Information Disclosure and Public Participation Symposium, Fuzhou, China, November 7-8, 2019
- "Watershed Judiciary and Ecological Restoration", a presentation at the 5th Ecological Co-Governance Symposium" Panelist, Environmental Law Branch of China Society of Environmental Science, in Fuzhou, China,November 9, 2019
- "Restore to the Origin or Design for the Future: The Frontier of China's Environmental Public Interest Litigation" for Flinn Scholars, Arizona State University at the CIEE College Study Abroad Beijing Program on June 3, 2019.
- Panelist, "Young Scholars' Perspectives on Environmental Public Interest Litigation" at 2nd Annual Environmental Disputes Resolution Conference, Sponsored by the China Society of Environmental Law, and Tianjing University School of Law, June 16, 2019
- "Comparative Study on U.S. and China's Environmental Clinic Legal Education and the Introduction of Vermont Law School's Environmental Mission Scholars Program", Speaker, Sponsored by University of Political Science and Law, Beijing, China, April 16, 2019
- "Exploring the Role of Problem-based Service Learning in Environmental Law Education", Speaker at

China Environmental Science Society Environmental Law Branch Annual Conference in Beijing, China, December 9, 2018

- "Environmental Mission Scholars Program: Fostering Next Generation of Environmental Public Interest Law Practitioners", Panelist at the Conference on Environmental Legal Education and Innovation in Practical Training sponsored by Renmin University of China, Beijing, China, November 16, 2018
- "Onondaga Lake: From Pollution to Restoration- a Successful Case Study for Reference to China's Ecological Damages Compensation System", Speaker at the Symposium on Ecological Environmental Damages Procedures sponsored by Supreme People's Court's Practical Base and Tianjing University School of Law, November 10, 2018
- "Restore to the Origin or Design for the Future: Case Discussion of the Ecological Destruction Public interest Litigation", Speaker, sponsored by Duke Kunshan University, Kunshan, Jiangsu Province, China, September 10, 2018
- Guest lecture entitled Watersheds Health and Environmental Public Interest Litigation in the United States to clinical students at China University of Political Science and Law on April 24, 2018
- "Overview of Environmental Public Interest Litigation Practice since 2015 in China", Regional Workshop for East China Regional Center of the EPIL Network, Sponsored by Friends of Nature and Green Jiangnan, Kunshan, Jiangsu Province, April 22, 2018
- Establishing China's Timber Legality Assurance Regime From the Legal Perspective, Forest Legality Week at World Resources Institute, October 18, 2017
- Nation State in the Post-2016 Global Environmental Governance: a US-China Comparative Perspective, in the Context of Regulating International Trade of Illegal Timber Products" presented at the FLIA Spring 2017 Conference in State College, PA, US on April 22-23, 2017
- "A New Paradigm of Sovereign Rights in the Context of Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS) of Indigenous Knowledge Associated with Genetic Resources", Governance Systems for Data Management and Benefit Sharing Roundtable, Indigenous Knowledge Forum, December 14, 2016
- "From Basics to Frontiers: China's Environmental Public Interest Litigation", Faculty Development Seminar organized by Council on International Educational Exchange on June 28, 2016;
- "Development of Environmental Law Practice in the U.S.", SOLAR High Level Environmental and Energy Lawyer Training in Hangzhou, China, July 8, 2016;
- Taught a 10-day summer course "Environmental Law and Science" for 35 students at Minzu University of China from July 20-29, 2016
- Presentation entitled From Basics to Frontiers: China's Environmental Public Interest Litigation to 19 American professors from various colleges and disciplines for a Faculty Development Seminar run by CIEE on June 4, 2015. http://www.ciee.org/international-faculty-development-seminars/china/sustainable-growth/ .
- Guest lecture entitled Comparative Water Pollution Control Law and Practice in China and in the U.S to 45 clinical students at China University of Political Science and Law on April 28, 2015.
- Presentation entitled the Development of China's Environmental Public Interest Litigation: the Test Cases to more than 40 NGO representatives and lawyers at the Lawyers and NGO Network on Environmental Law on April 6, 2015.
- Presentation on Comparative Study on Comprehensive and Centralized Jurisdiction Model of Specialized Environmental Courts and Tribunals, Environmental Judiciary Forum organized by China's Supreme People's Court and Wuxi Intermediate People's Court, July 26, 2014 in Wuxi, China
- Presentation on Provincial Legislation on Wetland Protection, Workshop on Wetland Ecosystem Management, April 1, 2014, Kunming, China
- Presentation on China's Evolving Energy Governance: A Case Study of Mining Rights Disputes, November 23, 2012, Beijing, China
- Presentation on Comparative Studies on Water Quality Management Between U.S. and China, March 22, 2012, Beijing, China
- Presentation on Why Daily Penalty Provision is Taken Out?: Another Look at China's Environmental Law and Enforcement, November 29, 2011, South Royalton, U.S.
- Presentation on China's Civil Society Development, October 10, 201, South Royalton, U.S.
- Presentation on China's Legal Basis for Environmental Due Diligence and Relevant Recent Law and Policy Development, March 2, 2011, Wuhan, China
- Presentation on Observation of Environmental Public Interest Litigation in 2009:7 Cases Studies, January 9, 2010, Beijing, China
- Presentation to the campaigners and researchers from Friends of Nature and Greenpeace China on environmental public interest litigation, February 25, 2009, Beijing, China
- Presentation to NGOs on the OGI Regulations and facilitated an exercise in which the participating NGOs

brainstormed on how they could use the DGI Regulations to further their current advocacy goals, May 30, 2008, Beijing, China

ACTIVITIES

Standing Member of the Environmental Law Branch of China Society of Environmental Science (2019-2024)
Member of the Editor Board for the Book on Review of Public Interest Litigation in Environmental Protection
Member of the Taskforce for the Environmental Public Interest Litigation Network
One of the Founders of Grassroots Community Association, a local NGO in Shanghai, China
A teacher of Sunday School of Gospel Light for 2-3 year old kids

INTERESTS AND HOBBIES

Reading, running, swimming, playing with kids and volunteer works