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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE, LOUIS D. BRANDEIS SCHOOL OF LAW Aug. 2020 - present
Louisville, Kentucky

Assistant Professor of Law

COURSES: Lawyering Skills I & II

ELON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

Greensboro, North Carolina

Legal Method & Communication Teaching Fellow

July 2018 – June 2020

COURSES: Legal Method & Communication I, II, and III; International Criminal Law;
Introduction to Legal Studies

PUBLICATIONS

JOURNAL ARTICLES

Propaganda Warfare on The International Criminal Court, ___ MICHIGAN JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW __ (forthcoming 2021).

A National Truth Commission for Native Americans, __ WISCONSIN JOURNAL OF LAW, GENDER & SOCIETY __ (symposium article) (forthcoming 2021).

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

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

Comment, *Can Louisiana's Self Defense Law Stand its Ground? Improving the Stand Your Ground Law in the Murder Capital of America*, 59 LOYOLA LAW REVIEW 673 (2013).

Note, *Miller v. Alabama: The Supreme Court's Lenient Approach to our Nation's Juvenile Murderers*, 58 LOYOLA LAW REVIEW 1073 (2012).

ARTICLES IN PROGRESS

Forced Justice: The Kosovo Specialist Chambers (with Kirbi Walters) (under submission).

Exposing Imposter Syndrome in Legal Academia (manuscript in progress).

- ♦ Recipient of Association of Legal Writing Directors (ALWD) & Legal Writing Institute (LWI) Scholarship Grant

ESSAYS

Fake News & International Criminal Law, ___ ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY LAW JOURNAL ___ (forthcoming 2021).

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

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

BOOK CHAPTERS

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

MEDIA & OTHER PUBLICATIONS

[*The Khmer Rouge Tribunal: A Court Divided & Stalled*](#), GEORGETOWN JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW BLOG (Apr. 28, 2020).

[*A Perilous Showdown between the U.S. and the ICC*](#), GREENSBORO NEWS & RECORD (Apr. 12, 2020).

[*Leveling the Playing Field or Razing It?: The ICC's Investigation into Afghanistan*](#), JURIST (March 11, 2020).

[*The Failure to Protect International Law & Human Rights in the U.S.-China Trade Talks*](#), INTLAWGRRLS (June 21, 2019).

2018 International Law Year in Review, 53 ABA SECTION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW YEAR IN REVIEW 135 (2019) (co-author of International Courts & Judicial Affairs Chapter).

[*Cambodia's Genocide Conviction: A Sense of Justice?*](#) GRONINGEN JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW BLOG (Dec. 19, 2018).

EDITORIAL ROLES

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

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

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

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

Assistant Editor, *Legal Writing: The Journal of the Legal Writing Institute* (2019-2020).

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

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

A National Truth Commission for Native Americans

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

Other Presentations

- ♦ Presenter, *The Fight Against Imposter Syndrome*, 2021 Biennial ALWD Conference (Scheduled June 2021).
- ♦ Presenter, *A Director-Less Approach to Collaboration During a Pandemic*, Virtual LWI One-Day Workshop hosted by Appalachian School of Law (Dec. 2020).
- ♦ Presenter & Moderator, *2020 International Criminal Law Developments by Hybrid and Ad Hoc Courts*, ABA International Courts & Judicial Affairs Committee Teleconference on “A 2020 Mid-Year Review: Developments in International Courts & Tribunals” (June 2020).
- ♦ Presenter, *Imposter Syndrome & Legal Writing Faculty*, LWI One-Day Workshop at Penn State Dickinson Law (Dec. 2019).
- ♦ Presenter, *The Deteriorating Relationship Between the U.S. and the ICC*, ABA International Courts & Judicial Affairs Committee Teleconference on “Challenges Facing the International Criminal Court” (Aug. 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).
- ♦ Moderator, *Diversity on International Courts and Tribunals*, ABA International Courts & Judicial Affairs Committee Teleconference (Apr. 2019).
- ♦ Moderator and Presenter, *Annual Developments in International and Hybrid Criminal Courts*, ABA International Courts & Judicial Affairs Committee Year in Review Teleconference (Feb. 2019).

EDUCATION

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY NEW ORLEANS COLLEGE OF LAW, J.D., *Summa Cum Laude*, May 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, Coach, Oralist, & Brief-Writer

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY MARYLAND, B.B.A. in International Business, *Magna Cum Laude*, May 2011
NCAA Division I Varsity Cross Country & Indoor/Outdoor Track Athlete
Monash University, Melbourne, Australia, Study Abroad Participant

CLERKSHIP

**U.S. DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA
New Orleans, LA**
Judicial Law Clerk to the Honorable Carl J. Barbier Aug. 2014 – Aug. 2015

OTHER LEGAL EXPERIENCE

**AKERMAN LLP
New Orleans, Louisiana**
Associate Attorney, Consumer Financial Services Section Dec. 2017 – May 2018

**SIMON, PERAGINE, SMITH & REDFEARN, LLP
New Orleans, Louisiana**
Consultant May 2018 – present
Associate Attorney, Litigation, Tort & Insurance and Maritime Law Sections
Oct. 2015 – Nov. 2017

**U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
Alexandria, Virginia**
Summer Law Clerk; Criminal Division May – Aug. 2012

**LOYOLA UNIVERSITY NEW ORLEANS COLLEGE OF LAW
New Orleans, LA**
Research Assistant to Prof. Mitchell F. Crusto Sept. 2012 – May 2014
Legal Research & Writing Teaching Assistant Aug. – Dec. 2012

TEACHING INTERESTS

Legal Research & Writing; International Law; International Criminal Law; Criminal Law; Criminal Procedure, Torts; Evidence; Human Rights Law.

BAR ADMISSIONS

Louisiana; Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals

LEADERSHIP ROLES & SERVICE POSITIONS

CLOONEY FOUNDATION FOR JUSTICE

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

ABA SECTION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

Co-Chair of International Courts & Judicial Affairs Committee, 2019-present
Vice Chair of International Courts & Judicial Affairs Committee, 2017-2019

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

International Courts & Tribunals Interest Group Advisory Board Member, 2019-present

LAWYERS, CONFLICT & TRANSITION

Researcher, Cambodia Project, 2019

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY NEW ORLEANS COLLEGE OF LAW, LAW REVIEW ADVISORY BOARD

Board Member, 2018

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY NEW ORLEANS COLLEGE OF LAW YOUNG ALUMNI BOARD

Board Member and 2014 Class Representative, 2017-2018

WILLEM C. VIS INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION MOOT

Grader of Claimant and Respondent Briefs, 2017-2018