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Education

PhD, Politics and International Relations, University of Southern California

Key Interests

Human Rights | Social Justice | Women's Rights | Indigenous Rights | Well-being | Activism | Comparative Law | Labor Rights | Sexual Harassment | Law and Society

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SELECT PUBLICATIONS

- › Chen, C.W. and Gorski, P.C. (2015). Burnout in social justice and human rights activists: Symptoms, causes and implications. *Journal of Human Rights Practice*, 7(3), 366–390.
- › Chen, C.W. and Gilmore, M. (2015). Biocultural rights: A new paradigm to protect the rights of indigenous peoples. *International Indigenous Policy Journal*, 6(3), 1-19.
- › Chen, C.W. (2014). Indigenous Rights in International Law. *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of International Studies*. Oxford University Press.
- › Chen, C.W. (2011). *Compliance and Compromise: The Jurisprudence of Gender Pay Equity*. Brill/Martinus Nijhoff Publishers.

Research Focus

My scholarship focuses on the issues of human rights (particularly the rights of marginalized groups such as women's rights and indigenous rights) and international and comparative legal studies. I am working on two manuscripts: one with Alison Dundes Renteln on International Human Rights: A Survey (provisional title, under contract with Cambridge University Press), and the other manuscript on Sexual Harassment at the Workplace. My other project is on the well-being of social justice and human rights (SJHR) activists, with the hope of bringing attention, from the policy-makers, the activist community, and the academics, to the issue of SJHR activists' well-being, an area that has long been overlooked but is critical to sustainable social movement.

Current Projects

- Book manuscript (with Alison Dundes Renteln): International Human Rights: A Survey (provisional title, under contract with Cambridge University Press).
- Book manuscript: Sexual Harassment at the Workplace.
- Project: "The Well-being of Social Justice and Human Rights (SJHR) College Student Activists at the Washington Metropolitan Area.