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### CURRENT POSITION

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**Harvard Law School**, Petrie-Flom Center for Health Law Policy, Biotechnology and Bioethics,  
Academic Fellow and Lecturer on Law, 2008-2010.

### EDUCATION

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#### **Harvard Law School, J.D., June 2007.**

*Honors:* *Magna Cum Laude*  
Oberman Prize for Best Paper in Health Law and Bioethics  
Petrie Flom Student Fellow in Health Law Policy, Biotechnology and Bioethics  
Hewlett Research Fellow in Law and Negotiation  
Summer Academic Fellowship  
Harvard College Certificate of Distinction in Teaching  
Dean's Grant to Conduct Empirical Research (\$5,000)  
American Society of Law, Medicine and Ethics Health Law Student Award

*Activities:* Chief Editor for Recent Developments; *Journal of Law, Medicine and Ethics*  
Co-President; Ethics, Law, and Biotechnology Society  
Student Trial Attorney; WilmerHale Legal Services Bankruptcy Clinic

#### **Washington University in St. Louis, Ph.D. & M.A., Philosophy, December 2003.**

*Dissertation:* *Global Political Justice: Creating Solidarity to Prevent Harm*

*Honors:* Doctoral Fellowship  
Dissertation Fellowship  
Dean's Summer Research Funding Awards

#### **Southeast Missouri State University, B.A., Philosophy, May 1997.**

*Honors:* *Summa Cum Laude* (4.0 out of 4.0 GPA)  
National Merit Scholar, Governor's Scholar, Bright Flight Scholar

*Activities:* Student Body President  
Internship in White House Chief of Staff's Office

### PUBLICATIONS

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#### **LAW REVIEW ARTICLES**

**Blind Expertise**, 85 NEW YORK UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW \_\_ (forthcoming 2010) (job talk).

This paper reframes the problem of dueling experts in litigation as a failure to send reliable signals to lay factfinders. It argues for a litigant-driven solution to expert bias, so as to improve the accuracy of litigation outcomes in technical cases.

**Get Sick, Get Out: The Medical Causes of Home Foreclosures**, 18 HEALTH MATRIX 65 (2008) (with Richard Egelhof and Michael Hoke). This widely-cited paper presents

original empirical evidence showing that half of all mortgage foreclosures are caused by medical bills and lost work due to illness or injury. It proposes reforms to debtor-creditor law to protect consumers from these risks and to minimize externalities of foreclosure.

**From Freeriders to Fairness: Towards a Cooperative System for Organ Transplantation**, 48 JURIMETRICS 1 (2007). This paper reframes the cadaveric organ shortage as a free-rider problem. It presents empirical evidence showing a link between persons' willingness to give and take organs, and argues for a policy that links those preferences.

### **SHORTER WORKS**

Why Intuitionism and Metaphysics Are Wrong for Health Law, 11 AM. J. BIOETHICS 18 (2009) (peer commentary).

Making Pragmatism Practicable for the Institutional Review Board, 8 AM. J. BIOETHICS 49 (2008) (peer commentary).

The Consequences of Qualified Confidentiality, 6 AM. J. BIOETHICS 31 (2006) (peer commentary).

Who is Really Hurt Anyway? The Problem of Organ Solicitation, 5 AM. J. BIOETHICS 15, (2005) (peer commentary).

Recent Developments in Embryonic Stem Cell Policy: Can Science Resolve The Ethical Problems It Creates? 33 J. LAW, MEDICINE & ETHICS 384 (2005) (note).

Organ Advertising: Desperate Patients Solicit Volunteers, 33 J. LAW, MEDICINE & ETHICS 170 (2005) (note).

Framing the Organ Issue: Altruism or Cooperation, 4 AM. J. BIOETHICS 46 (2004) (commentary).

The Notion of Sovereign Exclusive Dominion for Global Political Justice, 20 SOUTHWEST PHIL. REV. 231 (2004).

Slote on Ordinary Moral Thought and Theorization, 19 SOUTHWEST PHIL. REV. 190 (2003).

### **TEACHING INTERESTS**

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**Primary:** Health Law (incl. Bioethics, Law & Medicine, and FDA Law), Evidence, and Torts.

**Secondary:** ADR, Contracts, Consumer Law, and Products Liability.

**Also willing to teach:** Civil Procedure, Bankruptcy, Prof. Responsibility, and Jurisprudence.

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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#### **HARVARD LAW SCHOOL**

**Lecturer on Law**, 2009-2010, *Health Law and Financial Insecurity: Reading Group* (Spring 2009) and *Seminar on Health Reform: Normative, Empirical and Policy Perspectives* (with Allison Hoffman, Spring 2010).

**Teaching Assistant**, 2006, helped design a new course on *Law of Consumer Finance*, for Lecturers Kimberly Breger and Roger Bertling.

## **HARVARD COLLEGE**

**Teaching Fellow (Section Leader)**, 2006, *Justice* for Prof. Michael Sandel, and *Biotechnology and our Genetic Future* for Profs. Michael Sandel and Doug Melton, with a certificate of distinction recognizing excellent evaluations.

## **WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS**

**Visiting Lecturer**, Philosophy Department, 2004, *Biomedical Ethics and Problems in Philosophy*, with excellent evaluations.

**Adjunct Instructor**, University College, 2001-2002 (part time while in graduate school), *Present Moral Problems* (several times), with excellent evaluations.

**Teaching Assistant**, Philosophy Department, 1999-2002, many courses including *Biomedical Ethics*, *Environmental Ethics*, and *Present Moral Problems*.

## **OTHER**

**Adjunct Instructor**, Webster University, 1999-2003, *Ethics of War and Terror*, *Contemporary Moral Problems*, and *Philosophy of Leadership*, with excellent evaluations.

**Instructor**, Chautauqua Institute, New York and Oasis Institute, St. Louis, Missouri, 2002-2005.

**Trainer**, Coro Leadership Center, St. Louis, 2003-2005.

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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Research Assistant for Professor Elizabeth Warren (Consumer Bankruptcy Project, etc.)  
Research Assistant for Social Norms Marketing Research Project, Educational Development Ctr.

## **PRIOR LEGAL EMPLOYMENT**

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**Attorney**, Private Practice, 2007-2008. Worked with several law firms (*i.e.*, Scruggs Law Firm (MS); Greene, Broillet, & Wheeler (CA); Graves, Bartle, & Marcus (MO)) in complex litigation, including arguments in state and federal courts, a one-month jury trial with a favorable \$4M outcome including punitive damages, and development of legal theories for health care finance, qui tam, medical devices, and prescription drug pricing cases.

**Summer Clerk**, Scruggs Law Firm, PA, Oxford, MS, 2005 & 2006 (received offer).

**Summer Associate**, Quinn Emanuel Urquhart Oliver and Hedges, LLP, Silicon Valley, CA, 2006 (received offer).

## **ADMISSIONS, MEMBERSHIPS, AND SERVICE**

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Admitted, Mississippi State Supreme Court and U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals (2007)

Member, American Society of Law, Medicine and Ethics

Editorial Book Reviewer, Oxford University Press and Blackwell Press, 2003-2004

Consultant, Missouri Commissioner of Higher Education, 2002

Consultant, American Chemical Society & Washington U. Chancellor Mark Wrighton, 2001