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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of California, Berkeley, School of Law

Agnes Roddy Robb Chair in Jurisprudence, Ethics, and Social Responsibility, July 2023–present; Professor of Law, July 2017–present; Assistant Professor of Law, July 2010–June 2017

Courses: Criminal Law, International Law, International Criminal Law, International Human Rights, Women's Leadership in Law

Honors: Rutter Award for Teaching Distinction, Berkeley Law (2025); Berlin Prize (2023); National Institute for Military Justice Kevin J. Barry Award for Best Article in Military Law (2023); Last Lecture, Berkeley Law Class of 2021 (chosen by graduating class); Women of Berkeley Law Professor of the Year Award (2018); Hellman Fellows Fund Research Award (2015); Best Paper, Association of American Law Schools Criminal Justice Section Junior Scholars Paper Competition (2014)

Hertie School of Governance

Visiting Fellow, Centre for Fundamental Rights, Spring 2024

American Academy in Berlin

Anna-Maria Kellen Fellow, Fall 2023

Columbia University School of Law

James Milligan Fellow, Jan. 2009–June 2010

EDUCATION

Columbia University School of Law, Juris Doctor, May 2005

Executive Articles Editor, *Columbia Law Review*; David Berger Memorial Prize in international law; James Kent Scholar; Parker School Certificate for achievement in international and comparative law; Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar; Research Assistant to Professor José Alvarez

Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs, Master of International Affairs, May 2005

Associate Editor, *Journal of International Affairs*

Yale University, Bachelor of Arts, cum laude, History and International Studies, May 2000

Distinction in both majors; Andrew D. White Prize for best undergraduate essay in European history; Morse College Fellows' Award for contributions to the life of the College

PUBLICATIONS AND WORKS IN PROGRESS

BOOKS

CANNON FODDER: WHAT A STATE OWES ITS SOLDIERS (under contract with Harvard University Press, forthcoming 2026)

RULES FOR WRONGDOERS: LAW, MORALITY, WAR (Saira Mohamed ed., Oxford University Press, 2021)

LAW REVIEW ARTICLES, SYMPOSIUM ESSAYS, AND BOOK CHAPTERS

War Crimes, in ELGAR RESEARCH HANDBOOK ON INTERNATIONAL LEGAL THEORY AND WAR (Tom Dannenbaum & Eliav Liebllich eds., forthcoming 2025)

The Defence of Obedience to Superior Orders, in ELGAR RESEARCH HANDBOOK ON WAR CRIMES (Paola Gaeta & Abhimanyu George Jain eds., 2024)

The Influence of the Desk Perpetrator, in DESK PERPETRATORS: SCHREIBTISCHTÄTER AND THEIR INTERNATIONAL CRIMES (Jens Meierhenrich ed., Cambridge Univ. Press, forthcoming 2025)

Reconciliation and the Military, in NOMOS LXV: RECONCILIATION AND REPAIR (Melissa Schwartzberg & Eric Beerbohm eds., 2023)

Cannon Fodder, or a Soldier's Right to Life, 95 S. CAL. L. REV. 1037 (2022)

Abuse by Authority: The Hidden Harm of Illegal Orders, 107 IOWA L. REV. 2183 (2022)
Winner, National Institute of Military Justice Kevin J. Barry Award for Best Article in Military Law

Introduction, in RULES FOR WRONGDOERS: LAW, MORALITY, WAR (Saira Mohamed ed., 2021)

Contestation and Inevitability in the Crimes of the International Criminal Court, in ELGAR COMPANION TO THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT 49 (Margaret M. deGuzman & Valerie Oosterveld eds., 2020)

From Machinery to Motivation: The Lost Legacy of Criminal Organizations Liability, in OXFORD HANDBOOK OF INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL LAW 494 (Kevin Jon Heller, Frédéric Mégret, Sarah Nouwen, Jens David Ohlin, & Darryl Robinson eds., 2020)

The Contours and Controversies of Perpetrator Trauma, in THE ROUTLEDGE INTERNATIONAL HANDBOOK OF PERPETRATOR STUDIES 265 (Susanne C. Knittel & Zachary J. Goldberg eds., 2019)

Leadership Crimes, 105 CALIF. L. REV. 777 (2017)

Walking Away: Lessons from Omelas, in FATAL FICTIONS: CRIME AND INVESTIGATION IN LAW AND LITERATURE 227 (Alison L. LaCroix, Richard H. McAdams, & Martha C. Nussbaum eds., 2016) (with Melissa Murray)

Deviance, Aspiration, and the Stories We Tell: Reconciling Mass Atrocity and the Criminal Law, 124 YALE L.J. 1628 (2015)

Winner, Best Paper, Junior Scholars Paper Competition, Association of American Law Schools Section on Criminal Justice

Of Monsters and Men: Perpetrator Trauma and Mass Atrocity, 115 COLUM. L. REV. 1157 (2015)

Omissions, Acts, and the Security Council's (In)Actions in Syria, 31 B.U. INT'L L.J. 413 (2013)

Shame in the Security Council, 90 WASH. U. L. REV. 1191 (2013)

Taking Stock of the Responsibility to Protect, 48 STAN. J. INT'L L. 63 (2012)

Restructuring the Debate on Unauthorized Humanitarian Intervention, 88 N.C. L. REV. 1275 (2010)

A Neglected Option: The Contributions of State Responsibility for Genocide to Transitional Justice, 80 U. COLO. L. REV. 327 (2009)

SHORT COMMENTARIES, RECORDED REMARKS, AND REVIEWS

Kanonenfutter, 80 SÜDDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG 5 (2024), <https://www.sueddeutsche.de/meinung/russland-soldaten-menschenrechte-krieg-1.6342988?reduced=true>

The Goals and Impact of the ICC's Arrest Warrants in the Ukraine Situation, 117 AMER. SOC. INT'L L. PROC. (forthcoming 2024)

We Want You: Conscription and the Law in Russia's War of Aggression, BERLIN J., 2023–2024, at 52, https://www.americanacademy.de/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/BJ37_230825-web.pdf

Abuse of Authority, BERLIN J. (Nov. 23, 2020), <https://www.americanacademy.de/abuse-of-authority/>

Emerging Accountability Mechanisms: Innovative or Ineffective – Introductory Remarks, 113 AM. SOC. INT'L L. PROC. 365 (2019)

Legitimacy in International Law and Institutions: A Comment on Carrying Forward the Work of David D. Caron, 37 BERK. J. INT'L L. 193 (2019)

States Parties, Non-States Parties, and the Idea of International Community, 48 GA. J. INT'L & COMP. L. 635 (2019)

Essential Surgery as a Component of the Right to Health: A Call to Action, 40 HUM. RTS. Q. 641 (2018) (with Lauren Eyler, Isabelle Feldhaus, Rochelle Dicker, & Catherine Juillard)

What International Law Values: An Introduction, 111 AM. SOC. INT'L L. PROC. 1 (2017) (with Aloysius Llamzon & Julie Maupin)

The Death Penalty in the United States and the Force of Regional Human Rights Law, VERDICT (May 14, 2014), <http://verdict.justia.com/2014/05/14/death-penalty-united-states-force-regional-human-rights-law>

What Does Opposition to War in Syria Tell Us About the State of International Law?, VERDICT (Sept. 16, 2013), <http://verdict.justia.com/2013/09/16/what-does-opposition-to-war-in-syria-tell-us-about-the-state-of-international-law>

Syria, the United Nations, and the Responsibility to Protect, 106 AM. SOC. INT'L L. PROC. 223 (2012)

The Activities of the U.N. Security Council in Syria, AM. SOC. INT'L L. INSIGHTS (MAR. 26, 2012), <http://www.asil.org/insights120326.cfm>

Palestine's Bid, INTLAWGRRLS (Sept. 23, 2011), <http://www.intlawgrrls.com/2011/09/palestines-bid.html>

"Fact-Finding Without Facts": A Conversation with Nancy Combs, Remarks by Saira Mohamed, 105 AM. SOC. INT'L L. PROC. 321 (2011)

Introductory Note, U.N. Security Council Resolution 1975, 50 INT'L LEGAL MATERIALS 503 (2011)

The ICC Appeals Chamber Decision on the Warrant of Arrest in Prosecutor v. Bashir, AM. SOC. INT'L L. INSIGHTS, Feb. 17, 2010, <http://www.asil.org/insights100217.cfm>

Instrumentalizing International Justice: Don't Halt the Bashir Case, JURIST, Mar. 30, 2009,
<http://jurist.law.pitt.edu/forumy/2009/03/instrumentalizing-international-justice.php>

Introductory Note, *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and Cal v. Att'y Gen. (Belize 2007)*, 46 INT'L
LEGAL MATERIALS 1008 (2007)

Introductory Note, *El-Masri v. United States*, 479 F.3d 296 (4th Cir. 2007), 46 INT'L LEGAL MATERIALS 626 (2007)

Note, *From Keeping Peace to Building Peace: A Proposal for a Revitalized United Nations Trusteeship Council*, 105
COLUM. L. REV. 809 (2005)

Winner, Columbia University Human Rights, Human Security, and Human Development Essay Prize

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Cannon Fodder: What a State Owes Its Soldiers, International Law Workshop, University of Michigan Law School
(Feb. 2025)

Panelist, *Critical Perspectives on International Criminal Law*, Annual Meeting, Association of American Law Schools
(Jan. 2025)

The Legal Foundations of the Right of Selective Conscientious Objection, American Society of International Law
Research Forum, University of Chicago Law School (Nov. 2024)

Cannon Fodder: What a State Owes Its Soldiers, Hertie School of Governance, Centre for Fundamental Rights
Research Colloquium (May 2024)

Cannon Fodder: What a State Owes Its Soldiers, Freie Universität Berlin, Research Group on International Rule of
Law (Feb. 2024)

Panelist, *The Human Use of Human Beings: Why Artificial Intelligence Is Only Part of the Problem*, Berlin-Brandenburg
Academy of Sciences and Humanities (Dec. 2023)

Cannon Fodder: The Human Rights of Soldiers, Anna-Maria Kellen Lecture, American Academy in Berlin (Nov.
2023)

Panelist, *ICC Arrest Warrant Against Putin: Impunity in Check?*, Annual Meeting, American Society of International
Law (Mar. 2023)

Panelist, *War Crimes: From the 1945 San Francisco U.N. Conference to Today*, Northern District of California
Historical Society & Ninth Judicial Circuit Historical Society (Feb. 2023)

Offender Trauma: How Can We Understand and Treat Traumatized Offenders?, Transcultural Centre Stockholm (Jan.
2023)

Commentator, *Understanding the Jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court*, by Leila Nadya Sadat, ICC Scholars
Forum (June 2022)

Cannon Fodder, or a Soldier's Right to Life, Legal Studies & Business Ethics Seminar Series, Wharton School,
University of Pennsylvania (Mar. 2022)

Cannon Fodder, or a Soldier's Right to Life, International Criminal Law Workshop, Columbia Law School (Feb. 2022)

Panelist, Teaching International Law in a Sometimes Challenging Environment, Experts' Seminar on the International Criminal Court, ICC Scholars Forum (June 2021)

The Injury of Illegal Orders, International Law Workshop, Buchmann Faculty of Law, Tel Aviv University (June 2021)

Commentator, *An Empire Theory of Asylum*, by E. Tendayi Achiume, Symposium on Responsibility Sharing and Refugee Law, Berkeley Law (Apr. 2021)

The Influence of the Desk Perpetrator, International Criminal Law Workshop, Columbia Law School (Mar. 2021)

Panelist, Who Runs the World? Women Leaders in International Education, UC Berkeley (Mar. 2021)

Reconciliation and Equal Participation: A Human Rights Exploration of Reconciliation as Non-Alienation, Annual Meeting of the American Society for Political and Legal Philosophy on Reconciliation and Repair: Mending Frayed Civic Bonds (Sept. 2020)

Criminal Punishment as a Human Right?, International Law Workshop, University of Michigan Law School (Apr. 2020)

The Harm of Illegal Orders, Wellman Group, UC Berkeley (Dec. 2019)

Commentator, *The Migration and Refugee 'Crisis' as a Crisis of International Law*, by Ralph Wilde, Refugee and Migration Law Workshop, Berkeley Law (Dec. 2019)

The Harm of Illegal Orders, American Society of International Law Research Forum, Brooklyn Law School (Nov. 2019)

Discussant, The International Criminal Court, American Society of International Law Research Forum, Brooklyn Law School (Nov. 2019)

The Culpability of the Desk Perpetrator Toward the Direct Perpetrator, International Nuremberg Principles Academy Workshop on Desk Perpetrators: *Schreibtischtäter* and Their International Crimes, Nuremberg, Germany (Sept. 2019)

Criminal Law as a Human Right?, Faculty Workshop, University of Washington School of Law (Apr. 2019)

Moderator, Emerging Accountability Mechanisms: Innovative or Ineffective?, Annual Meeting, American Society of International Law (Mar. 2019)

Criminal Law as a Human Right?, International Law Colloquium, Temple University School of Law (Mar. 2019)

Criminal Law as a Human Right?, Kadish Workshop in Law, Philosophy, and Political Theory, UC Berkeley School of Law (Feb. 2019)

Criminal Law as a Human Right?, Faculty Workshop, University of Illinois School of Law (Dec. 2018)

Criminal Law as a Human Right?, American Society of International Law Research Forum, UCLA Law School (Nov. 2018)

Discussant, At Risk Populations, American Society of International Law Research Forum, UCLA Law School (Nov. 2018)

Criminal Law as a Human Right?, Faculty Workshop, Washington & Lee University School of Law (Oct. 2018)

Commentator, *THE JURISPRUDENCE OF BLOOD: HOW LAW THINKS ABOUT VIOLENCE*, by David Sklansky, Kadish Lecture, UC Berkeley School of Law (Apr. 2018)

Panelist, *Bringing International Criminal Justice Issues into Mainstream Law School Discourse*, Experts' Seminar on the International Criminal Court, ICC Scholars Forum, Washington University in St. Louis (June 2017)

Leadership Crimes, International Law Colloquium, University of Georgia School of Law (Apr. 2017)

Leadership Crimes, Legal Philosophy between State and Transnationalism Seminar, Osgoode Hall Law School (Mar. 2017)

Commentator, *Assessing the International Criminal Court*, by Jane E. Stromseth, Interdisciplinary Perspectives on International Criminal Law, Stanford Law School (Nov. 2016)

Leadership Crimes, Annual Meeting, Conference of Asian-Pacific Law Faculty, UC Davis School of Law (Apr. 2016)

Panelist, *Emerging Scholars Plenary*, Conference of Asian-Pacific Law Faculty, UC Davis School of Law (Apr. 2016)

Leadership Crimes, Colloquium in International Law and Politics, UC Berkeley School of Law (Mar. 2016)

Leadership Crimes, Faculty Workshop, Stanford Law School (Mar. 2016)

Leadership Crimes, American Society of International Law Research Forum (Oct. 2015)

Leadership Crimes, Faculty Workshop, Brooklyn Law School (Sept. 2015)

Leadership Crimes, Northern California International Law Scholars Annual Meeting, UC Davis School of Law (Aug. 2015)

Leadership Crimes, Junior Working Ideas Group, Berkeley Law (July 2015)

Leadership Crimes, Criminal Justice Ethics Conference, Fordham Law School (June 2015)

Of Monsters and Men: Perpetrator Trauma and Mass Atrocity, Soul Wounds Colloquium, Stanford University (June 2015)

Leadership Crimes, Annual Meeting, Law and Society Association (May 2015)

Leadership Crimes, International Law Workshop, William & Mary Law School (May 2015)

Leadership Crimes, Robert O. Collins Conference, Institute of International Studies, UC Berkeley (May 2015)

Leadership Crimes, Wrongs Across Borders Conference, University of Minnesota Law School (Mar. 2015)

Of Monsters and Men: Perpetrator Trauma and Mass Atrocity, International Law Workshop, University of Michigan Law School (Jan. 2015)

Of Monsters and Men: Perpetrator Trauma and Mass Atrocity, American Society of International Law Research Forum, Northwestern Law School (Nov. 2014)

Of Monsters and Men: Perpetrator Trauma and Mass Atrocity, Faculty Workshop, University of San Francisco School of Law (Oct. 2014)

Deviance, Aspiration, and the Stories We Tell: Reconciling Mass Atrocity and the Criminal Law, Contemporary Legal Scholarship Reading Group, Yale Law School (Sept. 2014)

Of Monsters and Men: Perpetrator Trauma and Mass Atrocity, Faculty Retreat, UC Berkeley School of Law (Aug. 2014)

Of Monsters and Men: Perpetrator Trauma and Mass Atrocity, Junior Working Ideas Group, UC Berkeley School of Law (July 2014)

Of Monsters and Men: Perpetrator Trauma and Mass Atrocity, International Criminal Law Workshop, University of British Columbia School of Law (May 2014)

Deviance, Aspiration, and the Stories We Tell: Reconciling Mass Atrocity and the Criminal Law, Annual Meeting, American Society of International Law (Apr. 2014)

Deviance, Aspiration, and the Stories We Tell: Reconciling Mass Atrocity and the Criminal Law, Faculty Colloquium, Vanderbilt Law School (Mar. 2014)

Deviance, Aspiration, and the Stories We Tell: Reconciling Mass Atrocity and the Criminal Law, Legal Scholarship 4.0 Conference, Northeastern School of Law (Mar. 2014)

Of Monsters and Men: Perpetrator Trauma and Mass Atrocity, Fellows Workshop, Doreen B. Townsend Center for the Humanities, UC Berkeley (Feb. 2014)

Deviance, Aspiration, and the Stories We Tell: Reconciling Mass Atrocity and the Criminal Law, International Law Colloquium, Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law (Feb. 2014)

Syria and the Future of Humanitarian Intervention, International Committee of the Red Cross International Humanitarian Law Workshop, Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law (Feb. 2014)

Deviance, Aspiration, and the Stories We Tell: Reconciling Mass Atrocity and the Criminal Law, Annual Meeting, Junior International Law Scholars Association, UC Berkeley School of Law (Jan. 2014)

Deviance, Aspiration, and the Stories We Tell: Reconciling Mass Atrocity and the Criminal Law, Criminal Justice Colloquium, SMU Dedman School of Law (Jan. 2014)

Commentator, *The Moral and Political Viability of Retributivism*, by Leora Katz, Symposium on Moral and Political Perspectives on Punishment, Kadish Center for Morality, Law and Public Affairs, UC Berkeley School of Law (Oct. 2013)

Deviance, Aspiration, and the Stories We Tell: Reconciling Mass Atrocity and the Criminal Law, Faculty Colloquium, UC Davis School of Law (Sept. 2013)

Deviance, Aspiration, and the Stories We Tell: Reconciling Mass Atrocity and the Criminal Law, Mid-Year Meeting on Criminal Justice, Association of American Law Schools (June 2013)

Commentator, *Treaty Options: Towards a Behavioral Understanding of Treaty Design*, by Jean Galbraith, International Legal Studies Roundtable, Vanderbilt Law School (Sept. 2012)

Deviance, Aspiration, and the Stories We Tell: Reconciling Mass Atrocity and the Criminal Law, Faculty Retreat, UC Berkeley School of Law (Aug. 2012)

Deviance, Aspiration, and the Stories We Tell: Reconciling Mass Atrocity and the Criminal Law, Annual Meeting, Law and Society Association (June 2012)

The Responsibility to Protect and the War in Afghanistan, Center on Law, Ethics, and National Security Annual Conference on After Afghanistan: Where to from Here?, Duke Law School (Apr. 2012)

Shame in the Security Council, Center for the Study of Law and Society, UC Berkeley School of Law (Apr. 2012)

Shame in the Security Council, Faculty Workshop, UC Irvine School of Law (Apr. 2012)

Adjudicating Deviance in International Criminal Law, Junior Faculty Fellows Workshop, Institute of International Studies, UC Berkeley (Apr. 2012)

Syria and the Responsibility to Protect, Annual Meeting, American Society of International Law (Mar. 2012)

Deviance, Aspiration, and the Stories We Tell: Reconciling Mass Atrocity and the Criminal Law, Junior Working Ideas Group, UC Berkeley School of Law (Mar. 2012)

Taking Stock of the Responsibility to Protect, Stanford Journal of International Law Symposium on The Right to Democracy in the Context of the Arab Spring, Stanford Law School (Jan. 2012)

Shame in the Security Council, International Law and Theory Roundtable, Washington University School of Law (Nov. 2011)

Shame in the Security Council, American Society of International Law Research Forum, UCLA School of Law (Nov. 2011)

Shame in the Security Council, Annual Meeting, Northern California International Law Scholars, Pacific McGeorge School of Law (Sept. 2011)

Adjudicating Deviance in International Criminal Law, Symposium on Affective States in International Criminal Law, Melbourne Law School (July 2011)

Shame in the Security Council, Junior Working Ideas Group, UC Berkeley School of Law (June 2011)
Missteps and Advances in the Law of Sexual Violence at the International Criminal Court, Workshop on Women Rethinking Equality, Association of American Law Schools (June 2011)

Panelist, Transparency and Accountability vs. Diplomacy and Deliberation, Conference on National Security and Free Speech: From Wikileaks to The Pentagon Papers, UC Berkeley (Apr. 2011)

Humanitarian Intervention and the Future of the Responsibility to Protect, Global Initiatives Program, Polytechnic School, Pasadena, CA (Apr. 2011)

The Shaming Power of the Veto, Junior Faculty Fellows Workshop, Institute of International Studies, UC Berkeley (Mar. 2011)

Commentator, *Fact-Finding Without Facts: The Uncertain Evidentiary Foundations of International Criminal Convictions*, by Nancy Amoury Combs, Annual Meeting, American Society of International Law (Mar. 2011)

Commentator, *What Crimes and Defendants Should the International Criminal Court Prosecute? Toward an Expressive Theory of Selection Decisions*, by Margaret deGuzman, Annual Meeting, Junior International Law Scholars Association, Yale Law School (Feb. 2011)

Commentator, *Jihad Re-examined: Islamic Law and International Law*, by Manisuli Ssenyonjo, Symposium on Religion and International Law, Santa Clara Law School (Feb. 2011)

Discussant, *States' Crime and Punishment*, by Gabriella Blum, Colloquium on International Law and Politics, UC Berkeley (Feb. 2011)

Commentator, *Negotiating at the Interface of Power & Law: The Crime of Aggression*, by Beth Van Schaack, Annual Meeting, Northern California International Law Scholars, UC Hastings College of the Law (Sept. 2010)

Darfur and the International Criminal Court, International Human Rights Program, UCLA School of Law (Aug. 2008)

State Responsibility, Accountability, and Truth-Telling, Symposium on the Sixtieth Anniversary of the Genocide Convention, Chapman University School of Law (Mar. 2008)

The Compatibility of State Responsibility for Genocide with the Methods and Goals of Transitional Justice, Annual Meeting, Association of American Law Schools (Jan. 2008)

SELECTED LAW SCHOOL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

LAW SCHOOL

Faculty Appointments Committee, Chair (July 2017–June 2018); Member (2025–2026; 2024–2025; spring 2019; 2016–2017; 2014–2015); Entry-level subcommittee member (fall 2023, fall 2019, fall 2018, fall 2015)

California Law Review, Faculty Advisor (Apr. 2011–July 2019, Apr. 2020–present)

East Bay Community Law Center, Interim Faculty Director (Jan. 2017–June 2023)

Entry-Level Hiring Task Force (Spring 2022)

Faculty Workshop Committee, Co-chair (July 2021–May 2022)

Equity and Inclusion Committee, Co-chair (Spring 2021)

South Asian Law Students Association, Faculty Advisor (2010–present)

Muslim Students Association, Faculty Advisor (Fall 2010–Spring 2015, Fall 2016–Spring 2023)

International Law Reading Group (summer 2015)

Junior Faculty Working Group, Co-coordinator (2014–2015)

Faculty Retreat Planning Committee (2014)

Selection Committees for: International Court of Justice Fellowships (2021, 2022, 2023, 2025); Salzburg Cutler Fellowships (2019, 2022, 2024); *California Law Review* Bar Grants (2014, 2015, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021); Thelen Marrin Prize (2012, 2014); Boalt Hall Fellowship for Human Rights (2011, 2012); Bridge Fellowships (2011)

Academic Placement Committee, Chair (2013–2014); Member (2010–2013)

Strategic Planning Committee (2013–2014)

Criminal Law Reading Group (summer 2011)

International Human Rights Law Clinic, Clinical Instructor Hiring Committee (fall 2010)

UNIVERSITY

Ph.D. Committees: Alexander Stephenson, Political Science (prospectus and dissertation committees) (May 2019–present); Adam Lichtenheld, Political Science (prospectus and dissertation committees) (completed June 2019); Fiona Shen-Bayh, Political Science (prospectus and dissertation committees) (completed May 2018); Peggy O'Donnell, History (dissertation committee) (completed May 2016); Lynsay Skiba, History (dissertation committee) (completed May 2015)

Undergraduate Thesis Advising: Emma Ireland, Legal Studies Major, Honors Thesis (completed May 2016); Dalia Albassam, Interdisciplinary Studies Field Major (completed May 2015)

Institute of International Studies Advisory Committee (March 2020–present)

Berkeley Art Museum & Pacific Film Archive (BAMPFA), Academic Advisory Council (Fall 2019–present)

Institute of International Studies Dissertation Fellowships Selection Committee (2019, 2011)

Human Rights Program and Interdisciplinary Minor, Faculty Advisory Board (July 2014–Sept. 2016)

Interdisciplinary Studies Field Major, Faculty Advisory Board (July 2014–June 2016)

Regents' and Chancellor's Scholars Program, Faculty Mentor (2012–2013, 2014–2015, 2018–2019) and Faculty Interviewer (2012, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2025)

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Expert, Moscow Mechanism, Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (July 2023–present)

American Society of International Law:

Nominating Committee, Member (2024–2025)

Vice President (2023–2025)

Working Group, Resolution on Slavery and the Slave Trade (Aug. 2024–April 2024)

Strategic Initiatives Committee, Member (2017–2023)

David D. Caron Prize Selection Committee, Chair (Fall 2023)

Task Force on Policy Options for U.S. Engagement with the International Criminal Court, Member (Oct. 2019–June 2021)

Executive Council, Member (2016–2019)

Annual Meeting Program Committee, Co-chair (2016–2017); Member (2014–2015)

Human Rights Interest Group, Co-chair (2012–2015)

Book Awards Committee, Member (2013–2014)

Women in International Law Mentoring Program, Mentor (2013–2014)

Helton Fellowship Selection Committee, Member (2013, 2014, 2015)

Expert Group on Rethinking Secondary Liability in International Crimes, Working Group on Theoretical Foundations of Secondary Liability (May 2019–present)

Board of Directors, East Bay Community Law Center (Mar. 2015–June 2023)

American Constitution Society, Constance Baker Motley Writing Competition, Judge (2021)

Voter protection volunteer (telephone hotline and polling places in California, Arizona, and Virginia) (Oct.–Nov. 2024, 2022, 2020, 2018, 2016, 2012, 2008, 2004)

Junior International Law Scholars Association, Co-chair (2011–2013)

ADDITIONAL COMPETITIVE FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

Junior Faculty Forum in International Law (2016) (declined)

UC Berkeley Robert O. Collins Prize for junior faculty research in African studies (2014)
Assistant Professor Fellowship, UC Berkeley Doreen B. Townsend Center for the Humanities (2013–2014)
UC Berkeley Regents' Junior Faculty Fellowship (2012)
UC Berkeley Institute of International Studies Junior Faculty Fellowship (2011, 2012)

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

United States Department of State, Washington, DC

Senior Adviser to the Special Envoy for Sudan, Mar. 2008–Dec. 2008

Counseled Special Envoy on U.S. policy toward Sudan on issues including: negotiations with the Government of Sudan; the work of the International Criminal Court on Darfur; sanctions; establishment of local government in Southern Sudan; development of a legislative framework for elections; conflict prevention and response; and transparency and sub-national revenue sharing in the oil sector. Participated in U.S. government negotiations with the Government of Sudan. Advised members of Government of Southern Sudan on anticipated transition to an independent state.

United States Department of State, Washington, DC

Attorney-Adviser for Human Rights and Refugees, Office of the Legal Adviser, Nov. 2006–Mar. 2008

Counseled policymakers on human rights litigation in U.S. courts, international litigation concerning genocide, refugee status determinations and admissions, multilateral initiatives on women's rights, and U.S. government intervention in asylum cases. Served as legal adviser to U.S. delegations to meetings of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe on topics including hate speech and freedom of association and assembly. Negotiated resolutions on behalf of the United States in the United Nations General Assembly. Received State Department Superior Honor Award (group) for participation in drafting of General Assembly resolution condemning the use of rape as an instrument to achieve political objectives.

United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, Pasadena, CA

Law Clerk to the Honorable Kim McLane Wardlaw, Aug. 2005–Aug. 2006

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Life Member, Council on Foreign Relations (Feb. 2025–present)
Elected Member, American Law Institute (Oct. 2017–present)
Fellow, National Institute of Military Justice (Oct. 2023–present)
Term Member, Council on Foreign Relations (2014–2019)
Participant, Aspen Institute Justice and Society Seminar (2017)
State Bar of California (admitted Nov. 2006)