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Academic Appointments

University of Chicago Law School, Chicago, IL
Assistant Professor of Law, July 2014 – Present
Walter Mander Research Scholar, July 2017 – Present
Bigelow Fellow & Lecturer in Law, July 2013 – June 2014

Education

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA (2009-2013)
J.D., May 2013
Ph.D. in Political Science, May 2013
A.M. in Political Science, March 2012

Yale University, New Haven, CT (2003-2007)
M.A. in Political Science, May 2007
B.A. in Political Science, May 2007

Journal Articles

The Legal Academy's Ideological Uniformity
JOURNAL OF LEGAL STUDIES (forthcoming) (w/ Adam Bonica, Kyle Rozema, & Maya Sen)

Rights Without Resources: The Impact of Constitutional Social Rights on Social Spending
JOURNAL OF LAW & ECONOMICS (forthcoming) (with Mila Versteeg)

Why Countries Sign Bilateral Labor Agreements
JOURNAL OF LEGAL STUDIES (forthcoming) (with Eric Posner)

Courts' Limited Ability to Protect of Constitutional Rights
UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO LAW REVIEW (forthcoming) (with Mila Versteeg)

Reciprocity and Public Opposition to Foreign Direct Investment
BRITISH JOURNAL OF POLITICAL SCIENCE (forthcoming) (with Tingley & Milner)

Making Doctrinal Work More Rigorous: Lessons from Systematic Reviews
UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO LAW REVIEW 81(1): 37-58 (2017) (with Will Baude & Anup Malani)

Measuring Judicial Ideology Using Law Clerk Hiring
AMERICAN LAW & ECONOMICS REVIEW 19(1): 129-161 (2017) (w/ Bonica, Goldin, Rozema, & Sen)

The Political Ideologies of Law Clerks

AMERICAN LAW & ECONOMICS REVIEW 19(1): 96-128 (2017) (w/ Bonica, Goldin, Rozema, & Sen)

The Limitations of Supply Chain Disclosure Regimes

STANFORD JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW 53(1): 1-54 (2017) (with Galit Sarfaty)

The Influence of History on States' Compliance with Human Rights Obligations

VIRGINIA JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW 52(2): 211-264 (2016) (with Eric Posner)

Simplification of Privacy Disclosures: An Experimental Test

JOURNAL OF LEGAL STUDIES 45(2): S41-S67 (2016) (with Omri Ben-Shahar)

The Political Ideologies of American Lawyers

JOURNAL OF LEGAL ANALYSIS 8(2): 277-335 (2016) (with Adam Bonica & Maya Sen)

The Political Motivations of the United States' Bilateral Investment Treaty Program

REVIEW OF INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ECONOMY 23(4): 614-642 (2016)

Do Constitutional Rights Make a Difference?

AMERICAN JOURNAL OF POLITICAL SCIENCE 60(3): 575-589 (2016) (with Mila Versteeg)

Revisiting Precedent & Procedure in the WTO: An Analysis of US-CVD and AD Measures

WORLD TRADE REVIEW 15(2): 375-395 (2016) (with Mostafa Beshkar)

International Law, Constitutional Law, and Public Support for Torture

RESEARCH & POLITICS 3(1): 1-9 (2016) (with Mila Versteeg)

The Failure of Constitutional Torture Prohibitions

JOURNAL OF LEGAL STUDIES 44(2): 417-452 (2015) (with Mila Versteeg)

An Empirical Study of Ideological Bias in Legal Scholarship

JOURNAL OF LEGAL STUDIES 44(2): 277-314 (2015) (with Eric Posner)

Challenging the Randomness of Panel Assignments in the Federal Courts of Appeals

CORNELL LAW REVIEW 101(1): 1-56 (2015) (with Marin Levy)

The Political Economy of Inward FDI Flows: Opposition to Chinese Mergers & Acquisitions

CHINESE JOURNAL OF INT'L POLITICS 8(1): 27-57 (2015) (with Tingley, Xu, & Milner)

The Laws of War and Public Opinion: An Experimental Study

JOURNAL OF INSTITUTIONAL AND THEORETICAL ECONOMICS 171(1): 181-201 (2015)

Foreign Sovereign Immunity and Comparative Institutional Competence

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA LAW REVIEW 163(2): 411-486 (2015) (with Chris Whytock)

Supplying Compliance: Why and When the US Complies with WTO Rulings

YALE JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW 39(2): 201-246 (2014) (with Rachel Brewster)

The Influence of Human Rights Agreements on Public Opinion: An Experiment

CHICAGO JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW 15(1): 110-137 (2014)

Why the Study of International Law Needs Experiments

COLUMBIA JOURNAL OF TRANSNATIONAL LAW 52(1): 172-237 (2013) (with Dustin Tingley)

The Doctrinal Paradox & International Law

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA JOURNAL OF INT'L LAW 34(1): 67-137 (2012) (with Dustin Tingley)

The Earned Income Tax Credit, Low Income Workers, and the Legal Aid Community

COLUMBIA JOURNAL OF TAX LAW 3(2): 177-214 (2012) (with Joshua Boehm & Jonathan Schneller)

Equality, Procedural Justice, and the World Trade Organization

INTERCULTURAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW REVIEW 7(1): 101-151 (2012) (with Ryan W. Davis)

Academic Essays, Comments, and Book Reviews

Country-Specific Investments and the Rights of Non-Citizens

VIRGINIA JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW (forthcoming) (with Eric Posner)

Book Review, The Continent of International Law by Barbara Koremenos

AMERICAN JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW 111(3): 801-805 (2017)

Experimentally Testing the Effectiveness of Human Rights Treaties

CHICAGO JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW 18(1): 164-185 (2017)

A Call for Developing a Field of Positive Legal Methodology

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO LAW REVIEW 84(1): 1-5 (2017) (with Will Baude & Anup Malani)

Has Trump's Promised Assault on International Law Materialized?

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS LAW REVIEW ONLINE: TRUMP 100 DAYS (2017)

Did the Creation of the United Nations Human Rights Council Produce a Better 'Jury'?

HARVARD INTERNATIONAL LAW JOURNAL (ONLINE) 58: 7-15 (2016) (with Rob Golan-Vilella)

Reconsidering the Motivations of the US Bilateral Investment Treaty Program

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF INTERNATIONAL LAW PROCEEDINGS 108: 373-376 (2015)

A Reply to Ronald Dworkin's New Theory of International Law

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO LAW REVIEW DIALOGUE 80: 105-115 (2013)

Brazil's Pregnancy Registration Requirement & International Commitments

JOURNAL OF LAW, MEDICINE & ETHICS 40(3): 696 (2012)

Book Note, The Idea of Human Rights by Charles E. Beitz

HARVARD HUMAN RIGHTS JOURNAL 25(1): 237-239 (2012)

India's Evolving Patent Laws and WTO Obligations

JOURNAL OF LAW, MEDICINE & ETHICS 39(2): 296-300 (2011)

Book Note, Mobilizing For Human Rights by Beth Simmons

HARVARD HUMAN RIGHTS JOURNAL 24(1): 243-244 (2011)

Popular Writing

Trump Just Blocked a Chinese Takeover of a Sensitive U.S. Company. Here's What's Going On.

WASHINGTON POST - MONKEY CAGE, September 15, 2017 (with Helen Milner & Dustin Tingley)

The Political Donations Made by Robert Mueller's Team Are Not Evidence of Bias

LA TIMES, July 28, 2017 (with Adam Bonica & Maya Sen)

The Potential Silver Lining in Trump's Travel Ban

WASHINGTON POST, July 5, 2017 (with Genevieve Lakier)

Using Experiments to Improve Women's Rights in Pakistan

OPENDEMOCRACY, May 3, 2017 (with Gulnaz Anjum)

New Data Show How Liberal Merrick Garland Really Is

WASHINGTON POST - MONKEY CAGE, March 30, 2016 (w/ Bonica, Goldin, Rozema, & Sen)

Gaming the Laws of War

THE NEW RAMBLER, July 2, 2015

The Failure of Constitutional Torture Prohibitions

WASHINGTON POST - MONKEY CAGE, April 25, 2015 (with Mila Versteeg)

Rappers v. Scotus

SLATE, June 13, 2014 (with Kevin Jaing & Eric Posner)

Additional Professional Experience

O'Melveny & Meyers LLP, Washington, DC

Summer Associate, Summer 2010 & Summer 2012

Department of Justice – Civil Division, Washington, DC

Summer Law Intern Program, Summer 2011

The Boston Consulting Group, Washington, DC

Associate, 2007 – 2009

Teaching Experience

Courses

International Trade Law, Winter 2016
International Trade & Investment Law, Winter 2015
Immigration Law, Fall 2014, Spring 2016, Spring 2017
Immigration Policy, Winter 2016, Spring 2017
Legal Research & Writing, Fall 2013, Winter 2014, Spring 2014
Torts, Winter 2017, Winter 2018

Reading Groups (University of Chicago “Greenberg Seminars”)

Discrimination in American Institutions (co-taught with Emily Buss), 2017-2018
Wrongful Conflicts (co-taught with John Rappaport), 2016-2017
Iran (co-taught with Tom Ginsburg), 2015-2016
The Limits of Democracy (co-taught with Aziz Huq), 2014-2015

Summer Courses

Economic Analysis of International Law, UofC Law & Economics Summer School, 2017
The Law & Economics of International Trade, University of Hamburg, Summer 2016
Experimental Approaches to International Law, Max Planck Institute, Summer 2014

Teaching Assistant

Honors Thesis Adviser, Harvard University, 2011-2012 & 2012-2013
International Law (teaching fellow for Beth Simmons), Harvard University, Fall 2012
Justice (teaching fellow for Michael Sandel), Harvard University, Fall 2010
Political Geography (teaching fellow for Alison Mountz), Harvard University, Spring 2010
Constitutional Law (grader for Chris Warshaw), MIT, Spring 2013

Academic Presentations

- 2018** Book Conference on the Effectiveness of Constitutions at the University of Virginia; University of Chicago Law School Faculty Workshop
- 2017** Conference on Empirical Legal Studies (CELS); University of Chicago Law School Faculty Workshop; International Religious Liberty Association Meeting of Experts at Princeton University; Conference on Constitutions and Inequality at the University of New South Wales; Conference on Empirical Legal Studies in Asia (CELSA); Law, Competition, & Markets Conference hosted by Columbia University in Paris; University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy – Development Workshop; University of Illinois Law School; Berkeley Law School Colloquium on International and Comparative Law; Temple University Beasley School of Law International Law Colloquium
- 2016** Hebrew University Law & Economics Workshop; Conference on Empirical Legal Studies (CELS); Columbia Law & Economics Workshop; University of Chicago Law School Faculty

- Workshop; The Optimal Design of Guest Worker Programs Workshop at the University of Chicago Law School; Conference on the Regulation of Multinational Corporations at Princeton University; UCLA Law & Economics Workshop; The External Dimensions of Constitutions Conference at Cambridge University; Conference on Empirical Legal Studies in Europe (CELSE); University of Hamburg; Law and Society Association (LSA); American Law & Economics Association (ALEA); Berkeley Law School Colloquium on International and Comparative Law; Hobart William & Smith College; Seventh Circuit Bar Association Symposium on Immigration Law; University of Chicago Law School Faculty Workshop
- 2015** SELS Global Junior Empirical Legal Studies Workshop; ASIL International Law in Domestic Courts Workshop; Conference on Empirical Legal Studies (CELS); University of Chicago Law School Faculty Workshop; Contracting over Privacy Conference at the University of Chicago; Northwestern Law School Law & Economics Workshop; European Association for Law & Economics (EALE); Cornell Law School International Law & International Relations Workshop; Shanghai Jiao Tong University & University of Chicago – Securities Law Forum; University of Chicago Law School Faculty Workshop; WTO Case Law Conference; Constitutional Effectiveness Conference at the University of Chicago; Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA); Loyola Law School; Arizona State University Law School; Chicago Area Junior Faculty Workshop
- 2014** University of Chicago Law School Faculty Workshop; American Society of International Law – International Law as Behavior; Conference on Empirical Legal Studies (CELS); Fletcher School of Law & Diplomacy International Law & Relations Workshop; Has International Law Failed? Conference at the University of Chicago; Chicago Area Junior Faculty Workshop; Duke Law School Faculty Workshop; Max Planck Institute 32nd Conference on New Institutional Economics; Political Economy and Public Law (PELP); Midwest Colloquium on Int’l Organizations & Int’l Relations; American Law & Economics Association (ALEA); American Society of International Law (ASIL); Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA); University of Chicago Law School Faculty Workshop
- 2013** American Society of International Law (ASIL) – IEcLIG Junior Scholars Forum; Chicago Law School Conference on the Economic Foundations of Int’l Law; Conference on Empirical Legal Studies (CELS); Midwest Law & Economics Association; Chicago Area Junior Faculty Workshop; Harvard International Relations – International Law Workshop; Harvard Government Department International Relations Workshop; Harvard Weatherhead Center Graduate Student Associates Workshop
- 2012** Tobin Project Research Forum on National Security; International Political Economy Society (IPES); American Society of International Law (ASIL) Research Forum; Harvard Weatherhead Center Political Violence Workshop; Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA); Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA); Harvard Weatherhead Center Political Violence Workshop; Harvard IQSS Political Economy Workshop

- 2011** Harvard International Relations – International Law Workshop; Conference on Empirical Legal Studies (CELS); Tobin Project Research Forum on National Security; American Political Science Association (APSA)

Professional Activities & Service

Committee Work

- Co-Director of the Bigelow Fellowship Program (2016-2018)
- International Programs Committee (2016-2018)
- Joint Degrees Committee (2016-2018)

Conferences Co-Organized

- “The Optimal Design of Guest Worker Programs” (October 2016)
- “Developing Best Practices for Legal Analysis” (May 2016)
- “Has International Human Rights Law Failed?” (October 2014)

Workshops Co-Organized

- University of Chicago Law - Public Law Workshop (2017-2018)
- University of Chicago Law - International Law Workshop (2014-2015)
- University of Chicago Law - Works-In-Progress Workshop (2014-2015)

Academic Refereeing

- *Journals*: American Law & Economics Review; American Political Science Review; American Journal of Political Science; International Interactions; Law & Social Inquiry; Journal of Business Ethics; Journal of Comparative Politics; Journal of Conflict Resolution; Journal of Empirical Legal Studies; Journal of Law, Economics, & Organization; Journal of Legal Studies; Journal of Peace Research; Journal of Politics; Nature – Human Behaviour; Review of International Organizations; Review of International Political Economy; World Politics; World Trade Review
- *Other*: American Law & Economics Association Area Organizer; European Law & Economics Association; Irish Research Council; Israel Science Foundation; National Science Foundation; Research Foundation – Flanders; National Science Center of the Government of Poland

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