



College of Law International Students Fall 2020

New Students

Exchange Program



Agustín Díaz Vidriales is a Spanish student from Universidad Pontificia Comillas ICADE. Currently, he is studying E-3, a double degree that includes both law and business administration and management. During his time at Iowa, he would like to learn more about the American educational system, as well as build connections. He enjoys soccer and music.

- Attending online

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Anayo J Umeh is from Nigeria and obtained his Law degree from Chukwuemeka Odumegwu Ojukwu University in Nigeria and his Bar Certification (LLB) at the Nigerian Law School. He also received a Master's degree from the University of Minnesota School of Law in 2019. He loves to interact and exchange ideas with people of various backgrounds and learning and in his free time he plays soccer or goes for walks. Mr. Umeh looks forward to making connections with alums, students, and faculty members of the law school.

- Attending in person



Benita Ezeigbo is a licensed attorney from Nigeria. She got her first law degree (LLB) at Karnataka State Law University and LLM from Alliance University, both in India. She also completed a second Master's degree in Law from the University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign. Ms. Ezeigbo is excited to be joining Iowa Law and it's vibrant law community to learn and interact. One of her favorite things to do is trying out new cuisines. She is looking forward to meeting

everyone.

- Attending in person



Blessing Adedamola Adewale (preferred name Dammy) is originally from Nigeria, but currently lives with his family in New York. He has a background in legal and consulting services with 9 years of experience, obtaining his Bachelor's Degree (LL. B) and Master's Degree (LL.M) from the University of Lagos, Nigeria in 2010 and 2016 respectively and license to practice from the Nigerian Law School in 2011. As an astute individual, he possesses skills in Advocacy, Risk Management, Business Law, Due Diligence, and other general Assurance and Consulting Advisory Services. Fun fact about him is that he loves making people laugh; he loves listening to music and mixing tracks of any genre; he also loves cooking, exploring, and meeting people. Mr. Adewale looks forward to an amazing and rewarding journey at the University of Iowa through its academic and extracurricular activities, culture of success and actualization, and making the impact that matters. He hopes to hone his skills and knowledge by learning from his professors, colleagues, and the general environment in Iowa and add value to the school during his program. He also looks forward to meeting amazing people, promoting positive awareness, and making lasting personal and business relationships.

- Attending in person



Hao Nguyen practiced Corporate Law in Vietnam for about 6 years, before she obtained an LLM at IU McKinney. For one year, she clerked for the Indiana Attorney General Office and also led a Burmese family reunion program at Burmese American Community Institute. With a degree from Iowa, she wishes to become a public attorney.

- Attending in person



Herbert Kosy Nduka is from Nigeria. He obtained an LLB degree from the University of Nigeria, and an LLM degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Before proceeding to the USA for his LLM, he worked in one of Nigeria's foremost law firms, Olaniwun Ajayi LP, where he advised multinationals and government agencies on big ticket transactions in the banking and finance, oil and gas and regulatory sectors. He is qualified to practice in Nigeria and in the state of New York. Herbert enjoys playing and watching professional soccer. He is excited to be in Iowa law and hopes to connect with students from all backgrounds, and build lasting relationships. Herbert is particularly interested in corporate, commercial and business law.

- Attending in person



Jenny Huang is from Xi'an in central China, a city with a long and fascinating history and home to the famous Terracotta Army. That is also where she kicked off her legal education and career. At Northwest University of Politics and Law in Xi'an, she obtained her first three years of legal education. Six years ago, during her senior year, she made her first trip to America as an exchange student for her pre-law academic studies at Fort Hays State University, which is located in the "middle of nowhere" in Kansas. Although FHSU is not a large campus, she really enjoyed the time she spent there. This small midwestern community was very warm-hearted and down to earth, not to mention the numerous activities that she could participate in such as Oktoberfest and campfire smores which gave her a real grasp of what life in the Midwest is like. After concluding her studies in Kansas, Ms. Huang applied for Penn State Law LLM program and spent time in State College, or "Happy Valley" as the locals and alumni call it, for over a year and a half. The big campus life at Penn State with students from all kinds of different cultural backgrounds enriched her life experience both in terms of her studies and daily life interactions with students and locals alike. She gained many valuable friendships at both schools which she still appreciates to this day. With her admission to the University of Iowa, she looks forward to building upon the great experiences she has already had in America. Ms. Huang is very much looking forward to fully exposing herself to life in Iowa City, the City of Literature. She is excited to continue gaining the legal knowledge necessary to help build her future legal career through cooperation and interaction with fellow Hawkeyes. As we are all aware that the recent hardships we face may compromise the studying experience overall, she is confident that the goals we hope to achieve will be accomplished eventually through our mutual perseverance.

- Attending online



Jing Pang is from China and received Bachelor's and Master's Degrees from Inner Mongolia Normal University. After that, she furthered her studies in Beijing Language and Culture University for her Doctor's Degree for three years, during the process of which she was sponsored by China Scholarship Council to UW-Madison as a J-1 Visiting Student for one year and then I pursued her LL.M study in Maine Law School for a year. Ms. Pang is extremely excited to be a member of our Iowa community. Since Beijing Language and Culture University ranks at the top among all the other universities in China with the subject of teaching all the foreign students Chinese, if anybody who's interested in learning Chinese, she would be quite glad to help you with that!

- Attending online



Longji Jin is from China and already completed an LLM course in William and Mary in 2015 and passed the NY State Bar in 2017. He has been practicing as an asset management attorney in China for almost 4 years. While applying for a J.D. degree, many people questioned his decision as he already has an LLM degree and passed both the Chinese and New York State Bar Exam. The working experience has not only bolstered his awareness of what an excellent lawyer should possess in the context of an ever-changing global economy, but also alerted him to the pivotal role of, and the urgent need for, a lawyer familiar with both civil and common law traditions, and who is experienced in cross-cultural communication. That is exactly what he hopes to accomplish during his time at UI.

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Miguel Elys (preferred name Mike) is an active attorney in Venezuela, his home country. He has been actively practicing law for some time now as a Trial Defense Attorney in criminal, civil, family, and commercial law. He has also been involved with human rights organizations linked to criminal law. He developed an early interest in the art of mediating and off court negotiating and settling. He also co-founded a law firm while still in school due to high networking which is essential to this profession. Mr. Elys has been involved in insurance and reinsurance business, construction, and health businesses. He is family oriented and pragmatically passionate. He hopes to get to know talented and humble individuals to expand his global social network and to learn as much as possible from US law experts in such a highly qualified environment.

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- Attending in person



Onyinye Christene Onyejiaka is from Nigeria and has an LL.B from the University of Abuja, Nigeria and an LL.M from the University of Illinois at Urbana- Champaign. She loves to paint, hike, and travel and hopes to make new and exciting memories while in Iowa.

- Attending in person



Patricia Posada is an attorney from Venezuela with experience working in the area of M&A. Outside of work, she enjoys hiking with friends and family.

- Attending in person



Tolulope Adetayo (preferred name Tolu) is from Lagos, Nigeria. He holds a Bachelor of Law degree from the University of Lagos, Nigeria and Master of Law degree in international business, trade, and investment from American University Washington College of Law. While at Iowa, he would love to contribute to the diversity of the law school and build meaningful connections. He enjoys hiking, travel, and photography.

- Attending in person



Wen Qin is from Beijing, China and graduated from Law school of Renmin University of China and obtained a Juris Master degree. During the undergraduate stage she studied Japanese and worked in a Japanese company for one year. She speaks three languages: Chinese, English, and Japanese. She thinks it will be a wonderful time at the University of Iowa. She will study her favorite major – law, and have a deep insight of the legal system of the United States. Ms. Quin thinks it's exciting to communicate with many excellent professors and classmates. At the same time, she can experience American culture with many people from different countries. She also hopes her English skills can be improved further. She has a happy family with her husband, an Australian shepherd named Yuanyuan, and is expecting a baby next year.

- Attending online



Yue Li (preferred name April) is from Beijing, China. She graduated from UCLA School of Law with a Master's degree in Law in 2019. She also holds a Bachelor's degree of Law and Master's degree of Law from China University of Political Science and Law. Her research field is international litigation and commercial arbitration. Here in Iowa, she would like to enhance her knowledge of both the U.S. legal system and American Culture. She hopes that she can bring in some unique insights and contribute to the diversity of our community. She enjoys singing, hiking, traveling, and sports games. Ms. Li can't wait to meet wonderful people and enjoy life in Iowa. Go Hawkeyes!

- Attending online

Three - Year J.D. Program



Maggie Mae Lee is from Toronto, Canada and attended the University of Miami for undergrad but has also lived in Memphis, Tennessee. She loves the freedom, opportunity, and incredible history of the USA and hopes to create a life here by working for a corporation, doing academic research, and getting to know as many people as possible. In her free time she plans on continuing her hobbies of playing video games, enthusing about history, and drinking beer.

- Attending in person

Nayon Oh is from South Korea and has an undergraduate degree from a university in South Korea. She took a gap year before entering the UI College of Law. Although she can't physically be on campus this semester, she is excited to be here at the University of Iowa.

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MinJae Won is from Korea and holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Washington. He is interested in commercial and corporate law and hopes to contribute to the diversity of the class and have a meaningful time with other people. Mr. Won loves to play golf and watch films.

- Attending in person



Weichen Zhou is from China and obtained his LLB degree from China University of Political Science and Law in 2017. After that year, he took a gap year taking up an internship of 3 months in the elementary court of Shenzhen and traveling around south China. By taking part in such activities he absorbed hands-on experiences and broadened his horizon for a big and bright new world ahead of him. In December 2018, he flew to the US to participate in the LLM program at Indiana University. There he met a lot of helpful and gentle people who are both good mentors and inspiring friends. One thing he really wants to accomplish is to form a long-lasting relationship and network with his new schoolmates here at Iowa law. Mr Zhou also very much looks forward to working with highly intelligent people. He believes we can improve each other while working on ourselves.

- Attending in person

LL.M. Program

Masako Tanaka

- Attending online

S.J.D. Program

Saleh Alfrayan

- Attending online

Sulafah Bamuhayr

- Attending online

Returning Students

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Xuexia Duan (goes by Lainey) has an L.B. from Fudan University, Shanghai, China. Lainey worked briefly as a Judge's Assistant at the Intermediate People's Court of Huaibei City, Anhui Province, China. Lainey completed a summer program at the University of British Columbia, Canada.



Yiyang Jiang is from China and received his LL.M. degree from Emory University School of Law and LL.B. from Shanghai University of Political Science and Law, Shanghai, China. During her LL.M. program, Yiyang did coursework with a research component where she discussed the Consumption of Dog Meat in China and the issues of animal cruelty and abuse. Yiyang is interested in intellectual Property Law.



Byoung Jin Kang is from South Korea and is an S.J.D. candidate at Seoul National University School of Law, Seoul, Republic of Korea; LL.M. from Northwestern University School of Law, Chicago; and LL.B. from Sungkyunkwan University, Seoul. Byoung Jin was an Adjunct Professor at Hallym University Graduate Studies in the Department of American Law, where he taught students about the American Legal System. Mr. Kang has held a variety of legal positions and has ten plus years of experience in Civil Litigation. He was admitted to the New York Bar in 2013.



Rodrigues Silvestrini is from Brazil and obtained his LL.M. from the University of Iowa and J.D. from Toldedo University Center, Aracatuba, Sao Paulo, Brazil where he specialized in Labor Law. Breno was admitted to practice in Brazil in 2006 and has worked as Legal Counsel for Educational Institute of Passo Fundo.



Nicha Tarkarnviroj is from Thailand and obtained her LL.M. from Indiana University Maurer School of Law and LL.B. from Thammasat University, Bangkok, Thailand. Nicha has had wide legal work experience. She is a Foreign Advisor to SpencePC IP and Litigation in Chicago. Nicha is interested in Intellectual Property Law.

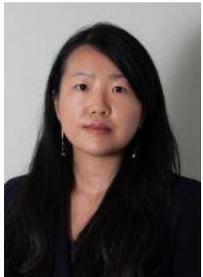


Bryony Whitaker is from the United Kingdom and obtained her LL.B. from University of York, York, U.K. Bryony worked in her school's Legal Clinic and assisted with a successful pension appeal for a client with terminal illness.

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Nouha Ezouhri is from Morocco and obtained her B.A. in finance and Psychology from Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, Illinois. Nouha has interned at the Lake County's State's Attorney's Office.



Hsin-Yi Hsieh is from Taiwan and obtained a B.A. in English from National Taiwan Normal University. Hsin-Yi has been a High School English teacher since 2013 in Hsinchu City, Taiwan.



Yutian Lei is from China and obtained a B.A. in Sociology from Fudan University, Shanghai, China. Yutian was an exchange student at the University of California, Berkeley in the spring of 2017. Yutian worked as a volunteer and editor with the LGBT Rights Advocacy China before joining the University of Iowa.



Shichao Li is from China and obtained a B.S. in Mathematics from Ursinus College, Collegeville, Pennsylvania. Shichao was an assistant with Citic Securities Company prior to law school.



Rixin Wang is from China and obtained an LL.B. from Wuhan University of Technology, China. Rixin worked as an Assistant with the Hongshan Procurator of Wuhan.



Shuwen Xu is from China and obtained a B.A. in Psychology and Asian Languages and Literatures from the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis; M.Ed. in Psychological Counseling, Mental Health Track and M.A. in Counseling and Education from Teachers College, Columbia University, New York. Before joining Iowa, Shuwen worked with Evidence Based Treatment Centers of Seattle as a Research Assistant.



Kanglin Yu is from China and obtained an M.Sc. in Global China Studies from Hong Kong University of Science and Technology and a B.A. from Sun Yat-sen University. Kanglin worked as a paralegal at Beijing Yingke Law Firm (Shanghai Office), China.

MSL. Program



Fei Zhang

S.J.D. Program



Abdulaziz Alhussan is from Saudi Arabia and obtained an LL.B. from King Saud University and an LL.M. from Indiana University. He was a visiting scholar at Center for Constitutional Democracy at Indiana University Maurer School of Law. His dissertation focused on the idea of kingship in Islamic law.



Soon Chul Huh is from South Korea and obtained an LL.M. from University of Iowa in 2006 and a Ph.D. and M.A. from Hanyang University Graduate School, Seoul. Soon was a Law Clerk for the Supreme Court of Korea, currently a Constitutional Law Professor at Kyungnam University. Soon Chul's dissertation is on limitations on free speech based on privacy and defamation in South Korean law.



Won Gak Kim is from Korea and obtained an LL.M. from the University of Iowa College of Law, an LL.B. from Kongguk University College of Law; an LL.M. from Korea University; and a Ph.D. Candidate at Korea University, dissertation focusing on the flow of information in life insurance contracts and new technology.



Musa Kurt is from Turkey and obtained an LL.M. from the University of Iowa College of Law, and an LL.B. from Fatih University, Istanbul. Musa did a summer internships with Ernst & Young in Istanbul and Pape Rauh Rechtsanwälte, Düsseldorf and also served as program coordinator at the Center for Studies on Democratization and Good Governance in Istanbul. Musa's dissertation is focused on political economy and comparative corporate law.



Kwang Hyuk Yoo is from South Korea and obtained an LL.M from the University of Iowa College of Law in 2015. Kwang Hyuk also holds a Ph.D. (International Law), an M.A. (International Law), and a B.A. (Law) from Hanyang University School of Law in Seoul. He was the Visiting Professor at Seoul Women's University and worked as the Law Clerk with the Office of the Attorney General of Iowa. Kwang Hyuk's dissertation is focused on antitrust regulation of patent dispute settlements in the pharmaceutical sector.

