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**ACADEMIC  
APPOINTMENTS**

**Harvard Law School**

Professor of Law, 2022-present  
Visiting Assistant Professor of Law, Fall 2018

**The University of Chicago, The Law School**

Professor of Law, Herbert and Marjorie Fried Research Scholar, 2019-2022  
Walter V. Schaefer Visiting Assistant Professor of Law, Winter 2019  
Harry A. Bigelow Teaching Fellow and Lecturer in Law, 2014-16

**Columbia Law School**

Nathaniel Fensterstock Visiting Professor of Law, Fall 2019

**University of Pennsylvania Law School**

Assistant Professor of Law, 2016-19

**EDUCATION**

**Harvard Law School**, J.D., *cum laude*, 2013

**Harvard University**, Ph.D., Philosophy, 2011

**Wake Forest University**, B.A., *magna cum laude*, Philosophy, 2004

**ACADEMIC  
PUBLICATIONS**

*How Clear is “Clear” Enough?*, 109 VA. L. REV. \_\_ (forthcoming 2023),  
[https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=3326550](https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3326550)

*Late-Stage Textualism*, 2022 SUP. CT. REV. \_\_ (forthcoming 2022),  
[https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=3969398](https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3969398)

*The Ghost of John Hart Ely*, 75 VAND. L. REV. 769 (2022) (with Samuel Moyn)

*Democratizing the Supreme Court*, 109 CAL. L. REV. 1703 (2021) (with Samuel Moyn)

*The “Ambiguity” Fallacy*, 88 GEO. WASH. L. REV. 1110 (2020) (invited)

*Can a Statute Have More Than One Meaning?*, 94 N.Y.U. L. REV. 213 (2019)

*Arguing with Friends*, 117 MICH. L. REV. 319 (2018) (with William Baude)

*High-Stakes Interpretation*, 116 MICH. L. REV. 523 (2018)

*The (Not So) Plain Meaning Rule*, 84 U. CHI. L. REV. 539 (2017) (with William Baude)

*Who Cares How Congress Really Works?*, 66 DUKE L.J. 979 (2017)

*The Scrivener's Error*, 110 NW. U. L. REV. 811 (2016)

*Mead as (Mostly) Moot: Predictive Interpretation in Administrative Law*, 36 CARDOZO L. REV. 499 (2014)

*Go Big or Go Home: The Constitutionality of Recess Appointments Following Pro Forma Sessions of the Senate*, 65 ADMIN. L. REV. 975 (2013)

*A Comedy of Errors or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love Sensibility-Invariantism About "Funny"*, 93 PAC. PHIL. Q. 493 (2012)

## POPULAR PUBLICATIONS

*The Supreme Court Is Broken. How Do We Fix It?*, NATION (June 6, 2022) (with Elie Mystal), <https://www.thenation.com/article/society/how-to-fix-supreme-court/>

*Court Reform Is Dead! Long Live Court Reform!*, ATLANTIC (Dec. 12, 2021) (with Samuel Moyn), <https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2021/12/commission-supreme-court-may-revive-reform/620969/>

*Stephen Breyer's Supreme Delusions*, NEW REPUBLIC (Oct. 13, 2021) (with Samuel Moyn), <https://newrepublic.com/article/163929/stephen-breyer-book-review-supreme-delusions>

*Imagining a Post-Constitutional Political Culture*, PUBLIC SEMINAR (Oct. 11, 2021) (with Samuel Moyn), <https://publicseminar.org/essays/post-constitutional-political-culture/>

*Why Progressives in Congress Should Ignore Biden's Supreme Court Commission*, WASH. POST (May 20, 2021), <https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/2021/05/20/supreme-court-commission-pointless/>

*Making the Supreme Court Safe for Democracy*, NEW REPUBLIC (Oct. 13, 2020) (with Samuel Moyn), <https://newrepublic.com/article/159710/supreme-court-reform-court-packing-diminish-power>

*The Supreme Court Rules Us. Here's How to Curb Its Power.*, WASH. POST (Sep. 29, 2020), <https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/2020/09/29/supreme-court-reform-packing-jurisdiction-democracy/>

*Reform the Supreme Court, but Don't Pack It*, ATLANTIC (Aug. 8, 2020) (with Samuel Moyn), <https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2020/08/reform-the-court-but-dont-pack-it/614986/>

*Executive Orders and Smart Lawyers Won't Save Us*, JACOBIN (Dec. 01, 2019), <https://jacobinmag.com/2019/12/executive-orders-supreme-court-law-college-debt>

*Working with What We've Got* (reviewing LAWRENCE LESSIG, FIDELITY & CONSTRAINT (2019)), BALKINIZATION (June 24, 2019), <https://balkin.blogspot.com/2019/06/working-with-what-weve-got.html>

*Affording Choice* (reviewing CASS R. SUNSTEIN, CHOOSING NOT TO CHOOSE (2015)),  
NEW RAMBLER REV. (2015), <http://newramblerreview.com/book-reviews/law/affording-choice>

**CLERKSHIP**

**U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit**

Law Clerk to Chief Judge Sandra L. Lynch, 2013-14