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EDUCATION

YALE LAW SCHOOL

J.D., 2000

Honors: Coker Fellow

Activities: *Yale Law Journal*, Book/Case Notes Editor (1999-2000); Editor (1998-99)

OXFORD UNIVERSITY, Magdalen College

M. Phil, Politics, 1997

Honors: Rhodes Scholar, Massachusetts (1995)

Thesis: *Understanding Harm and Community: Is Intervention to Prevent Genital Cutting Justifiable?*

HARVARD COLLEGE

A.B., magna cum laude, Social Studies, 1995

Honors: Phi Beta Kappa, elected Junior Year

John Harvard Scholarship, Elizabeth Cary Agassiz Scholarship (1991-95)

Harvard National Scholar

Thesis: *Facing Unemployment in Russia: The Challenges of Simultaneous Political and Economic Reform*

EMPLOYMENT

WHARTON SCHOOL, UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

July 2013 to present

Assistant Professor of Legal Studies and Business Ethics

Courses: Environmental Management, Law, and Policy; Negotiation

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA LAW SCHOOL

Spring Term, 2017

Lecturer

Course: Environmental Law

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

Spring Terms 2011, 2013

Lecturer

Course: Law and Policy of the Environment and Sustainability

BROOKLYN LAW SCHOOL

June 2011-June 2013

Visiting Assistant Professor

Courses: Legislation/Statutory Interpretation, Environmental Dispute Resolution

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

Chief, Environmental Protection Unit, Civil Division

2007-2011

Assistant United States Attorney, Civil Division

2001-2011

FORDHAM UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

2005-07

Adjunct Associate Professor of Law

Course: Legal writing and research

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE SECOND CIRCUIT

2000-01

Law Clerk to the Honorable John M. Walker, Jr.

PUBLICATIONS

Published and Forthcoming Articles:¹

- The Law of the Corporation as Environmental Law*, 71 STANFORD L. REV. (forthcoming 2019)
- Regulatory Horcruxes*, 67 DUKE L.J. (forthcoming 2018)
- Regulating Business Innovation as Policy Disruption: From the Model T to Airbnb*, 70 VANDERBILT L. REV. 1561 (2017) (with Eric Biber, J.B. Ruhl, and James Salzman)
- Advisory Nonpreemption*, 95 WASH. U. L. REV. 325 (2017)
- Precautionary Federalism and the Sharing Economy*, 66 EMORY L.J. 333 (2017)
- The Military-Environmental Complex and the Courts*, 32 J. LAND USE & ENVTL. L. 455 (2017)
- Wrongful Benefit & Arctic Drilling*, 50 U.C. DAVIS L. REV. 1845 (2017) (with Nicolas Cornell)
- The New Insider Trading: Environmental Markets within the Firm*, 34 STAN. ENVTL. L.J. 3 (2015)
- Parallels in Public and Private Environmental Governance*, 5 MICH. J. ENVTL. & ADMIN. L. 1 (2015) (with Eric W. Orts)
- Valuing National Security: Climate Change, the Military, and Society*, 61 UCLA L. REV. 1772 (2014)
- The Military-Environmental Complex*, 55 B.C. L. REV. 879 (2014)
Abridged and reprinted as: The Military-Environmental Complex, 45 ELR 10763 (2015)
- NEPA's Footprint: Information Disclosure as a Quasi-Carbon Tax on Agencies*, 87 TUL. L. REV. 511 (2013)
- Note, *Rejecting the Logic of Confinement: Care Relationships and the Mentally Disabled Under Tort Law*, 109 YALE L.J. 381 (1999)
- The Human Rights Injunction: Equitable Remedies under the Alien Tort Claims Act*, 9 TRANSNAT'L L. & CONTEMP. PROBS. 653 (1999)

Book Chapters and Shorter Works:

- The Role of the Federal Government in Regulating the Sharing Economy*, in CAMBRIDGE HANDBOOK ON THE LAW OF THE SHARING ECONOMY (Nestor Davidson, Michèle Finck, and John Infranca, eds., Cambridge Univ. Press, forthcoming 2018)

¹ Authors are listed alphabetically in all cases of co-authorship.

Public and Private Procurement in Environmental Governance, in POLICY INSTRUMENTS IN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW (Ken Richards & Josephine van Zeben, eds., Edward Elgar, forthcoming 2018) (with Eric W. Orts)

Regulating Toxic Chemicals through Precautionary Federalism, 3 PENN UNDERGRADUATE L.J. 1 (2016) (invited Foreword)

Private Environmental Governance, in DECISION MAKING IN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW, ENCYCLOPEDIA OF ENVIRONMENTAL LAW, VOL. II, CH. 19 (LeRoy C. Paddock, Robert L. Glicksman, and Nicholas S. Bryner, eds., Edward Elgar, 2016) (with Michael P. Vandenberg)

Reprinted in full as: Private Environmental Governance, in ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT, ENCYCLOPEDIA OF ENVIRONMENTAL LAW (LeRoy C. Paddock, David L. Markell, and Nicholas S. Bryner, eds., Edward Elgar, forthcoming) (with Michael P. Vandenberg)

Works in Progress:

The Role of Universities in Private Environmental Governance Experimentalism (under submission)

AWARDS AND HONORS

2018:

- Winner, 2018 Alliance for Research on Corporate Sustainability (ARCS) Emerging Sustainability Scholar Award (recognizing “a scholar in the area of corporate sustainability who is likely to make significant contributions to the advancement of corporate sustainability scholarship. The award will be granted in recognition of a scholar’s existing body of research and in anticipation of the scholar’s research trajectory. The selection committee will look for candidates with rigorous and salient contributions that cross disciplinary and national boundaries”)
- Carol and Lawrence Zicklin Center for Business Ethics Research Grant

2017:

- 2017 Excellence in Teaching Award in the MBA Program
- Winning article, LAND USE AND ENVIRONMENT LAW REVIEW (annual peer-selected compendium of leading articles in environmental law), *Parallels in Public and Private Environmental Governance*
- Honorable Mention, ENVIRONMENTAL LAW & POLICY ANNUAL REVIEW, a joint publication of the Environmental Law Institute and Vanderbilt Law School, *Precautionary Federalism and the Sharing Economy* (selected from a pool of hundreds of law journal articles on environmental topics by “environmental leaders from the academy as well as the public and private sectors”)

2016:

- Academy of Legal Studies in Business, Outstanding Proceedings Paper, *Precautionary Federalism and the Sharing Economy*

- People's Choice Award, Alliance for Research on Corporate Sustainability (ARCS), *Precautionary Federalism and the Sharing Economy*
- One of ten faculty nominated by the MBA student body for the Helen Kardon Moss Anvil Award for outstanding MBA teaching
- Penn Undergraduate Research Mentorship (PURM) Summer Research Grant, funded by the Kleinman Center for Energy Policy
- Finalist, LAND USE AND ENVIRONMENT LAW REVIEW (annual peer-selected compendium of leading articles in environmental law), *The New Insider Trading: Environmental Markets within the Firm*

2015:

- Haub Environmental Law Distinguished Junior Scholar Award, an award “presented annually to an emerging junior environmental law professor who exhibits scholarly excellence and promise at an early stage in his/her career,” which is based on “nominations from law professors throughout the country”
- Winning Article, ENVIRONMENTAL LAW & POLICY ANNUAL REVIEW, a joint publication of the Environmental Law Institute and Vanderbilt Law School, *The Military-Environmental Complex* (selected as one of 2015’s “best law and policy-relevant ideas on the environment from the legal academic literature,” one of five winners selected from more than 400 articles). An abridged version of the article was reprinted at 45 ELR 10763 (2015).
- Integrating Sustainability Across the Curriculum (ISAC) Summer Grant recipient

2014:

- Integrating Sustainability Across the Curriculum (ISAC) Summer Grant recipient

Pre-2013:

- Department of the Army, Commander’s Award for Public Service for Significant Contributions to the New York and New Jersey Harbor Deepening Project (2007)
- Department of Justice, Environment and Natural Resources Division, Certificate of Commendation (2006)
- Environmental Protection Agency, Silver Medal for Enforcement of the Safe Drinking Water Act (2005)
- Environmental Protection Agency, Bronze Medal for Enforcement of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (2003)

PRESENTATIONS/WORKSHOPS (*= refereed, #=invited)

2018:

- Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, Searle Center on Law, Regulation, and Economic Growth, *Research Roundtable on Private Governance and Climate Change*#
- University of Michigan Law School, *Young Scholars’ Conference (The Law of the Corporation as Environmental Law)**
- Duke University School of Law, *Duke Law Journal 48th Annual Administrative Law Symposium: Exit and the Administrative State (Regulatory Horcruxes)**

- Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Annual Meeting, *Intergovernmental Relations During the Trump Administration* (Regulatory Horcruxes)#
- New Voices in Administrative Law Annual Workshop (Regulatory Horcruxes)*

2017:

- Yale Law School (*invited speaker*)#
- Oxford University, Worcester College, Society for Environmental Law and Economics Annual Conference (*Wrongful Benefit & Arctic Drilling*)*
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology, *Symposium: Conscripting Climate: Environmental Risk and Defensive Urbanism* (*The Military-Environmental Complex*)#
- Alliance for Research on Corporate Sustainability (ARCS), 9th Annual Research Conference, Rotterdam School of Management (RSM), Erasmus University, the Netherlands (*Advisory Nonpreemption*)*
- University of Michigan, Ross School of Business, Erb Institute for Global Sustainable Enterprise, *Workshop on Private Governance, Social Movements, and Information* (*Parallels in Public and Private Environmental Governance*)#
- University of Michigan Law School, *Young Scholars' Conference* (*Advisory Nonpreemption*)*
- Wharton School, Penn Program on Vehicle and Mobility Innovation (PVMI) (*Advisory Nonpreemption*)#
- Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, Searle Center on Law, Regulation, and Economic Growth, *Research Roundtable on Global Climate Change Governance: Geoengineering* (*Geoengineering: A Case for Precautionary Globalism*)*
- Georgetown Law School, Environmental Law Workshop (*Advisory Nonpreemption*)#
- George Washington University Law School, *Symposium: Private Environmental Governance* (jointly organized with the George Washington University School of Business, Vanderbilt Law School, and Vanderbilt Department of Sociology) (*The New Insider Trading: Environmental Markets within the Firm*)#
- University of California, Hastings Law School, *Conference: Deregulatory Frontiers* (Regulatory Horcruxes)#
- New Voices in Administrative Law Annual Workshop (*Advisory Nonpreemption*)*
- American Constitution Society, Junior Scholars Public Law Workshop (*Wrongful Benefit & Arctic Drilling*)*
- Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Section on Natural Resources & Energy, The Implications of “Leave it in the Ground Policies” (*Wrongful Benefit & Arctic Drilling*)*
- University of Maryland School of Law & Haub Law School, Seminar on Climate Change: Emerging Issues (*Advisory Nonpreemption*)#
- Kelley School of Business, Indiana University (*Advisory Nonpreemption*)#

2016:

- Academy of Legal Studies in Business, Distinguished Proceedings (*Precautionary Federalism and the Sharing Economy*) (Selected as the Outstanding Proceedings Paper award winner)*
- Alliance for Research on Corporate Sustainability (ARCS), 8th Annual Research Conference, Leeds School of Business, University of Colorado, Boulder (*Precautionary Federalism and the Sharing Economy*)*

- University of Texas School of Law, Austin, Society for Environmental Law and Economics Annual Conference (*Precautionary Federalism and the Sharing Economy*)*
- Florida State University, *Symposium: Environmental Law without Courts (The Military-Environmental Complex and the Courts)*#
- Wharton Global Forum Amsterdam, *Economic Growth for the Long Run: Creating the Economic Conditions for Sustainable Development (faculty speaker and moderator on Sustainability and the Sharing Economy)*
- University of Connecticut School of Business (*Our Private Federalism(s)*)#
- Fox School of Business, Temple University (*Precautionary Federalism and the Sharing Economy*)#

2015:

- Temple University Beasley School of Law (*Wrongful Benefit & Arctic Drilling*)#
- Vermont Law School Environmental Law Colloquium (*Wrongful Benefit & Arctic Drilling*)*
- Haub Law School, Haub Environmental Law Distinguished Junior Scholar presentation (*Wrongful Benefit & Arctic Drilling*)*
- University of Michigan, Ross School of Business (*Piercing the Climate Veil*)#
- Environmental Law & Policy Annual Review, Capitol Hill (prize-winning author, *The Military-Environmental Complex*)*
- Vanderbilt Law School (*invited panelist*)#
- University of California, Berkeley School of Law (*Piercing the Climate Veil*)#

2014:

- Colorado Law and Duke School of Law's workshop, *Natural Resources, Energy, and Environment in a Climate Changed World (Parallels in Public and Private Environmental Governance)*#
- Columbia Law School, Sabin Colloquium on Innovative Environmental Law Scholarship (*Parallels in Public and Private Environmental Governance*)*
- Lewis & Clark Junior Environmental Scholars Workshop (*Valuing National Security*)*

2013:

- UCLA School of Law Symposium on Energy Innovation (*Valuing National Security*)#
- Vermont Law School, Rising Temps and Emerging Threats: The Intersection of Climate Change and National Security in the 21st Century (*The Military-Environmental Complex*)*
- University of Washington Young Environmental Law Scholars Workshop (*Interagency Cap and Trade*)*
- National University of Ireland Galway, Information and Communications Technology for Environmental Regulation: Developing a Research Agenda (*The Public-Private Divide in Informational Regulation*)*
- Columbia Law School, Sabin Colloquium on Innovative Environmental Law Scholarship (*The Military-Environmental Complex*)*
- University of Minnesota Law School, Association of Law, Property and Society Annual Conference (*The Military-Environmental Complex*)*
- University of Minnesota Law School, Energy Pathways Conference (*Interagency Cap and Trade*)*
- Brooklyn Law School (*The Military-Environmental Complex*)#

WHARTON SERVICE

- Wharton School, Dean's Advisory Council (2017-present)
- Legal Studies and Business Ethics Department, MBA Advisor (2015-present)
- Organizer, Legal Studies and Business Ethics Department Junior Workshop (2017-present)
- Faculty Affiliate, Penn Program on Regulation (2013-present)
- Member, Reading Committee for Reappointment with Promotion to Practice Full Professor (2015-16)
- Faculty Mentor, (SIRE) Social Impact Research Experience Award (2016, 2018) (supervising an undergraduate recipient of SIRE Award funding on a summer research project regarding sustainability and ecotourism)
- Member, Hiring Committee, Legal Studies and Business Ethics Department (2014-15)

PEER REVIEW

- Alfred P. Sloan Foundation
- Alliance for Research on Corporate Sustainability
- American Business Law Journal
- Ethics & International Affairs
- Journal of Business Ethics
- International Journal
- Regulation & Governance

OTHER SERVICE

- Alliance for Research on Corporate Sustainability (ARCS), Research Committee (2017-present)
- Pro Bono Mediator, United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (2011-13), New York Peace Institute, Brooklyn Civil Court (2012-13)