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EMPLOYMENT

Rutgers Law School (Camden)

Professor of Law, 2024–present

Co-Director, Rutgers Institute for Law and Philosophy, 2024–present (Advisor, 2020–2024)

Associate Graduate Faculty, Rutgers–New Brunswick Philosophy Department, 2020–present

Associate Professor of Law, 2021–2024

Assistant Professor of Law, 2020–2021

Honor: 2023–2024 Rutgers University Board of Trustees Research Fellowship for Scholarly Excellence, given to five of the “most distinguished young faculty members” from across the entire Rutgers University system in recognition of “truly outstanding contributions to research”

Courses taught: Civil Procedure, Constitutional Law, Evidence, U.S. Legal Thought (seminar)

Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University

Associate Professor of Law, 2018–2020

Columbia Law School

Associate in Law and Lecturer in Law, 2016–2018

Hogan Lovells US LLP

Litigation Associate, Appellate Practice, Washington, D.C., 2014–2016

Chief Justice John G. Roberts, Jr., Supreme Court of the United States

Law Clerk, 2013–2014

Judge J. Harvie Wilkinson III, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

Law Clerk, 2012–2013

EDUCATION

Yale Law School

J.D., 2012

Yale Law Journal, Book Reviews & Features Editor

Yale Law & Policy Review, Articles Editor

University of Oxford, Balliol College

D.Phil., Politics, 2012

M.Phil., with Distinction, Politics (Political Theory), 2007

Keasbey Memorial Foundation Scholarship, 2005–2007

Balliol College Jowett Senior Exhibition, 2008–2009

Princeton University

A.B., *magna cum laude*, Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, 2005

Phi Beta Kappa, early inductee, 2004

Dodds Achievement Award, given to one senior for outstanding scholarship and service, 2005

Shapiro Prize for Academic Excellence, 2001–2002 and 2002–2003

PUBLICATIONS

Civil Procedure's Partial Rule of Law, 102 INDIANA LAW JOURNAL (forthcoming 2026)

Litigation as Accommodation, 76 UC LAW JOURNAL 511 (2025) (formerly HASTINGS LAW JOURNAL)

Recourse, Litigation, and the Rule of Law, 43 LAW AND PHILOSOPHY 689 (2024) (peer-reviewed book symposium essay)

- Response: Gerald J. Postema, *Tempering Power and Its Tensions*, 43 LAW AND PHILOSOPHY 715, 733–35, 736–40 (2024)

Democracy, Civil Litigation, and the Nature of Non-Representative Institutions, 109 CORNELL LAW REVIEW 113 (2023)

The Role of Plaintiffs in Private Law Institutions, in PRIVATE LAW AND PRACTICAL REASON: ESSAYS ON JOHN GARDNER'S PRIVATE LAW THEORY 239 (Haris Psarras & Sandy Steel eds., Oxford University Press 2023) (with Larissa Katz)

Procedural Wrongdoing, 48 BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 197 (2022)

- Honorable Mention for the Association of American Law Schools' 2024 Section on Federal Courts Best Untenured Article Award

Distributing Civil Justice, 109 GEORGETOWN LAW JOURNAL 1473 (2021)

- Winner of the Association of American Law Schools' 2021 Scholarly Papers Competition

The Indignities of Civil Litigation, 100 BOSTON UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 501 (2020)

- Selected by blind peer review for the 2019 Harvard/Stanford/Yale Junior Faculty Forum
- Competitively selected for the 2019 Michigan Law Junior Scholars Conference

Civil Wrongs and Civil Procedure, in CIVIL WRONGS AND JUSTICE IN PRIVATE LAW 87 (Paul B. Miller & John Oberdiek eds., Oxford University Press 2020)

- One of three unsolicited, competitively selected contributions
- Selected by blind peer review for the 2019 Harvard/Stanford/Yale Junior Faculty Forum (not presented in light of other acceptance)

Delegating Procedure, 118 COLUMBIA LAW REVIEW 983 (2018)

- One of four papers selected by blind peer review for the 2017 New Voices in Civil Justice Workshop

Labor Goals and Antidiscrimination Norms: Employer Discretion, Reasonable Accommodation, and the Costs of Individualized Treatment, 32 YALE LAW & POLICY REVIEW 1 (2013)

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Procedural Ambivalence in Progressive Legal Thought

Litigation Ethics—Personal, Not (Just) Professional (invited symposium essay)

The Procedural Primacy of Private Law

Procedure Beyond Due Process

PRESENTATIONS

Litigation Ethics—Personal, Not (Just) Professional

- Symposium on “The Ethics of Civil Liability,” Georgetown Institute for the Study of Markets and Ethics, Georgetown University, November 2026 (scheduled) (invited)

Civil Procedure’s Partial Rule of Law

- Cornell Law School, Faculty Legal Research Workshop, September 2026 (scheduled) (invited)
- Obligations XI: “Private Law Inside and Out,” Harvard Law School, July 2025
- Harvard Law School, Private Law Workshop, February 2025 (invited)

Comments on Sebastian Lewis, “Joseph Raz on the Rule of Law: A Critical Revision,” General Jurisprudence Conference: Civil Law and Common Law Perspectives, Rutgers Institute for Law and Philosophy, Rutgers Law School, June 2026

Commentator, Association of American Law Schools’ Section on Jurisprudence Junior Scholars Workshop (virtual), August 2025

Litigation as Accommodation

- “Private Law Theory Meets Civil Procedure” Colloquium, Berkeley Center for Private Law Theory, UC Berkeley School of Law, February 2025 (invited)
- Ninth Annual Civil Procedure Workshop, UC Law San Francisco, May 2024
- USC-KCL-Rutgers Law & Philosophy Workshop, University of Southern California Gould School of Law, August 2023

Commentator, Association of American Law Schools’ Section on Jurisprudence Junior Scholars Workshop (virtual), August 2024

Moderator, Section on Jurisprudence “General Jurisprudence and Legal Doctrine” panel, Association of American Law Schools’ Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., January 2024

Democracy, Civil Litigation, and the Nature of Non-Representative Institutions (and other titles)

- “Courts and Politics” panel, 2023 Manchester Centre for Political Theory (MANCEPT) Workshops, University of Manchester (virtual), September 2023
- Obligations X: “Private Law and the State,” Banff, Alberta, July 2023
- University of Virginia School of Law, Legal Theory Workshop, January 2023 (invited)

- Junior Faculty Federal Courts Workshop, University of Florida Levin College of Law, December 2022
- Cornell Law School, Faculty Legal Research Workshop, August 2022 (invited)
- Seventh Annual Civil Procedure Workshop, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, May 2022

Commentator, Association of American Law Schools' Section on Jurisprudence Junior Scholars Workshop (virtual), August 2023

Panelist, "State and Federal 'Private Right of Action' Legislation," Law & Economics Center, George Mason University Antonin Scalia Law School (virtual), June 2023 (invited)

Recourse, Litigation, and the Rule of Law

- Book symposium on Gerald J. Postema's *Law's Rule: The Nature, Value, and Viability of the Rule of Law*, Rutgers Institute for Law and Philosophy, Rutgers Law School, May 2023

"Current Trends in Procedural Law and Theory," Neapolis University Pafos School of Law, Cyprus (virtual), March 2023 (invited)

Comments on Rebecca Stone, "Putting Freedom of Contract in Its Place," Equity Workshop, University of Toronto Faculty of Law, September 2022

Procedural Wrongdoing

- Section on Litigation "Litigation Conduct and Pushing the Envelope: Impact or Abuse?" panel, Association of American Law Schools' Annual Meeting (virtual), January 2022
- North American Workshop on Private Law Theory (NAWPLT) VIII, Brooklyn Law School (virtual), November 2020
- Sixth Annual Civil Procedure Workshop, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law (virtual), October 2020

The Role of Plaintiffs in Private Law Institutions

- Conference on John Gardner's private law theory, University of Oxford Faculty of Law (virtual), April 2021

Distributing Civil Justice (and other titles)

- Conversation with Professor Diego López-Medina of the Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia (virtual), included in a continuing education program for sitting judges run by the National Judicial Schools of Colombia and Mexico, March 2022 (invited)
- University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School, Law and Inequality Seminar (virtual), February 2021 (invited)
- Awards Ceremony, Association of American Law Schools' Annual Meeting (virtual), January 2021
- Fifth Annual Civil Procedure Workshop, University of Texas at Austin School of Law, October 2019
- Eleventh Annual Junior Faculty Federal Courts Workshop, University of Arkansas School of Law, September 2019

The Indignities of Civil Litigation

- 20th Harvard/Stanford/Yale Junior Faculty Forum, Yale Law School, June 2019
- Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., May 2019
- Fifth Annual Michigan Law Junior Scholars Conference, University of Michigan Law School, April 2019
- Fourth Annual Civil Procedure Workshop, Stanford Law School, November 2018

Civil Wrongs and Civil Procedure

- Conference on “Civil Wrongs and Justice in Private Law,” Rutgers Institute for Law and Philosophy, Rutgers Law School, October 2018

Delegating Procedure

- New Voices in Civil Justice Workshop, Branstetter Litigation and Dispute Resolution Program, Vanderbilt Law School, May 2017
- Ninth Annual Junior Faculty Federal Courts Workshop, Emory University School of Law, April 2017
- Columbia Law School, Associates & Fellows Workshop, January 2017

CONFERENCES ORGANIZED

Co-Organizer, North American Workshop on Private Law Theory (NAWPLT) X, Rutgers Institute for Law and Philosophy, Rutgers Law School, November 2023

Organizer, Association of American Law Schools’ Section on Jurisprudence Junior Scholars Workshop (virtual), August 2023

Co-Organizer, book symposium on Gerald J. Postema’s *Law’s Rule: The Nature, Value, and Viability of the Rule of Law*, Rutgers Institute for Law and Philosophy, Rutgers Law School, May 2023

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Civil Procedure, Private Law Theory, Legal Theory, Law and Political Theory

SERVICE

Occasional Reviewer

Oxford University Press, *American Journal of Jurisprudence*, *Hague Journal on the Rule of Law*, *Law and Philosophy*, *Oxford Journal of Legal Studies*, *Yale Law Journal*

Association of American Law Schools

Section on Jurisprudence Board, 2021–present (Section Chair, 2023)

Committee to Review Scholarly Papers for the 2022 Annual Meeting, 2021

Rutgers Law School

Academic Policy Committee, 2021–present (Co-Chair, 2026–present)

Hybrid J.D. Committee, 2026–present

Rutgers University Law Review, Faculty Advisor (Camden), 2022–present

New Programs Committee, 2026
Appointments Committee, 2024–2025
Intellectual Life Committee, 2023–2024
Faculty Development Committee, 2020–2021

Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University

Clerkship Committee, 2018–2020
Library Director Appointments Committee, 2019–2020
Reference Librarian Hiring Committee, faculty representative, 2019
Best Law Review Note Award Committee, 2019

BAR ADMISSIONS

New York; District of Columbia (resigned); U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Second, Fourth, Sixth, Ninth, and Federal Circuits