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### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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**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

**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

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

*Associate Professor of Law*, August 2016 – June 2024 (*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 – June 2024

*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

**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

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**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

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### Articles & Essays

What Lived Experience Can Teach (work in progress), 104 BU L. REV. (forthcoming 2025)

[\*The Paradox of Punishing for a Democratic Future\*](#) (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 (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 50<sup>th</sup> 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

*Critical Curriculum Design*, in Research Handbook on GLOBAL LEGAL EDUCATION (Garth & Ballakrishnen, eds., Edward Edgar Publishing forthcoming 2025).

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 2024).

[\*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 2023).

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

### SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

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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,” 10<sup>th</sup> 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,” 2<sup>nd</sup> 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**

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### **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 – 2023)
- 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**

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[\*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](#), WHYYY (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**

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### **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**

*Rapport 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**

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Fluent/Highly Proficient in Spanish and French.

**BAR ADMISSION**

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