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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

TEMPLE UNIVERSITY, Beasley School of Law, Philadelphia, PA

James E. Beasley Professor of Law, July 2024 – present

Courses taught: Criminal Law, International Human Rights Law, & International Human Rights Advocacy & Practice

DREXEL UNIVERSITY, Thomas R. Kline School of Law, Philadelphia, PA

Associate Professor of Law, August 2016 – present (*tenure awarded in 2019*)

- *Recipient of the Donna M. Murasko Teaching Award*, awarded May 2023.
- *Inaugural Dean's Research Fellow*, July 2021 – July 2023
- *Recipient of the University President's Civic Engagement Award for Faculty and Professional Staff*, awarded in October 2022.

Director of the Andy and Gwen Stern Community Lawyering Clinic, August 2014 – present

Assistant Professor of Law, August 2013 – August 2016

Courses taught: Criminal Law, International Human Rights Law, Community Lawyering Clinic, International Human Rights Advocacy & Practice, & Justice Lawyering

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY, Princeton School of Public and International

Affairs/University Center for Human Values, Princeton, NJ

Fellow in Law, Ethics, and Public Policy, September 2023 – August 2024

HARVARD UNIVERSITY, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Cambridge, MA

Carr Center Fellow, July 2020 – June 2022

MAX PLANCK INSTITUTE FOR COMPARATIVE PUBLIC LAW AND

INTERNATIONAL LAW, Heidelberg, Germany

Visiting Fellow, March 2021 – May 2021

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE, Lauterpacht Centre for International Law, Cambridge, UK

Visiting Fellow, September 2020 – December 2020

YALE LAW SCHOOL, Schell Center for International Human Rights, New Haven, CT

Visiting Fellow, January 2017 – August 2017

UNIVERSITY OF SAN CARLOS, Guatemala City, Guatemala

AUTONOMOUS UNIVERSITY OF MADRID, Madrid, Spain

Fulbright Scholar, June 2016 – November 2016

SETON HALL UNIVERSITY, School of Law, Newark, NJ

Visiting Assistant Clinical Professor, August 2012 – July 2013

Clinical Teaching Fellow, August 2010 – July 2012

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITE PARIS 1, PANTHEON-SORBONNE, Paris, France
LL.M., French and European Law (dual degree with J.D.), May 2008

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS, SCHOOL OF LAW, Austin, TX
J.D., May 2008

Honors/Activities: Dean's Achievement Award; Public Interest Graduate Award; Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF) Scholarship; Presidential Scholarship; Human Rights Scholar; & President of the Human Rights Law Society.

UNIVERSIDAD RAFAEL LANDÍVAR, Quetzaltenango, Guatemala
Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar, December 2004 - August 2005

Completed coursework in public international law. Researched indigenous land rights that were under threat from extractive industries in Guatemala.

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY, Evanston, IL
B.A., June 2003

Majors: Political Science, International Studies, & Sociology

Honors/Activities: Student Body President; Dean's List; Leadership & Achievement Award from the Latino Alumni Association; & Executive Board of Alianza.

PUBLICATIONS

Articles & Essays

[*Punishment in Transition*](#) (work in progress)

- Selected from Call for Papers for the 2024 ASIL International Criminal Law Interest Group Works in Progress Conference.

[*If Lived Experience Could Speak: A Legal Method for Repairing Epistemic Violence in Law and the Legal Academy*](#), 109 MINN. L. REV. 1 (forthcoming 2024).

Participatory Law Scholarship as Demosprudence (with Kempis Songster and Gerald Torres), 110 VA. L. REV. ONLINE (forthcoming 2024)

[*The Heart and Heartbreak of International Law*](#), 38 TEMPLE INT'L & COMP. L.J. (forthcoming 2024) (invited symposium piece).

[*Regarding the Other Death Penalty*](#) (with Terrell Carter and Kempis Songster), 123 COLUM. L. REV. FORUM (forthcoming 2024).

[*Participatory Law Scholarship*](#), 123 COLUM. L. REV. 1795 (2023).

- Selected by Columbia Law Review to be the subject of an Author Talk at Columbia Law School
- Selected as the theme of the Virginia Law Review's Sixth Annual Symposium
- Selected from Call for Papers for Minority Section's program at AALS 2023 Annual Meeting

[*Aggression in Law's Clothing*](#), 38 MD. J. INT'L L. 57 (2023) (invited symposium piece)

[*Redeeming Justice*](#) (with Terrell Carter and Kempis Songster), 116 NW. U. L. REV. 315 (2021).

- Winner of the 2022 Law & Society Association Article Prize for the best socio-legal article published in the previous two years
- Selected by Northwestern University Law Review to be the featured article at “Law Review Live” at Northwestern Law School and on their podcast “[Below the Line](#)”
- Featured in [DREXEL MAGAZINE](#), Spring/Winter 2022
- Selected from Call for Papers for the ABA-AALS Academy for Justice Criminal Justice Roundtables on November 12, 2020

[*Untitled: The Power of Designation in the Legal Academy*](#), 73 RUTGERS L. REV. 923 (2021) (invited symposium piece).

- Featured in [ABA JOURNAL](#) on September 13, 2021
- Selected from Call for Proposals for WILEY's Primary Program at AALS 2022 Annual Meeting
- Reviewed in Jotwell by Carole Silver, [“What's in a name?": Titles and Entitlement in the Legal Academy](#).

[*The Law of Gravity*](#), 58 COLUM. J. TRANSNAT'L L. 565 (2020).

- Selected from Call for Proposals for “New Voices in Human Rights and International Law” panel at AALS 2020 Annual Meeting
- Selected from Call for Proposals for ASIL 2019 Research Forum

[*The Unusual Cruelty of Nursing Homes Behind Bars*](#), 32 FED. SENT'G REP. 264 (2020).

- Highlighted in Sam Levin, [An elderly woman in prison is losing her memory. Why won't California release her?](#), the Guardian
- Informed [this article](#) in Scientific American
- Named as an essential read on prisoners' rights by [The Conversation](#) on the 50th anniversary of the Attica uprising on September 8, 2021
- Featured in [The Crime Report](#) on May 1, 2020

[*Foreword*](#), 11 DREXEL L. REV. 825 (2019) (introduction to symposium issue).

[*The Duty to Refrain: A Theory of State Accomplice Liability for Grave Crimes*](#), 97 NEB. L. REV. 101 (2018).

[*Post-Conflict Pluralism*](#), 39 U. PA. J. INT'L L. 749 (2018).

[*The \(Re\)Collection of Memory after Mass Atrocity and the Dilemma for Transitional Justice*](#), 48 NYU J. INT'L L. & POL. 799 (2015)

- Selected by the New York University Journal of International Law and Politics to be the subject of an [online symposium on Opinio Juris](#)

[*Designing a Clinic Model for a Restorative Community Justice Partnership*](#) (with Susan L. Brooks), 46 WASH. U. J. L. & POL'Y 139 (2015) (invited symposium piece).

[*The Judicial Expansion of American Exceptionalism*](#), 6 DUKE F. ON L. & SOC. CHANGE 1 (2014) (invited symposium piece).

Books & Book Chapters

HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCACY IN THE UNITED STATES (the first law school textbook focused on human rights in the U.S.) (with Martha Davis, Risa Kaufman, & Johanna Kalb, eds., 3rd edition, West 2023).

Is International Criminal Law Feminist?, in OXFORD HANDBOOK ON WOMEN AND INTERNATIONAL LAW (with Meg deGuzman) (Dawuni, Grossman, Ramji-Nogales, & Ruiz Fabri, eds. Oxford University Press, forthcoming 2023).

[*Black Guilt, White Guilt at the International Criminal Court*](#), in RACE & NATIONAL SECURITY 211 (Sirleaf, ed. Oxford University Press 2023).

Teaching in Community, in *Teaching in Community*, in CONTEMPORARY CHALLENGES IN CLINICAL LEGAL EDUCATION 146 (with Susan Brooks) (Livings & Atkinson, eds., Routledge, forthcoming 2023).

[*Legalizing Collective Remembrance after Mass Atrocity*](#), in SERIES ON TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE (Stephan Parmentier et al. eds., Intersentia Publishers 2014).

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

2023 – 2024

- Presenter, “Punishment in Transition,” CrimFest, Cardozo School of Law, July 16, 2024.
- Panelist, [Rapid Response Seminar on *Trump v. United States*](#), Seattle University School of Law, July 2, 2024.
- Presenter, “Punishment in Transition,” ASIL International Criminal Law Interest Group Works in Progress Conference, June 24, 2024.
- Faculty Workshop Speaker, “If Lived Experience Could Speak,” Loyola Law School, April 4, 2024.
- Presenter, “[Participatory Law Scholarship: Reimagining Legal Academia](#),” Yale Law School, March 26, 2024.
- Presenter, “The Demosprudential Potential of Participatory Law Scholarship,” Virginia Law Review Sixth Annual Symposium on “[Participatory Law Scholarship: A Seat at the \(Legal\) Table](#),” March 29, 2024.
- Presenter, “Redeeming Mercy,” Texas Law Review Symposium on “Mercy,” University of Texas at Austin, School of Law, January 17, 2024.
- AALS 2024 Annual Meeting
 - Presenter, “International Human Rights - A Transitional Justice Perspective on the Trump,” January 3, 2024
 - Presenter, “The Role of Self-Narrative in Legal Scholarship,” January 4, 2024.
 - Presenter, “The Right to Protest Under International Law,” January 5, 2024.
 - Presenter, “Normative Development & Standard 303 - Next Gen Students Develop the Next Gen International Order,” January 6, 2024.

- Columbia Law Review Author Talk on “Participatory Law Scholarship” & “Regarding the Other Death Penalty,” Columbia Law School, October 17, 2023.
- Faculty Workshop Speaker, “Participatory Law Scholarship,” Allard Law, University of British Columbia, October 12, 2023.
- Presenter, “Punishment in Transition,” Transition to Democracy Revisited Workshop, Princeton University, September 30, 2023.
- Faculty Workshop Speaker (with Terrell Carter & Kempis Songster), “Participatory Law Scholarship” & “Regarding the Other Death Penalty,” Cardozo Law School, September 20, 2023.
- Presenter, “Aggression in Law’s Clothing,” European Society of International Law, August 31, 2023.

2022 – 2023

- Law and Society Association 2023 Annual Meeting
 - Presenter, “Critical Race Perspectives in Criminal Law,” June 1, 2023.
 - Chair, Author Meets Reader Session, “The Condor Trials: Transnational Repression and Human Rights in South America,” June 4, 2023.
 - Chair and Discussant of Author Meets Reader Session, “Invisible Atrocities,” June 4, 2023.
- Presenter, “Participatory Law Scholarship,” Second Annual Graciela Olivárez Latinas in the Legal Academy (“GO LILA”) Workshop, Stanford Law School, May 31, 2023
- Presenter, Global Legal Education Workshop, University of California, Irvine, School of Law, April 24, 2023.
- Presenter, Eighth Amendment Workshop, Cardozo Law School, April 20-21, 2023.
- Presenter, The Last Colony Writer's Workshop, Temple University Beasley School of Law, Institute for International Law and Public Policy, April 18, 2023.
- ASIL 2023 Annual Meeting
 - Panelist, “Territorial Integrity and Conflict,” March 31, 2023.
 - Organizer, “International Law of Protest,” March 31, 2023.
- Organizer of two-part workshop on “Redeeming Legal Scholarship: Centering the Lived Experience of Non-Lawyers through Participatory Law Scholarship” (with Northwestern University Law Review & Drexel Law Review)
 - Panelist, “The Theory of Participatory Law Scholarship,” Northwestern Law, February 2, 2023.
 - Workshop Speaker, “Participatory Law Scholarship,” Northwestern Law, February 2, 2023.
 - Presenter, “Redeeming Justice,” Drexel Kline Law, February 9, 2023.
- Faculty Workshop Speaker, “Participatory Law Scholarship,” Pepperdine Caruso School of Law, February 6, 2023.
- Faculty Workshop Speaker, “Participatory Law Scholarship,” University of Baltimore School of Law, January 19, 2023.
- AALS 2023 Annual Meeting
 - Presenter (Selected from Call for Proposals), Minority Section’s program, “The Transformative Power of Humanistic and Holistic Legal Knowledge,” January 5, 2023.
 - Chair & Discussant, “New Voices in Human Rights,” January 7, 2023.

- Presenter, “[Participatory Scholarship & Redeeming Justice](#),” Clinical Legal Education Association’s Teaching Justice Webinar Series, December 8, 2022.
- Presenter, “Participatory Law Scholarship,” Legal Scholarship Seminar, Tulane University School of Law, November 29, 2022.
- ASIL Mid-Year Research Forum
 - Chair/Discussant, “Civilian Protection and Atrocity Prevention,” University of Miami School of Law, November 12, 2022.
 - Panelist/Discussant, “Invisible Atrocities: How Does International Law Look at Violence?” University of Miami School of Law, November 11, 2022.
- Presenter, “Aggression in Law’s Clothing,” Symposium on Aggressive War, University of Maryland Carey School of Law, November 4, 2022.
- Panelist, “Participatory Law Scholarship,” MAPOC/NEPOC 2022 Conference, October 21, 2022.
- Panelist, “Is International Criminal Law Feminist?” Women and International Law Conference, Max Planck Institute for Procedural Law, Luxembourg, October 14, 2022.

2021 – 2022

- Law and Society Association 2022 Annual Meeting
 - Chair & Session Organizer, “Evaluating Transitional Justice Efficacy,” July 16, 2022.
 - Chair, Session Organizer, & Panelist, “The Promise or Peril of Criminal Accountability after Atrocity,” July 14, 2022.
- Presenter, “Constructing Justice After Atrocity: Guatemala’s Fight for Never Again,” Inaugural Graciela Olivárez Latinas in the Legal Academy (“GO LILA”) Workshop, June 24, 2022.
- Moderator & Organizer, “[Police Accountability as Transitional Justice: Does Criminal Punishment of Police Contribute or Distract from Societal Reckonings with Racism?](#)” Transitional Justice in the USA Speaker Series, February 28, 2022.
- AALS 2022 Annual Meeting
 - Presenter (Selected from Call for Proposals), WILE Primary Program, “Equality, Intersectionality, and Status in the Legal Academy,” January 6, 2022.
 - Chair & Discussant, “New Voices in Human Rights,” January 6, 2022.
- Panelist, “Community Lawyering,” Public Interest Law Day, Philadelphia Bar Association, December 9, 2021.
- Presenter, “[Redeeming Justice](#),” Carr Center for Human Rights Policy, Harvard Kennedy School, October 7, 2021.

2020 – 2021

- Law and Society Association 2021 Annual Meeting
 - Chair & Discussant, “Re-Imagining International Criminal Justice: What Space for Communicative and Gravity Theories?” May 29, 2021.
 - Chair, “The Coming Good Society: Why New Realities Demand New Rights,” May 29, 2021.
 - Panelist & Session Co-Organizer, “Human Rights: Taming or Enabling the Carceral State?” May 28, 2021.
- “Teaching Movement Lawyering,” CLEA New Clinicians Conference, May 19, 2021.

- Presenter, “Diálogo Académico sobre Justicia Transición en Venezuela,” the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, el Centro de Derechos Humanos de la Universidad Católica Andrés Bello, & the Essex Transitional Justice Network at the University of Essex, April 28, 2021.
- Presenter, “Legal Scholarship in Conversation with Social Movements,” Theory Talk, the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, April 8, 2021.
- Presenter (with Astrid Escobedo) (Selected from Call for Proposals), “The Democratic Function of International Institutions,” 10th Annual Cambridge International Law Conference, March 19, 2021.
- Panelist, Symposium on “Taking Our Space: Women of Color and Antiracism in Legal Academia,” Rutgers Law School, March 5, 2021.
- Testimony, UN Human Rights Office (OHCHR) Consultation with Civil Society: In view of the preparation of the Report of the High Commissioner for Human Rights under Human Rights Council Resolution 43/1, February 18, 2021.
- Presenter, “Redeeming Justice,” Carolina Scholars Series, University of South Carolina Law School, January 29, 2021.
- Panelist (with Scott Shapiro, Monica Hakimi, and Adil Haque), [Webinar on Positivism and International Law](#), January 25, 2021.
- Chair & Discussant, New Voices in Civil Rights, AALS 2021 Annual Meeting, January 7, 2021.
- Panelist, Closing Plenary: Race at the Center of the Struggle for Social Justice: How Can Public Interest Organizations Hold Institutions and Themselves Accountable for Valuing Black Lives?, 2020 Public Interest Law Day, Philadelphia Bar Association, December 3, 2020.
- Presenter, “The Prospects and Limits of Criminal Punishment after Atrocity,” Roundtable, Lauterpacht Centre for International Law, University of Cambridge, November 24, 2020.
- Presenter, “Redeeming Justice,” Latina Law Scholars Workshop Series, November 18, 2020.
- Presenter (Selected from Call for Papers), “Redeeming Justice,” ABA-AALS Academy for Justice Criminal Justice Roundtables, November 12, 2020.
- Testimony, [Public Hearing on Less-Lethal Munitions Ban Bill](#), Committee on Public Safety of the Council of the City of Philadelphia, October 20, 2020.
- Presenter, “Resistance Lawyering,” Symposium on Defending and Promoting Civil Rights in a Time of Coronavirus, University of Miami School of Law, September 17, 2020.

2019 – 2020

- Chair, Session Organizer, & Discussant, “The Efficacy of Human Rights as a Tool of Resistance,” Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, May 30, 2020.
- Testimony, Hearing on Resolution No. 190239, Special Committee on Poverty Reduction and Prevention of the Council of the City of Philadelphia, January 15, 2020.
- AALS 2020 Annual Meeting
 - Presenter (Selected from Call for Papers), “the Law of Gravity,” New Voices in Human Rights and International Law, January 3, 2020.
 - Presenter, “The Law that Governs Nursing Homes Behind Bars,” Criminal Justice, Family and Juvenile Law, Employee Benefits and Executive Compensation, and Immigration Law: Emerging Issues in Elder Law, January 3, 2020.

- Panelist & Session Organizer, “Global Community Lawyering and Sustainable Development: Drawing on Cross-Border Collaborations to Address Vexing Social Justice Concerns,” 10th Worldwide GAJE Conference, Bandung, Indonesia, December 5, 2019.
- Presenter (Selected from Call for Papers), “the Law of Gravity,” ASIL Research Forum, Brooklyn Law School, November 9, 2019.
- Enrichment Speaker, “The Law of Gravity,” Faculty Workshop, University of Arizona, James E. Rogers College of Law, September 19, 2019.

2018 – 2019

- Presenter, “The Law of Gravity,” Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, June 1, 2019.
- Presenter, “The Law of Gravity,” Women in International Law Workshop, Duke University, School of Law, May 18, 2019.
- Panelist, “What’s Economic Inequality Got to Do with It? Everything! Strategies for Teaching Economic Inequality in Clinics,” AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education, May 5, 2019.
- International Human Rights Clinicians Conference, University of Pennsylvania, School of Law
 - Co-Convener
 - Presenter, “The Law of Gravity,” University of Pennsylvania, School of Law, April 28, 2019.
 - Discussant, “Rule of Law in the Integration of International Human Rights and Humanitarian Law” by Nino Guruli, University of Pennsylvania, School of Law, April 28, 2019.
- Presenter, “The Law of Gravity,” Faculty Workshop, Seton Hall University, School of Law, April 24, 2019.
- Panelist, Symposium on “Common Cause: Synthesizing the Work of Human Rights and Civil Rights Scholars and Practitioners,” Northern Kentucky University, Chase College of Law, April 12, 2019.
- Panelist, Conference on “Human Rights and the Politics of Solidarity,” Human Rights Institute at the University of Connecticut, April 4, 2019.
- Junior International Law Scholars 2019 Conference, Brooklyn, NY
 - Presenter, “The Law of Gravity,” Brooklyn Law School, January 11, 2019.
 - Discussant, “Realizing Human Rights Locally: The Role of Cities” by Tamar Ezer, Brooklyn Law School, January 11, 2019.
- Presenter, & Discussant, “The Law of Gravity,” Post-Conflict Justice Roundtable, Washington and Lee University, School of Law, October 22, 2018.
- Faculty Organizer, Drexel Law Review Symposium on “Times of Reckoning: Confronting the Legacies of Mass Abuse through Transitional Justice,” October 12, 2018.

2017 – 2018

- Presenter, “The Duty to Refrain: A Theory of State Accomplice Liability Theory for Grave Crimes,” Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, June 7, 2018.
- Presenter (Selected from Call for Papers), “Post-Conflict Pluralism,” LatCrit South-North Exchange Conference, Guatemala, May 18, 2018.

- American Society of International Law Annual Meeting
 - Panelist, “Teaching International Law in an Age of Global Retreat from International Agreements,” April 5, 2018.
 - Presenter, “Post-Conflict Pluralism,” Rights of Indigenous Peoples Working Group, April 6, 2018.
- Commentator, *Atrocity’s Archives: The Role of Archives in Transitional Justice*, Oxford University, Faculty of Law, March 27 – 28, 2018.
- Presenter, “The Duty to Refrain: A Theory of State Accomplice Liability Theory for Grave Crimes,” Junior International Law Scholars Conference, American University, Washington College of Law, January 12, 2018.

2016 – 2017

- Presenter & Discussant, Session on Democracy, Transition and Legal Institutions, Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Mexico, June 21, 2017.
- AALS 2017 Conference on Clinical Legal Education
 - Session Organizer & Moderator, “Clinical Community Town Hall: Building Our Collective Response and Vision of Social Justice in Tumultuous Times,” May 8, 2017.
 - Panelist, “Advocacy on Behalf of Communities in Light of Post-Election Needs,” AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education, May 7, 2017.
- International Human Rights Clinicians Conference: Human Rights Clinics in an Age of Authoritarianism
 - Panelist, “Collaboration and Movement Building Across Communities and Clinics,” Cornell Law School, April 29, 2017.
 - Presenter, “Post-Conflict Pluralism,” Scholarship Workshop, Cornell Law School, April 28, 2017.
- Panelist, “Finding Oscar,” Yale Law School, April 10, 2017.
- Presenter, “Post-Conflict Pluralism,” Accountability for Human Rights in Syria Reading Group, Yale Law School, March 28, 2017.
- Presenter, “Post-Conflict Pluralism,” Faculty Workshop, Villanova University, Charles Widger School of Law, February 22, 2017.
- Junior International Law Scholars Conference
 - Presenter, “The Complementarity of Transitional Justice Mechanisms,” University of Washington, School of Law, January 27, 2017.
 - Discussant, “Radical Dissents” by Neha Jain, Junior International Law Scholars Conference, University of Washington, School of Law, January 27, 2017.
- Presenter, “La complementariedad de los mecanismos de justicia transicional,” Autonomous University of Madrid, Law School, October 18, 2016.

2015 – 2016

- Moderator, “Movement Lawyering 101: Strategies for Advancing Social Justice and Making a Lasting Impact,” 2nd Annual Conference for Integrating Spirituality, Law and Politics, June 4, 2016.
- Panelist, Concurrent Session on “Taking the Law School into the Community: Embedded Legal Clinics,” AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education, May 1, 2016.

- Presenter, “The Pedagogy of Project Planning,” Delaware Valley Clinicians Group Gathering, February 5, 2016.
- Co- Faculty Organizer, Drexel Law Review Symposium on Crime, Community and Public Health, & Moderator of Panel on Community Participation in Crime Prevention, October 16, 2015.
- Moderator of the Public Interest Section Panel on “It's Not All Bad: Examining the Delivery of Legal Services and the Administration of Justice to Low Income Communities from a Strengths-Based Perspective,” 2015 Philadelphia Bar Association’s Bench Bar & Annual Conference, October 16 – 17, 2015.
- Presenter on “The Human Rights Implications of International Patient Dumping” at a training of medical residents in the Department of Family and Community Medicine at the Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, September 10, 2015.

2014 – 2015

- Co-organizer & Presenter of Four Session Workshop, “Teaching Justice,” AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education, May 2015.
- Presenter at Concurrent Session on “Exploring Strategies for Accountability, Democracy, and Transparency in Community-Clinic Collaborations,” AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education, May 2015.
- Panelist, “Getting Started: Moving Beyond Good Intentions,” Bringing Outside In: Social Justice Collaborations in the Legal Writing Curriculum Workshop, Thomas R. Kline School of Law, June 29, 2014.
- Presenter, “The Judicial Expansion of American Exceptionalism,” Duke Law School, March 21, 2014.

SERVICE

American Bar Association

- Special Advisor of the Latin American and Caribbean Law Council (2023 – present)

American Society of International Law

- Co-chair of 2022 Annual Meeting
- Member, Public Engagement and Technology Committee (2022 – present)
- Co-chair, Interest Group on Transitional Justice and the Rule of Law (2021 – 2024)
- Member, 2021 Annual Meeting Committee

Association of American Law Schools

- Section on Human Rights: Chair (2024); Chair-Elect (2023); Secretary (2022); Treasurer (2021); Executive Committee (2019 – present)
- Executive Committee, Section on International Law (2022 – present)
- Executive Committee, Section on Aging and the Law (2021 – present)
- Executive Committee, Section on Civil Rights (2019 – 2022)

American Branch of the International Law Association

- International Law Weekend (ILW) Organizing Committee (2023 – present)

Law and Society Association

- Co-Founder and Co-Organizer, Transitional Justice Collaborative Research Network (2018 – 2023)

Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA

Kline School of Law, Faculty Committees

- Chair, Intellectual Life Committee (2022 – 2023)
- Member, Appointments Committee (2021 – 2022)
- Member, Intellectual Life Committee (2019 – 2020)
- Member, Gender Equity Committee (2019 – 2020)
- Member, Curriculum Committee (2018 – 2019)
- Member, Bar Passage Committee (2017 – 2018)
- Member, Admissions Faculty Committee (2014 – 2015; 2017 – 2018)
- Member, Faculty Colloquium Committee (2015 – 17)
- Member, Accreditation and Long-Term Planning Committee, Kline School (2014 – 2015)
- Member, Committee on Social Justice Cross-Curricular Collaborations (2013 – 2014)

University Committees

- Member, Council of International Programs Committee (2015 – 2016)
- Member, Community Advisory Council for Dornsife Center for Neighborhood Partnerships, Drexel University (2013 – 2017)

Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing

- Commissioner appointed by Governor Tom Wolf (2015 – 2019)

Other Service

- National Board Member, ACLU, (2024 – present)
- Board Member, ACLU of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia Chapter (2020 – present)
- Advisor to Philadelphia Bar Association’s Chancellor, Rule of Law Committee (2019)

MEDIA

[*Will punishing politicians make us more democratic?*](#), THE HILL, June 18, 2024.

Podcast Interview, [*Argentina, 1985 & Granito: How to Nail a Dictator*](#), LAW ON FILM, July 25, 2023.

[*An elderly woman in prison is losing her memory. Why won't California release her?*](#), THE GUARDIAN, December 19, 2022.

[*Dementia in Prison Is Turning into an Epidemic: The U.S. Penal System Is Badly Unprepared*](#), SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN, September 27, 2022.

[*Is Russia committing war crimes in Ukraine?*](#), KYW NEWSRADIO IN DEPTH, March 22, 2022.

[*Deprioritizing Human Rights Will Not Protect Territorial Sovereignty*](#) (with Tara Van Ho and Evelyne Schmid), JUST SECURITY, March 8, 2022.

[Redeeming Jones v. Mississippi](#), FOR THE DEFENSE, September 2021.

Radio Interview, [Dementia in Prisons](#), BYU RADIO, September 21, 2021.

[SCOTUS Dodges on Human Redemption, Leaves It to States](#), BLOOMBERG LAW, June 11, 2021.

[What are your rights if you're arrested at a protest?](#), PHILA. INQUIRER, April 15, 2021.

Blog Post, [The Law of Gravity: A Newtonian Proposal for Public International Law](#), OPINIO JURIS, July 24, 2020.

Radio Interview, [When prisons become nursing homes](#), Australian Broadcasting Company (ABC) Radio National, July 7, 2020.

Op-ed, [Keeping prisoners with dementia behind bars is cruel](#), PHILA. INQUIRER, July 6, 2020.

[Prisoners in US suffering dementia may hit 200,000 within the next decade – many won't even know why they are behind bars](#), THE CONVERSATION, June 25, 2020.

Podcast Interview, [Rachel Lopez on the Concept of Gravity in International Law](#), IPSE DIXIT, April 20, 2020.

Op-ed, [Pompeo's controversial plan to make human rights "great again."](#) THE HILL, July 25, 2019.

Podcast Interview, [Grit and Gravity in International law](#), GRAVITY FM, July 17, 2019.

Op-ed, [How a TV Star Triggered a Slow Motion Constitutional Crisis](#), AMERICAS QUARTERLY, February 21, 2019.

Featured as part of Drexel's 2017-2018 Capital Campaign, [The Future is a Place We Make](#).

Radio Interview, [Cosby Unraveled](#), WHY? (local NPR affiliate), May 4, 2018.

[Atrocity's Archives: The Role of Archives in Transitional Justice](#), Oxford University, Faculty of Law, March 27–28, 2018.

[A Philadelphia Story: No Running Water For Eight Years](#), CIRCLE OF BLUE, December 13, 2017.

[He stole a \\$1 lemonade, smoked pot - then nearly had to die in prison](#), PHILA. INQUIRER, July 6, 2020., September 27, 2017.

['Ban the box' rights perk up ears at Drexel legal aid forum](#), PHILA. TRIBUNE, September 15, 2017.

[A Dignified Death](#), Penn Program on Documentaries and the Law, February 10, 2017.

[Seven Years No Water for Senior](#), NBC 10 (local NBC affiliate), April 8, 2016.

[Drexel's Kline School of Law Opens Free Community Legal Clinic](#), CBS Philly, October 4, 2014.

[Drexel offers free law clinic to West Phila. Area](#), PHILA. TRIBUNE, September 30, 2014.

[Television Interview on Ebru Today](#), discussing the United States Supreme Court's decision on Arizona immigration law, June 27, 2012.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

OPEN SOCIETY FOUNDATIONS, Istanbul, Turkey

Law Instructor, July 2015

Taught an intensive course on comparative human rights law to attorneys from the Global South who had received scholarships to complete LL.M. programs in human rights.

Instructor, July 2012

Taught an intensive course on human rights to undergraduate students from Eastern Europe who had received scholarships to study at universities in the United States.

CENTER FOR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS, New York, NY

Cooperating Attorney, August 2012 – July 2013

Litigated a class action lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of NYPD's stop and frisk policy and a case challenging the constitutionality of National Security Agency's warrantless surveillance.

NEW MEXICO SUPREME COURT, Santa Fe, NM

Law Clerk to Chief Justice Petra Jimenez Maes, September 2009 – August 2010

OPEN SOCIETY JUSTICE INITIATIVE, New York, NY

CITIZEN GOVERNANCE INITIATIVES, Yaoundé, Cameroon

University of Texas/Helton Fellow, September 2008 – August 2009

Co-authored report on the freedom of information and extractive industries in Cameroon. Attended the 46th Ordinary Session of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights.

WINSTON & STRAWN LLP, Paris, France

Avocate Stagiaire (equivalent of summer associate), April 2008 – August 2008

Provided legal analysis of European Union law. Work conducted in French.

INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL TRIBUNAL FOR RWANDA, Arusha, Tanzania

Legal Intern, May 2007 – August 2007

Researched joint criminal enterprise and prosecution of rape as a violation of international criminal law. Completed fact-finding in Rwanda.

INTER-AMERICAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS, Washington, DC

Rapporteur Summer Fellow, May 2006 – July 2006

Worked with the Office of the Rapporteurship on Indigenous Peoples. Evaluated petitions alleging human rights violations and requests for precautionary measures. Wrote admissibility report. Work conducted in Spanish.

CONGRESSIONAL HUNGER CENTER, Los Angeles, CA and Washington, DC
Bill Emerson National Hunger Fellow, August 2003 – August 2004

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Fluent/Highly Proficient in Spanish and French.

BAR ADMISSION

Admitted to the State Bars of New York and Pennsylvania and the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.