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Professor and Chancellor William Gardiner Hammond Fellow in Law
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EDUCATION

YALE LAW SCHOOL, NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT J.D. 2009
Benjamin Scharps Prize (best paper by a graduating student)
C. LaRue Munson Prize (excellence in the clinical program)
Yale President's Public Service Fellow (public service in New Haven)
Neal Steinman Scholar (first member of family to attend college)
Lillian Goldman Scholar (demonstrated commitment to women's rights)
Yale Journal of Law and Feminism, Articles Editor

JESUS COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD, OXFORD, UK B.A. 1998 (M.A. 2006)
History and English
First Class Honors
Jesus College Prize (First Class performance in University Final Honor Schools)

POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 2010-2012
Climenko Fellow and Lecturer on Law
Taught First Year Legal Research and Writing

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIP

Hon. Stephen R. Reinhardt, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit 2009-2010

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA COLLEGE OF LAW, IOWA CITY, IOWA
CHANCELLOR WILLIAM GARDINER HAMMOND FELLOW IN LAW July 1, 2019-present
PROFESSOR OF LAW (WITH TENURE) July 1, 2017-present
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF LAW July 1, 2012-June 30, 2017

Courses taught: Civil Procedure, Foundations of International Law, Immigration Law and Policy, Advanced Immigration Law and Policy, British Legal System (a comparative law course, taught in Iowa and London), English Law and Literature

Honors: University of Iowa President and Provost Award for Teaching Excellence (University of Iowa's highest teaching honor) (2020)
Collegiate Teaching Award (College of Law teacher of the year) (2018)
University of Iowa James N. Murray Faculty Award (awarded annually to one tenure-track professor at the University of Iowa) (2015)

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Rick Graf Human Rights Award (Awarded by the City of Iowa City for service to human rights in the local community) (2017)

Law school service: London Law Program, Director (2016-present)
Study Abroad Adviser (2014-present)
International Programs & Admissions Committee, Member (2014-present)
Pre-Tenure & Lecturer Teaching Review Committee, Chair (2017-present)
Journal of Transnational Law and Contemporary Problems, Faculty Advisory Board Member (2013-present)
Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee, Member (2019-present)
Faculty Appointments Committee, Member (2020-present)
Dean's Search Committee, Member (2017-18)
Strategy and Budget Committee, Member (2017-2019)
Honors and Awards Committee, Member (2016-17) (2019-20)
Clerkship Committee, Member (2013-2015)
Faculty Speaker's Committee, Member (2012-13, 2014-2015)

University service: University of Iowa Center for Human Rights, Advisory Board Member
University of Iowa Center for Human Rights, Fundraising Subcommittee Member (2015-present)

PEKING UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF TRANSNATIONAL LAW, SHENZHEN, CHINA 2012-2014
INTERNATIONAL VISITING PROFESSOR OF LAW

Course taught: Criminal Law

Theses supervised: The Criminalization of Marital Rape in the United States and China
Financial Fraud and Illegal Fundraising in the United States and China

PUBLICATIONS

BOOK

THE OXFORD HANDBOOK ON COMPARATIVE IMMIGRATION LAW (Oxford University Press, forthcoming 2023) (edited with Kevin Cope & Jill Goldenziel)

ARTICLES AND ESSAYS

Law as a Tool of Terror, 107 IOWA L. REV. 1 (2021)

Hire American: Race-Based Exclusion in Employment-Based Immigration, YALE J. ON REG. Notice and Comment (Aug. 5, 2020) (with Kit Johnson)

Immigrant Covering, 58 WILLIAM & MARY L. REV. 765-856 (2017)

Testing Citizenship, 96 BOSTON U. L. REV. 2093-2169 (2017)

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The Perils and Possibilities of Refugee Federalism, 66 AM. U. L. REV. 353-414 (2016)

The New Immigration Federalism, 74 OHIO ST. L. J. 703-752 (2013)

Comprehensive Immigration Reform(s): Immigration Regulation Beyond our Borders, 39 YALE J. INT'L L. 37-86 (2013)

Regional Minorities, Immigrants, and Migrants: The Reframing of Minority Language Rights in Europe, 28 BERKELEY J. INT'L L. 261-312 (2010)

Rethinking Preventive Detention from a Comparative Perspective: Three Frameworks for Detaining Terrorist Suspects, 41 COLUM. HUM. RTS. L. REV. 99-134 (2009)

“Good Reason to Believe”: Widespread Violations in the Course of Immigration Enforcement and the Case for Revisiting Lopez-Mendoza, 2008 WISCONSIN L. REV. 1109-1158

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Nishimura Ekiu v. United States in FEMINIST JUDGMENTS: REWRITTEN IMMIGRATION LAW OPINIONS (Kathleen Kim, Kevin Lapp, and Jennifer Lee ed.s, forthcoming 2022)

Lawless Lawmaking: Attorney General Self-Referral and the Rule of Law (with Paul Gowder) (forthcoming, 2022)

Comparative Migration Law: Methods, Debates and New Frontiers, INT'L J. OF MIGRATION AND BORDER STUDIES (with Kevin Cope) (forthcoming 2022)

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCES

Law and Society Association Annual Conference, CRN 02 Citizenship and Migration, Chicago, IL May 2021

“Reimagining Citizenship”

University of Colorado Law School, Ira C. Rothgerber Jr. Conference on Constitutional Law: Pursuing Citizenship, Boulder, CO, April 2021

“Testing Belonging: Law, Language and Culture on Citizenship Tests”

Indiana University Bloomington, Hamilton Lugar School of Global and International Studies, Symposium on the COVID Care Crisis and its Implications for Legal Academia, Bloomington, IN, January 2021

“Crossing Boundaries and Borders During a Global Pandemic”

Association of American Law Schools, Annual Meeting, Section on Immigration Law: Outsourced Borders and Invisible Walls, January 2021

“Lawless Lawmaking: Attorney General Self-Referral and the Rule of Law”

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University of Iowa, Innovation, Business and Law Center, Fall Speaker Series: Examining Institutional Structures: Race, Business & the Law, Iowa City, IA, December 2020

“Racial Exclusion in Employment-Based Immigration”

University of Iowa Center for Human Rights, Summer Speaker Series on Racial Equality and Human Rights, Iowa City, IA, July 2020

“A Reprieve for DREAMERS, But a Closing of other Paths : What Does US Immigration Policy Look Like Today?”

John Marshall Law School, American Society of International Law Midwest Chapter Annual Scholarship Conference, Chicago, IL, September 2019

“American Exceptionalism and the Human Rights of Migrants”

University of Toledo College of Law, Central States Law Schools Association Annual Scholarship Conference, Toledo, OH, September 2019

“Law as a Tool of Terror in the Time of Trump”

Brigham Young University, Emerging Immigration Scholars and Teachers Conference, Provo, UT, June 2019

“Unmaking Immigration Law in the Era of Trump and Brexit”

University of Maine School of Law, Summer Workshop Series, Portland, ME, May 2019

“Law as a Tool of Terror in the Time of Trump”

Harvard Law School, Climenko Fellows Conference, Cambridge, MA, March 2019

“Unmaking Immigration Law in the Era of Trump and Brexit”

Iowa City Foreign Relations Council, Iowa City, IA, February 2019

“Immigration Rulemaking in the Time of Trump and Brexit”

Cornell College, Germany Meets the U.S. Lecture Series, Mount Vernon, IA, November 2017

“German and American Responses to the Global Refugee Crisis”

University of Colorado, Citizenship and Equality Colloquium, Boulder, CO, October 2017

“Immigration Federalism & Refugee Resettlement”

Texas A & M University School of Law, Emerging Immigration Scholars and Teachers Conference, Fort Worth, TX, June 2017

“Immigrant Shaming”

Iowa City Foreign Relations Council, Iowa City, IA, May 2017

“Immigration: The Trump Administration’s First 100 Days”

Wake Forest University School of Law, Winston-Salem, NC, February 2017

“Immigrant Covering”

University of North Dakota School of Law, Central States Law Schools Association Scholarship Conference, Grand Forks, ND, September 2016

“Refugee Federalism”

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Indiana University Maurer School of Law, Tenth Annual Big Ten Junior Scholar's Conference,
Bloomington, IA, August 2015

"Testing Citizenship"

Iowa Judges Association, Iowa State Bar Association Annual Meeting, Des Moines, IA, June 2015

"Understanding Special Immigrant Juvenile Status"

University of Miami, Emerging Immigration Scholars and Teachers Conference, Miami, FL, June 2015

"Testing Citizenship"

Louisiana State University Law Center, Central States Law Schools Association Scholarship Conference,
Baton Rouge, LA, October 2014

"Immigrant Covering"

Indiana University Maurer School of Law, Ninth Annual Big Ten Junior Scholar's Conference,
Bloomington, IA, August 2014

"Immigrant Covering"

University of California, Irvine School of Law, Immigration Law Professor's Workshop, Irvine, CA,
May 2014

"Immigrant Covering"

University of California, Irvine School of Law, Immigration Law Professor's Workshop, Irvine, CA,
May 2014

"Reimagining our Classrooms and Communities: Advanced Immigration Law and Policy"

Center for Worker Justice, Iowa City, IA, February 2014

"Community Identification Cards for Immigrants and Others"

University of California, Irvine School of Law, Emerging Immigration Scholars and Teachers
Conference, Irvine, CA June 2013

"The New Immigration Federalism"

Seattle University School of Law, Seattle, WA, April 2013

"The New Immigration Federalism"

University of Iowa College of Law, Iowa City, IA, March 2013

"The New Immigration Federalism"

University of Iowa College of Law, Iowa City, IA, January 2013

"The Biglaw Effect on Immigration Law"

Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA, April 2012

"Employment Discrimination and Immigration Status"

Cornell Law School, Ithaca, NY, January 2012

"A Comparative Perspective on Immigration Federalism"

Peking University School of Transnational Law, Shenzhen, China, December 2011

"Immigration Law: A Global Trend Toward Local Action"

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Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor, MI, December 2011

“A Comparative Perspective on Immigration Federalism”

Peking University School of Transnational Law, New York, NY, November 2011

“A Comparative Perspective on Immigration Federalism”

University of San Diego School of Law, San Diego, CA, November 2011

“A Comparative Perspective on Immigration Federalism”

University of Iowa College of Law, Iowa City, IA, November 2011

“A Comparative Perspective on Immigration Federalism”

University of Denver Sturm College of Law, Denver, CO, November 2011

“A Comparative Perspective on Immigration Federalism”

Georgia State University College of Law, Atlanta, GA, October 2011

“A Comparative Perspective on Immigration Federalism”

Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA, September 2011

“The Inevitability of Immigration Federalism”

Yale Law School, New Haven, CT, September 2011

“The Inevitability of Immigration Federalism”

Harvard Law School, Project on Law and the Mind Sciences, *The Psychology of Inequality*, Cambridge, MA, *commentator*, March 2011

Yale Law School, *Beyond Guantanamo: Informed Responses and Collective Strategies*, National Litigation Project of the Allard K. Lowenstein International Human Rights Clinic, New Haven, CT, *commentator*, April, 2008

Yale Law School, Rebellious Lawyering Conference, *Challenging Immigration Raids*, New Haven, CT, *commentator*, February 2008

Yale Law School, New Haven, CT, April 2009

“Rethinking Preventive Detention from a Comparative Perspective”

Yale Law School, New Haven, CT, April 2009

“Regional Minorities, Immigrants, and Migrants”

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Legal Aid Society–Employment Law Center, San Francisco, California Summer 2008

Summer Law Clerk, Immigration, National Origin and Language Rights Project

Conducted legal research and assisted with trial preparation for impact litigation involving race, religion, gender, and national origin discrimination. Provided direct client services, including counseling and administrative representation for low income workers.

Yale President’s Public Service Fellow, New Haven, Connecticut Summer 2007

Fellowship awarded by Yale University to fund public service work in New Haven

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Jerome N. Frank Legal Services Organization

Facilitated community legal response to immigration raids in New Haven, including client counseling and representation in immigration court, liaison with city hall and local community groups, media relations, and national policy advocacy.

Allard K. Lowenstein Human Rights Clinic National Litigation Project

Co-authored amicus brief submitted to the Supreme Court of the United States in *Boumediene v. Bush*, 553 U.S. 723 (2008), by a group of English and American legal historians.

United Kingdom Foreign and Commonwealth Office

2000-2005

Diplomat (Fast Stream Policy Entrant), London, St. Petersburg, Berlin, Vienna, Bratislava

British Embassy Vienna and British Embassy Bratislava, Second Secretary (Economic)

Lead Political Officer on European and economic affairs to support U.K. relations with Austria and Slovakia, covering the introduction of the Euro in Austria, and Slovakia's accession to the European Union. Reports and briefings informed all levels of policymaking, up to and including the Prime Minister.

British Embassy Berlin, Second Secretary (Political)

Political Officer, responsible for promotion and development of co-ordinated Anglo-German policy on Russian and Middle Eastern questions and maintaining liaison relationships with German Security and Law Enforcement Agencies during the period leading to the Iraq War.

Eastern Department, FCO, London (and St. Petersburg), Desk Officer for Russia

Political Analyst, responsible for study and analysis of Russian domestic and foreign policy with particular emphasis upon its impact on U.K. foreign policy strategy.

United Kingdom Ministry of Defense

1999-2000

Desk Officer, Counter-Narcotics Team, London, England

Worked with British, European and Turkish military, security, and law enforcement organizations to develop new initiatives to combat the growth of heroin trafficking. Researched and wrote position papers and strategy documents integrating new technologies and new investigative techniques.

Financial Times of London,

1996-1997

Freelance Writer and Researcher, Washington, DC

Researched and wrote articles and survey pieces, including a front-page story.

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

International Law Association (American Branch), International Human Rights Committee, Chair, Taskforce on Immigration and Refugee Human Rights

American Bar Association, Member

American Immigration Lawyers Association, Member

American Society of International Law, Member

Iowa State Bar Association, Member

Junior International Law Scholars Association, Member

National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild, Member

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LANGUAGES:

French, German, Russian, Slovak, Farsi, and Spanish

CITIZENSHIPS:

U.K. (British citizen), U.S.A. (American citizen)