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Education

YALE LAW SCHOOL, J.D., 1997

Senior Editor, YALE JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW
Research/Teaching Assistant, Judge Guido Calabresi, Professors Paul Gewirtz & Harold Koh
Student Leader, Lowenstein International Human Rights Clinic (*C. LaRue Munson Prize*)

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY, A.B., *summa cum laude*, 1994

Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs
Senior Thesis: Russia's Constitutional Revolution
Research Assistant, Professor Richard A. Falk
Editorial Columnist, THE DAILY PRINCETONIAN

MOSCOW STATE INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, 1991

Academic Employment

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY, College Station, Texas, 2022 - Present

Vice President for Professional Schools & Programs
Chief Operating Officer, Texas A&M–Fort Worth (since 2023)

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, Fort Worth, Texas, 2018 - Present

Dean & Anthony G. Buzbee Endowed Dean's Chair
Professor of Law

EMORY UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, Atlanta, Georgia, 2000 - 2018

K.H. Gyr Professor of Private International Law (2014 - 2018)
Director, Center on Federalism & Intersystemic Governance (2007 - 2018)
Vice Dean (2011 - 2017) & Associate Dean of Faculty (2010 - 2011)
Professor of Law (2007 - 2014); Assistant & Associate Professor of Law (2000 - 2007)

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER, Washington, D.C., Spring 2009

Visiting Professor of Law

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, New York, Fall 2008

Visiting Professor of Law

INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY, School of Social Science, Princeton, New Jersey, 2008 - 2009

Visitor

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY, Princeton, New Jersey, 2007 - 2009

Visiting Professor, Woodrow Wilson School of Public & International Affairs

Microsoft/LAPA Fellow, Program in Law and Public Affairs (2007 - 2008)

Publications

My scholarly work, broadly directed to questions of regulatory design, has focused particularly on dynamics of coordination in law and regulation. In one set of work, I have explored patterns of coordination that arise in the interaction of regulatory institutions across jurisdictional lines – as in circumstances of jurisdictional competition, federalism, subsidiarity, and other occasions for multi-level governance. I am also interested in the potential for coordination game dynamics – by contrast with the more familiar Prisoner’s Dilemma – to help rationalize and define forms of law and regulation in the modern administrative state. I have explored these issues in corporate and securities law, in contract law, and in a variety of transnational settings.

Books

RUSSIA’S CONSTITUTIONAL REVOLUTION: LEGAL CONSCIOUSNESS AND THE TRANSITION TO DEMOCRACY (1997)

Articles & Book Chapters

Agency Coordination as Agency Action, in COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVES ON ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE (Russell L. Weaver et al., eds.) (2017)

Making America Equal Again, 4 EMORY CORP. GOVERNANCE & ACCOUNTABILITY REV. 21 (2017)

Notes from the Border: Writing Across the Administrative Law/Financial Regulation Divide, 66 J. LEGAL EDUC. 64 (2016)

From Fedspeak to Forward Guidance: Regulatory Dimensions of Central Bank Communications, 50 GA. L. REV. 213 (2015)

Coordination and Conflict: The Persistent Relevance of Networks in International Financial Regulation, 78 LAW & CONTEMP. PROBS. 75 (2015)

Enter the Fox – Lumping and Splitting in the Study of Transnational Networks: A Response to Stavros Gadinis, 109 AM. J. INT’L L. UNBOUND 29 (2015)

Reanalyzing Cost-Benefit Analysis: Toward a Framework of Function(s) and Form(s), 88 N.Y.U. L. REV. 1983 (2013)

Toward a Jurisprudence of Free Expression in Russia: The European Court of Human Rights, Sub-National Courts, and Intersystemic Adjudication, 18 UCLA J. INT’L L. & FOREIGN AFF. 31 (2013)

Varieties of Corporate Law-Making: Competition, Preemption, and Federalism, in RESEARCH HANDBOOK ON THE ECONOMICS OF CORPORATE LAW 373 (Claire A. Hill & Brett H. McDonnell, eds.) (2012)

A Man in Full, 61 EMORY L.J. 1015 (2012)

Beyond Individualism in Law and Economics, 91 B.U. L. REV. 43 (2011)

Published with response essays by Professors Rick Brooks, Ken Dau-Schmidt & Tom Ulen

The Visible Hand: Coordination Functions of the Regulatory State, 95 MINN. L. REV. 578 (2010)

Imperfect Alternatives: Networks, Salience, and Institutional Design in Financial Crisis,
79 CIN. L. REV. 527 (2010)

Crisis and Coordination: Regulatory Design in Financial Crisis,
104 AM. SOC'Y INT'L L. PROC. 286 (2010)

After the Fall: Financial Crisis and International Order, 24 EMORY INT'L L. REV. 1 (2010)

International Aspects of the Global Financial Crisis, 103 AM. SOC'Y INT'L L. PROC. 57 (2009)

The Fog of Certainty, 119 YALE L.J. ONLINE 41 (2009)

The (Misunderstood) Genius of American Corporate Law, 77 GEO. WASH. L. REV. 730 (2009) -
Reply to comments of Professors Bill Bratton, Larry Cunningham & Todd Henderson

Trapped in a Metaphor: The Limited Implications of Federalism for Corporate Governance,
77 GEO. WASH. L. REV. 255 (2009) – Selected as lead article for colloquy on corporate federalism

*When Subnational Met International: The Politics and Place of Cities, States, and Provinces in
the World*, 102 AM. SOC'Y INT'L L. PROC. 339 (2008)

Foreign Affairs, International Law, and the New Federalism: Lessons from Coordination,
73 MO. L. REV. 1185 (2008) – Selected for translation and reprinting in
TEORÍA Y REALIDAD CONSTITUCIONAL

From Federalism to Intersystemic Governance: The Changing Nature of Modern Jurisdiction,
57 EMORY L.J. 1 (2007)

From Federal Rules to Intersystemic Governance in Securities Regulation, 57 EMORY L.J. 233 (2007)

The Dialectical Regulation of Rule 14a-8: Intersystemic Governance in Corporate Law,
2 J. BUS. & TECH. L. 165 (2007) – Reprinted in ICFAI J. CORP. & SEC. L., Nov. 2008 – Reprinted
in 40 SECURITIES L. REV. 408 (2008), as one of top securities law articles published in 2007

Dialectical Regulation, 38 CONN. L. REV. 863 (2006) – Solicited as lead article for annual commentary issue
of CONNECTICUT LAW REVIEW, for discussion and analysis by invited respondents

The Strategy of Boilerplate, 104 MICH. L. REV. 1033 (2006)

From “Federalization” to “Mixed Governance” in Corporate Law: A Defense of Sarbanes-Oxley,
53 BUFF. L. REV. 721 (2005) – Reprinted in 38 SECURITIES L. REV. 293 (2006) and
48 CORP. PRACTICE COMMENTATOR 91 (2006), as one of top corporate and securities law
articles published in 2005

The Role of Groups in Norm Transformation: A Dramatic Sketch, In Three Parts,
6 CHI. J. INT'L L. 231 (2005)

Between Dialogue and Decree: International Review of National Courts,
79 N.Y.U. L. REV. 2029 (2004)

Between Mandate and Market: Contract Transition in the Shadow of the International Order,
53 EMORY L.J. 691 (2004), reprinted in ICFAI J. INT'L BUS. L., Apr. 2005, at 13

Law's Signal: A Cueing Theory of Law in Market Transition, 77 S. CAL. L. REV 215 (2004)

Making Markets: Network Effects and the Role of Law in the Creation of Strong Securities Markets,
76 S. CAL. L. REV. 277 (2003)

Book Review, SOILI NYSTEN-HAARALA, RUSSIAN LAW IN TRANSITION (2001),
for SLAVIC REVIEW (2003)

Future Projects

The Visible Hand (book project) – The modern administrative state is engaged in an array of initiatives, programs, and pursuits not readily captured within familiar paradigms of law and regulation. From standard-setting and network-building projects, to disclosure regimes and varied programs of information generation and dissemination, as well as sometimes massive subsidy schemes designed to foster positive externalities, the endeavors of the regulatory state are increasingly ill-suited to a narrow orientation to command-and-control. This volume seeks to offer an account of this broad array of regulatory initiatives, under the distinct rubric of *coordination*. Notwithstanding the strong orientation of legal scholars to the Prisoner's Dilemma, so-called coordination games may offer significant insight for our analysis as well. In such games, by contrast with the Prisoner's Dilemma, the misaligned incentives of individual players – and a resulting dominant strategy of defection – are not the operative concern. Instead, the essential questions are ones of information and expectations, and the group dynamics – rather than individual strategy choices – that such expectations put into play. In the realm of coordination, consequently, mechanisms of standard-setting, network-building, information dissemination, and the like, have a central role to play. On this foundation, it becomes possible to articulate a coordination function for law and regulation in the modern social and economic order. Such an account would implicate distinct occasions for regulatory intervention, as well as distinct regulatory forms. Such an account would help, then, to explain much of the non-traditional regulatory activity we have observed in recent years.

Governing Standards (book project) – The advance of globalization and the growing role of high-technology in modern industrial economies have increased the importance of standard-setting in both transnational and domestic social ordering. This book aims to engage this important phenomenon. To begin, it will consider the drivers behind standardization, highlighting network effect dynamics and other positive externalities motivating the use of common standards. Further, it will question the conventional game theoretic modeling of standard-setting processes, suggesting the potential for greater conflict than commonly acknowledged. Most significantly, the book will analyze the mechanisms of standardization. Both the economics and legal literature rely on a tripartite construction of standard-setting mechanisms, from *de facto* to *de jure* standard-setting at the extremes, with group (or committee) standard-setting by private actors in the middle. Using a series of case studies, the book will suggest a fourth possibility, in which public actors play a limited, yet crucial, role in facilitating group standard-setting.

The Limits and Lessons of Federalism in Corporate Law – This article will successively consider the institutional underpinnings of jurisdictional competition in corporate law, as well as the growing body of empirical studies of such competition. With regard to each, it explores implications for competition in other areas of law, including environmental law, banking law, and others. In each of these areas, scholars have invoked the asserted success of competition in corporate law as evidence of its broader utility. In reality, the institutional framework of charter competition is not readily replicated. Even if it were, moreover, the empirical results of competition may be difficult to square with our normative goals in environmental, banking, and other areas of law.

Honors and Fellowships

Chief Guest, Sixth Annual International Research Conference on Contemporary Legal Scholarship, Symbiosis International University (2017)

American Bar Foundation Fellow (since 2016)

Douglas McK. Brown Visiting Chair in Law, University of British Columbia (2014)

Academic Leadership Program, Emory University (2012)

Selected for University-wide training program for faculty leadership

Institute for Advanced Study, School of Social Science (2008-2009)

Offered visiting Membership for 2008-2009 academic year

Microsoft/LAPA Fellow, Princeton University (2007-2008)

Selected for fellowship in University's Program in Law and Public Affairs

American Law Institute – Elected to membership (2007)

The Dialectical Regulation of Rule 14a-8: Intersystemic Governance in Corporate Law

Reprinted in SECURITIES LAW REVIEW, as one of top securities law articles published in 2007

From “Federalization” to “Mixed Governance” in Corporate Law: A Defense of Sarbanes-Oxley

Reprinted in SECURITIES LAW REVIEW and CORPORATE PRACTICE COMMENTATOR, as one of top corporate and securities law articles published in 2005

Between Mandate and Market – “Top Ten Paper” on Legal Issues in Sovereign Debt Restructuring (2004)

Ranked by Nouriel Roubini, Stern School of Business, New York University

Carnegie Scholars Program Finalist (2002)

U.S. Department of Justice Honors Program (1998-2000)

C. LaRue Munson Prize, Yale Law School (1997)

U.S. Department of Education Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (1996-1997)

Yale University Seminar Competition (1997)

Princeton University Academic Research Grant (1993-1994)

Presidential Citation for Public Service (1991)

Teaching Experience

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, Fort Worth, Texas, 2018 - Present

Subject: Corporate Federalism: Theory & Practice

EMORY UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, Atlanta, Georgia, 2000 - 2018

Subjects: Legislation & Regulation, Contracts, Corporate Federalism: Theory & Practice,
Emerging Markets Law, International Trade Law, Comparative Law

UNIVERSITY OF WARSAW, Warsaw, Poland, March & December 2016, April 2018

Visiting Professor – Law & Economics

BEIJING NORMAL UNIVERSITY, Beijing, China, May 2014 & June 2015

Visiting Professor – Introduction to the American Legal System

UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA FACULTY OF LAW, Vancouver, Canada, March - April 2014

Douglas McK. Brown Visiting Chair in Law – Markets in Law: Corporate and Otherwise

INTERDISCIPLINARY CENTER - HERZLIYA, Herzliya, Israel, December 2011

Visiting Professor – Global Financial Regulation; International Trade Law

UNIVERSITY OF BERGEN, Bergen, Norway, November 2011

Visiting Professor – Law & Economics of Financial Regulation

SINGAPORE MANAGEMENT UNIVERSITY, SCHOOL OF LAW, Singapore, May 2011

Visiting Professor – Global Financial Regulation: Crisis and Coordination

GOETHE UNIVERSITY OF FRANKFURT, Frankfurt, Germany, June 2010

Visiting Professor – Law and Economics of Financial Regulation

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER, Washington, D.C., Spring 2009

Visiting Professor – Contracts

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, New York, Fall 2008

Visiting Professor – Contracts

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY, Princeton, New Jersey, Spring 2008

Visiting Professor – Federalism and the Making of American Corporate Law

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS COLLEGE OF LAW, Urbana-Champaign, Illinois, Spring 2008

Visiting Professor (short-course) – Federalism and the Making of American Corporate Law

YALE UNIVERSITY SEMINAR PROGRAM, New Haven, Connecticut, 1997

Instructor – Russia's Constitutional Revolution

YALE UNIVERSITY DEVANE LECTURES, New Haven, Connecticut, 1997

Teaching Assistant – Life, Death & the Law

YALE UNIVERSITY POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT, New Haven, Connecticut, 1996

Teaching Assistant – Constitutional Law

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY, WOODROW WILSON SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS,
Princeton, New Jersey, 1994 - *Teaching Assistant* – Aid to Russia

Professional Employment

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, Washington, D.C., 1998 - 2000
Trial Attorney, Civil Division, Federal Programs Branch

THE HONORABLE JAMES R. BROWNING, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
San Francisco, California – *Law Clerk*, 1997 - 1998

WILMER, CUTLER & PICKERING, Washington, D.C., 1996
Summer Associate, International Practice Group

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, Washington, D.C., 1995
Summer Intern, Civil Appellate Division

U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, Eastern District of New York, 1995
Summer Intern, Criminal Division

GORBACHEV FOUNDATION, Moscow, Russia, 1993
Research Associate

OFFICE OF SENATOR ARLEN SPECTER, Washington, D.C., 1992
Assistant to the Chief of Staff

CENTER FOR STRATEGIC AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES, Office of Zbigniew Brzezinski,
Washington, D.C., 1992 - *Research Associate*

VIENNA ACADEMY FOR THE STUDY OF THE FUTURE, Vienna, Austria, 1992
Research Associate

Professional Activities

Paper Presentations

The Coordination Economy

The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, January 25, 2018
University of Arizona College of Law, Tucson, Arizona, December 5, 2017
Temple University School of Law, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, October 31, 2017

Notes from the Border: Writing Across the Administrative Law/Financial Regulation Divide *Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting*, Amelia Island, Florida, August 8, 2016 *Northeastern University School of Law, Journal of Legal Education Symposium on the Challenges of Legal Scholarship*, Boston, Massachusetts, April 29, 2016

From Fedspeak to Forward Guidance: Regulatory Dimensions of Central Bank Communications
City University of Hong Kong School of Law, Hong Kong, May 25, 2017
Southeastern Association of Law Schools, Boca Raton, Florida, July 27, 2015 *China University of Political Science & Law*, Beijing, China, June 3, 2015
University of Georgia School of Law, Symposium on Financial Regulations: Reflections & Projections, Athens, Georgia, March 20, 2015

Agency Coordination as Agency Action

Administrative Law Discussion Forum, Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan, June 10, 2014

Coordination & Conflict: The Persistent Relevance of Networks in International Financial Regulation

New York University School of Law, Symposium on New Approaches to International Regulatory Cooperation, New York, New York, February 28, 2014

Reanalyzing Cost-Benefit Analysis: Toward a Framework of Function(s) and Form(s)

University of British Columbia, Vancouver, B.C., March 26, 2014

University of Illinois, Corporate & Securities Litigation Workshop, Chicago, IL, Nov. 9, 2013

Administrative Conference of the United States, Washington, D.C., April 4, 2013

University of California, Irvine School of Law, Irvine, California, March 15, 2013

University of Hong Kong, Faculty of Law, Hong Kong, January 25, 2013

University of Minnesota School of Law, Minneapolis, Minnesota, November 5, 2012

The Visible Hand: Coordination Functions of the Regulatory State

University of Warsaw, Warsaw, Poland, April 25, 2018

Symbiosis Law School, Pune, India, September 16, 2017 Jindal

Global Law School, Sonipat, India, September 15, 2017

China University of Political Science & Law, Beijing, China, December 19, 2013

Beijing Normal University, Beijing, China, December 19, 2013

Renmin University School of Law, Beijing, China, December 19, 2013

Tsinghua University School of Law, Beijing, China, December 18, 2013

East China University of Political Science & Law, Shanghai, China, December 17, 2013

Shanghai Jiao Tong University School of Law, Shanghai, China, December 16, 2013 City

University of Hong Kong School of Law, Hong Kong, January 28, 2013

Pace University School of Law, White Plains, New York, March 14, 2012

Michigan State University College of Law, East Lansing, Michigan, November 14, 2011

Tel Aviv University, Faculty of Law, Tel Aviv, Israel, May 26, 2010

Emory University School of Law, Atlanta, Georgia, February 11, 2010

University of California – Davis School of Law, Davis, California, January 25, 2010

University of Wisconsin School of Law, Madison, Wisconsin, November 20, 2009 Law

& Society Association, Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado, May 28, 2009

Yale Law School, Comparative Administrative Law Workshop, New Haven, Conn., May 8, 2009

Singapore Management University School of Law, Singapore, April 17, 2009

Georgetown University Law Center, March 24, 2009

Institute for Advanced Study, School of Social Science, Princeton, New Jersey, March 19, 2009

Seton Hall University Law School, Newark, New Jersey, March 9, 2009

Arizona State University, Sandra Day O'Connor School of Law, Tempe, Arizona, January 26, 2009

Columbia Law School, New York, New York, October 30, 2008

Imperfect Alternatives: Networks, Salience, and Institutional Design in Financial Crisis

University of Hong Kong, Conference on Reconceptualizing Global Finance and Its Regulation, Hong Kong, December 14, 2013

University of Minnesota Law School, Minneapolis, Minnesota, April 12, 2010

American Society of International Law, Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., March 26, 2010

University of Cincinnati College of Law, Cincinnati, Ohio, March 5, 2010

University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada, December 8, 2009

Seattle University School of Law, Seattle, Washington, November 7, 2009

International Law Weekend, New York, New York, October 23, 2009

McGeorge School of Law, Sacramento, California, October 17, 2009

George Washington University Law School, Washington, D.C., April 4, 2009

American Society of International Law, Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., March 26, 2009

Fordham University School of Law, New York, New York, March 12, 2009

Beyond Individualism in Law and Economics

University of San Diego School of Law, San Diego, California, January 18, 2011
University of California – Davis School of Law, Davis, California, October 11, 2010
American Law & Economics Association Annual Meeting, Princeton, New Jersey, May 7, 2010
Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C., May 26, 2009

Foreign Affairs, International Law, and the New Federalism: Lessons from Coordination

Conference of Chief Justices, National Center for State Courts, Scottsdale, Arizona, January 27, 2009
International Law Weekend, New York, New York, October 18, 2008
Princeton University, Program in Law and Public Affairs, Princeton, New Jersey, May 5, 2008
American Society of International Law, Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., April 11, 2008
Yale Law School, Liman Colloquium, New Haven, Connecticut, March 7, 2008
University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law, Columbia, Missouri, February 15, 2008
International Law Weekend, New York, New York, October 27, 2007

Trapped in a Metaphor: The Limited Implications of Federalism for Corporate Governance

SEALS Annual Meeting, Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, July 28, 2011
University of Chicago Law School, Chicago, Illinois, September 29, 2008
Emory Law School, Atlanta, Georgia, June 24, 2008
Vanderbilt Law School, Nashville, Tennessee, November 6, 2007
Washington University Law School, St. Louis, Missouri, September 24, 2007
New York Law School, New York, New York, September 11, 2007

Between Dialogue and Decree: International Review of National Courts

Fourth Annual Bahá'í Law Conference, University of California, Berkeley, Calif., March 25, 2006
Whittier Law School, Costa Mesa, California, April 22, 2005
AALS Annual Meeting, Section on Conflict of Law, San Francisco, California, January 6, 2005
University of Connecticut School of Law, Hartford, Connecticut, December 10, 2004
International Law Weekend, New York, New York, October 16, 2004

Dialectical Regulation

Princeton University, Program in Law and Public Affairs, Princeton, New Jersey, May 31, 2007
University of Connecticut School of Law, Burritt Lecture, Hartford, Connecticut, April 20, 2006
University of Connecticut School of Law, Hartford, Connecticut, January 27, 2006

The Strategy of Boilerplate

University of Southern California School of Law, Los Angeles, California, March 27, 2006
University of Colorado School of Law, Boulder, Colorado, January 20, 2006
University of Michigan School of Law, Ann Arbor, Michigan, September 23, 2005

Law's Signal: A Cueing Theory of Law in Market Transition

Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, Amelia Island, Florida, July 20, 2003
University of Chicago Law School, Chicago, Illinois, November 18, 2002
Emory University, Russian & Eastern European Studies, Atlanta, Georgia, April 11, 2001

Other Presentations

- “The Economy of Law: Law & Economics Revolution,” Global Law Schools Summit, O.P. Jindal Global University, Sonipat, India, December 3, 2021
- “International Human Rights and the Persecution of the Baha’is of Iran,” Conference on Global Ramifications on International Human Rights: Challenges and the Way Forward, Adamas University, Kolkata, India, April 11, 2021
- “A Better Way? The Baha’i Model of Elections,” Modern Perspectives Speaker Series, February 20, 2021
- “Game Theory & the Law,” 1st Virtual Summer School in India, *Indian National Law Review*, July 28, 2020
- “The Golden Age of Legal Education,” Tsinghua World Forum on the Rule of Law, Tsinghua University, Beijing, China, October 17, 2019
- “Is There Really a New World Order?” Symposium on Global Markets: Nationalism and Protectionism – The United States in the International Arena, Southwestern Institute for International & Comparative Law, The Center for American & International Law, Plano, Texas, June 17, 2019
- “The Golden Age of Legal Education,” Breakfast Meeting, Fort Worth, Texas, April 10, 2019
- “The Golden Age of Legal Education,” Texas Aggie Bar Association Annual Conference, College Station, Texas, March 2, 2019
- “The Golden Age of Legal Education,” Exchange Club Meeting, Dallas, Texas, February 6, 2019
- “The Structure and Role of Judicial Review in Advancing the Rule of Law,” Poland-US Conference on the Rule of Law, University of Warsaw, Warsaw, Poland, June 26, 2018
- “The Golden Age of Legal Education,” International Conference on Current Trends in Higher Education, Adamas University, Kolkata, India, January 13, 2018
- “National Security, International Trade & Foreign Investment,” Southern Law Network, Palm Beach, Florida, September 23, 2017
- “Methods of Comparative Constitutional Law,” Sixth Annual International Research Conference on Contemporary Legal Scholarship, Symbiosis Law School, Pune, India, September 17, 2017
- “Role of the Associate Dean in Shaping a Law School Identity,” January 4, 2017, Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California
- “Non-JD Degree Programs: Continuing the Conversation About Impact on Law School Academic, Administrative, and Financial Resources,” January 4, 2017, Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California

“The New Regulation: Designing and Policing Agency Action for a Coordination Economy,” December 17, 2016, Conference on ‘Regulatory and Licensing Reform in China,’ China University of Political Science and Law, Beijing, China

“The Future of American Politics,” December 12, 2016, University of Warsaw, Warsaw, Poland

“At Home and Abroad: The Persistent Centrality of the Rule of Law,” September 2, 2016, Washington, D.C.

“Reflections on the Dean’s Team,” August 8, 2016, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, Amelia Island, Florida

“Building Non-JD Programs,” August 7, 2016, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, Amelia Island, Florida

“Technology and Legal Education,” August 4, 2016, American Bar Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California

“Judicial Review,” July 30-31, 2016, Constitutional Court of the Republic of Georgia, Batumi, Georgia

“Dialectical Federalism: The Case of Financial Regulation,” April 18, 2016, National Association of Attorneys General Southern Regional Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia

“Technology and Legal Education,” March 16, 2016, American Bar Association Tech Show, Chicago, Illinois

“After Scalia: Politics, Constitutional Interpretation, and the Future of the Supreme Court,” March 10, 2016, University of Warsaw, Warsaw, Poland

“The Golden Age of Legal Education,” January 21, 2016, Chapman University School of Law, Orange, California

“The Future of Legal Education,” June 4, 2015, Beijing Bar Association, Beijing, China

“The Future of Legal Education,” April 14, 2015, Office of General Counsel, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia

“Freedom of Expression in Post-Soviet Russia,” February 15, 2013, Conference on ‘Building BRICs: Human Rights in Today’s Emerging Economic Powers,’ University of California, Los Angeles School of Law, Los Angeles, California

Administrative Law “New Voices” Program, January 6, 2013, Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana (Respondent)

“International Regulatory Cooperation and its New Executive Order,” October 25, 2012, ABA Section of Administrative Law & Practice Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C. (Moderator/Respondent)

“The Dynamics of Investor-State Arbitration,” October 21, 2012, American Society of International Law Midyear Meeting, University of Georgia School of Law, Athens, Georgia (Respondent)

“Financial Regulation, Sovereignty, and Comparative Law,” October 5, 2012, American Society of Comparative Law Annual Meeting, University of Iowa School of Law, Iowa City, Iowa

“Challenging the Assumptions and Impact of Domestic and International Securities Regulation as a Means to Achieve Corporate Governance Goals,” June 8, 2012, Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, Honolulu, Hawai’i (Respondent)

“The Importance of Being Comparative,” June 5, 2012, Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, Honolulu, Hawai’i

“The Market for Preclusion in Merger Litigation,” May 8, 2012, Conference on ‘Corporate Law: Emerging Issues in Corporate Governance,’ Fordham University School of Law, New York, New York (Respondent)

“Justice and Inequity at the WTO,” March 19, 2010, Symposium on ‘International Law at a Time of Scarcity,’ University of Connecticut School of Law, West Hartford, Connecticut

“Federalism and International Law,” February 26, 2010, Vanderbilt University Law School, Nashville, Tennessee (Respondent)

“Universal Exceptionalism in International Law,” February 19, 2010, University of Georgia School of Law, Athens, Georgia (Respondent)

“International Law as an Interpretive Tool, 1945-2000,” February 5, 2010, Washington University Law School, St. Louis, Missouri (Respondent)

“Does the Constitution Follow the Flag?,” October 2, 2009, Temple Law School, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (Respondent)

“A Theory of Judicial Power and Judicial Review,” April 6, 2009, Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C. (Respondent)

“State and Religion,” October 10, 2008, Sixth Annual Bahá’í Law Conference, American University, Washington College of Law, Washington, D.C. (Convener/Moderator)

“Socializing States,” October 4, 2008, Temple Law School, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (Respondent)

“The Global Trading Order,” June 1, 2008, Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, Montreal, Canada (Respondent)

“A Comparative Law Perspective on the Religious Rights of Minorities,” May 29, 2008, Conference on ‘Law and Religion,’ Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey

Sixth Annual Yale Journal of International Law Young Scholars Conference, March 1, 2008, Yale Law School, New Haven, Connecticut (Respondent)

“Competition for Commodities and the Limits of Economics Sanctions,” February 29, 2008, Symposium on ‘Trade Sanctions in a Twenty-First Century Economy,’ University of Pennsylvania Law School, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

- “Exit, Voice, Loyalty in International Organizations: Why Can’t the President Check the First Option?”, February 21, 2008, Temple Law School, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (Respondent)
- “The Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights and the Self-Enforcement of Contracts in Russia,” April 13, 2007, Conference on ‘Of BRICs and Mortar: Technological Drivers in Booming Economies,’ Northwestern University Law School, Chicago, Illinois
- “The Rise of Transnational Adjudication,” March 24, 2007, Fifth Annual Bahá’í Law Conference, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario
- “Is There a ‘New’ New Haven School?” March 10, 2007, 5th Annual *Yale Journal of International Law* Young Scholars Conference, Yale Law School, New Haven, Connecticut
- “Regimes of Intersystemic Governance,” February 23, 2007, Twenty-Sixth Annual Randolph W. Thrower Symposium: ‘The New Federalism: Plural Governance in a Decentered World,’ Emory Law School, Atlanta, Georgia
- “Mixed Governance in Corporate Law: The Dialectical Regulation of Rule 14a-8,” October 13, 2006, Fifth Annual Business Law Conference: The Fall & Rise of Federal Corporation Law, University of Maryland School of Law, Baltimore, Maryland
- “Foreign Relations as a Matter of Interpretation: The Use and Abuse of *Charming Betsy*,” April 14, 2006, University of Georgia School of Law, Athens, Georgia (Respondent)
- “Toward a Self-Enforcing Law of Contract,” October 17, 2005, Conference on ‘From Revolution to Reform: Law and Its Practice in Russia and the CIS,’ American University School of International Service, Washington, D.C.
- “Contract Enforcement in Emerging Economies,” June 17, 2005, AALS Conference on ‘Exploring the Boundaries of Contract Law,’ Montreal, Canada
- “Default Rules in Corporate Law,” March 25, 2005, Florida State University College of Law, Tallahassee, Florida (Respondent)
- “Globalization and Human Rights,” November 22, 2004, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia
- “International Courts in International Politics: Four Judicial Roles and Their Implications for State-International Court Relations,” November 12, 2004, Vanderbilt University Law School, Nashville, Tennessee (Respondent)
- “Alien Tort Claims After *Sosa v. Alvarez-Machain*,” October 22, 2004, Thrower Symposium, Emory Law School, Atlanta, Georgia (Moderator)
- “The Promise and Perils of Unity in Diversity,” October 8, 2004, Yale College, New Haven, Connecticut
- “International Trade & the 2004 Election: FTAA, Outsourcing, and Chinese Currency,” August 8, 2004, American Bar Association - Section of International Law, Atlanta, Georgia
- “Globalization and Human Rights,” March 30, 2004, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia

- “Toward an Alternative Theory of Free Trade: Unity in Diversity as Foundational Principle?”, March 27, 2004, Conference on ‘The Oneness of Humanity as Contemporary Legal Principle,’ Columbia University Law School, New York, New York
- “Between Mandate and Market: Contract Transition in the Shadow of the International Order,” February 27, 2004, Symposium on ‘Sovereign Debt: A View from the Legal Academy,’ Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C.
- “Recent Developments in Private International Law,” December 6, 2003, Young Scholars of International Law Roundtable, Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C.
- “Globalization and Human Rights,” October 27, 2003, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia
- “Collective Security in the Wake of September 11, 2001,” April 11, 2002, Emory Univ., Atlanta, Georgia
- “The Limits of World Trade,” March 2, 2001, Thrower Symposium, Emory Law School, Atlanta, Georgia
- “Cooperative Federalism,” November 7, 2000, Emory Law School, Atlanta, Georgia (Respondent)

Texas A&M University Activities

Vice President for Professional Schools & Programs, Texas A&M University, 2022 – Present
Dean, School of Law, 2018 – Present
Member, Administrative Council, Hagler Institute for Advanced Study, 2018 to Present
Chair, College of Architecture Dean Search Committee, 2020 to 2021
Member, Council on the Built Environment, 2020 to 2021
Member, University Distinguished Professor Study Committee, 2019-2020
Member, Dean of Faculties & Associate Vice Provost Search Committee, 2018-2019

Emory University Activities

Member, Steering Committee, Commission on Racial and Social Justice, Emory University, 2017-2018
Member, Colloquium & Scholarship Committee, Emory Law School, 2010-2011, 2017-2018
Director, Center on Federalism and Intersystemic Governance, Emory Law School, 2007-2018
Associated Faculty, Program on Law & the Social Sciences, Emory University, 2007-2018
Faculty Advisor, *Emory International Law Review*, 2002-2018
Vice Dean, Emory Law School, 2011-2017
Areas of active responsibility included: Admissions, Curriculum (including development of leadership curriculum), Development & Alumni Relations, Non-JD programs, Marketing/Communications, Student Records/Registrar, Strategic/International initiatives, Student Affairs/Academic Engagement, Career/Professional Development, Cross-campus initiatives, and Finance & Administration (budget, operations, human resources & institutional research)
Chair, Interdisciplinary Studies Subcommittee, University Research Committee, Emory University, 2016-2017 (*Member – 2014-2017*)
Member, Academic Exchange Board of Editorial Advisors, Emory University, 2012-2017
Member, Curriculum Committee, Emory Law School, 2011-2017
Member, Global Strategy Development Task Force, Emory University, 2013-2015
Member, Laney Graduate School Advisory Council, Emory University, 2012-2015
Member, Provost’s Faculty Advisory Committee, Emory University, 2011-2015

Member, Academic Standing Committee, Emory Law School, 2011-2015
Associated Faculty, Emory Center for Ethics, Emory University, 2012-2014
Member, Graduate Legal Studies Committee, Emory Law School, 2011-2013
Member, Skills/Experiential Learning Committee, Emory Law School, 2011-2013
Member, Grading Committee, Emory Law School, 2011-2013
Member, Student Career/Professional Development Committee, Emory Law School, 2011-2012
Faculty Advisor, *Emory Law Journal*, Emory Law School, 2010-2012
Member, Appointments Committee, Emory Law School, 2009-2012
Associate Dean of Faculty, Emory Law School, 2010-2011
Member, Faculty Review & Promotion Committee, Emory Law School, 2010-2011
Member, Communications Task Force, Emory Law School, 2010-2011
Member, Clinical Faculty Review & Promotion Committee, Emory Law School, 2010-2011
Member, Strategic Initiatives Committee, Emory Law School, 2009-2011
Member, Committee on Tenure Requirements & Standards, Emory Law School, 2009-2011
Member, Clerkship Committee, Emory Law School, 2009-2011
Member, Admissions Committee, Emory Law School, 2009-2010
Chair, Task Force on first-year International/Comparative Law curriculum, 2009-2010
Member, Task Force on Law School Voting Policies, Emory Law School, 2009-2010
Faculty Advisor, Twenty-Eighth Annual Thrower Symposium: “Executive Power: New Directions for the New Presidency?”, Emory Law School, 2008-2009
Member, International Studies Committee, Emory Law School, 2006-2009
(Assigned responsibility for Chinese program initiatives)
Member, Search Committee, Director of the Center for Ethics, Emory University, 2006-2008
Member, Emory University Committee on Law & Religion, 2002-2008
Chair, Colloquium & Scholarship Committee, Emory Law School, 2006-2007
Faculty Advisor, Twenty-Sixth Annual Thrower Symposium: “The New Federalism: Plural Governance in a Decentered World,” Emory Law School, 2006-2007
Member, Development and University Relations Faculty Council, Emory University, 2006-2007
Law School Representative, University Senate, Emory University, 2005-2007 (*Elected by faculty*)
Law School Representative, Faculty Council, Emory University, 2005-2007 (*Elected by faculty*)
Commentator, *Knowledge@Emory* Online Journal, 2003-2007
Organizer, International Visitor Programs, Emory University, 2003-2007
Member, Public Interest Working Group, Emory Law School, 2001-2007
Faculty Liaison, Loan Repayment Assistance Program, Emory Law School, 2001-2007
(Subcommittee for Program Administration – 2005-2007)
Co-Author, “Justice for Vulnerable Populations: Generating Principled Government Responses,” Mellon-Sawyer Seminar Proposal, Emory University, 2006
Chair, Clerkship Committee, Emory Law School, 2004-2006 (*Member – 2000-2006*)
Member, Dean’s Advisory Committee, Emory Law School, 2004-2005 (*Elected by faculty*)
Member, Teacher Center Evaluation Committee, Emory University, 2005
Member, Foundations Conference Steering Committee, Emory Law School, 2004-2005
Member, Globalization Committee, Emory Law School, 2002-2005
Faculty Advisor, Emory University Bahá’í Club, 2000-2005
Participant, Emory Institute for Human Rights Workshop, 2003
Member, Colloquium Committee, Emory Law School, 2001-2002
Thesis Committee Member, Middle Eastern Studies Department, Emory University, 2000-2001

Other Professional Activities

Co-Vice Chair, Executive Committee, Association of American Law Schools Section on Law School Deans, 2022-Present (*Member: 2020-Present*)

Member, Deans' Workshop Planning Committee, American Bar Association Section of Legal Education & Admissions to the Bar, 2022-Present

Member, Legal Education Advisory Council, Educational Testing Service, 2021-Present

Member, International Board of Advisors, School of Law and Justice, Adamas University, Kolkata, India, 2021-Present

Elected Member, American Law Institute, 2007-Present

Member, New Deans' Workshop Planning Committee, American Bar Association Section of Legal Education & Admissions to the Bar, 2021-2022

Member, Annual Meeting Program Committee, Association of American Law Schools, 2021-2022

Lecturer, *Law Preview*, 2006-2021

Member, Annual Meeting Program Committee, Association of American Law Schools, 2019-2020

Discussant, New Voices in Administrative Law, Association of American Law Schools, Administrative Law Section, 2014-2020

Member, International Board of Advisors, *City University of Hong Kong Law Review*, 2018-2020

Member, Humanities, Social Science & Business Studies Selection Panel, PhD Fellowship Scheme, University Grants Committee, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, 2017-2019

External Academic Advisor, City University of Hong Kong School of Law, 2015-2019

Member, Organizing Committee, Glenn P. Hendrix Lecture on International Arbitration, 2015-2018

Member, Advisory Board, *Yale Journal of International Law*, 2008-2015

Peer Reviewer, REGULATION & GOVERNANCE, 2012-13

Member, External Review Team, University of Arizona College of Law Graduate Programs, 2012

Member, Academic Advisory Council, Atlanta International Arbitration Society (ATLAS), 2011-2012

Member, Host Committee, American Society of International Law Midyear Meeting, 2011-2012

Contributing Editor (Blog), *Jotwell: The Journal of Things We Like (Lots)*, 2009-2012

Member, Conference Committee, International Economic Law Group, American Society of International Law, 2009-2010

Member, Annual Meeting Program Committee, American Society of International Law, 2007-2008

Peer Reviewer, LAW AND SOCIETY, 2007

Reviewer, National Science Foundation Grant Proposal on Corporate Law, 2006

Peer Reviewer, Aspen Publishers, 2006

Peer Reviewer, LAW & POLICY, 2004

Author, Primer on the "Rule of Law," U.S. Department of State, 2004

Peer Reviewer, LAW & SOCIETY, 2003

Reviewer, National Science Foundation Grant Proposal on Legal Reform in Russia, 2001

Research Associate, U.S. Department of State, 2000 (Prepared analysis of HR monitoring in Russia)

Research Associate, U.S. Supreme Court, Office of the Clerk, 1995
(Prepared briefing paper for justices on Russian Constitutional Court)

Community Engagement

- Academic Review Committee, University of Miami School of Law
- Entrepreneurship & Innovation Committee, City of Fort Worth (Mayoral Commission)
- Downtown Strategic Action Plan Steering Committee, Downtown Fort Worth, Inc., City of Fort Worth & Trinity Metro
- Legal Education Advisory Council, Educational Testing Service (ETS)
- Board of Directors, Tax Increment Financing District #8, City of Fort Worth
- Executive Committee, Section on Deans, Association of American Law Schools
- Board of Directors, Visit Fort Worth
- Strike Force, *Fort Worth Now* (Mayoral commission) - *Member*
- Board of Directors, Yale Club of Fort Worth

- Advisory Board, Annual North American Bahá'í Law Conference
- Texas Young Lawyers Association, State Bar of Texas –
Law School Liaison (2019-2020)
- Design Committee, Fort Worth Convention Center Renovation (Mayoral Commission)
(2019-2020)
- Tarrant County Bar Foundation – Lifetime Community Service Award
Selection Committee (2019-2020)
- Audit Committee, Law School Admission Council (LSAC) (2018-2020)
- LeaderPrime Steering Committee, Leadership Fort Worth (2018-2020)
- Board, Downtown Fort Worth, Inc. (DFWI) (2018-2020)
- Annual Fund Solicitor, The Paideia School (2016-2018)
- Advisory Board, BARBRI (2013-2015)
- Local Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of Decatur, Georgia – *Member* (2009-2015)
- Land Use and Zoning Representative, Grant Park Historic Neighborhood (2002-2008)
- Local Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of Atlanta, Georgia – *Member* (2003-2007)
- Princeton University Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Seventy-Fifth
Anniversary Seminar, Atlanta, Georgia – *Program Chair* (2005-2006)
- Advisory Committee to Atlanta Convention and Visitors Bureau, on selection of Atlanta as
headquarters of Free Trade Agreement of the Americas, 2004-2005
- Atlanta Public Schools Career Program (2002-2005)
- Tahirih Justice Center – *Chair*, Board of Directors (1999-2004) (*Member: 1998-2004*)
- Bahá'í Justice Society – *Member*, Board of Directors (2000-2003)

Affiliations

American Law Institute
 American Society of International Law – Annual Meeting Program Committee;
 International Economic Law Group; International Tribunals & National Courts Group
 American Society of Comparative Law – Texas A&M University School of Law Director;
 Emory University School of Law Delegate
 American Law & Economics Association
 Law & Society Association
 International Society for New Institutional Economics
 American Bar Association - Section on International Law & Practice
 Tarrant County Bar Association
 Dallas Bar Association
 Texas Aggie Bar Association

Bar Admissions

State of California - U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit