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### Experience

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Associate Professor of Law, Loyola University New Orleans College of Law, 2009-present  
♦ Courses taught: Torts, Products Liability, Jurisprudence/Philosophy of Law, Administrative Law, Scholarly Writing Seminar.

Fulbright Scholar, India, Spring 2018

Visiting Professor, Loyola University New Orleans College of Law, 2008-2009

Fellow, Georgetown University Law Center, O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law, 2007-2008

Senior Policy Analyst, Center for Progressive Reform, 2004-2007

Law Clerk, Judge Carolyn Dineen King, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, 2001-2002

Appellate Section Associate, Vinson & Elkins, LLP, 2000-2001

### Education

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Yale Law School, J.D., 2000

- ♦ Raphael Lemkin Prize for the Best Paper in the Field of International Human Rights
- ♦ Articles Editor, *Yale Human Rights and Development Law Journal*
- ♦ Lowenstein International Human Rights Clinic

University of Texas at Austin, B.A. in Philosophy with highest honors, 1997

- ♦ Senior Honors Thesis: Ludwig Wittgenstein's *Tractatus*

### Publications: Articles, Book Chapters, & Essays

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*Big Chills: How U.S. Choices Will Affect Cuba's Environmental Future*, in *TROPICAL THAW: NEW PATHWAYS AND POLICY CHOICES FOR THE CUBA-AMERICA BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP* (Michael J. Kelly, Erika Moreno, & Richard C. Witmer, eds., Oxford Univ. Press) (forthcoming 2017) (with Robert R.M. Verchick).

*Rethinking Rights in the Age of the “Anthropocene”: The Potential of a Gandhian-Informed Jurisprudence for Forging Robust Environmental and Public Health Protections*, in THE GLOBAL COMMUNITY YEARBOOK OF INTERNATIONAL LAW & JURISPRUDENCE 2016 (Giuliana Ziccardi Capaldo ed., Oxford Univ. Press) (forthcoming 2017).

*East Meets West in Civil Disobedience Theory and Beyond: Lessons from Mohandas K. Gandhi and Martin Luther King, Jr.*, in THE GLOBAL COMMUNITY YEARBOOK OF INTERNATIONAL LAW & JURISPRUDENCE 2015, at 125 (Giuliana Ziccardi Capaldo ed., Oxford Univ. Press 2016).

*Tort as a Disrupter of Cultural Manipulation: Neuromarketing and the Dawn of the E-Cigarette*, 66 S.C. L. REV. 91 (2014).

*The Possibility of Climate Manufacturing and the Need for Global Governance*, in THE GLOBAL COMMUNITY YEARBOOK OF INTERNATIONAL LAW & JURISPRUDENCE: GLOBAL TRENDS, ch. 26, at 563 (M. Cherif Bassiouni et al. eds., Oxford Univ. Press 2013).

*The Underrecognized Role of Tort Law in the U.S. Healthcare System*, 32 HAMLINE J. PUB. L. & POL’Y 429 (2011).

*Smokeless at Home and Smoking Abroad: Holding the Tobacco Industry Accountable in a New Era*, 13 NYU J. LEGIS. & PUB. POL’Y 81 (2010).

*The Evolution of Global Health Law in a Globalized World*, in 1 THE GLOBAL COMMUNITY YEARBOOK OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AND JURISPRUDENCE 2007, at 19 (Giuliana Ziccardi Capaldo ed., Oxford Univ. Press 2008) (with Allyn L. Taylor).

*Medical Malpractice Myths and Realities: Why an Insurance Crisis Is Not a Lawsuit Crisis*, 39 LOY. L.A. L. REV. 785 (2006) (with Douglas A. Kysar & Thomas O. McGarity).

*International Decisions: Ivcher Bronstein & Constitutional Tribunal*, 95 AM. J. INT’L L. 178 (2001) (commentary on two decisions of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights).

## Publications: Policy Papers

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*The Truth about Torts: Using Agency Preemption to Undercut Consumer Health and Safety*, Ctr. for Progressive Reform (Sept. 2007) (with William Funk, Sidney Shapiro, & David Vladeck), available at [http://progressivereform.org/articles/Truth\\_Torts\\_704.pdf](http://progressivereform.org/articles/Truth_Torts_704.pdf).

*The Truth about Torts: Lawyers, Guns, and Money*, Ctr. for Progressive Reform (July 2006) (with Thomas O. McGarity & Douglas A. Kysar), available at [http://www.progressivereform.org/articles/Truth\\_About\\_Torts\\_Immunity.pdf](http://www.progressivereform.org/articles/Truth_About_Torts_Immunity.pdf).

*Man-Made Disaster: Texas's Failure to Protect Its Citizens from the Perils of the Houston Petrochemical Complex*, Ctr. for Progressive Reform (Sept. 2006) (with Thomas O. McGarity), available at [http://www.progressivereform.org/articles/HPC\\_605.pdf](http://www.progressivereform.org/articles/HPC_605.pdf).

*An Unnatural Disaster: The Aftermath of Hurricane Katrina*, Ctr. for Progressive Reform (Sept. 2005) (with several member scholars of the Ctr. for Progressive Reform), available at [http://www.progressivereform.org/articles/Unnatural\\_Disaster\\_512.pdf](http://www.progressivereform.org/articles/Unnatural_Disaster_512.pdf).

*Regulatory Underkill: The Bush Administration's Insidious Dismantling of Public Health and Environmental Protections*, Ctr. for Progressive Reform (Feb. 2005) (with William W. Buzbee, Robert L. Glicksman, & Sidney A. Shapiro), available at [http://www.progressivereform.org/articles/Underkill\\_503.pdf](http://www.progressivereform.org/articles/Underkill_503.pdf).

## Presentations & Short Courses

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*Introduction to U.S. Tort Law*, University of Silesia School of U.S. Law, Katowice, Poland, Oct. 15-16, 2016.

*East Meets West in Civil Disobedience Theory and Beyond: The Case of Edward Snowden*, "Edward Snowden: Patriot, Traitor, Whistleblower, Spy?" Panel, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Conference, Boca Raton, Fla., July 26, 2015.

"*We Interrupt This Program*": *The Role of Tort Law in Disrupting Corporate Manipulation of Societal Cognition, Neuromarketing, & the Case of Electronic Cigarettes*, Mid-American Jesuit Law School Faculty Workshop, Loyola University New Orleans College of Law, New Orleans, LA, Feb. 7, 2014.

*We Interrupt This Program: The Role of Tort Law in Disrupting Corporate Manipulation of Societal Cognition*, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Conference, Palm Beach, Fla., Aug. 8, 2013.

Moderator, *Hurricane Sandy: Aftermath, Climate Change, and Adaptability*, 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Tulane Environmental Law Summit, Tulane University Law School, New Orleans, LA, Feb. 22, 2013.

*Placing Tort Law in a Catch-22 in an Era of Massive Public Health and Environmental Harms*, Louisiana Junior Faculty Forum, Tulane University Law School, New Orleans, LA, Nov. 4, 2011.

*Placing Tort Law in a Catch-22 in an Era of Massive Public Health and Environmental Harms*, Wake Forest University School of Law, Winston-Salem, NC, Oct. 13, 2011.

Symposium Panelist, *Rethinking Regulation in an Era of Reform*, Hamline University Law School, Saint Paul, MN, Nov. 12, 2010.

*International Trade and Human Rights: GATT, the Process-Product Distinction, and Labor Protections*, American University Washington College of Law (International Business and Human Rights course), Washington, D.C., Spring 2008.

*International Trade Law and Public Health: The Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property*, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health (Human Rights for the Public Health Practitioner course), Baltimore, MD, Spring 2008.

*The International Torture Prohibition, U.S. Policy, and the Potential Roles of Healthcare Practitioners*, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health (Human Rights for the Public Health Practitioner course), Baltimore, MD, Spring 2008.

*Forging Corporate Accountability in a Globalized World: The Need for an International Regulatory Regime*, St. Thomas University Center for International Studies Lecture Series, Houston, TX, May 2, 2007.

*Venezuela, The New Political Reality in South America: An Examination of Its Nature, Origins, and Implications* Conference, University of Houston, Houston, TX, Nov. 4, 2006.

## **Professional Associations & Community Service**

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### Bar Memberships

- ◆ Texas (inactive status)
- ◆ United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

Center for Progressive Reform, Member-Scholar