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Education	<p>Cornell University, Ithaca, NY Ph.D., Government, 2021 (anticipated)</p> <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 <p>University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA B.A., Political Science and Chinese, 2011</p> <p>Beijing Language and Culture University, Beijing, China</p>	<p>2013 to Present</p> <p>2008–2009 2006–2007</p>
Dissertation Project	<p>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.</p>	

Working Papers	<p>[1] Michael Allen. "Is International Commercial Arbitration a Complement or Substitute for Domestic Legal Institutions?" Revise and resubmit, International Organization</p> <p>[2] Michael Allen and Kenneth Scheve. "Sustaining Capitalism and Democracy: Lessons from Global Competition Policy" Revise and resubmit, International Studies Review</p> <p>[3] Michael Allen. "Unbundling the State: Legal Development in an Era of Global, Private Governance"</p> <p>[4] Michael Allen, Kenneth Scheve and David Stasavage. "Democracy, Inequality and Antitrust"</p> <p>[5] Elizabeth Acorn and Michael Allen. "Extra-Territorial Law Enforcement as a Mechanism of Legal Diffusion: A Reappraisal of the OECD Anti-Bribery Convention"</p> <p>[6] Michael Allen. "The Corruption Penalty: Global Commerce, Bribery, and the Growing Fear of Getting Caught"</p>	
Works in Progress	<p>[1] Michael Allen. "Sources of Gender and National Bias in the Selection of Arbitrators at the International Chamber of Commerce"</p> <p>[2] Michael Allen and Aditi Sahasrabudde. "Popular Legitimacy of Central Bank Independence"</p> <p>[3] Michael Allen and Jimena Valdez. "Populism and the Termination of Bilateral Investment Treaties"</p>	
Additional Training	<p>Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research 2016 Courses on historical and interpretative methods</p> <p>Inter-University Consortium for Political & Social Research 2014 Courses: Empirical Modeling for Theory Evaluation, Complex Systems Models</p>	
Teaching	<p>Cornell University</p> <p><i>Instructor</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Politics of International Law and Courts 2015 <p><i>Teaching Assistant</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inquiry in Politics and Policy (Prof. David Silbey) 2017, 2018 • The Cold War (Prof. Matthew Evangelista) 2016 • Freedom and Justice in the Western Tradition (Prof. Isaac Kramnick) 2015 • Democracy and its Discontents (Prof. Alexander Livingston) 2015 • Constitutional Law (Prof. Joseph Margulies) 2014 	
Scholarships and Awards	<p>Hayek Fund for Scholars (\$3,000, w/ Aditi Sahasrabudde) 2021 Institute for Humane Studies, George Mason University</p>	

	Sage Doctoral Fellowship Cornell University	2013, 2019
	IQMR “Open Pool” Fellowship Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, Syracuse University	2015
	Houston I. Flourney Fellowship Research Grant (\$1,000) Cornell University	2015
	Inequality Seed Grant (\$1,500) Center for the Study of Inequality, Cornell University	2015
	Houston I. Flourney Fellowship Award Cornell University	2014
	Chinese Government Scholarship Beijing Language & Culture University	2008
Presentations & Talks	Junior International Law Scholars Association 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 Conference 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, Organization and Politics	2019
	University of Pennsylvania	
	Doing International Political Sociology	2018
	University of London (Paris, France)	
	Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference	2016
	Chicago, IL	
	Midwest Regional Colloquium on Int'l Organizations and Law	2016
	Notre Dame University	
Professional Service	Reviewer	
	<i>International Studies Quarterly</i>	
	International Relations Minor Coordinator	2016–2017
	Cornell University	
	Conference Organizer	2016
	Reppy Institute Graduate Workshop on Peace & Conflict, Cornell University (This workshop is now held annually and organized by the Reppy Institute Graduate Fellows.)	
	Director's Fellow	2015-2016
	Judith Reppy Institute for Peace & Conflict Studies, Cornell University	
	Graduate Fellow	2014-2017
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	Graduate Fellow	2016–2017
	Center for Teaching Innovation, Cornell University	
	Graduate Student Steering Committee Member	2014-2016
	East Asian Program, Cornell University	
	Graduate Editor	2014–2015
	Cornell International Affairs Review	
Work Experience	Chinese University of Political Science and Law , Beijing, China	2011-2013
	International Program Officer	
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