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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

National University of Singapore (NUS), Faculty of Law Singapore Jul 2014 – Present

- Sheridan Fellow (equivalent to UK lecturer/US visiting assistant professor)
- Lectures and tutors Law of Contract; researches corporate, comparative, and Japanese law

VISITING APPOINTMENTS

Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law, Hamburg, Germany Summer 2016

- Visiting Fellow (with Max Planck Society grant)

Osaka City University Graduate School of Law Osaka, Japan Feb, May 2015

- Visiting Scholar

Nagoya University Graduate School of Law Nagoya, Japan Dec 2014

- Visiting Scholar (with grant)

EDUCATION

Harvard Law School Cambridge, MA, United States *declined offer*

- Admitted to the Master of Laws (LL.M.) programme in March 2014 before completing first law degree; deferred and ultimately declined offer to take up full-time appointment as Sheridan Fellow at NUS Law

NUS Faculty of Law Singapore Aug 2010 – Jul 2014

- Bachelor of Laws, Second Class Honours (Upper Division) (LL.B. (Hons.))
- Faculty Dean's List and university-level Outstanding Undergraduate Researcher Prize (see Academic Awards)

Boston University, School of Law Boston, MA, United States Sep 2013 – May 2014

- Master of Laws (LL.M.) in American Law with Concentration in International Business Practice
- Attended on full tuition scholarship (worth USD 44,720) and concurrently with LL.B. programme at NUS

PUBLICATIONS

Double-blind peer-reviewed journal articles

Appraising Japan's Appraisal Remedy

62(2) AMERICAN JOURNAL OF COMPARATIVE LAW 417 (2014)

Excusing Notice Under Singapore's Statutory Derivative Action

14(2) AUSTRALIAN JOURNAL OF ASIAN LAW Article No. 3 (2013) at <http://ssrn.com/abstract=2368634>

Articles in peer-edited journals

Of Activist Mayors and Nuclear Reactors: The Osaka v. Kansai Electric Saga and Japan's Curious Regime Governing Shareholder Access to Minutes of Board Meetings (with Eiji Takahashi)

No. 40 JOURNAL OF JAPANESE LAW 99 (2015) available at <http://ssrn.com/abstract=2675897>

Shorter works

How to Avoid a Derivative Action: A Cautionary Tale from Singapore (case comment) (with Samantha S. Tang)
[2016] LLOYDS MARITIME AND COMMERCIAL LAW QUARTERLY (forthcoming August 2016)

Searching for Good Faith in Singapore's Derivative Action: Much Ado About Something? (short article)
36(7) COMPANY LAWYER 207 (2015)

The Educational Deficiencies of the Singapore Practitioner (prize-winning essay)
31 SINGAPORE LAW REVIEW 45 (2013)

Works in progress

Rethinking the Corporate and Personal Wrongs Distinction (with Samantha S. Tang)

A Theory of Reflective Loss (under review)

SELECTED GRANTS (excluding student scholarships and awards)

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| Max Planck Society Grant for Visiting Fellows | 2016 | EUR 2,730.00 |
| For short-term research at the Max Planck Institute of International and Comparative Private Law, Hamburg, Germany | | |
| NUS Conference Fund | 2016 | SGD 1,707.00 |
| To present <i>A Theory of Reflective Loss</i> at the HKU-NUS-SMU Symposium 2016 at the University of Hong Kong | | |
| NUS Conference Fund | 2016 | SGD 2,387.00 |
| To present <i>Theorizing Exit in the Close Corporation</i> at the Corporate Law Teachers Association Annual Conference 2016 at the University of New South Wales School of Taxation & Business Law, Sydney, Australia | | |
| NUS Course Fund | 2015 | SGD 1,619.35 |
| To attend the Summer Training in German and European Law programme at the University of Munich, Germany | | |
| NUS Conference Fund | 2015 | SGD 3,225.00 |
| To present <i>Let My Money Go – Comparing Exit Solutions to the Close Corporation Problem</i> at the Corporate Law Teachers Association Annual Conference 2015 at Melbourne Law School, Australia | | |
| Nagoya University Graduate School of Law Grant | 2014 | JPY 31,200.00 |
| For accommodation support during research stay at the Nagoya University Graduate School of Law, Japan | | |
| NUS Centre for Asian Legal Studies Ad-hoc Research Grant | 2014 | SGD 2,879.30 |
| For research on Japanese corporate law at the Nagoya University Graduate School of Law, Japan | | |
| NUS Conference Fund | 2014 | SGD 2,250.00 |
| To attend the Society of Legal Scholars Annual Conference 2014 at the University of Nottingham, UK | | |

ACADEMIC AWARDS

American Society of Comparative Law Younger Comparativists Committee Third Annual Conference

Colin B. Picker Graduate Student Paper Award Honorable Mention **Apr 4, 2014**

Title: *Enforcing Corporate Governance in China: Or Why We Should Stop Worrying and Learn to Love the CSRC*

- Only undergraduate or master's candidate amongst the five awardees (the rest were doctoral candidates)

NUS, Awards for Study Abroad Degree Scholarship (NUS-BU LL.B.-LL.M. Programme) **Jul 2013**

- University-level merit scholarship awarded to top students amongst those selected to study abroad on programmes leading up to simultaneous award of multiple degrees (SGD 4,920.00)

NUS, Outstanding Undergraduate Researcher Prize **Jun 2013**

Title: *Appraising Japan's Appraisal Remedy*

- University-level award for outstanding undergraduate academic research (SGD 2,000.00)

**American Society of Comparative Law Younger Comparativists Committee Second Annual Conference
Graduate Student Paper Award Honorable Mention** **Apr 18, 2013**

Title: *Appraising Japan's Appraisal Remedy*

- One of four papers receiving recognition out of over thirty student papers accepted for the conference
- Only paper by an undergraduate amongst the four awardees (the rest were doctoral candidates)

NUS Faculty of Law, Dean's List **May 2011**

- For outstanding academic performance (top 10% of the class) for Academic Year 2010-11

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Future

HKU-NUS-SMU Symposium 2016, The University of Hong Kong Faculty of Law, Hong Kong *Feb 22 – 23, 2016*

Title: *A Theory of Reflective Loss*

**American Society of Comparative Law Younger Comparativists Committee Fifth Annual Conference
Tulane University Law School, New Orleans, LA, United States** *declined* (scheduling conflict)

Title: *Auditing Japan's (Corporate Law) Auditors*

Past

**Corporate Law Teachers Association Annual Conference 2016
University of New South Wales School of Taxation & Business Law, Sydney, Australia** **Jan 31 – Feb 2, 2016**

Title: *Theorizing Exit in the Close Corporation*

**American Society of Comparative Law Younger Comparativists Committee Fourth Annual Conference
Florida State University College of Law, Tallahassee, FL, United States** *declined* (scheduling conflict)

Title: *Let My Money Go – Comparing Exit Solutions to the Close Corporation Problem*

- Member of Program Committee responsible for panel assignments and organisation

**Corporate Law Teachers Association Annual Conference 2015
Melbourne Law School, Melbourne, Australia** **Feb 1 – 3, 2015**

Title: *Let My Money Go – Comparing Exit Solutions to the Close Corporation Problem*

**American Society of Comparative Law Younger Comparativists Committee Third Annual Conference
Lewis & Clark Law School, Portland, OR, United States** **Apr 4 – 5, 2014**

Title: *Enforcing Corporate Governance in China: Or Why We Should Stop Worrying and Learn to Love the CSRC*

- With Chun Zhou (now Assistant Professor, Zhejiang University law school); see Academic Awards above

**8th European China Law Studies Association (ECLS) Conference
University of Oxford, Oxford, United Kingdom** **Sep 19 – 20, 2013**

Title: *Enforcing Corporate Governance in China: Or Why We Should Stop Worrying and Learn to Love the CSRC*

- Only paper by an undergraduate/master's candidate presented at the conference

**American Society of Comparative Law Younger Comparativists Committee Second Annual Conference
Indiana University McKinney School of Law, Indianapolis, IN, United States** **Apr 18 – 19, 2013**

Title: *Appraising Japan's Appraisal Remedy*

- See Publications and Academic Awards above

ACADEMIC-RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE

NUS Faculty of Law, Research Assistant to Associate Professor Dr. Daniel W. Puchniak **Dec 2011 – Jun 2014**

- Assisted in research projects on comparative law and Japanese corporate law and governance

Osaka City University Graduate School of Law, Assistant to Professor Dr. Eiji Takahashi **Jul 2013 – Jun 2014**

- Provided Japanese-English translation, editorial assistance, and supplementary research on corporate law

Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law (Hamburg, Germany),

Journal of Japanese Law (Zeitschrift für Japanisches Recht), Editorial Assistant (*ad hoc*) **Feb – May 2012**

- At request of Executive Editor Prof. Dr. Harald Baum, edited English translation of Japanese corporate law court decisions and commentary, provided feedback and comments, and wrote the article's abstract

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

Mori Hamada & Matsumoto Tokyo (head office) & Singapore (branch) **Summer 2012**

- First ever foreign summer associate at one of Japan's big four law firms; attached to Asia Practice Group

Attorney-General's Chambers Singapore, Crime Cluster **Winter 2011**

Rodyk & Davidson LLP, Singapore **Summer 2011**

JOURNAL SERVICE

Singapore Law Review, Journal Division, Senior Editor **Jul 2013 – Jun 2014**
Journal Sub-Editor (deputy head of Journal Division) **May 2012 – Jul 2013**
Associate Editor **Mar – May 2012**

LANGUAGE QUALIFICATIONS

Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) Level N1 (perfect score of 180/180) **2011**
Goethe-Institut Zertifikat Deutsch (CEFR B1 German) (grade of 'gut' [good]) **2010**

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Native proficiency in English, full professional proficiency (spoken and written) in Japanese and Mandarin Chinese, intermediate German
- Overseas Member, Selden Society since 2014
- Associate Member (Overseas), Society of Legal Scholars since 2014
- Member, Deutsch-Japanischen Juristenvereinigung (German-Japanese Association of Jurists) since 2013
- Associate Member, Singapore Academy of Law since 2012

as of April 9, 2016