

While living in Shanghai from 2007–2014, US lawyer Matthew Szymanski regularly guest-lectured on US law at five Chinese universities. In 2008, together with the US-Asia Institute in Washington, DC, he began arranging for his top Chinese law students to spend a month each summer immersed in the US legal system in DC. The program has grown ever since. Over our 12 summer sessions since 2008, a total of 59 Chinese students have had interactive meetings with over 125 Members of Congress, 190 administration officials, and 115 presidentially appointed judges. Before meeting with our students, some US hosts seek background or context. The purpose of this pictorial is to provide that context. In 2016, we began a reciprocal program for US law students in China. For info on both programs, please visit www.usasiainstitute.org/ruleoflaw.



Matthew’s main teaching partner was Sun Chao, a former career law professor. From 2006–2014, Sun served as the #1 official for central Shanghai’s *Minhang District* (population 2,500,000). Above and below is the Minhang District Courthouse, where Sun regularly hosted students for tours and classes, along with Matthew and Prof. Lin Yan. We often toured courtrooms when court was not in session.





In the courthouse video room, we viewed live proceedings as explained by law professors (e.g., Lin Yan with Matthew above right & below left) and judges (e.g., below right). Such experiences supplemented the students' regular course work at East China Univ. of Political Science & Law (ECUPL, where Sun taught part-time and invited Matthew to guest lecture), Shanghai Jiao Tong Univ. (SJTU, where Lin taught full-time and invited Matthew to guest lecture), and East China Normal Univ. (ECNU, where Matthew taught a 3-credit law course to US undergrads and invited Sun and Lin to guest lecture).



Below, we also held classes at Minhang District Government Center (Sun's office). On its front steps, we took this group photo with some of our US undergrads from ECNU and law students from SJTU.





This page and the next one show Matthew and Sun holding class on the grounds of the Minhang District Government Center, whose campus has many facilities suitable for education. Above and below left, we used a hearing room to preside over a mock legislative hearing with our ECUPL students.



On another occasion (above right & below), we used an auditorium and a banquet hall to host a joint class and luncheon for our Chinese and American students from ECUPL, SJTU, and ECNU.

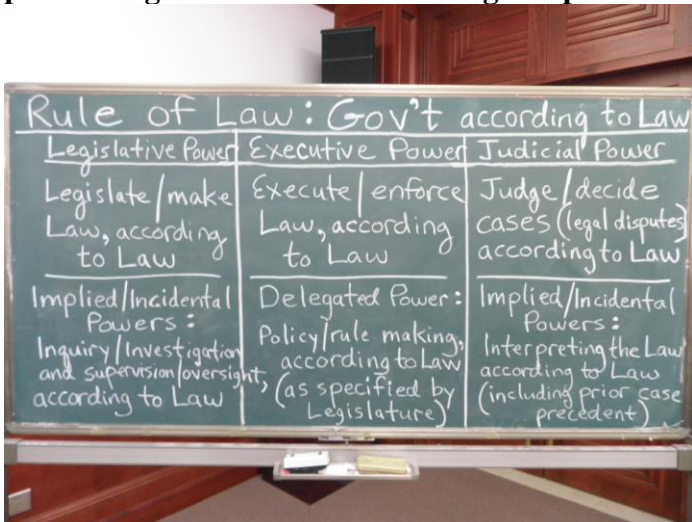




Above, we held Q&A with American students in a conference room in the main building. Below, we regularly taught joint classes for our ECUPL and SJTU students in a seminar room in Building 4.



Our constant theme was the rule of law: government according to law, with each office and official performing their duties according to published rules. Below, we discussed a basic framework.





This page and next show Sun and Matthew teaching weekend classes at ECUPL, where Sun earned his LL.B. and LL.M. and taught full-time for many years before entering full-time public service in 1998.



After his full-time academic career ended in 1998, Sun continued to teach at ECUPL on weekends. Matthew co-taught these classes regularly throughout his seven years in Shanghai (2007–2014).





At ECUPL, we taught courses in both Legislative Procedure and Constitutional Law from a Western perspective. During his past academic career, Sun studied law at Georgetown University from 1989-1991 and taught for short periods at Yale University, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Washington University in St. Louis, and University of Sydney before earning his LL.D. from Wuhan University.



Our weekend courses were informal. Sun explained his legal reform efforts in district government. See, e.g., *A Leader Who Listens*, Time Magazine, June 27, 2005, Vol. 165, Issue 26, p. 44 (profiling Sun as mayor of Xuhui District) (<http://connection.ebscohost.com/c/articles/17376823/leader-who-listens>). Matthew drew upon his career in government service, corporate management, and law firm practice.





Above left, we were joined at ECUPL by Professor Chris Marquis of Harvard Business School, during one of his frequent visits to China. Above right, Sun keynoted a health care forum sponsored by Harvard Medical School at the Harvard Shanghai Center, a state-of-the-art educational facility. Sun mentioned his plans for international medical and educational centers in Minhang District.



Above and below, Sun and Matthew held a few classes at Matthew's workplace (SMIC) and his home.





At the end of each spring semester, Sun and Matthew hosted an American-style BBQ at Matthew's home. It was a genuine cultural experience for our Chinese students, who were puzzled by the American passion for cooking outdoors and consuming large quantities of meat and ice-cold drinks.



For the first few years, our Spring BBQ catered to our Chinese graduate law students from ECUPL. Inside, we'd eat, chat, and listen to students play the piano. Outside, we'd play bocce and badminton.





Later we added Matthew's US exchange students: undergrads from Davidson, GWU, Notre Dame, Penn State, U.Mich., U.Minn., U.Penn., UT, USC, Vanderbilt, Wake Forest, etc. While on *semester abroad* at ECNU, these students took a 3-credit course in International Business Law with Matthew, who was an adjunct professor for the Council on International Educational Exchange from 2009-2011.



Our American and Chinese students mixed pretty easily, whether in conversation or backyard sports.





Above left, Matthew opened a dialogue with and among our American and Chinese students. Afterward, the students formed smaller groups for break-out sessions or just casual conversation.



Above, Sun looks on as Matthew and his son Jack battle the Chinese students in badminton (right), and lose miserably. Below, the Chinese rack up wins while Matthew and Jack watch safely on the sidelines.





Teaching with Sun at ECUPL provided Matthew additional opportunities. For the 2007 & 2008 summer sessions of Fudan University, Matthew lectured at Fudan (above) and at his workplace (below).



Courtesy of friend and SJTU Law Prof. Lin Yan, Matthew also taught periodically at SJTU, which certified him as a part-time professor of law in 2010. Below are scenes from SJTU's Minhang campus.





A unique opportunity arose with Peking University's School of Transnational Law (STL), the only US-style law school in China. Situated on PKU's Shenzhen campus near Hong Kong, STL was founded in 2008 by Jeff Lehman (above with Matthew), a former president of Cornell Univ. and law dean at Univ. of Michigan. US Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy gave the keynote at STL's dedication.



For its "American-law-focused Juris Doctor program," which is taught in English, STL has a highly regarded faculty. See <http://stl.pku.edu.cn>. It also welcomes volunteers like Matthew and David Schroeder (above and below), a lawyer and US Foreign Service Officer who co-taught with Matthew in 2011 and 2013 and helped him choose the STL participants for those two summer programs in DC.



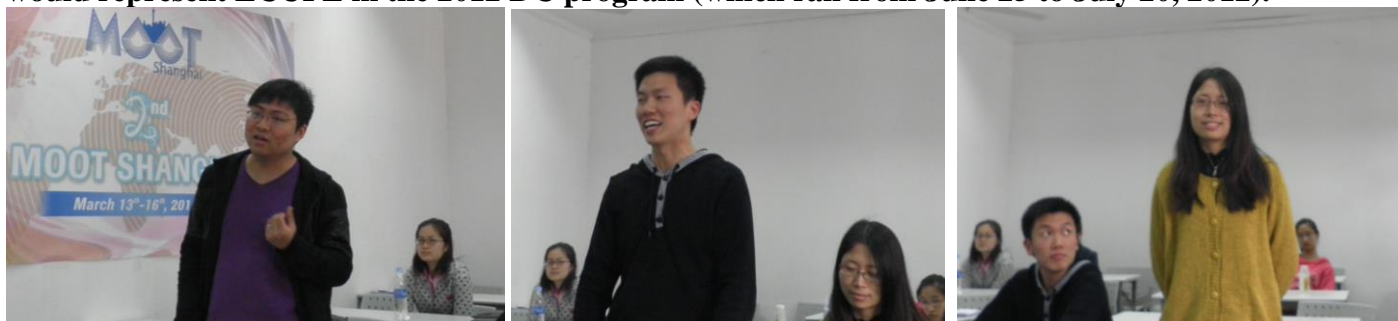
To add practical training, STL has a deep bench of visiting professionals, including US judges such as Justice Samuel Alito (<http://stl.pku.edu.cn/news-and-events/u-s-supreme-court-justice-teaches-at-stl>). STL also partners with Matthew and USAI to add top STL students to the US (DC) Program and to host top US students as part of the (newer) China program. See www.usasiainstitute.org/ruleoflaw for program overviews, host lists, and photos, and for support letters from US officials (e.g., Sen. Richard Durbin, Sen. Orrin Hatch, Sen. Daniel Inouye, Rep. John Boehner, Rep. Steny Hoyer, Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood, Assistant Secretary of State Susan Thornton, Solicitor General Noel Francisco, and Ambassadors Gary Locke and Clark Randt). Each summer session in DC includes ~6 top Chinese students. For one busy month, they have interactive meetings with US officials, observe congressional and judicial proceedings, visit historic landmarks, and attend social events. The 2012 program was typical, with 3 students from STL, 2 from ECUPL, and 1 from SJTU. See below.



Above are the 8 finalists from ECUPL who competed for 2 slots in the 2012 program. Helping Sun and Matthew with selection was visiting Harvard Business School Professor Chris Marquis (below left).



Our decision was unanimous: Tony Shen (above right and below middle) and Julia Yuan (below right) would represent ECUPL in the 2012 DC program (which ran from June 25 to July 20, 2012).





Prof. Marquis led many Harvard MBA groups that Matthew hosted at SMIC, whose sprawling Shanghai campus resembles “an American Sun Belt suburb,” per *The Wall Street Journal*. The above Harvard MBA group was divided in half for a factory tour and then reunited below for lunch at one of SMIC’s 14 restaurants. Below right, a Harvard research team sampled campus life at Matthew’s home. For more info, see SMIC CSR Reports at www.smics.com/en/site/responsibility_report_honor.



Below, Matthew and Sun strolled ECUPL’s campus. In 2014, Matthew repatriated to the US. He practices law in the DC area and oversees both rule of law programs as a volunteer advisor for USAI. See www.usasiainstitute.org/ruleoflaw. In 2014, Sun became the Chief Judge of Guizhou Province.

