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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Elon University School of Law, Greensboro, NC

Associate Professor of Law (June 2023)

- **Courses Taught:** Legal Method & Communication I, II, & III; International Criminal Law

University of Louisville, Louis D. Brandeis School of Law, Louisville, KY

Assistant Professor of Law (2020 – present)

- **Courses Taught:** Lawyering Skills I & II; International Criminal Law; International Service-Learning Program Course: Ghana; Belize
- **Service:** Louisville Law Review Mentoring Advisor; Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Team Coach & Creator; International Opportunities Committee Member; Curriculum Committee Member; Strategic Planning Committee Member; Faculty Advisor to the Disability & Allied Law Students Association

University of Gothenburg, School of Global Studies, Göteborg, Sweden

Fulbright U.S. Scholar & Visiting Researcher (2022-2023)

Elon University School of Law, Greensboro, NC

Legal Method & Communication Teaching Fellow (2018 – 2020)

PUBLICATIONS

Scholarly Publications

Confronting Legacies of Indigenous Injustice: A Scandinavian Approach to a Global Problem (work in progress).

A Framework for Synergy: Synthesizing the Relationship Between the International Criminal Court and Hybrid Tribunals, 42 BERKELEY JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW __ (forthcoming 2024).

Forced Justice: The Kosovo Specialist Chambers (with Kirbi Walters), 32 DUKE JOURNAL OF COMPARATIVE & INTERNATIONAL LAW 239 (2022).

The Role of Truth-Telling in Indigenous Justice, 11 JOURNAL OF RACE, GENDER, AND ETHNICITY (Published by Touro Law Center) 117 (2022).

Book Review: *Invisible Atrocities: The Aesthetic Biases of International Criminal Justice*, Randle C. DeFalco (Cambridge Univ. Press 2022), *INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL LAW REVIEW* (2022).

Imposter Syndrome & The Law School Caste System, 42 *PACE LAW REVIEW* 373 (2022).

Fake News & International Criminal Law, 66 *ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY LAW JOURNAL* 99 (2022).

A National Truth Commission for Native Americans, 36 *WISCONSIN JOURNAL OF LAW, GENDER & SOCIETY* 1 (2021).

Propaganda Warfare on The International Criminal Court, 42 *MICHIGAN JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW* 581 (2021).

Imposter Syndrome: Lessons for Millennial Legal Academics & Law Schools, in *MILLENNIAL LEADERSHIP IN LAW SCHOOLS: ESSAYS ON DISRUPTION, INNOVATION, AND THE FUTURE* (Hein 2021).

A Renewed Call for Hybrid Tribunals, 52 *N.Y.U. JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW & POLITICS* 351 (2020).

The United States, the International Criminal Court, and the Situation in Afghanistan, 95 *NOTRE DAME LAW REVIEW REFLECTION* 89 (2020).

In Need of Prosecution: The Role of Personal Jurisdiction in the Khmer Rouge Tribunal, 55 *STANFORD JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW* 117 (2019).

What Hun Sen's Re-Election Means for the Fate of Cambodian Justice, 59 *VIRGINIA JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW DIGEST* 1 (2018).

Shorter Academic Pieces

[Russia has Committed Atrocities. But is Genocide One of Them?](#) *NBC THINK* (Apr. 2022).

- Interviewed on [NBC News Now](#) (Apr. 2022).

[The International Criminal Court Matters. Can Ukraine Make Us See That?](#) *THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE* (March 2022).

[Embracing Confident Writing](#), *KENTUCKY BAR ASSOCIATION BENCH & BAR MAGAZINE* (July 2021).

[The Khmer Rouge Tribunal: A Court Divided & Stalled](#), *GEORGETOWN JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW BLOG* (Apr. 2020).

[A Perilous Showdown between the U.S. and the ICC](#), *GREENSBORO NEWS & RECORD* (Apr. 2020).

[Leveling the Playing Field or Razing It?: The ICC's Investigation into Afghanistan](#), *JURIST* (March 2020).

[The Failure to Protect International Law & Human Rights in the U.S.-China Trade Talks](#), *INTLAWGRRLS* (June 2019).

Fiction Writing

The Dive, a debut psychological thriller novel.

- Scheduled publication in the U.K. and British Commonwealth in July 2023 by Transworld, a division of Penguin Random House.
- Scheduled publication in the U.S. and Canada in February 2024 by Sourcebooks as **The Resort**.
- Publication also forthcoming in Germany (Blanvalet); the Netherlands (De Fontein); Finland (Bazar); and Russia (Everbook) in 2023 and 2024.

AWARDS, GRANTS & HONORS

2022 Fulbright U.S. Scholar Award - Sweden, to fund six months of research at the University of Gothenburg School of Global Studies during the 2022-2023 academic year

University of Louisville Research & Scholarship Award

University of Louisville Student Champion Award (Selected by Students)

2021 Susan Bulkeley Butler Center for Leadership Excellence Fellowship, to fund travel to the 2021 Conference for Assistant Professors at Purdue University

University of Louisville Annual Student Champion Award (Selected by Students)

2020 Association of Legal Writing Directors (ALWD) & Legal Writing Institute (LWI) Scholarship Grant, to fund *Imposter Syndrome & The Law School Caste System* (forthcoming in Pace Law Review 2022)

SELECT PRESENTATIONS

A Scandinavian Approach to Transitional Justice

- Presenter, (In)Justice International's World Convention in Finland (March 2023).
- Presenter and Panelist, Indigenous Access to Justice Conference hosted by Arizona State University (Feb. 2023).
- Presenter, The University of Gothenburg's Critical Heritage Studies Research Group (Jan. 2023).
- Presenter, Workshop on Environmental Destruction: The Effects of War, Pollution & Capital hosted by (In)Justice International and Liverpool Hope University (Dec. 2022).

A Framework for Synergy

- Presenter, The University of Gothenburg's Human Rights Seminar (Feb. 2023).
- Presenter and Panelist, The Consequences of War and Their Interdependence Conference at The University of Padova, Italy (Nov. 2022).

The Role of Truth Telling in Indigenous Justice

- Symposium Presenter and Panelist, Touro Law Center's Journal of Race, Gender, and Ethnicity's 2022 Symposium: "Redressing Legacies of Injustice from Slavery, Empire, and Beyond: Reparations and Restorative Justice," panel on "Negotiating Memory in the Project of Repair" (March 2022).

Fake News & International Criminal Law

- Presenter, Saint Louis University School of Law's Center for International and Comparative Law's Distinguished Speaker Series (Sept. 2021).

Imposter Syndrome & The Non-Traditional Law Professor

- Presenter and Participant, AALS Annual Meeting, AALS Section on Legal Writing, Reasoning, and Research Scholarship Workshop (Jan. 2022).
- Invited Presenter, Utah Law Review Symposium: #IncludeTheirStories: Rethinking, Reimagining, and Reshaping Legal Education (Nov. 2021).
- Presenter and Panelist, Central States Law Schools Association Annual Conference (Sept. 2021).
- Virtual Presenter, 2021 ALWD Biennial Conference (June 2021).

A National Truth Commission for Native Americans

- Symposium Presenter, Wisconsin Journal of Law, Gender & Society Symposium: "Confronting Violence Against Indigenous Peoples" (Feb. 2021).

Propaganda Warfare on the International Criminal Court

- Presenter and Panelist, AALS Annual Meeting, New Voices in International Human Rights (Jan. 2021).
- Presenter, American Society of International Law Research Forum at Case Western Reserve University School of Law (Oct. 2020).
- Presenter, Northern Illinois University Junior Scholars Chicagoland Conference (Oct. 2020).
- Presenter, Brandeis Law Faculty Speaker Series (Sept. 2020).

A Renewed Call for Hybrid Tribunals

- Presenter, 3rd Postgraduate Conference in International Law & Human Rights at the University of Liverpool (June 2019).

- Presenter, Normative Developments in International Law Conference at Canterbury Christ Church University (June 2019).
- Participant and Commentator, American Society of International Law Southeast Junior Scholar Workshop at Washington & Lee University School of Law (May 2019).

In Need of Prosecution: The Role of Personal Jurisdiction in the Khmer Rouge Tribunal

- Commentator and Presenter, American Society of International Law International Courts and Tribunals Interest Group 2019 Works-In-Progress Conference at The John Marshall Law School (Jan. 2019).
- Presenter and Panelist, AALS Annual Meeting, New Voices in International Law and Human Rights Panel (Jan. 2019).
- Presenter and Panelist, British International Studies Association “International Law Under Pressure” Workshop at The University of Glasgow (Nov. 2018).

Legal Writing Presentations

- Presenter, *A Director-Less Approach to Collaboration During a Pandemic*, Virtual LWI One-Day Workshop hosted by Appalachian School of Law (Dec. 2020).
- Presenter, *Imposter Syndrome & Legal Writing Faculty*, LWI One-Day Workshop at Penn State Dickinson Law (Dec. 2019).
- Presenter, *Fostering Engagement & Practical Experience in the Legal Writing Curriculum*, Carolinas Legal Research & Writing Colloquium at University of South Carolina School of Law (May 2019).

EDITORIAL & REVIEWER ROLES

International Journal of Transitional Justice (published by Oxford University Press), Invited Reviewer (2023 – present).

The Law and Practice of International Courts and Tribunals (published by Brill), Invited Reviewer (2023 – present).

American Society of International Law, International Courts & Tribunals Interest Group, Newsletter Editor (2020 – present).

American Bar Association Section of International Law, International Courts & Judicial Affairs Committee, Committee Editor of *International Law Year in Review* (2017-2022).

Legal Writing: The Journal of the Legal Writing Institute, Editorial Board Member (2020-2021).

Legal Communication & Rhetoric: JALWD, Guest Reviewer (2020).

Loyola Law Review, Casenote & Comment Editor (2013-14).

OTHER TEACHING & RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of Gothenburg, School of Global Studies

Guest Lecturer (2023)

Taught class on Truth Commissions & Indigenous Justice in Global Politics of Heritage Course (part of the Master's Degree Program in Global Studies).

American Red Cross

Guest Lecturer (2021 – present)

Trained and certified by the American Red Cross to create and teach seminars on international humanitarian and international criminal law to Red Cross volunteers and the general public. My two-part seminar series on [Introduction to International Criminal Law](#) garnered an audience of approximately 200 attendees.

Tracing Inherent Powers Research Project

Associated Expert on Louisiana Jurisprudence (2021 – present)

Surveyed the exercise and rationalization of uncodified powers by domestic courts within Louisiana in furtherance of the [Tracing Inherent Powers](#) research project led by Leiden University.

Lawyers, Conflict & Transition

Researcher, Cambodia Project (2019)

Researched contemporary legal issues in Cambodia caused by the fall of the Khmer Rouge regime in furtherance of research project led by Queen's University Belfast.

CLERKSHIP & OTHER LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Admitted to the Louisiana Bar

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana, New Orleans, LA

Judicial Law Clerk to the Honorable Carl J. Barbier (2014 – 2015)

Simon, Peragine, Smith & Redfearn, LLP, New Orleans, LA

Legal Consultant (2018 – 2023)

Associate Attorney, Litigation, Tort & Insurance and Maritime Law Sections (2015 – 2017)

Akerman LLP, New Orleans, LA

Associate Attorney, Consumer Financial Services Section (2017 – 2018)

U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Virginia, Alexandria, VA

Summer Law Clerk; Criminal Division (2012)

EDUCATION

J.D., *Summa Cum Laude*, Loyola University New Orleans College of Law, 2014

Graduated Second in Class of 212 students

Common Law Division; Certificate in International Legal Studies

Loyola Law Review, Casenote and Comment Editor & Board Member

Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Team, Student Coach, Oralist,
& Brief-Writer

B.B.A. International Business, *Magna Cum Laude*, Loyola University Maryland, 2011

NCAA Division I Varsity Cross Country & Indoor/Outdoor Track Athlete

Monash University, Melbourne, Australia, Study Abroad Participant

LEADERSHIP ROLES & SERVICE POSITIONS

American Society of International Law

International Courts & Tribunals Interest Group Advisory Board Member (2019 – present)

Creator and Editor of International Courts & Tribunals Interest Group Newsletter (2020 – present)

ABA Section of International Law

Senior Advisor to International Courts & Judicial Affairs Committee (2022 – present)

Co-Chair of International Courts & Judicial Affairs Committee (2019 – 2022)

Vice Chair of International Courts & Judicial Affairs Committee (2017 – 2019)

Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot

Volunteer Arbitrator (2017 – 2018; 2021 – 2022)

Clooney Foundation for Justice

Trial Monitor, Certified by the United Nations Human Rights Office of the High Commissioner (2020 – present)

The National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition

Affiliate Member (2021 – present)

Loyola University New Orleans College of Law Young Alumni Board

Board Member and 2014 Class Representative (2017 – 2018)