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DEAN
PROFESSOR OF LAW
FRANK GUNSAULUS FACULTY FELLOW IN LAW
CHICAGO-KENT COLLEGE OF LAW
ILLINOIS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

EXPERIENCE

CHICAGO-KENT COLLEGE OF LAW AT ILLINOIS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Dean, 2025—

Professor of Law, 2025—

Frank Gunsaulus Faculty Fellow in Law, 2025—

Academic, administrative, operations and strategic leader of Chicago-Kent College of Law at Illinois Tech, a school with a history of entrepreneurship and commitment to equal access to legal education, coupled with its unique position as the only law school connected to a leading technology university. Oversees ~55 fulltime faculty (~30 tenured and tenure-track), nearly 100 adjunct faculty, over 700 JD Students, ~170 LLM students, and a ~\$20 million annual budget.

ELIZABETH HAUB SCHOOL OF LAW AT PACE UNIVERSITY (NEW YORK)

Gilbert and Sarah Kerlin Distinguished Professor of Environmental Law, 2013—

Associate Dean of Strategic Initiatives, 2018—

Associate Dean of Environmental Law Programs, 2016—

Founder and Faculty Director, Sustainable Business Law Hub, 2021—

Steering Committee, The New York Climate Exchange, 2023—

Inaugural International Law Faculty Scholar, 2024-2026

Co-Founder and Affiliated Faculty, Pace Food Law Center (formerly Pace-NRDC Food Law Initiative), 2015—

Executive Director of Environmental Law Programs, 2014—

Fulbright Specialist, 2018—

Richard Ottinger Outstanding Service Award, 2018

President's Award for Outstanding Contribution to the University, 2023 & 2024

Led top-ranked environmental law program as a “law school within a law school,” managing over 50 permanent faculty and staff, ~300 students and researchers, a dozen academic degree programs, and 9 centers and clinics, while overseeing a multi-million USD dollar budget—Ranked #1 by U.S. News & World Report 5 years in a row (2021-2025).

As Associate Dean and Executive Director of Environmental Law Programs, manages and oversees curriculum mapping, budget and financial management, environmental faculty and staff meetings, fundraising strategy and development, branding and marketing including social media and graphic design, event planning, and external and alumni relations, strengthening connections with environmental practitioners, and expanding career experiential opportunities for students and program graduates. Role of Associate Dean for Strategic Initiatives was created and added to portfolio in an effort to improve outcome measures for the entire law school, using data analytics and budget analysis to improve student recruitment and retention, develop new marketing strategies, improve career placement, offer unique solutions caused by the recent changes in the legal education market, and engage in budget modeling and financial projections. Founded and led the Sustainable Business Law Hub—an incubator space, student-training program, research endeavor, and think tank devoted to addressing global sustainability challenges through policy and research projects, relationships and ESG consulting with the business community, and capacity building in private environmental governance and sustainability strategies.

STOCKHOLM UNIVERSITY (SWEDEN)

Olof Palme Visiting Professor, 2020

Funded by the Swedish National Research Council, the Olof Palme Professorship is “awarded to an internationally prominent researcher focused on topics important to the pursuit of peace in a broad context within the areas of social sciences, humanities, theology and science of law.” Engaged in research to broaden our understanding of global peace and welfare to include ecological resiliency, food security, and climate justice in the Anthropocene.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY (UNITED KINGDOM)

Honorary Research Associate, Environmental Change Institute, 2015-2019

Co-founder of FoodSIVI, a collaborative initiative between academia, industry and civil society to promote standardized and pre-competitive measurement and monetary valuation of environmental, social and health impacts of food systems.

UPPSALA UNIVERSITY FACULTY OF LAW (SWEDEN)

Visiting Fellow, 2011-2019

Research in European Union environmental and procurement law, specifically sustainable public procurement, life-cycle costing and eco-labels.

YALE SCHOOL OF FORESTRY & ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES (NEW HAVEN)

Visiting Professor, 2015-2016

U.S.-CHINA PARTNERSHIP FOR ENVIRONMENTAL LAW (VERMONT AND CHINA)

Faculty Director, U.S.-China Partnership for Environmental Law, 2011-2013

Led international non-governmental organization, raising over USD\$4.5 Million to address global environmental challenges through advocacy, policy and research, and capacity building; oversaw staff of seven employees located in both China and U.S.; oversaw USD\$3+Mmillion annual budget; led expansion of the program into Myanmar (Burma), Hong Kong, and Kunming, China; worked with American businesses and Swedish academic institutions seeking relationships in China; oversaw the training of Chinese environmental lawyers and judges as well as supported the first public interest environmental law clinic in China; and engaged in governmental relations with U.S. agencies and Congress with respect to the maintenance, expansion and renewal of federal grants.

VERMONT LAW SCHOOL

Professor of Law, Environmental Law Center, 2009-2013

Faculty Fellow, Vermont Law Center for Agriculture and Food Systems, 2011-2013

Faculty Fellow, Land Use Institute, 2008-2011

Faculty Fellow, U.S.-China Partnership for Environmental Law, 2010-2011

Associate Professor of Law, 2008-2009

Named University of Utah Wallace Stegner Center Distinguished Young Scholar (2010)

SUN YAT-SEN UNIVERSITY 中山大學 (GUANGZHOU, CHINA)

J. William Fulbright Scholar, 2009-2010

DEPAUL UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW (CHICAGO)

Visiting Professor of Law, Spring 2008

MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL (MILWAUKEE)

Assistant Professor of Law, 2004-2008

Faculty Director, Environmental Law Program, 2004-2008

Recipient of Outstanding Leadership Award, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Bureau of Legal Services, 2008

JUDGE D. BROCK HORNBY

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MAINE (PORTLAND)

Law Clerk, 2003-2004

SIDLEY AUSTIN BROWN & WOOD (CHICAGO)

Summer Associate, 2002-2003 (General Litigation and Environmental Groups)

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

LAW, LETTERS, AND SOCIETY PROGRAM

Teaching Assistant, 2002 (Constitutional Law)

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
BUREAU OF LEGAL SERVICES
Law Clerk, 2001 (Wetlands Jurisdiction and Water Regulation)

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT
Teaching Assistant, 2001 (Constitutional Law)

EDUCATION

UPPSALA UNIVERSITY (SWEDEN)
Ph.D. in Environmental Law, 2019
Dissertation: *Green Public Procurement: Legal Instruments for Promoting Environmental Interests in the United States and European Union*

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO LAW SCHOOL
J.D. *with Honors*, 2003
The University of Chicago Law Review
Recipient of The D. Francis Bustin Prize for “Outstanding Paper which makes a Valuable and Important Contribution to the Improvement and Betterment of the Processes of Government,” 2003

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
B.A. *with General Honors*, 2000
Concentrations: Environmental Studies and Public Policy Studies
The University of Chicago Dean’s List, 1996-2000
The University of Chicago College Honor Scholar (Full Tuition Merit Scholarship), 1996-2000

RUFUS KING INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE HIGH SCHOOL (MILWAUKEE PUBLIC SCHOOLS)
Full International Baccalaureate Diploma, 1996
Diploma with Honors, 1996
Valedictorian

BOOKS

EVERYDAY ENVIRONMENTALISM: LAW, NATURE & INDIVIDUAL BEHAVIOR (Environmental Law Institute Press / Island Press 2011)
Reviewed by Oxford University Press Journal of Environmental Law, describing it as a “fascinating volume,” and an “excellent, provocative book.” 24 JOURNAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW 178 (2012).

FOOD, AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENTAL LAW (with Mary Jane Angelo and William S. Eubanks) (Environmental Law Institute Press 2013)

BOOK CHAPTERS

What is Life Cycle Costing? (with Steven Van Garsse) in COST AND EU PUBLIC PROCUREMENT LAW: LIFE-CYCLE COSTING FOR SUSTAINABILITY (Routledge Press) (2019)

EU and US Discretion in Public Procurement Law: The Role of Eco-Labels and Life-Cycle Costing in DISCRETION IN EU PUBLIC PROCUREMENT LAW (Hart Publishing 2019)

Eco-Labeling (with Margot Pollans and Sarah Main) in OXFORD HANDBOOK ON COMPARATIVE ENVIRONMENTAL LAW (Oxford University Press 2019)

President Trump, The New Chicago School, & The Future of Environmental Law and Scholarship (with Sarah Schindler) in *PERSPECTIVES ON ENVIRONMENTAL SCHOLARSHIP* (Cambridge University Press) (2018)

Informational and Structural Changes for a Sustainable Food System in *FROM FARM-TO-FORK* (Akron Press 2016)

ARTICLES

AI & ESG (with Morgan E. Martin and Barbara Ballan), 55 *ENVIRONMENTAL LAW* ____ (2025)

Managing Disclosures: ESG Alphabet Soup for Multinational Asset Management Firms, 20 *NYU JOURNAL OF LAW & BUSINESS* 577 (with Maggie Pahl and Michael Hamersky) (2024)

Disclosure, Greenwashing & The Future of ESG Litigation (with Barbara Ballan), 81 *WASHINGTON AND LEE LAW REVIEW* 545 (2024)

A Brief Legal History of Wisconsin Conservation (with Carolyn Elnora Drell), 107 *MARQUETTE LAW REVIEW* 519 (2023)

Teaching Sustainable Business Law & The Role of ESG Lawyers (with Joshua Ulan Galperin and Brianna M. Grimes), 32 *NYU ENVIRONMENTAL LAW JOURNAL* 285 (2023)

Sustainable Business Law? The Key Role of Corporate Governance and Finance (with Colin Myers), 51 *ENVIRONMENTAL LAW* 991 (2022)

Global Peace and Security without a Healthy Environment?, 4 *Juridisk Tidskrift* 785 (Stockholm University 2020).

Introducing mandatory sustainability requirements in the EU public procurement directives in *SUSTAINABILITY THROUGH PUBLIC PROCUREMENT: THE WAY FORWARD – REFORM PROPOSALS* (University of Copenhagen 2020)

Life Cycle Costing and Food Systems: Concepts, Trends, and Challenges of Impact Valuation (with Katherine Fiedler and Steven Lord), 8 *MICHIGAN JOURNAL OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE LAW* 1 (2018)

Crafting Next Generation of Eco-Label Policy in Environmental Law (with Katrina Fischer Kuh & K. Ingemar Jönsson), 48 *ENVIRONMENTAL LAW* 409 (2018)

The Neoliberal Turn in Environmental Regulation (with Katherine Fiedler), 2016 *UTAH LAW REVIEW* 1 (2016)

New York City Rules! Regulatory Models for Environmental and Public Health, 66 *HASTINGS LAW JOURNAL* 1621 (2015)

A Primer: Air and Water Environmental Quality Standards in the United States (with Siu Tip Lam and Nadia B. Ahmad), 40 *WILLIAM & MARY ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND POLICY REVIEW* 115 (2015)

Creating Order Amidst Food Eco-Label Chaos (with Andrew Homan and Meghan Jeans), 25 *DUKE ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND POLICY FORUM* 281 (2015)

Greenwashing and Self-Declared Seafood Eco-labels (with Andrew Homan and Meghan Jeans), 28 *TULANE ENVIRONMENTAL LAW JOURNAL* 37 (2014)

States as Market Participants in the U.S. and the EU? Public Purchasing and the Environment (Swedish Institute for European Policy Studies, 2013)

Challenges and Solutions: China's Natural Resource Conservation & Biodiversity Legislation (with Yu Wenxuan), 43 *ENVIRONMENTAL LAW* 125 (2013)

Global Environmental Law: Food Safety & China (with Cameron Field and Yanmei Lin), 25 GEORGETOWN INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW REVIEW 261 (2013), *reprinted in* MILJÖRÄTTSLIGA PERSPEKTIV OCH TANKEVÄNDOR 141 (Sweden 2013)

Food Court, 30 THE ENVIRONMENTAL LAW FORUM 32 (2013)

Climate Policy & U.S.-China Relations, 12 VERMONT JOURNAL OF ENVIRONMENTAL LAW 659 (2011)

Everyday Environmentalism: Concerning Consumption, 41 ENVIRONMENTAL LAW REPORTER 10374 (2011), *republished in* THE ENVIRONMENTAL LAW FORUM (2011)

Food, Law & the Environment: Informational and Structural Changes for a Sustainable Food System, 31 UTAH ENVIRONMENTAL LAW REVIEW 263 (2011)

The Future of Food Eco-Labeling: Organic, Carbon Footprint, and Environmental Life-Cycle Analysis, 30 STANFORD ENVIRONMENTAL LAW JOURNAL 3 (2011)

The Ideology of Legal Interpretation (with Sara C. Benesh), Symposium Issue on Empirical Research on Decision-making in the Federal Courts, 29 WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY JOURNAL OF LAW & POLICY 113 (2009)

Working Class Judges (with William Henderson & Christopher Zorn), 88 BOSTON UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 829 (2008)

An Empirical Investigation of Judicial Decisionmaking, Statutory Interpretation, and the Chevron Doctrine in Environmental Law, 79 U. COLO. L. REV. 767 (2008)

An Empirical Investigation of the Confirmation Hearings of the Justices of the Rehnquist Court (with William K. Ford & Lori A. Ringhand), Symposium: The Rehnquist Court in Empirical and Statistical Retrospective, 24 CONSTITUTIONAL COMMENTARY 127 (2008)

Environmentalism & The Wisconsin Constitution, Symposium Issue on the Wisconsin Constitution Conference, 90 MARQUETTE LAW REVIEW 465 (2007) (invited submission), *reprinted in* ICFAI JOURNAL OF ENVIRONMENTAL LAW, ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION AND POLICY (ICFAI University Press, India, 2008), and ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC TRUST DOCTRINE: ISSUES AND PERSPECTIVES (ICFAI University Press, India, 2009)

Advancing the Rebirth of Environmental Common Law (with Mark L. Thomsen), 34 BOSTON COLLEGE ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS LAW REVIEW 1 (2007), *reprinted in* ENVIRONMENTAL LAW: PRINCIPLES AND DOCTRINE and PUBLIC NUISANCE AND ENVIRONMENTAL LAW (ICFAI University Press, India, 2008, 2009)

The Phantom Philosophy? An Empirical Investigation of Legal Interpretation (with William K. Ford), 65 MARYLAND LAW REVIEW 841 (2006)

Shifting Science, Considered Costs, and Static Statutes: The Interpretation of Expansive Environmental Legislation, 24 VIRGINIA ENVIRONMENTAL LAW JOURNAL 395 (2006), *reprinted in* ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION and POLICIES AND INTERPRETATION OF STATUTES (AMICUS Books, ICFAI University Press, India 2008)

Revisiting the Tense Relationship Between the U.S. Supreme Court, Administrative Procedure and the National Environmental Policy Act, 25 STANFORD ENVIRONMENTAL LAW JOURNAL 3 (2006), *reprinted in* ENVIRONMENTAL JURISPRUDENCE: COUNTRY PERSPECTIVES (ICFAI University Press, India, 2007)

An Empirical Analysis of Dissensus on the United States Courts of Appeals (with William K. Ford), Marquette Law School Legal Studies Paper No. 06-31, First Annual Conference on Empirical Legal Studies Paper, <http://ssrn.com/abstract=914409>

The Dubitante Opinion, 39 AKRON LAW REVIEW 1 (2006)

A Call for Change: Improving Judicial Selection Methods, 89 MARQUETTE LAW REVIEW 169 (2005)

The Utility of Nonuse Values in Natural Resource Damage Assessments (with Adrienne K. Zahner), 32 BOSTON COLLEGE ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS LAW REVIEW 509 (2005)

Voting and Electoral Politics in the Wisconsin Supreme Court, 87 MARQUETTE LAW REVIEW 323 (2003)

Defining the Project Purpose under NEPA: Promoting Consideration of Viable EIS Alternatives, 70 UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO LAW REVIEW 599 (2003)

SELECTED OP-EDS

Lessons from the climate and COVID-19 crises, THE HILL (April 9, 2020)

Benefits from Nature are Not a Private Thing (with Johan Elmberg and Magnus Tuvendal), EARTHDESK (October 19, 2016)

It's Time for the FDA to Define 'Natural' (with Paul Greenberg), TIME (May 4, 2016)

Boom to Bust: China, the U.S. and the Environment, HUFFPOST GREEN (January 18, 2012)

Are Food Imports from China Safe?, VTDIGGER (November 11, 2011)

Genetically Engineered Salmon Needn't Be Mystery Meat for Consumers (with Emily Montgomery), HUFFPOST GREEN (July 22, 2011)

Supreme Court Reviews Genetically Modified Crops (with Holli Brown), VERMONT LAW TOP 10 ENVIRONMENTAL WATCH LIST 2011

EXTERNAL GRANTS RECEIVED

blue moon fund

Formas

National Science Foundation (Research Experiences for Undergraduates)

National Science Foundation ("Curriculum and Community Enterprise for the Restoration of New York Harbor in New York City Public Schools")

National Science Foundation ("Integrating Computational Science with Environmental Sciences Associated with Habitat Restoration and Education in New York Harbor")

Swedish Research Council (Vetenskapsrådet)

Uppsala Forum on Democracy, Peace and Justice

U.S. Agency for International Development

U.S. Department of State - Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor (DRL Programs)

RESEARCH INTERESTS AND EXPERTISE

Environmental Law & Policy

Natural Resources Law & Policy

Food Systems Law and Policy

Comparative, Global, and International Environmental Law (U.S./China/Europe)

Regulation of Individual Behavior

Informational Labeling and Regulation/Eco-Labeling

Administrative Law

Sustainable/Green Procurement Law (U.S./EU)

Private Environmental Governance

Life Cycle Assessment and Costing
Sustainable Business Law and Strategies/ESG Criteria
Greenwashing Litigation

COURSES TAUGHT

Environmental Law
Natural Resources Law
Natural Resources Law & Policy Field Course (in Grand Teton National Park)
Food Systems Law and Policy
Sustainable Business and the Environment
Property Law
Administrative Law
Empirical Legal Studies in Judicial Decision-Making
Current Challenges in Environmental Law & Policy
Introduction to the American Legal System
European Union Environmental Law (selected lectures)

PRESENTATIONS

Presented work on environmentalism, natural resources law, food policy, sustainable procurement, and global climate policy at universities, businesses, law firms, public interest organizations, government institutions, and conferences throughout the United States, Europe and Asia. Presentation sites include: Duke University School of Law, Yale University, University of Chicago, University of Florida Levin College of Law, Swedish Institute for European Policy Studies, Uppsala University, Linnaeus University, Kristianstad University, Sun Yat-sen University, Ningbo University, Guangdong University of Technology, McGill University Faculty of Law, Monterey Bay Aquarium, Williams College, University of Vermont, World Wildlife Fund – Hong Kong, U.S. Consulate (Guangzhou, China), University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law, Center for Asia-Pacific Studies, Peking University School of Transnational Law, Hong Kong America Center, Jinan University, South China University of Technology, Washington University in St. Louis, Northwestern University Law School, Vanderbilt University Law School, Seton Hall University School of Law, Carnegie Mellon University, University of Texas School of Law, University of Kentucky College of Law, University of Virginia Law School, Chicago-Kent College of Law, The University of the Arctic, Stockholm University, University of Gdańsk, University of Turin, University of Oslo, University of Richmond, and The University of Oxford.

BOARD SERVICE

Board of Directors, Pace Environmental Litigation Clinic, 2014—
Board of Directors, Elizabeth Haub Foundation USA, 2015-16
Board of Advisors, Annual Land Use and Sustainable Development Conference, 2014-2019

PROFESSIONAL & PUBLIC SERVICE

Steering Committee, Governors Island Climate Exchange
Reviewer, *Cambridge University Press*
Article Reviewer, *Law & Society Review*
Article Reviewer, *Science*
Article Reviewer, *Nordic Environmental Law Journal*
Co-Founder, FoodSIVI (with Steven Lord)
Co-Founder, Pace-NRDC Food Law Initiative (with Margot Pollans)
Founder, Sustainable Business Law Hub
Founder, Colloquium on Environmental Scholarship
Founder, Future Environmental Law Professors Workshop
Manuscript Reviewer, *Aspen Publishers*

Article Peer-Reviewer, *Stanford Law Review*
 Faculty Advisor, *Pace Environmental Law Review*, 2015—
 Chair, Section on Natural Resources Law, Association of American Law Schools, 2013
 Former Editor, *Natural Resources Law & Policy Law Journal*, Social Science Research Network
 Served on Editorial Board, Law & Courts Research Paper Series, Social Science Research Network
 Secretary, Section on Law & Social Sciences, Association of American Law Schools, 2007-2009
 Editor and Founder, *Marquette University Law School Legal Studies Research Paper Series*, 2006-2007
 Planning Commissioner, City of Montpelier, Vermont, 2009
 Member, Science & Policy Advisory Committee, Vermont Natural Resources Board Water Resource Panel, 2009
 Executive Committee, Secretary, Treasurer & Chair-Elect, Section on Natural Resources Law, Association of American Law Schools, 2007-2012
 Advisor, *Marquette Law Review*, 2006-2007

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

State Bar of Illinois, admitted 2003
 American Bar Association (Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources)
 Environmental Law Institute
 Academy of Food Law & Policy
 Sustainable Market Actors Network, University of Oslo

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

Elizabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University:
 Environmental Faculty Committee, Chair, 2013—
 USNWR Working Group, 2022-2023
 Admissions Committee, 2022-2023
 Faculty Appointments Committee, 2013-2015, 2016-2019, 2021-22
 Faculty Nominating Committee, 2013—
 Assistant Dean for External Relations Search Committee, 2021
 Law School Steering Committee, 2018-2019
 Dean Search Committee, 2013-2014
 Faculty Development Committee, 2013-2014
 Marketing Committee, 2013-2014

Vermont Law School:
 Dean's Advisory Committee, 2011-2013
 International and Comparative Law Working Group, 2011-12
 Faculty Appointments Committee, 2010-2012
 Advisor, *Vermont Journal of Environmental Law*, 2008-2012
 Co-Chair, Bar Passage Committee, 2010-2011
 Faculty Development Committee, 2008-2009
 Visiting Scholars Mentor, VLS/Sun Yat-sen Partnership in China, 2008-2009
 Chair, Environmental Scholarship Working Group, 2008-2009

Marquette University Law School:
 Academic Programs Committee, 2004-2008 (Chair, 2006-2007)
 Faculty Supervisor and Founder, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Supervised Fieldwork Program, 2004-2008
 Faculty Supervisor, Midwest Environmental Advocates Supervised Fieldwork Program, 2004-2008
 Faculty Advisor, Environmental Law Society, 2004-2008
 Transfer Student Advisor, 2004-2008
 Faculty Advisor, Environmental Law Moot Court Team, 2004-2006
 Ad Hoc Committee on Student Evaluation of Teaching, 2006-2007

Student Life Working Group in Facilities Program Process, 2005
Student Course Evaluation Working Group, *ex officio*, 2005
1L Student Advisor, 2004-2005
Community Service Committee, 2004-2005

LANGUAGES

Native/Fluent English. Studies in Spanish, Chinese (Mandarin), Polish, and Swedish.

References

References available upon request.

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