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Professor of Law

University of Tennessee College of Law

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ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Professor of Law, 2007-present (*tenured 2011; promoted to full professor 2015*)

University of Tennessee College of Law, Knoxville, TN

Teaching: Constitutional Law, International Law, European Union Law, Human Rights Law, Global Constitutionalism, International Religious Freedom, Legal Process I, Foreign, International and Comparative Law Research, and Cross Border Transactions

Select College of Law Service: Top 2% SSRN Author Ranking; LLM Taskforce (2017-present); Legal Writing Program Director Search Committee (2019); Innovation Committee (2016-2018); First Year Faculty Advisor (2009-2018); Academic Standards Committee (2016-2017); International Law Students Association Faculty Advisor (2009-present); Adjunct Faculty Committee (2008-2009, 2014-2016); Faculty Mentor (2012-2014); Jessup Moot Court Team Advisor (2008-2014); Moot Court Awards Committee (2008-2014); Committee on Community (Chair, 2012-2014, Member, 2007-2012); Clayton Visitor Advisory Committee (2014); AALS alternate delegate (2014); LLM Working Group (2011-2012); Safe Zone: Empowering LGBT Allies Training (2012); Recipient, UT Arab Culture Curriculum Infusion Grant (2010); SEALS New Scholar Mentor (2010); Cunningham Award Committee (2008-2009)

Select University Service: UT Student Code of Conduct Board (2017-present); Center for the Study of Social Justice (Founding Board Member & Division Head 2009-present); Judaic Studies Advisory Committee (2009-present); Affiliated Faculty, Disasters, Displacement, and Human Rights Research Group (2009-present); Faculty Senate (2012-2016); College of Law Caucus Chair (2014-2015), Appeals Committee (2013-2016), Chair & Member, Appeal Panel (2013-2014), & Benefits and Professional Development Committee (2012-2013); Guest Lecturer: Global Studies Program (2018); Chancellor's Honors Program (2017); Global Studies Program (2012); & Anthropology Department (2011); Focus on Poverty Task Force (2009-10); PhD Dissertation Committees: Communications Dep't. (2015-2016) & Anthropology Dep't. (2008-2012); Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language Program Grant Enhancement Committee (2010-2011)

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PUBLICATIONS

Law Review Articles

The Organization of Islamic Cooperation's (OIC) Response to Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Rights: A Challenge to Equality and Nondiscrimination under International Law

28.1 JOURNAL OF TRANSNATIONAL LAW & CONTEMPORARY PROBLEMS 89-187 (2019)

The Wolf Act Amendments to the U.S. International Religious Freedom Act: Breakthrough or Breakdown?

4.2 UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA JOURNAL OF LAW & PUBLIC AFFAIRS 151-201 (2019) (lead article)

Leveraging Regional Human Rights Mechanisms Against Universal Human Rights: The OIC Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission Study on Sexual Orientation, 60 WILLIAM & MARY LAW REVIEW ONLINE 1 (2018)

Equality and Nondiscrimination Through the Eyes of an International Religious Organization: The Organization of Islamic Cooperation's (OIC) Response to Women's Rights

34.4 WISCONSIN INTERNATIONAL LAW JOURNAL 755-822 (2017) (lead article)

Experiencing Experiential Education: A Faculty-Student Perspective on the University of Tennessee College of Law's Adventure in Access to Justice Author

50.1 JOHN MARSHALL LAW REVIEW 11-51 (2016) (co-authored)

Beyond Ruggie's Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights: Charting an Embrasive Approach to Corporate Human Rights Compliance

48.1 UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS INTERNATIONAL LAW JOURNAL 33-62 (2012)

- *Translated to Bahasa Indonesia and republished by THE INSTITUTE FOR POLICY RESEARCH & ADVOCACY (ELSAM), Jakarta, Indonesia (2015)*

Defamation of Religion: Rumors of Its Death are Greatly Exaggerated

62.2 CASE WESTERN RESERVE LAW REVIEW 347-397 (2011) (lead article)

Russia's "Orthodox" Foreign Policy: The Growing Influence of the Russian Orthodox Church in Shaping Russia's Policies Abroad

33.2 UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW 363-460 (2011)

Should New Bills of Rights Address Emerging International Human Rights Norms? The Challenge of "Defamation of Religion"

9.1 NORTHWESTERN JOURNAL OF HUMAN RIGHTS 1-26 (2011) (lead article)

One New President, One New Patriarch and A Generous Disregard for the Constitution: A Recipe for the Continuing Decline of Secular Russia

43.5 VANDERBILT JOURNAL OF TRANSNATIONAL LAW 1337-1368 (2010)

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PUBLICATIONS (Cont.)

Law Review Articles (Cont.)

Babushka Said Two Things—It Will Either Rain or Snow; it Either Will or Will Not”: An Analysis of the Provisions and Human Rights Implications of Russia’s New Law on Nongovernmental Organizations as Told Through Eleven Russian Proverbs

40.1 GEORGE WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL LAW REVIEW 1-86 (2008) (lead article)

How to Entrench a De Facto State Church in Russia: A Guide in Progress

2008 BRIGHAM YOUNG LAW REVIEW 707-778 (2008)

The Religion-State Relationship and the Right to Freedom of Religion or Belief: A Comparative Textual Analysis of the Constitutions of Predominantly Muslim Countries (co-authored)

36 GEORGETOWN JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW 947-1078 (2006)

• *Republished in* 5(1) INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF CIVIL SOCIETY LAW 43-156 (2007)

Who Will Watch the Watchdogs? Human Rights NGOs and the Case for Regulation

10 BUFFALO HUMAN RIGHTS LAW REVIEW 261-398 (2004)

• *Republished in* 5(4) INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF CIVIL SOCIETY LAW 8-96 (2007)

Peer Reviewed Chapters

The United States International Religious Freedom Act, Nonstate actors, and the Donbas Crisis, in Elizabeth A. Clark and Dmytro Vovk, RELIGION DURING THE RUSSIAN-UKRAINIAN CONFLICT (Routledge, forthcoming 2019)

The Promise of International Law in Developing a Global Foundation for Social Justice, in Jon Shefner, et al., eds., SOCIAL JUSTICE AND THE UNIVERSITY: GLOBALIZATION, HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE FUTURE OF DEMOCRACY (Palgrave Macmillan, 2014), 67-95

Should an Australian Bill of Rights Address Emerging International Human Rights Norms? The Challenge of ‘Defamation of Religion’, in Paul Babie and Neville Rochow, eds., FREEDOM OF RELIGION UNDER BILLS OF RIGHTS (Adelaide University Press, 2012), 86-116

The Bottom Up Journey of “Defamation of Religion” from Muslim States to the United Nations: A Case Study of the Migration of Anti-Constitutional Ideas, in Austin Sarat, ed., SPECIAL ISSUE HUMAN RIGHTS: NEW POSSIBILITIES/NEW PROBLEMS (56 STUDIES IN LAW, POLITICS, AND SOCIETY 1 (2011)), 121-211

Human Rights Issues in Cross-border Mergers, in Maurice Stucke, ed., MAKING THE PIECES FIT: AN ANALYSIS OF THE DAIMLER-CHRYSLER MERGER (Carolina Academic Press, forthcoming)

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PUBLICATIONS (Cont.)

Book and Journal Chapters (Cont.)

- Springtime for Freedom of Religion or Belief: Will Newly Democratic Arab States Guarantee International Human Rights Norms or Perpetuate Their Violation?*, in David Kirkham, ed., *STATE RESPONSES TO RELIGIOUS MINORITIES* (ASHGATE, 2013), 45-64
- Whither Secular Bear: The Russian Orthodox Church's Strengthening Influence on Russia's Domestic and Foreign Policy*, *FIDES ET LIBERTAS* (2011), 89-125
- Tolerance and International Law: The View From Outside*, in O.V. Inshakov, ed., *DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE STATE AND RELIGIOUS ASSOCIATIONS IN THE SPACE OF CONTEMPORARY CULTURE*, (Volgograd State University Press, 2009), 231-239

Other Select Writing

- Malaysia's Punishment of Lesbian Couple Highlights OIC Rejection of LGBTQ Rights*, Op-ed, *OPEN GLOBAL RIGHTS*, Oct. 2018 (*English and Arabic*)
- International Religious Freedom Summit Fails to Mask Trump's Scorn for Human Rights*, Op-ed, *JURIST*, Jul. 2018
- Defending Islam from Free Speech*, Op-ed, *USA TODAY*, 2015
- Gaza Inquiry's Bias Against Israel is Already Clear*, Op-ed, *HA'ARETZ*, 2014
- Tunisia: Springtime for Defamation of Religion*, Op-ed, *JURIST*, 2012
Republished in 10 *INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF CIVIL SOCIETY LAW* 4, 1-2 (2012)
- Three Tweets Expose the False Hope of Combating Intolerance*, Op-ed, *THE JERUSALEM POST*, 2012
- Room for Hope? Obama's "Overseas Contingency Operations"*, Op-ed, *THE TENNESSEAN*, 2009 (co-authored)
- Analysis of the Republic of Tajikistan's Draft Law "About Freedom of Conscience and Religious Unions"* (co-authored)
THE INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR NOT-FOR-PROFIT LAW (2008)
- International Legal Developments in Review 2005: Iraq—The Constitution*
40 *INT'L LAW*. 605-606 (2006)
- International Legal Developments in Review 2004: Iraq—Human Rights*
39 *INT'L LAW*. 605-606 (2005)

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SELECTED PRESENTATIONS & WORKSHOPS

International Presentations

University of Lucerne Institute for Interdisciplinary Legal Studies, 29th biennial World Congress of the International Association for the Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy, “Human Rights Accountability of Non-State Actors”

Human Rights Accountability of Non-State Actors Under the International Religious Freedom Act

Lucerne, Switzerland, July 2019 (Presenter and Commentator)

Yaroslav the Wise National Law University, “War and Peace and Religion: Religious Freedom during Russian-Ukrainian Conflict”

Amendments to the International Religious Freedom Act: Entities of Particular Concern
Kharkiv, Ukraine, April 2018

Nottingham Trent University, “Law, Human Rights and Religion: Flashpoints”

The Organization of Islamic Cooperation’s Response to Women’s Rights

Nottingham, UK, December 2016

Queens University Law School

The Organization for Islamic Cooperation (OIC): Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity

Kingston, Canada, October 2016

Princeton University and University of Kiel, “Constitutional Migration and Transjudicialism”

Balancing Religious Freedom with other Human Rights: The Promise and Perils of Transjudicialism (Debate)

Hanover, Germany, June 2015

Bar Ilan University, “International Conference on Religion and Equality”

The Organization for Islamic Cooperation (OIC): Navigating Equality Through the Lens of a Religious International Organization

Ramat-Gan, Israel, June 2015

Osgoode Law School, “Sex, Drugs & Rock ‘n Roll: Subversive Sites in the Law”

Legal Responses to the Ongoing Global Challenge to Prohibit Defamation of Religion in a Post-Charlie Hebdo World

Toronto, Canada, May 2015

McGill University, “Religion & Foreign Policy: The Global Challenges of Religious Pluralism”

The Organization for Islamic Cooperation’s Anti-Defamation Campaign at the UN

Montreal, Canada, June 2013 (via Skype)

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SELECTED PRESENTATIONS & WORKSHOPS (Cont.)

International Presentations (Cont.)

Peking University Law School, Center for Constitutional and Administrative Law
“Religion and the Rule of Law” Certificate Training Program (multiple presentations)
Beijing, China, July 2012

Israel Democracy Institute
The Migration of Anti-constitutional Ideas and Restrictions on Civil Society
Jerusalem, Israel, June 2011

Haifa University Faculty of Law, Faculty Seminar
The Migration of Anti-constitutional Ideas and Restrictions on Civil Society
Haifa, Israel, May 2011

The Atlantic Council and Chatham House (UK), “International Law and Human Rights”
Competing or Complimentary? EU and US Human Rights Policies
London, UK, November 2010

Central European University, “Religion in the Public Square”
Russia’s ‘Orthodox’ Foreign Policy: The Promotion of Orthodox Interests Abroad
Budapest, Hungary, June 2010

University of Malaysia Faculty of Law, “Religion, Law & Governance in Southeast Asia”
Minority Rights & Defamation of Religion
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, January 2010

Volgograd University, “The Role of Religion in the State”
Tolerance and International Law: The View From Outside
Volgograd, Russian Federation, September 2009

The University of Adelaide, “Cultural & Religious Freedom Under a Bill of Rights”
Drafting Bills of Rights and Compliance with Customary International Human Rights Law: The Challenge of ‘Defamation of Religions’
Canberra, Australia, August 2009

Bar Ilan University Faculty of Law, “Conference and Research Workshop Marking the 60th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights”
NGO Regulation and the Development of Human Rights
Ramat Gan, Israel, December 2008

American Bar Association Section on International Law, “Annual Meeting”
The International Response to Russia’s Law on Nongovernmental Organizations
Brussels, Belgium, September 2008

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SELECTED PRESENTATIONS & WORKSHOPS (Cont.)

Domestic Presentations

Association for the Study of Nationalities, “24th Annual World Convention”
The International Religious Freedom Act, “Entities of Particular Concern” & the Crisis in the Donbas Columbia University
Columbia University, May 2019

Humphrey Fellowship Fulbright Exchange Program, *International Human Rights Law & Global Women’s Economic Empowerment*
Knoxville, April 2019

University of Tennessee College of Law, “Continuing Legal Education: International Criminal Justice: The Nuremberg Trials and Lessons for Today”
Taking Stock of International Criminal Law Today (Convenor and presenter)
Knoxville, April 2019

Faculty Senate Council for Diversity and Interculturalism, “Discussion Forum about Free Speech and Hate Speech”
Knoxville, March 2019

UTK Global Studies Program, *The Promise of International Law in Promoting Universal Human Rights*
Knoxville, November 2018

University of Tennessee College of Law, “Summer Research Forum”
Recent Amendments to the U.S. International Religious Freedom Act: Entities of Particular Concern
Knoxville, June 2018

Stanford Law School, “What’s Law Got To Do With It? Examining the Role of Law in a Changing World”
The OIC Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission: A Relativist Echo Chamber for Undermining International Human Rights
Stanford, November 2017

American Society of International Law (ASIL), “Midyear Meeting 2017”
ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights, OIC Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission & Best Practices for Regional Human Rights Mechanisms
St. Louis, October 2017

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Domestic Presentations (Cont.)

Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, “The Past & Future Role of Organized Religion in the Development of International Law”

The OIC as an International Religious Organization

Boca Raton, August 2017

American Society of International Law (ASIL), “International Organizations Interest Group Works-in-Progress Workshop”

Equality & Nondiscrimination Through the Eyes of an International Religious Organization: The Organization of Islamic Cooperation's (OIC) Response to Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Rights

Brooklyn, February 2017 (Presenter and Commentator)

UTK Chancellor's Honors Program Living and Learning Community

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights: An International Human Rights Law Primer

Knoxville, January 2017

SALT Teaching Conference, “From the Classroom to the Community: Teaching and Advancing Social Justice”

Bringing Access to Justice to the Classroom through Focused Experiential Education

Chicago, September 2016

University of Tennessee College of Law, “Summer Research Forum”

Equality and Nondiscrimination Through the Eyes of an International Religious Organization: The Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) Response to Women's Rights and Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Rights

Knoxville, July 2016

CALI Conference (CALICon), “The Year of Living Dangerously”

Bringing Access to Justice to the Classroom through the A2J Author Course Project

Atlanta, June 2016

Arnstein Jewish Community Center, “UT Faculty Lecture Series”

Human Rights in Tennessee: The Access to Justice Challenge

Knoxville, December 2015

UTK Anthropology Department, “Disasters, Displacement and Human Rights: Bridging the Collaborative Gap”

Responding to the Legal Needs of Disaster Survivors: A Collaborative Effort of the Legal Profession (Moderator and Discussant)

Knoxville, September 2015

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SELECTED PRESENTATIONS & WORKSHOPS (Cont.)

Domestic Presentations (Cont.)

Emory University School of Law, "Fifth Annual Religious Legal Theory Conference"
Springtime for Freedom of Religion or Belief? Considering the Arab World in Flux
Atlanta, February 2014

American Association of Law Schools, Annual Meeting, Panel: "Blasphemy, Religious Defamation, and Religious Nationalism"
Defamation of Religion: Rumors of Its Death are Greatly Exaggerated
Washington DC, January 2012

University of Tennessee College of Law, "'License to Bully' Legislation"
International Human Rights Norms and Sexual Orientation Discrimination
Knoxville, February 2012

University of Tennessee Center for the Study of Social Justice, "Social Justice and the University"
The Promise of International Law in Developing a Global Foundation for Social Justice
Knoxville, April 2011

Marquette University Law School, "Faculty Exchange Workshop"
Migration of Anti-constitutional Ideas: Defamation of Religion at the United Nations
Milwaukee, September 2010

University of Tennessee College of Law, "CLE Program"
Constitutional Promise and Practice: An International Survey of the Right to Freedom of Religion or Belief
Knoxville, September 2010

Catholic University of America School of Law, "Religious Freedom in the Former USSR"
Church-State Overlaps and Mutual Reinforcement in Russia's Foreign Policy
Washington DC, April 2010

American Association of Law Schools, "New Voices in Human Rights"
Defamation of Religion in the United Nations Human Rights Bodies
New Orleans, January 2010

John Marshall Law School, "Faculty Scholarship Roundtable Series"
The Migration of Anti-Constitutional Ideas: The Bottom Up Journey of Defamation of Religion from Muslim States to the United Nations
Chicago, November 2009

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SELECTED PRESENTATIONS & WORKSHOPS (Cont.)

Domestic Presentations (Cont.)

Northeast State Community College, "Constitution Week: Keynote Address"
Constitutional Promise & Practice: The Case of Freedom of Religion
Blountville, October 2009

Federal Defender Services of Eastern Tennessee, "CLE Program"
Public International Law: A Primer
Knoxville, June 2009

University of Tennessee College of Law, "Property, Community, and the Where of a Same-Sex Civil Union Ceremony"
Conflicting Rights? Freedom of Religion and Right to Equality
Knoxville, April 2009

Howard H. Baker Jr. Center for Public Policy, "Lost in Translation? Comparing Local and Global Interpretations of Religious Freedom"
Knoxville, February 2009 (Discussant)

Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, "60th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights: Its Impact and Future Implications"
The UDHR & U.S. Foreign Policy: On the Right to Freedom of Religion
Palm Beach, August 2008 (Presenter and panel organizer)

Brigham Young University College of Law, "14th Annual International Law and Religion Symposium"
Treatment of Religious Groups Under Russia's Amended NGO Law
Provo, October 2007

Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, "New Scholars Workshop"
Harmless Regulation or Harmful Regression? Russia's New NGO Law
Palm Beach, August 2007

American Bar Association Section on International Law, "Annual Meeting"
Building Credible Self Accountability Principles in An Age of Increasing NGO Regulation
Washington, DC, May 2007 (Presenter and panel co-chair)

Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, "Briefing on the Russian Federation"
Challenge to Civil Society: Russia's Amended Law on Noncommercial Organizations
Washington, DC, April 2007

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SELECTED LEGAL & OTHER EXPERIENCE

International Law Specialist, 2004-2006

U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom, Washington, DC

- Promoted incorporation of international human rights standards in Iraq's permanent constitution by developing relevant legal analysis and policy recommendations
- Researched and wrote legal opinions on an array of issues, including draft amendments to Sri Lanka's constitution, Russia's law on nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), and the 1998 International Religious Freedom Act
- Identified and coordinated an international network of legal experts on Islam and human rights to serve as a resource tool for Iraq's constitution-drafting committee
- Represented and advocated USCIRF positions in public events and private meetings with various officials, international constituencies, other experts, and the media

Attorney Advisor, 2001-2002

Department of International Agreements, Ministry of Justice, Tel Aviv, Israel

- Identified and analyzed legal issues relevant to the Department's mandate, including international trade, human rights, immigration, and money laundering
- Collaborated in the preparation of reports for submission to the United Nations and other regional and international agencies
- Researched and wrote comparative legal opinions covering U.S., Canadian, Australian, and various European jurisprudence

Law Clerk, President Aharon Barak, 1999

Supreme Court of Israel, Jerusalem, Israel

- Researched and drafted legal memoranda on issues including transnational constitutional law, commercial law, civil rights, and public international law
- Collaborated with law clerks to identify and prioritize docket-driven research questions

Director of Projects & Development, 1995-1997

Physicians for Human Rights, Tel Aviv, Israel

- Enhanced respect for human rights by developing projects, including a survey of conditions at detention centers in Israel
- Expanded public relations and organizational network by liaising with foreign media, diplomatic missions, and other NGOs
- Planned and procured organizational budget, boosting funding by 75% within two years

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EDUCATION

University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada

LLM (Public International Law & Human Rights), 2003

Faculty of Law Fellowship, Rabin Fellowship for Peace & Tolerance (Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 2002)

University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada

JD & MA (International Relations) Collaborative Program, 2000

Law Review Editorial Assistant (1998-99), Jessup Moot (1998-1999), Bronfman Award for Middle East Studies (1999), International Human Rights Fellowship (1999)

McGill University, Montreal, Canada

BA *magna cum laude*, North American Studies, 1994

International Politics and Diplomacy Semester (**American University**, 1993)

Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Jerusalem, Israel

Freshman Year Program, Middle Eastern Studies (1991)

Languages: English, French, and Hebrew

SERVICE, AFFILIATIONS, MEMBERSHIPS & AWARDS

Recipient, W. Allen Separk Faculty Scholarship Award, College of Law, University of Tennessee (2019)

Peer reviewer, variety of scholarly journals, books, and grant-awarding institutions, including the JOURNAL OF LAW AND RELIGION, DEMOCRATIZATZYA, CANADIAN FOREIGN POLICY JOURNAL, ISRAEL LAW REVIEW, LAW AND RELIGION: NATIONAL, INTERNATIONAL, AND COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVES, the SWISS NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION, the ISRAEL SCIENCE FOUNDATION, and the SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES RESEARCH COUNCIL OF CANADA (2008-present)

Member, Executive Council, Immigration Law Section, Tennessee Bar Association (2019-present)

Member, Executive Council, International Law & Practice Section, Tennessee Bar Association (2019-present)

Member, International Academic Advisory Board, Advanced Program on Religion and the Rule of Law at Oxford (2018-present)

Member, ASIL Helton Fellowship Selection Committee (2013-present)

A2J Fellow, The Computer Assisted Learning Institute (CALI) (2015-2016)

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SERVICE, AFFILIATIONS, MEMBERSHIPS & AWARDS (Cont.)

Grant recipient, CALI Access to Justice Author Course Project (2015)

Faculty, Downing College, Cambridge University, (Summer session 2015)

Brief Grader, National Black Law Students Association Moot Court Competition (2015)

Commentator, *ASIL Southeast Workshop*, University of Virginia Law School (May 2014)

Convener & Commentator, *ASIL International Human Rights Law Workshop*, UC Berkeley Law School (November 2013)

Co-chair, ASIL International Human Rights Interest Group (2011-2014) (**Member**, 2008-present)

Member, International Consortium for Law and Religion Studies (ICLARS) (2014-present)

Member, SEALS International Committee (2013-present)

Member, Board of Directors, Knoxville Jewish Day School (2013-2017)

Member, Executive Committee, American Association of Law Schools (AALS) Section on International Human Rights Law (2009-2016)

Member, American Branch of the International Law Association (2009-present)

Member, Bar of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (2004-present, status: inactive)

Chair, AALS Section on International Human Rights Law (2008-2009)

Chair, American Bar Association (ABA) International NGO & Not-for-Profit Organizations Committee (2007-2009); **Vice-chair**, ABA International Middle East Committee (2005-2008)