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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

University of California Irvine School of Law

Lawyering Skills Assistant Visiting Professor, 2025-26
Teaching lawyering skills courses

Lewis and Clark Law School

Assistant Professor of Law, June 2022-present
Teaching first year and advanced lawyering skills courses (including public interest/voting rights).

University of Maryland Carey School of Law

Visiting Assistant Professor of Law, 2020-2022
Taught first year and advanced lawyering skills courses (including asylum/refugee rights).

Washington and Lee University School of Law

Professor of Practice and Coordinator, Washington D.C. Program, 2013-2015
Courses taught: Legislation—National Security and the Law on the Use of Military Force; Legal Professionalism

American University Washington College of Law

Adjunct Professor, Legal Writing and Rhetoric, 2006-2008

ACADEMIC ARTICLES ON THE LAW

Letter from an American Law School: The Fierce Urgency of Taking a Stand in a Time of Trump, (currently submitted for publication)

Power for the People: Recognizing the Constitutional Right to Vote for President, 46 Cardozo Law Review 1788 (Fall 2024), <https://cardozolawreview.com/power-for-the-people-recognizing-the-constitutional-right-to-vote-for-president/>

I was a Stranger, and You Welcomed Me, Harvard Human Rights Journal (essay on work with refugees in Greece)(April 29, 2022), [I Was a Stranger, and You Welcomed Me \(harvard.edu\)](https://iwasastrangerandyouwelcomedme.humanrights.harvard.edu)

Racism and Bigotry as Grounds for Impeachment, New York University Review of Law and Social Change, 45 Rev. L. & Soc. Change 197 (Fall 2021), <https://socialchangenyu.com/review/racism-and-bigotry-as-grounds-for-impeachment/>

Give Peace a Chance: How Considering Peace Process Obligations Would Have Improved the Rulings of the International Court of Justice and the Israeli Supreme Court on the Israeli Security Barrier, 17 Duke Journal of Comparative & International Law 305 (Spring 2007), <http://scholarship.law.duke.edu/djcil/vol17/iss2/2>

Are Americans Good Samaritans? How Martin Luther King's Example Can Empower America's Humanitarian Majority, St. Mary's Law Review on Race and Social Justice, 9 Scholar 213 (Winter 2007)

Bring It on Home: A Gulf Coast Marshall Plan Based on International Humanitarian Standards, 32 Vermont Law Review 57 (Fall 2007), <http://lawreview.vermontlaw.edu/files/2012/02/martel.pdf>

SELECTED EDITORIALS AND ESSAYS ON LAW AND POLICY

Power for the People: Recognizing the Constitutional Right to Vote for President,
<https://balkin.blogspot.com/2024/10/power-for-people-recognizing.html> (Balkinization, October 13, 2024)

The Constitution Says You Have the Right to Vote For President. The Supreme Court Should Say So
<https://ballsandstrikes.org/scotus/supreme-court-right-to-vote-for-president/> (Balls and Strikes, July 11, 2024)

Congress Should Investigate the Trump Administration's Coronavirus Response, <https://www.lawfareblog.com/congress-should-investigate-trump-administrations-coronavirus-response> (Lawfare, June 1, 2020)

Trump Administration Using Pandemic as Excuse to Target Asylum Seekers: Planned 'Expulsions' From US Are Illegal, Harmful, Human Rights Watch, (co-authored with Grace Meng), <https://www.hrw.org/news/2020/04/07/trump-administration-using-pandemic-excuse-target-asylum-seekers> (April 7, 2020)

What Child is this? A Refugee Child, <https://blogs.icrc.org/law-and-policy/2019/12/23/what-child-refugee-child/> (International Committee of the Red Cross Humanitarian Law and Policy, December 23, 2019)

Trump's Orders for the Military to Intern Civilians are Unlawful. James Mattis Should Say No <https://slate.com/news-and-politics/2018/06/james-mattis-must-reject-donald-trumps-unlawful-order-for-the-military-to-intern-civilians.html> (Slate, June 29, 2018)

Misogynist Apartheid: Saudi Arabia's Original Human Rights Sin, <https://www.justsecurity.org/61442/misogynist-apartheid-saudi-arabias-original-human-rights-sin/> (Just Security, November 18, 2018)

AWARDS

Carr Ferguson Award for Scholarship, Lewis and Clark Law School, 2024 (award for innovative scholarship with public impact)

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Global Summit on Constitutionalism, *The Right to Vote for President Under the U.S. Constitution*, University of Texas (March 20, 2025)

Association of American Law Schools (AALS), *Teaching Law in a Time of Trump: Taking a Stand for the Law, Academic Freedom, and Our Community* (with Dean Erwin Chemerinsky and Dean Anthony Varona) (January 11, 2025)

Society of American Law Teachers, *Disrupting Elitist, Establishmentarian Echo Chambers: Arguing for a Constitutional Right to Vote for President*, Boston University School of Law (September 21, 2024).

Global Legal Skills Conference, *When Lawyering is the Difference Between Life and Death: Teaching Refugee Law in America*, University of Bari, Italy (June 6, 2024)

Power for the People: Recognizing the Constitutional Right to Vote, Lewis and Clark Law School Faculty Colloquium (November 14, 2023)

Plenary Panel, Conference on Applied Legal Storytelling, Legal Writing Institute, City University, London, UK, on my essay *I Was a Stranger, and You Welcomed Me* (July 26, 2023)

Presentation at Law and Society Association Global Meeting, on my article *Racism and Bigotry as Grounds for Impeachment*, (July 15, 2022)

Guest Lecturer, Washington & Lee University School of Law, Election Law and Voting Rights, *Bush v. Gore and its Legacy* (April 1, 2014)

QUOTES AND MEDIA REFERENCES

Election Law Blog, *Power for the People: Recognizing the Constitutional Right to Vote* <https://electionlawblog.org/?p=146079> (October 6, 2024)

New York Times, *Do you have the right to vote*, Jamelle Bouie, New York Times (January 22, 2024), <https://www.nytimes.com/live/2024/01/11/opinion/briefing/voting-rights-constitution?smid=url-share>, on my article *Power for the People: Recognizing the Constitutional Right to Vote for President*

Al Jazeera, *Cuban asylum seekers in Greece “forcibly expelled” to Turkey*, Melissa Pawson, Al Jazeera (January 10, 2022) <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2022/1/10/like-a-nightmare-cubans-allege-expulsions-to-turkey?fbclid=IwAR3HvY8U70d6vpaoc5FHN1Gzcnj-mFeSspbM02biwxtP8bYoDCWjqCNUQ>

EDUCATION

London School of Economics

LLM in International Human Rights Law, graduated with Distinction, top fifteen percent of class, 2005

Washington & Lee University School of Law

JD, 1985

Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.

BA, 1982

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Human Rights Watch

Acting Deputy Director, Washington D.C. Office, January 2020-April 2020 (temporary role)

Worked on human rights in U.S. immigration and foreign policy, implications of coronavirus crisis.

Advocates Abroad (lawyers’ non-profit supporting refugees seeking asylum in Europe)

Pro Bono Attorney, 2017-2020

Pro Bono U.S. Immigration Work (for three organizations-Center for Human Rights and Constitutional Law/University of Maryland School of Law/Annapolis Immigration Justice Network) 2018-2020

St. Bernard Project/SBP (disaster response and preparedness non-profit), Washington, D.C.

Director, Disaster Resilience and Recovery Lab, 2015-2017

Legal Services Corporation (National oversight of legal aid funding), Washington, D.C.

Assistant General Counsel/Consultant, 2013-2014

Obama Campaign—Organizing for America, Virginia Headquarters Coordinator, Voting Rights Team, Fall 2012

The Constitution Project (civil liberties non-profit), Washington, D.C.

Staff Director, Task Force on Detainee Treatment, 2011 (planned inquiry on treatment of detainees)

United States Senate

Counsel, Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, 2009-2011

Chief Counsel, Senate Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery, 2008-2009

Law Firm Practice and Independent Consulting, 1985-2004

Practice included work with Cooley, Hunton Andrews, McGuireWoods

CIVIC SERVICE

- **Lewis and Clark Law School, BIPOC Mentoring and Community Program**, Board Member 2022-present
- **Lewis and Clark Law School, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee**, 2022-2023
- **Voting Protection Corps**, National Advisory Board 2019-2020
- **Voting rights program management in political campaigns**, 2001-2016

- **Certified Stand Up Paddleboard Instructor**, 2019-present (volunteer with water sports programs for wounded veterans and disadvantaged children)
- **Faculty Advisor, Law Student Hurricane Network, American University Washington College of Law**, 2007-08
- **Red Cross Military Therapy Dog Guide, Walter Reed National Military Medical Center**, 2004
- **Volunteer for Disaster Recovery in post Katrina New Orleans and post-Earthquake Haiti**, 2006-2010