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EMPLOYMENT

CORNELL LAW SCHOOL, Ithaca, New York

Professor of Law, 2015-present (Assistant and Associate Professor, 2010-2015)

Faculty Member, Graduate Fields of Government, History, and Peace Studies

Teaching lecture courses in constitutional law and national security law as well as a seminar on citizenship in American constitutional thought. Taught directed readings on Comparative Constitution Making and on Executive Power. Also co-ran a speaker series in fall 2011 with Chantal Thomas on “Law, Reform, and Revolution in the Arab World” and a colloquium in the spring of 2015 with Sidney Tarrow on “Law and Social Movements.”

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL, Cambridge, MA, Spring 2016

Visiting Professor of Law

Teaching lecture course in constitutional law as well as leading reading group on citizenship in American constitutional thought.

YALE LAW SCHOOL, New Haven, CT, 2007-2009

Oscar M. Ruebhausen Fellow in Law and Coordinator of the Middle East Legal Forum

Two-year research and writing fellowship. For academic year 2008-2009 also responsible for designing the syllabus and coordinating a reading group and lecture series in comparative legal systems of the Middle East.

HARVARD COLLEGE, Cambridge, MA, 2006-2007

Senior Thesis Advisor, 2006-2007, Committee on Degrees in Social Studies

Tutorial Leader, 2004-2005, Committee on Degrees in Social Studies

Teaching Fellow, Spring 2002, Continental Political Thought

Research Assistant, 1997-2001, Profs. Richard Tuck, Devesh Kapur, Peter Berkowitz, Paul Pierson

HUMAN RIGHTS FIRST, New York, NY, Summer 2004

Intern, U.S. Law and Security Program

Researched various topics related to U.S. detention practices and international humanitarian law, and participated in drafting the Human Rights First report, “Ending Secret Detentions.”

JUSTICE AFRICA, London, UK, Summer 2003

Research Associate

Under the supervision of Alex de Waal, Executive Director and U.N. Commissioner for HIV/AIDS and Governance in Africa (CHAGA), wrote a series of theoretical and policy papers on the implications of HIV/AIDS for democratic transition and constitutional rule in sub-Saharan Africa.

EDUCATION

HARVARD UNIVERSITY, Ph.D., Government (GSAS), 2007

- Dissertation titled “Settler Empire and the Promise of American Freedom”
- *Charles Sumner Prize*, 2008: For the best dissertation from the legal, political, historical, economic, social, or ethnic approach dealing with the establishment of universal peace
- A.M. in Government, 2002
- Harvard Graduate Prize Fellowship 2000-2007
- Charles Warren Center Research Grant for Studies in American History 2005, 2006
- Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Derek Bok Center

YALE LAW SCHOOL, J.D., 2006

- *Yale Law Journal*, Editor
- *Yale Law and Humanities Journal*, Board Member, Notes Editor
- Yale Middle East Legal Forum, Board Member
- Balancing Civil Liberties and National Security After 9/11, Appellate Brief Writing Clinic

HARVARD UNIVERSITY, A.B., Social Studies, *summa cum laude*, 2000

- Honors: Phi Beta Kappa; Thomas Temple Hoopes Prize for Outstanding Scholarly Work or Research, 2000; John Harvard Scholarship for Academic Excellence, 1996-2000; Mellon/Mentored Minority Students Program, 1997-2000
- Senior Thesis: “Rousseau and the Reenchantment of Modernity”

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

- *Primary Interests*: Constitutional Law and Development, Political and Social Theory, Race and Citizenship, Immigration Law and History, National Security Law, Democratic Theory
- *Secondary Interests*: Legal Ethics and History of the Legal Profession, America Political Development, Law and Social Movements, Comparative Law (focus on Africa, the Middle East, and the Law of Emerging Nations), Human Rights Law

BOOKS

- THE TWO FACES OF AMERICAN FREEDOM (Harvard University Press, 2010) (paperback, 2014) (book reinterpreting American constitutional development through a close examination of settler ideologies of expansion, membership, and freedom) (A *Huffington Post* Best Book of 2010 on Social and Political Awareness)
- “The Rise of the Constitution” (University of Chicago Press, advance contract) (book in progress on how constitutional loyalty and national identity became politically fused in the early and mid-20th century – particularly in the context of national security imperatives and domestic reform projects – and the long-lasting consequences for public discourse)

ARTICLES & CHAPTER CONTRIBUTIONS

- *Progressivism and the Disenchanted Constitution*, in *THE PROGRESSIVES' CENTURY: DEMOCRATIC REFORM AND CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT IN THE UNITED STATES*, eds. Stephen Skowronek, Stephen Engel, and Bruce Ackerman (Yale University Press, forthcoming 2016) (exploring Progressive critiques of the culture of American constitutional devotion, especially its role in sustaining structures of class inequality)
- *The Wrong Kind of Intervention in Syria*, coauthored with Asli Bâli, *THE LAND OF BLUE HELMETS: THE UN IN THE ARAB WORLD*, eds. Karim Makdisi and Vijay Prashad (University of California Press, forthcoming 2016) (assessing the many roles of the U.N. in the unfolding crisis in Syria as well as the forces driving the conflict)
- *Colonialism and Constitutional Memory*, 105 *UC IRVINE LAW REVIEW* 263 (2015) ('Law As' symposium article on the role of the Constitution in re-imagining the American past in civic rather than settler colonial terms)
- *Constitutionalism and the Foundations of the Security State*, 103 *CALIFORNIA LAW REVIEW* 335 (2015) (article exploring how constitutional veneration as a mass political commitment emerged in tandem with the modern security infrastructure)
- *Settler Wars and the National Security State*, 4 *SETTLER COLONIAL STUDIES* 171 (2014) (plenary roundtable remarks on the relationship between American frontier violence and the construction of legal frameworks for warfare)
- *Why There is No Military Solution to the Syrian Conflict*, coauthored with Asli Bâli, in *THE SYRIAN DILEMMA*, eds. Nader Hashemi and Danny Postel (MIT Press, 2013) (an assessment of the various military intervention options suggested for resolving the crisis in Syria)
- *Who Decides on Security?*, 44 *CONNECTICUT LAW REVIEW* 1417 (2012) (lead article for the annual commentary issue, detailing how a new concept of security emerged in the mid-20th century and how it has generated a legal framework in the U.S. for issues of war and emergency tied to professional expertise, secrecy, and elite authority)
- *Freedom Struggles and the Limits of Constitutional Continuity*, 71 *MARYLAND LAW REVIEW* 1015 (2012) (symposium article on Jack Balkin's *CONSTITUTIONAL REDEMPTION*, employing the *Prize Cases* and *ex parte Milligan* to argue that a redemptive popular politics should not necessarily be wedded to commitments to constitutional faith or continuity)
- *Pax Arabica?: Provisional Sovereignty and Intervention in the Arab Uprisings*, coauthored with Asli Bâli, 42 *CALIFORNIA WESTERN INTERNATIONAL LAW JOURNAL* 321 (2012) (oral essay for the Signature Plenary of the 16th Annual LatCrit Conference, focusing on the role of external powers in the Arab uprisings and the implications for sovereignty and solidarity in the Global South)
- *The Two Faces of American Freedom: A Reply*, 21 *CORNELL JOURNAL OF LAW AND PUBLIC POLICY* 133 (2011) (part of a symposium on *THE TWO FACES OF AMERICAN FREEDOM* with contributions by Richard Bense, William Forbath, and Nancy Rosenblum)
- *Responses to the Ten Questions: Has Obama Improved Bush's National Security Policies?*, 37 *JOURNAL OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY FORUM* 5099 (2011) (symposium

article exploring the ‘war on terror’ continuities between Bush and Obama by focusing on their shared national security framework)

- *American Overreach: Strategic Interests and Millennial Ambitions in the Middle East*, coauthored with Asli Bâli, 15 *GEOPOLITICS* 210 (2010) (article on the millennial foundations of American interventionism and its current implications for the Middle East)
- *Obama and the New Age of Reform*, 16 *CONSTELLATIONS* 271 (2009) (article on what to expect from the Obama Administration, locating it within traditions of American political thought – particularly early 20th-century Progressivism and discourses of professional ethics and leadership)
- *Statesman or Scribe?: Legal Independence and the Problem of Democratic Citizenship*, 77 *FORDHAM L. REV* 1665 (2009) (symposium article assessing the question of legal independence and how it relates to broader concerns about the content and meaning of democratic citizenship)
- *What Future Democracy?*, 33 *INDEX ON CENSORSHIP* 56 (Jan. 2004) (an assessment of the relationship between HIV/AIDS and democracy in sub-Saharan Africa)

ADDITIONAL WORKS IN PROGRESS

- “Settlers and Immigrants in the Formation of American Law” (work in progress on the role of European migration in sustaining settler frames of membership and expansion as well as the relevant lessons for assessing immigration practices today)
- “African Constitutionalism and the Predicament of Liberal Politics” (work in progress analyzing the challenges in postcolonial Africa of combining liberal constitutional practice with popular democratic ends)

BOOK REVIEWS

- *The Many American Constitutions*, review article, 93 *TEXAS LAW REVIEW* 1163 (2015) (reviewing Robert Tsai’s *America’s Forgotten Constitutions*)
- *The Long Shadow of the Founding*, review article, 40 *REVIEWS IN AMERICAN HISTORY* 42 (2012) (reviewing Luigi Marco Bassani, *Liberty, State, and Union: The Political Theory of Thomas Jefferson*; Eric Kasper, *To Secure the Liberty of the People: James Madison’s Bill of the Rights and the Supreme Court’s Interpretation*, Alison LaCroix, *The Ideological Origins of American Federalism*)
- Book review of: Jack Greene, *The Constitutional Origins of the American Revolution*, 98 *JOURNAL OF AMERICAN HISTORY* 818 (2011)
- Book review of: Ediberto Roman, *Citizenship and Its Exclusions: A Classical, Constitutional, and Critical Race Critique*, 9 *PERSPECTIVES ON POLITICS* 686 (2011)
- *The World House*, review article, *THE NATION* (October 10, 2011) (reviewing Manning Marable, *Malcolm X: A Life of Reinvention*)
- *Haunted by a Paradox: Human Rights Promotion and American Foreign Policy*, review article, 9 *INT’L J. HUM. RTS.* 269 (2005) (reviewing *Implementing U.S. Human Rights Policy* (Debra Liang-Fenton ed.) and *Wars on Terrorism and Iraq* (Margaret E. Crahan et al. eds.))

INVITED LECTURES, CONFERENCES, AND PANELS (SELECTED)

- University of Washington, American Political Development Speaker Series, May 2016
- Harvard Law School, Faculty Workshop, April 2016
- Columbia University, Political Theory Workshop, March 2016
- The New School for Social Research, Politics Department Speaker Series, March 2016
- U.C. Berkeley, Workshop Series in Moral, Political, and Legal Theory, February 2016
- U.C. Berkeley, The Program in Critical Theory, February 2016
- Boston College Law School, Clough Distinguished Lecture in Jurisprudence, February 2016
- Columbia University, 20th Century Politics and Society Workshop, December 2015
- Columbia University, Legal History Workshop, December 2015
- Princeton University, Program in Law and Public Affairs Seminar, November 2015
- American Society of Legal History Annual Meeting, Panel on Law and Ideology in the National Security State, Washington, DC, October 2015
- UCLA School of Law, Faculty Colloquium Event, October 2015
- Yale University, Political Theory Workshop, October 2015
- Brown University, Watson Institute, Book Celebration for Alex Gourevitch's *From Slavery to the Cooperative Commonwealth*, September 2015
- Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Panelist on Race, Law, and Radical Visions of Civil Rights, Seattle, Washington, May 2015
- Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Conference within a Conference: Abolitionist/Decolonial Politics, Panelist on Land, Colonialism and the Constitution of the Anglo-American World, Las Vegas, Nevada, March 2015
- University of Pennsylvania Law School, Constitutional Law Speaker Series, March 2015
- Cornell University, Africana Studies and Research Center, February 2015
- Yale Law School Middle East Legal Studies Seminar, Venice, Italy, January 2015
- Cornell University, Society for the Humanities, Mellon Sawyer Seminar on Political Will, December 2014
- Harvard Law School, International and Comparative Law Workshop, October 2014
- University of Chicago, Center for Contemporary Theory, October 2014
- American University of Beirut, Symposium on the Idea of Islam Today (in honor of Talal Asad), Beirut, Lebanon, September 2014
- University of Scranton, Schemel Forum, University for a Day Lecture, September 2014
- University of South Carolina, Constitution Day Lecture, September 2014
- National Labor Leadership Initiative, Conference on Building a Movement to Fight Inequality, Long Island, New York, June 2014
- Law and Society Annual Association Meeting, Discussant and Chair for U.S. Constitutional Ideas: Development, Transfer, and Change, Minneapolis, Minnesota, May 2014
- Cornell University, History of Capitalism Initiative, Panelist on Piketty's Capital in the Twenty-First Century, May 2014

- Syracuse University, Institute for National Security and Counterterrorism, Becker Speaker Series, April 2014
- SUNY Buffalo Law School and the Baldy Center for Law and Social Policy, Distinguished Speaker Series, April 2014
- U.C. Irvine School of Law , 3rd Annual ‘Law as . . .’ Symposium on History as Interface for the Interdisciplinary Study of Law, March 2014
- S.J. Quinney College of Law, University of Utah, Faculty Workshop, February 2014
- University of Texas School of Law, Colloquium on Comparing European and North American Approaches to Human Rights, February 2014
- Yale Law School Middle East Legal Studies Seminar, New Haven, Connecticut, January 2014
- Duke University School of Law, Book Manuscript Conference for Jedediah Purdy’s *After Nature: A Politics for the Anthropocene*, November 2013
- American Studies Association Annual Meeting, Panelist on Settler Colonialism, Military Occupation, and State Formation, Washington, D.C., November 2013
- American Society of Legal History Annual Meeting, Panelist on The History of Immigration Law as Nation-Building, Miami, Florida, November 2013
- Yale Law School/Yale Institute for Social and Policy Studies, Conference on the Progressives’ Century: A Retrospective on Democratic Reform and Constitutional Government in the United States, November 2013
- University of Pennsylvania, Political Theory Workshop, September 2013
- American Constitution Society National Convention, Constitutional Law “Schmooze” on Constitutional Interpretation, June 2013
- Cornell University, Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies, Roundtable on America and the World, June 2013
- University of Chicago, Center for Contemporary Theory, Conference on the Arab Uprisings: Politics and Ethics in the Present, May 2013
- Columbia Law School, Legal Theory Workshop, April 2013
- Cornell Law School, Law and Humanities Colloquium, April 2013
- Washington University Law School, Law, Identity, and Culture Workshop, March 2013
- Yale Law School Middle East Legal Studies Seminar, Rabat, Morocco, January 2013
- Cornell Law School, Constitution Day Symposium, September 2012
- Pacific Branch of the American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Panel Discussion on *The Two Faces of American Freedom*, San Diego, California, August 2012
- UCLA Department of History, Panel Discussion on *The Two Faces of American Freedom*, Half-Day Event on Settler Colonialism in U.S. History: A Seminar in the Wake of Two Recent Books, May 2012
- U.C. Irvine School of Law, 2nd Annual ‘Law as . . .’ Symposium on History as Interface for the Interdisciplinary Study of Law, March 2012
- George Washington Law School, Comparative Constitutional Law Roundtable, March 2012
- USC Huntington Library Institute on California and the West, Symposium on the Significance of the Frontier in the Age of Transnational History, February 2012
- Yale Law School Middle East Legal Studies Seminar, Istanbul, Turkey, January 2012

- Stanford University, Political Theory Workshop, December 2011
- Cornell University, Program in American Studies, Fall Brown Bag Series, November 2011
- Cornell University, Judith Reppy Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies, November 2011
- University of Texas at Austin School of Law, Conference on Sandy Levinson's *Constitutional Faith* and Jack Balkin's *Constitutional Redemption*, October 2011
- 16th Annual LatCrit Conference, Panelist on Signature Plenary (Race, Resistance, and Solidarity in the International Order), San Diego, California, October 2011
- American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Panelist on Law and Lawlessness: The Production of State Power in Colonial and Early Republican America, Seattle, Washington, August 2011
- Duke University School of Law, Faculty Workshop, April 2011
- Yale Law School, Bernstein Symposium on Human Rights in 2025, Panelist on the Responsibility to Protect, April 2011
- UCLA School of Law, 5th Annual Critical Race Symposium, Plenary on Settler Colonialism and Racial Management, April 2011
- Humboldt Forum, Panelist on Africa as a Laboratory of Experimentation, Berlin, Germany, March 2011
- Dahlem Conference on Knowledge, Domination, and the Public in Africa, Berlin, Germany, March 2011
- Yale Law School Middle East Legal Studies Seminar, Amman, Jordan, January 2011
- The National Press Club, Discussion on Comprehensive Immigration Reform, Washington, D.C., November 15, 2010 (with Stephen Yale-Loehr)
- City University of New York School of Law, Faculty Workshop, October 2010
- Asia Society, Discussion on the Origins of Chinese America, New York, October 2010 (with Mae Ngai)
- Yale Law School Middle East Legal Studies Seminar, Marrakesh, Morocco, January 2010
- Association for Political Theory Annual Conference, Wesleyan University, October 2008
- Fordham Law School, Colloquium on the Lawyer's Role in a Contemporary Democracy, September 2008
- Yale Law School Middle East Legal Studies Seminar, Istanbul, Turkey, January 2008
- Association of the Bar of the City of New York, National Security and the Rule of Law Task Force, Roundtable on Guantanamo and Beyond: The Search for Justice and Security, December 2007
- Law and Society Annual Association Meeting, Las Vegas, Nevada, June 2005
- Harvard University, Political Theory Colloquium, May 2005
- University of Oxford, Rothermere American Institute, Conference on the United States and Global Human Rights, November 2004
- New School University, Union of Political Science Students Annual Conference, April 2004

RECENT COMMENTARY

- “Race and the American Creed,” N+1 MAGAZINE, Winter 2016
- “What the U.S. Owes Syria,” HUFFINGTON POST (with Aslı Bâli), November 13, 2015
- “Universalizing Settler Liberty: An Interview with Aziz Rana,” JACOBIN MAGAZINE ONLINE (conducted by Nikhil Pal Singh), August 4, 2014
- “Why There is No Military Solution to the Syrian Conflict,” JADALIYYA (with Aslı Bâli), May 13, 2013
- “The Legacy of Black Freedom,” CULTURESTRIKE, January 31, 2013
- “To Save Syria, Work with Russia and Iran,” CNN.com (with Aslı Bâli), August 15, 2012
- “Six Questions for Aslı Bâli and Aziz Rana,” MIDDLE EAST RESEARCH AND INFORMATIONAL PROJECT ONLINE, April 16, 2012
- “To Stop the Killing, Deal with Assad,” N.Y. TIMES (with Aslı Bâli), April 10, 2012
- “America’s Failed Promise of Equal Opportunity,” SALON (with Alex Gourevitch), February 11, 2012
- “The Fake Moderation of America’s Moderate Mideast Allies,” FOREIGN POLICY IN FOCUS (with Aslı Bâli), February 4, 2011
- “Democrats Must Avoid the False Trap of Pragmatism,” NEW DEAL 2.0 (with Alex Gourevitch), January 27, 2010
- “Democrats Must Learn Language of Freedom,” CNN.com, November 10, 2010
- “Relatively Open Borders – Not Harsh Immigration Restrictions – Follow the True American Tradition,” FINDLAW, October 12, 2010
- “Obama and the Closing of the American Dream,” N+1 MAGAZINE ONLINE, September 2, 2008

UNIVERSITY SERVICE, PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS, AND ACTIVITIES

Cornell University:

- Graduate and International Committee, Law School (2011-2014)
- Graduate and International Committee, J.S.D. Admissions (2012-present)
- Faculty Appointments Committee for Entry-Level Candidates, Law School (2010-2011, 2012-13)
- Diversity Committee, Law School (2012-2014)
- Alumni in Academia Committee, Law School (2012-2015)
- Academic Programs and Planning Committee, Law School (2015-present)
- Admissions and Financial Aid Committee, Law School (2010-2012, 2015-present)
- Steering Committee, Foreign Policy Initiative, Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies (2013-present)
- Steering Committee, Judith Reppy Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies (2014-present)
- Faculty Participant, DeBary Interdisciplinary Mellon Writing Group on “Times of Constitution,” Society for the Humanities (2015-2016)
- Core Faculty, Mellon Sawyer Seminar on “Political Will,” Society for the Humanities (2013-2016)

- Co-Organizer with Chantal Thomas, Conference on “Law, Reform, and Revolution in the Arab World” (April 2012)
- Faculty Mentor, Leadership Alliance Summer Research Early Identification Program (2010)

Faculty Advisor:

South Asian Law Students Association (2012-present), National Security Law Society (2010-2012; 2014-present), National Security Moot Court Team (2010-2011)

Member, Graduate Student Committee:

David Cordero (Law School), Michael Dichio (Government Department), Kevin Duong (Government Department), Cynthia Farid (LL.M. thesis advisor), Aaron Gavin (Government Department, Co-Chair), Michael Gorup (Government Department), Toby Goldbach (Law School, also LL.M. thesis advisor), Hanna Haile (Law School), Silvia Huang (Law School), Anne-Claire Jamart (Law School), Vijay Phulwani (Government Department), Edward Quish (Government Department), Harris Setzer (Government Department), Jacob Swanson (Government Department), Timothy Vasko (Government Department), Fan Yangmu (China and Asia Pacific Studies, faculty advisor to visiting student), Gwendoline Alphonso (Government Department, Ph.D. external reviewer), Nolan Bennett (Government Department, Ph.D. external review), Simon Gilhooley (Government Department, Ph.D. external reviewer), Onur Ulas Ince (Government Department, Ph.D. external reviewer), Kyong-Min Son (Government Department, Ph.D. external reviewer)

Additional Professional Activities:

- Member, New York State Bar
- Member, Organizing Committee, Yale Middle East Legal Studies Seminar
- Member, Program Committee, 2016 Law and Society Association Annual Meeting
- Reviewer for book and article manuscripts, Cambridge University Press, Harvard University Press, Oxford University Press, *Journal of Empirical Legal Studies*, *Law and Social Inquiry*, *Middle East Law and Governance*, *Polity* (Journal of the Northeastern Political Science Association)