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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Washington University in St. Louis School of Law

Professor of Law (2023 – Present)

Courses: Criminal Law
Criminal Procedure: Adjudication
Criminal Justice Reform Movements (Seminar)
Supervised Research (Prison Law)

Award: David M. Becker Professor of the Year (2024)

University of Colorado Law School

Associate Professor of Law (2017 – 2023; Tenured 2022)

Affiliated Faculty, Center for Critical Thought (2020 – 2023)

Courses: Criminal Law
Criminal Procedure: Adjudicative Process
Advanced Criminal Justice (Seminar)
Independent Legal Research

Awards: Excellence in Teaching Award (2022, 2018)
Gordon J. Gamm Justice Award (2020)
Outstanding New Faculty Member Award (2018)
Commencement Hooding Professor (2023, 2022)
Jules Milstein Scholarship Award, Honorable Mention (2022)

Harvard Law School

Climenko Fellow and Lecturer on Law (2014 – 2017)

Courses: First-Year Legal Research and Writing
Overcriminalization and the Limits of Criminal Law

Award: HLS Student Government Teaching & Advising Award (2016)

EDUCATION

Harvard Law School, J.D., *cum laude*, May 2011

Awards: Irving Oberman Memorial Award for Law and Social Change
Summer Academic Fellow (Summers 2009 – 2011)

Yale University, B.A., with distinction in Film Studies, May 2007

Award: National Merit Scholar

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

The Limits of "Punishment," 114 CALIFORNIA LAW REVIEW (forthcoming 2026)

Therapeutic Justice and the Problem of Penal Welfare, VIRGINIA LAW REVIEW (forthcoming 2026)
(invited symposium contribution)

Disentangling Safety and Accountability in Criminal Justice Policy, 111 IOWA LAW REVIEW (forthcoming 2026)

“Progressive” Prosecutors and “Proper” Punishments, in THE OXFORD HANDBOOK OF SENTENCING (Ryan King & Michael Light, eds.) (forthcoming Oxford University Press 2026)

Ten Years and Ten Miles: Reflecting on “Ferguson,” 78 WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY JOURNAL OF LAW & POLICY 1 (2025) (invited symposium contribution)

Redistributing Justice, 124 COLUMBIA LAW REVIEW 1531 (2024) (with Kate Levine)

Criminal Law Minimalisms, 101 WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 1771 (2024) (invited symposium contribution)

After the Criminal Justice System, 98 WASHINGTON LAW REVIEW 899 (2023)

Prosecuting the Crisis, 50 FORDHAM URBAN LAW JOURNAL 989 (2023) (invited symposium contribution)

Criminal Law Exceptionalism, 108 VIRGINIA LAW REVIEW 1381 (2022)

Victims’ Rights Revisited, 13 CALIFORNIA LAW REVIEW ONLINE 30 (2022) (symposium contribution)

Criminal Justice Expertise, 90 FORDHAM LAW REVIEW 2777 (2022)

- Reviewed in Jonathan Simon, *The Politics of Penal Expertise*, JOTWELL, March 10, 2022
- Jules Milstein Scholarship Award, Honorable Mention

Carceral Progressivism and Animal Victims, in CARCERAL LOGICS: HUMAN INCARCERATION AND ANIMAL CONFINEMENT (Lori Gruen & Justin Marceau, eds.) (Cambridge University Press 2022)

Decarceration and Default Mental States, 53 ARIZONA STATE LAW JOURNAL 747 (2021) (invited symposium contribution)

Imagining the Progressive Prosecutor, 105 MINNESOTA LAW REVIEW 1415 (2021)

Wage Theft Criminalization, 54 UC DAVIS LAW REVIEW 1429 (2021)

Review, *A Pattern of Violence: How the Law Classifies Crimes and What that Means for Justice* by David Alan Sklansky, CRIMINAL LAW AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE BOOKS (2021) (invited review)

What’s Wrong with Police Unions?, 120 COLUMBIA LAW REVIEW 1333 (2020)

- Recipient of the Gordon J. Gamm Justice Award

De-Democratizing Criminal Law, 39 CRIMINAL JUSTICE ETHICS 74 (2020) (peer reviewed; invited review essay)

Criminal Law in Crisis, COLORADO LAW REVIEW FORUM (2020) (invited essay)

- Selected by the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and the Academic Advisory Board of the *Getting Scholarship into Court Project* as a “must read” in THE CHAMPION
- Reviewed in Jessica Eaglin, *COVID-19’s Effect on Criminal Administration in the Era of Mass Incarceration*, JOTWELL, July 30, 2020

Mens Rea Reform and Its Discontents, 109 JOURNAL OF CRIMINAL LAW AND CRIMINOLOGY 491 (2019)

The Consensus Myth in Criminal Justice Reform, 117 MICHIGAN LAW REVIEW 259 (2018)

- Selected as the “scholarship of the day” for April 20, 2018 by THE MARSHALL PROJECT

Rethinking the Boundaries of “Criminal Justice”, 15 OHIO STATE JOURNAL OF CRIMINAL LAW 619 (2018) (peer evaluated; invited review essay)

Criminal Employment Law, 39 CARDOZO LAW REVIEW 2265 (2018)

Values and Assumptions in Criminal Adjudication, 129 HARVARD LAW REVIEW FORUM 379 (2016) (response essay)

Guns and Drugs, 84 FORDHAM LAW REVIEW 2173 (2016)

Criminal Labor Law, 36 BERKELEY JOURNAL OF EMPLOYMENT AND LABOR LAW 43 (2016)

Inmates for Rent, Sovereignty for Sale: The Global Prison Market, 23 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA INTERDISCIPLINARY LAW REVIEW 509 (2014)

American Gangsters: RICO, Criminal Syndicates, and Conspiracy Law as Market Control, 48 HARVARD CIVIL RIGHTS-CIVIL LIBERTIES LAW REVIEW 105 (2013)

De-Naturalizing Criminal Law: Of Public Perceptions and Procedural Protections, 76 ALBANY LAW REVIEW 1777 (2013) (invited contribution)

Made in the USA: Corporate Responsibility and Collective Identity in the American Automotive Industry, 53 BOSTON COLLEGE LAW REVIEW 821 (2012)

Blue Collar Crime: Conspiracy, Organized Labor, and the Anti-Union Civil RICO Claim, 75 ALBANY LAW REVIEW 559 (2012)

A Defensible Defense?: Reexamining Castle Doctrine Statutes, 47 HARVARD JOURNAL ON LEGISLATION 523 (2010) (student note)

COLUMNS AND COMMENTARY

Name-Image-Likeness and the Post-Work Economy, ONLABOR, April 3, 2025

A New Proposal Sure Sounds Like an Effort to Harvest Prisoners’ Organs, SLATE, February 7, 2023

Rethinking the State, INQUEST, May 26, 2022

Criminal Records, Employment Discrimination, and the Limits of Back-End Solutions, ONLABOR, January 20, 2022

More Criminalization Isn't the Answer to Gun Violence, JACOBIN, September 1, 2021

Colorado Supreme Court Fails to Protect State Residents as Coronavirus Grows Exponentially in Jails, THE APPEAL, April 17, 2020 (with Aya Gruber)

Elizabeth Warren's Proposal to Imprison More Corporate Executives Is a Bad Idea, SLATE, April 4, 2019 (with Carissa Byrne Hessick)

Prosecutorial Power, Prisons, and the Problem with Wage Theft Criminalization: A Reply, ONLABOR, April 30, 2018

Rethinking Wage Theft Criminalization, ONLABOR, April 13, 2018

Dear Jeff Sessions, Prosecuting Guns More Aggressively Won't Make Us Safer, THE APPEAL, July 19, 2017

Criminal Employment Law, ONLABOR, April 13, 2017

It's Time to Rethink "Violent" Crime, SALON, June 19, 2016

Obama's Post-Prison Jobs Plan Is Not Enough, TIME, May 12, 2016

It's Worse Than Just the '94 Crime Bill, SALON, May 6, 2016

Second Circuit Drops the Ball on Workers' Rights, ONLABOR, April 27, 2016

After Friedrichs: Exclusive Representation and Workplace Democracy, CASETEXT, April 4, 2016

Free Riding and Friedrichs, ONLABOR, January 13, 2016

N.L.R.B. Missed Shot by Declining Jurisdiction in Northwestern Football Case for "Stability", ONLABOR, August 20, 2015

PRESENTATIONS (SELECTED)

"Therapeutic Justice and the Problem of Penal Welfare," Criminal Law and Therapeutic Justice Symposium, University of Virginia School of Law, Charlottesville, VA, February 2026 (scheduled)

"The Limits of 'Punishment,'" presented at:

Bounding the Modes of Punishment, AALS Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA January 2026 (scheduled)

Randall Park Faculty Seminar Series, University of Kentucky J. David Rosenberg College of Law, Lexington, KY, October 23, 2025 (scheduled)

Southwest Criminal Legal Scholarship Conference, UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law, Las Vegas, NV, October, 18, 2024

Workshop on Politics, Economics, and Society, Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, MO, October 4, 2024

Commentator, “Detention and the Limits of Vision in David Taylor’s COMPLEX” by Ila Sheren, Workshop on Politics, Economics, and Society, Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, MO, October 31, 2025 (scheduled)

“Prosecuting a President,” CrimFest, University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School, Philadelphia, PA, July 14, 2025

“Penal Colonies,” Decarceration Professors Virtual Works-in-Progress Series, June 11, 2025

Carceral Progressivism and Prosecuting the Powerful, Colloquium: Alternatives to the Prison System, New York University School of Law, New York, NY, April 24, 2025

“Abolitionisms” (also titled “Abolish What?”) presented at:

Black Life and the Law (undergraduate course), Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, MO, April 10, 2025

Colloquium: Abolish the Criminal Legal System?, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, New York, NY, September 5, 2024

Criminal Law Colloquium, University of Virginia School of Law, Charlottesville, VA, March 11, 2024

Critical Race Theory (law school course), Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, MO, November 16, 2023

Moderator, “Prison Law: Operating in the Shadows,” AALS Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA January 11, 2025

“Rethinking Criminal Justice Expertise,” Law and Expertise Symposium, Boston University School of Law, Boston, MA, November 16, 2024

“Disentangling Safety and Accountability in Criminal Justice Policy,” presented at: CrimFest, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, New York, NY, July 15, 2024

Moderator, “Expanding Liability,” CrimFest, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, New York, NY, July 16, 2024

Chair and Participant, Roundtable: “Police, Democracy, and Local Government,” Law and Society Association National Conference, Denver, CO, June 8, 2024

Commentator, “An (Abolitionist) Reckoning with Restorative Justice,” by Shirin Bakhshay, Culp Colloquium, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA, May 29, 2024

“After Cash: Current Trends in Bail Reform,” Mini Law School CLE, WashULaw Alumni Reunion Weekend, Washington University School of Law, St. Louis, MO, April 12, 2024

“Criminal Law Minimalisms,” presented at:

Criminal Law Colloquium, University of Virginia School of Law, Charlottesville, VA, March 11, 2024

Criminal Law Minimalism Symposium, Washington University School of Law, St. Louis, MO, January 23, 2024

“Redistributing Justice,” presented at:

Junior Faculty Workshop, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, New York, NY, September 29, 2023 (Virtual)

St. Louis University School of Law, St. Louis, MO, September 5, 2023

Decarceration Professors Virtual Works-in-Progress Series, July 5, 2023

Discussant, “The New Battle Over Prosecutorial Discretion” by Darryl Brown, Southwest Criminal Legal Scholarship Conference, UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law, Las Vegas, NV, October, 20, 2023

Discussant, “Invoking the Right to Silence and Counsel,” The Criminal Procedure Section of the AALS Inaugural Junior-Senior Conference, April 28, 2023 (Virtual)

Discussant, “Sedition and the Hand of Fraternity: The Forgotten Red Scare and Radical Labor’s Last Days in 20th Century America” by Ahmed White, University of Colorado Law Works-in-Progress Series, Boulder, CO, April 4, 2023

“Prosecuting the Crisis,” The Future of Prosecution Colloquium, Fordham University School of Law, New York, NY, March 3, 2023

“After the Criminal Justice System,” presented at:

Markelloquium, Quattrone Center for the Fair Administration of Justice, University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School, Philadelphia, PA, January 13, 2023 (Virtual)

Southwest Criminal Legal Scholarship Conference, UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law, Las Vegas, NV, October, 22, 2022

CrimFest, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, New York, NY, July 18, 2022

Decarceration Professors Virtual Works-in-Progress Series, June 21, 2022

“Criminal Law Exceptionalism,” presented at:

Boston College Law School, Newton Centre, MA, November 3, 2022

Washington University School of Law, St. Louis, MO, September 8, 2022

University of Virginia School of Law, Charlottesville, VA, August 26, 2022

Virtual Criminal Law Workshop (Convened by Professors Chaz Arnett, Carissa Byrne Hessick, and Megan Stevenson), March 9, 2022

University of North Carolina School of Law, Chapel Hill, NC, February 10, 2022 (Virtual)

CrimFest, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, New York, NY, July 19, 2021 (Virtual)

Southwest Criminal Legal Scholarship Conference, UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law, Las Vegas, NV, May 21, 2021 (Virtual)

Moderator, “Historical Perspectives,” CrimFest, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, New York, NY, July 19, 2022

Commenter, “Vestiges of Slavery in the Criminal Justice System,” “Looking Back to Move Forward: Exploring the Legacy of U.S. Slavery,” Ira C. Rothgerber Jr. Conference on Constitutional Law, University of Colorado Law School, Boulder CO, April 8, 2022

“Wage Theft, Criminal Law, and the Challenges of State Enforcement,” National Employment Law Project Staff Brownbag, New York, NY, August 19, 2021 (Virtual)

“Criminal Justice Expertise,” presented at:

Center for Critical Thought Faculty Talks, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, March 11, 2021 (Virtual)

Becoming a Law Professor Reading Group, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA, March 8, 2021 (Virtual)

Vanderbilt Criminal Justice Roundtable, Vanderbilt University Law School, Nashville, TN, November 6, 2020 (Virtual)

Cardozo Criminal Law Virtual Summer Series, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, New York, NY, July 27, 2020 (Virtual)

“The Consensus Myth in Criminal Justice Reform,” presented at

Rethinking Criminal Justice Seminar, University of Virginia School of Law, Charlottesville, VA, February 3, 2021 (Virtual)

Criminal Justice Roundtable, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA, May 4, 2018

Southwest Criminal Legal Scholarship Conference, Santa Clara Law, Santa Clara, CA, March 30, 2018

Becoming a Law Professor Reading Group, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA, March 26, 2018

University of Colorado Law Works-in-Progress Series, Boulder, CO, February 7, 2018

Rocky Mountain Junior Scholars Forum, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT, November 17, 2017

“What’s Wrong with Police Unions?” presented at:

Policing the Police Seminar, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA, January 12, 2021 (Virtual)

Colorado Junior Criminal Law Workshop, University of Colorado Law School, Boulder, CO, June 30, 2019

Law and Society Association National Conference, Toronto, Canada, June 7, 2018

“Decarceration and Default Mental States,” Guilty Minds: A Virtual Conference on Mens Rea and Criminal Justice Reform, Arizona State Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law, Phoenix, AZ, September 25, 2020 (Virtual)

“Wage Theft Criminalization,” presented at:

Decarceration Professors Virtual Works-in-Progress Series, July 21, 2020

“Bad Bosses: Turing the Tables on Wage Theft,” JOURNAL OF LAW IN SOCIETY Symposium, Wayne State University Law School, Detroit, MI, February 28, 2020

Southwest Criminal Legal Scholarship Conference, UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law
Las Vegas, NV, October 18, 2019

CrimFest, Brooklyn Law School, Brooklyn, NY, July 16, 2019

ClimenkoFest Reunion, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA, March 29, 2019

Becoming a Law Professor Reading Group, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA, March
25, 2019

Commentator, “Week Against Mass Incarceration: Police Accountability,” University of
Colorado Law School, Boulder, CO, March 10, 2020.

“Carceral Progressivism and Animal Victims,” Against Cages and Carceral Logics, University of
Denver Sturm College of Law, Denver, CO, November 21, 2019

“Abolitionisms” (with Aya Gruber), Prison Abolition, Human Rights, and Penal Reform: From
the Local to the Global, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX, September 27, 2019

“A Brief Overview of Collateral Consequences in the Labor Market,” Ban-the-Box Kickoff
Event, University of Colorado Law School, Boulder, CO, September 18, 2019

“Moving Beyond Critiques of the War on Drugs,” Week Against Mass Incarceration: Prison
Abolition Panel, University of Colorado Law School, Boulder, CO, March 6, 2019

Commentator, “Week Against Mass Incarceration: Marijuana Crimes,” University of Colorado
Law School, Boulder, CO, March 4, 2019.

Panelist, “Roundtable Discussion on Criminal Prosecution & Workplace Violations,” Labor and
Worklife Program, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA, January 18, 2019

“Mens Rea Reform and Its Discontents,” presented at:

University of Washington School of Law, Seattle, WA, January 10, 2019

Southwest Criminal Legal Scholarship Conference, UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law
Las Vegas, NV, October 26, 2018

Faculty Enrichment Lecture, UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law, Las Vegas, NV,
October 25, 2018

CrimFest, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, New York, NY, July 16, 2018

“Critical Criminal Legal Histories (Or Their Absence),” Historiography/Ideology/Law II,
Boston College Law School, Newton Centre, MA, September 22, 2018

Discussant, “Conditions of the Criminal System in Historical Context,” Law and Society
Association National Conference, Toronto, Canada, June 8, 2018

Discussant, “The Right to Strike,” Law and Society Association National Conference, Toronto,
Canada, June 7, 2018

Commentator, “Anti Mass Incarceration Week: Kickoff,” University of Colorado Law School,
Boulder, CO, February 26, 2018

Panelist, “Author Meets Reader, *The Last Great Strike: Little Steel, the CIO, and the Struggle for Labor Rights in New Deal America* by Ahmed White,” Law and Society Association National Conference, Mexico City, Mexico, June 23, 2017

Commentator, “Becoming Ungovernable: Liberation as Process and Destination,” Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA, April 19, 2017

“Criminal Employment Law,” presented at:

University of Colorado Law School, Boulder, CO, November 17, 2016

University of Connecticut School of Law, Hartford, CT, November 15, 2016

Brooklyn Law School, Brooklyn, NY, November 10, 2016

SMU Dedman School of Law, Dallas, TX, November 8, 2016

ABA Criminal Justice Roundtable, Washington, DC, November 3, 2016

CrimFest, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, New York, NY, July 11, 2016

Law and Society Association National Conference, New Orleans, LA, June 4, 2016

Becoming a Law Professor Reading Group, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA,
February 1, 2016

“Guns and Drugs,” presented at:

Southwest Criminal Law Workshop, University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law, Salt Lake City, UT, September 25, 2015

CrimFest, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, New York, NY, July 21, 2015

Law and Society Association National Conference, Seattle, WA, May 28, 2015

Becoming a Law Professor Reading Group, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA,
February 2, 2015

“The Limits of Progressive Criminalization,” A Logic from Hell: Fundamental Critiques of Punishment Conference, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA, April 11, 2015

“Reform of Substantive Criminal Law to Reduce Over-Criminalization,” Forum on Criminal Justice and Policing After Events in Ferguson, Staten Island, Cleveland, & Elsewhere: Next Steps, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA, March 11, 2015

“Police Violence, Race, and the Grand Jury Process: Explaining Ferguson and Staten Island,” Cambridge Friends School, Cambridge, MA, December 5, 2014

“Inmates for Rent, Sovereignty for Sale: The Global Prison Market,” Law and Society Association National Conference, Boston, MA, June 1, 2013

MEDIA APPEARANCES (SELECTED)

Patrik Jonsson, *Police Say Jan. 6 Pardons Carry Future Risk for Law Enforcement*, CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR, Jan. 24, 2025 (interview)

Tandy Lau, *Is the ‘Copmala Curse’ Back?*, NEW YORK AMSTERDAM NEWS, July 25, 2024 (interview)

John Fritze & Devan Cole, *How the Supreme Court Could Help Hunter Biden Appeal His Conviction*, CNN, June 12, 2024 (interview)

Tadhg Larabee & Eva Rosenfeld, *The Criminalization of Solidarity: The Stop Cop City Prosecutions*, DISSENT, Spring 2024 (interview)

Devan Cole, *How Clarence Thomas' Landmark Second Amendment Ruling Could Help Hunter Biden Fight His Gun Charges*, CNN, September 27, 2023 (interview)

Delana Sobhani, *Police Unions And The Labor Movement: A Contested History and an Uncertain Future*, THE [F]LAW, August 21, 2023 (discussion of scholarship)

Lakeidra Chavis & Geoff Hing, *The War on Gun Violence Has Failed. And Black Men are Paying the Price*, THE MARSHALL PROJECT, March 22, 2023 (interview)

Jon Collins, *Moriarty Comes to Role of Chief Prosecutor as Former Advocate for the Prosecuted*, MINNESOTA PUBLIC RADIO, January 18, 2023 (interview)

Damali Ramirez, Taylor Bayly, & Kierstin Foote, *How the Push and Pull of Unions is Hindering Police Reform around the Country*, USA TODAY, December 18, 2022 (interview and discussion of scholarship)

A New Federal Lawsuit Against the City of Denver Has Been Filed, 9 NEWS KUSA, May 17, 2022 (interview)

Philip Clapham, *Is Colorado Bringing Back the War on Drugs?*, 5280 MAGAZINE, April 25, 2022 (interview)

Andrea Cipriano, *Can the 'War' on Gun Violence Learn From the Mistakes of the War on Drugs?*, THE CRIME REPORT, Oct. 5, 2021 (discussion of scholarship)

Carson Eschen, *Law Prof Argues Cop Unions May Be Obstructionist but Still Act in Many Ways Like Other Unions*, DAVIS VANGUARD, September 30, 2021 (discussion of scholarship)

Can Police Unions Be a Force for Reform?, THE CRIME REPORT, September 29, 2021 (discussion of scholarship)

Michael Karlik, *Man Asks U.S. Supreme Court to Curtail Officers' Immunity in Denver Police Case*, COLORADO POLITICS, July 16, 2021 (interview)

Why Some American Police Make Surprisingly High Salaries, CHEDDAR NEWS, June 16, 2021 (interview)

Adrian Morrow, *One Year After George Floyd's Murder: Progress, Problems and Frustration with the Pace of Police Reforms*, THE GLOBE AND MAIL, May 24, 2021 (interview)

Mitchell Byars, *Colorado May Face Wave of Speedy Trial Appeals Due to COVID Delays*, BOULDER DAILY CAMERA, February 13, 2021 (interview)

Grant Stringer, *Protests Planned after Polis' Tweak to Elijah McClain Edict; Activists Worry of 'Watered Down Charges'*, AURORA SENTINEL, November 20, 2020 (interview)

Rachel Weiner, *Arlington's Top Prosecutor, Defender Clash with Judge*, WASHINGTON POST, November 13, 2020 (interview)

Michael Serota, *How Criminal Law Lost Its Mind*, BOSTON REVIEW, October 27, 2020 (discussion of scholarship)

What's Wrong with Police Unions?, WHAT HAPPENS NEXT, October 4, 2020 (interview)

Charles Stile, Opinion, *Black Lives Matter Moment Strains Rep. Bill Pascrell's Long Ties to NJ Police Union*, THE RECORD (NJ), September 28, 2020 (interview)

Rae Ellen Bichell & Matt Bloom, *Protesters Brought Violins to a Vigil for Elijah McClain. Police Brought Pepper Spray and Riot Gear*, KUNC, July 1, 2020 (interview)

Michael Karlik, *Rio Grande Sheriff's Employees Can Be Sued for Inmate Self-Mutilation, 10th Circuit Rules*, COLORADO POLITICS, June 26, 2020 (interview)

Gregory Krieg, *There's No Playbook for the Battle Between Mayors and Police Right Now*, CNN, June 20, 2020 (interview)

Amanda Pampuro, *Colorado Blocks Qualified Immunity for Police*, COURTHOUSE NEWS SERVICE, June 19, 2020 (interview)

Andrea Cipriano, *COVID-19 Exposed Flaws of the Justice System: Paper*, THE CRIME REPORT, June 16, 2020 (discussion of scholarship)

Debating Law Enforcement Integrity Act, KOA NEWS RADIO, June 10, 2020 (interview)

Defining Qualified Immunity, KOAA NEWS 5, June 10, 2020 (interview)

Criminal Minds, HI-PHI NATION, May 2, 2020 (interview)

Vaidya Gullapalli, *Democrats Should Deliver on Gun Control That Doesn't Feed Mass Incarceration*, THE APPEAL, November 13, 2019 (discussion of scholarship)

The Consensus Myth in Criminal Justice Reform, ROLL CALL PODCAST, June 2, 2019 (discussion of scholarship)

Benjamin Levin on Mens Rea Reform, IPSE DIXIT PODCAST, April 30, 2019 (interview)

Chris Outcalt, *Judge: Sentence Requested by Government "Absurd"*, LAW WEEK COLORADO, July 30, 2018 (interview)

Noah Berlatsky, *Striking a Balance*, WE STAND UP, April 30, 2018 (interview and discussion of scholarship)

Beware Carceral Gun Control, THE DIG, October 6, 2017 (interview)

Doug Chartier, *Supreme Court Upholds ‘Tactical’ Tool for Criminal Defendants*, LAW WEEK COLORADO, September 18, 2017 (interview)

Joshua Vaughn, *Beyond Bars: The Economic Impacts of the Criminal Justice System*, THE CARLISLE SENTINEL, July 16, 2017 (interview)

Daniel Denvir, *A Better Gun Control*, JACOBIN, September 15, 2016 (interview and discussion of scholarship)

Joshua Vaughn, *Color of Crime: The Ongoing Consequences of Crime*, THE CARLISLE SENTINEL, May 23, 2016 (interview)

Alex Gourevitch, *Gun Control’s Racist Reality: The Liberal Argument Against Giving Police More Power*, SALON, June 24, 2015 (discussion of scholarship)

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS

The Hon. Leonard I. Garth, U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit, Newark, NJ (2013 – 2014)

The Hon. Lawrence E. Kahn, U.S. District Court, N.D.N.Y, Albany, NY (2012 – 2013)

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (SELECTED)

Office of Law Enforcement Oversight, Seattle, WA (2016 – 2017)
Prepared report on police union collective bargaining agreements.

Racing Horse Productions, Cambridge, MA (2016 – 2017)
Provided consultation on issues relating to gun control, gun manufacturer civil liability, and gun crime for documentary television series.

Neufeld Scheck & Brustin, LLP, New York, NY (2011 – 2012)
Represented clients in state and federal civil rights and tort litigation arising from police and prosecutorial misconduct. Drafted motions, interviewed clients, and assisted in trial preparation.

Committee for Public Counsel Services, Public Defender Div., Somerville, MA (Summer 2010)
Drafted motions and interviewed clients. Argued bail motions and second-chaired a felony jury trial.

Capital Defense Pro Bono Project, Cambridge, MA (2009 – 2010)
Worked with a team assisting the New Hampshire Public Defender in a capital appeal. Researched sentencing outcomes in nationwide capital cases.

SERVICE

Washington University in St. Louis School of Law

Promotions & Tenure Committee (Chair) (2025 – Present)

Appointments Committee (Spring 2025)

Appellate Clinic Director Search Committee (Spring 2025)

Curator/Guest Editor, 76 WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY JOURNAL OF LAW & POLICY (2025)

Diversity Committee (2023 – 2024)

SJD Thesis Committee: Jutaporn Chaidejsuriya (2023)

University of Colorado Law School

Admissions and Career Services Committee (2019 – 2021, 2022 – 2023)

Academic Advisor, Academic Advising Program (2019 – 2023)

Clerkship Committee (2017 – 2019, 2021 – 2023)

Colloquium Committee (2018 – 2019, 2021 – 2023)

Judge, Marshall-Brennan Moot Court Competition (2018 – 2021)

Mini Law School Lecturer (2021)

Teaching Evaluator for Tenure-Track Faculty (2020)

Teaching Evaluator for Clinical Faculty and Instructors (2021, 2022)

Harvard Law School

Advisor to The Harvard Black Law Students Association in preparation of “Independent Lens: Toward Transparency, Accountability, and Effectiveness in Police Tactic—Model State Legislation for Body-Worn Cameras” (2014 – 2015)

Advisor to The Cambridge City Council Fellows on Community Policing in preparation of “Select Evaluations of Community Policing Programs & Strategies in Cambridge, Mass.” (2014 – 2015)

Written Work Supervision: Melissa Greenberg (2016 – 2017); Alice Kim (2016)

Harvard University

Non-Resident Tutor, Eliot House (2018 – 2019)

Association of American Law Schools Criminal Law Section

Executive Board Officer (2022 – Present)
Chair (2025 – Present)
Chair-Elect (2024 – 2025)
Secretary (2023 – 2024)
Junior Scholars Paper Competition Organizer (2024 – Present)
Junior Scholars Paper Competition Judge (2022)
Mentorship Program Co-Organizer (2022 – 2023)
Junior Scholar Mentor (2024 – Present)

Academic Advisory Board, Supreme Court Fellows Program (2020 – 2022)

Senior Contributor, OnLabor.org (2022 – Present)

Member, Working Group on Potential Reforms for Police Collective Bargaining, Labor and Worklife Program, Harvard Law School (2020 – 2021)

Fellow, The Justice Collaborative Institute (2019 – 2020)

Conferences Organized

CrimFest (co-organizer) (2025 – Present)

Steering Committee, “Looking Back to Move Forward: Exploring the Legacy of U.S. Slavery,” Ira C. Rothgerber Jr. Conference on Constitutional Law at University of Colorado Law School (2022)

Symposium on *Against Prosecutors* (CALIFORNIA LAW REVIEW ONLINE) (co-organizer) (2022)

Colorado Junior Criminal Law Workshop (2019)

Peer Reviewer

Cambridge University Press
Columbia Law Review
Duke Law Journal
Law & Social Inquiry
Law & Society Review
Northwestern University Law Review
Stanford Law Review
University of Colorado Law Review
Wolters Kluwer
Yale Law Journal

BAR ADMISSION

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