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CURRENT ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Illinois Institute of Technology | Chicago, IL, USA
Professor of Law, 2024-present
Professor of Philosophy (by courtesy), 2024-present

PREVIOUS ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Illinois Institute of Technology | Chicago, IL, USA
Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs, Fall 2025-Spring 2026
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Spring 2025-Fall 2025
Associate Professor of Law (with tenure), 2022-2024

Pennsylvania State University, Dickinson Law | Carlisle, PA, USA
Associate Professor of Law, 2021-2022
Assistant Professor of Law, 2020-2021

Louisiana State University | Baton Rouge, LA, USA
Assistant Professor of Law & Philosophy (joint appointment), 2017-2020

University of Miami, School of Law | Miami, FL, USA
Distinguished Visiting Professor of Law, Spring 2026

Inspere | Sao Paulo, Brazil
Visiting Professor of Law, Jan 2025

EDUCATION

Northwestern University, 2011-2017
Juris Doctor
PhD, Philosophy

University of Chicago, 2009-2010
Master of Arts, Humanities

Williams College, 2005-2009
Bachelor of Arts, Philosophy (*with honors*) & Political Science
Certificate in French

TEACHING & RESEARCH INTERESTS

Primary: Constitutional Law; Criminal Procedure; Criminal Law; Jurisprudence

Secondary: Evidence; Race & Law; Sexuality & Law; Administrative Law

PUBLICATIONS

Book Chapters

1. *Quiet in the Face of Wrong? An Empirical Look at Legal Positivism and the Quietist Hypothesis* (with Ivar Hannikainen & Piotr Bystranowski), in *THE SEPARABILITY OF LAW AND MORALITY: A RESEARCH COMPANION* (JJ Moreso, Kenneth Himma & Gonzalo Villa-Rosas, eds. Routledge forthcoming 2026)
2. *Pragmatism and Punishment*, in *PRAGMATISM REVISITED* 138-150 (Robert Lane, ed. Cambridge University Press 2026)
3. *Experimental Philosophy of Law: General Jurisprudence*, in *COMPACT COMPENDIUM OF EXPERIMENTAL PHILOSOPHY* 309-326 (Alexander Max Bauer & Stephan Kornmesser, eds. de Gruyter 2023)
4. *Experimental Approaches to General Jurisprudence*, in *ADVANCES IN EXPERIMENTAL PHILOSOPHY OF LAW* 27-43 (Stefan Magen & Karolina Prochownik, eds. Bloomsbury 2023)
5. *The Rorty-Dworkin Debate*, in *THE ETHICS, EPISTEMOLOGY AND POLITICS OF RICHARD RORTY* 50-63 (Giancarlo Marchetti, ed. Routledge 2021)
6. *Commentary on Daly v. Daly*, in *FEMINIST JUDGMENTS: REWRITTEN FAMILY LAW OPINIONS*. 162-170 (Rachel Rebouché, ed. Cambridge University Press 2020)
7. *Fuller and the Folk: The Inner Morality of Law Revisited* (with Ivar Hannikainen), in *OXFORD STUDIES IN EXPERIMENTAL PHILOSOPHY*, VOL. 3. 6-28 (Tania Lombrozo, Joshua Knobe & Shaun Nichols, eds. Oxford University Press 2020)
8. *The Nihilist*, in *THE PRAGMATISM AND PREJUDICE OF OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES, JR.* 31-47 (Seth Vannatta, ed. Lexington Press 2019)

Journal Articles

1. *Ethics as First Philosophy: A Comment on Misak and Dewey*, __ *THE PLURALIST* __ (forthcoming 2027)
2. *Forbidden Purposes: A New Path for Limiting Criminalization*, 113 *J. CRIM. L. & CRIMINOLOGY* 771 (2024)
3. *The Inherent Problem with Mass Incarceration*, 75 *OKLA. L. REV.* 51 (2022)
4. *Natural Punishment*, 100 *N. C. L. REV.* 557 (2022)
5. *The Real Problem with Katz Circularity*, 65 *ST. LOUIS U. L. J.* 809 (2021)
6. *The Pragmatist School in Analytic Jurisprudence*, 31 *PHIL. ISSUES* 66 (2021)
7. *Are There Cross-Cultural Legal Principles? Modal Reasoning Uncovers Procedural Constraints on Law* (with Ivar Hannikainen et. al), 45 *COGNITIVE SCI.* (2021)
8. *Reparations, Responsibility, and Formalism – A Reply to Carnes*, 49 *PHILOSOPHIA* 643 (2021)

9. *Describing Law*, 33 CAN. J. L. & JURIS. 85 (2020)
10. *Legal Inconsistencies*, 55 TULSA L. REV. 15 (2019)
11. *Three Problems with Metaethical Minimalism*, 34 SW. PHIL. REV. 125 (2018)
12. *Who are the Punishers?* 86 UMKC L. REV. 259 (2017)
13. *Blacks, Cops, and the State of Nature*, 15 OHIO ST. J. CRIM. L. 183 (2017)
14. *Rorty's Promise in Metaethics*, 14 CONTEMP. PRAGMATISM 292 (2017)
15. *Ethical Pragmatism*, 48 METAPHILOSOPHY 383 (2017)
16. *Cruel and Unusual What? Toward a Unified Definition of Punishment*, 9 WASH. U. JURIS. REV. 1 (2016)

Book Reviews

1. *Caruso's Negative Project in Rejecting Retributivism*, 10 J. PRAC. ETHICS 20 (2023)
2. *A Trilemma for Voparil*, 19 CONTEMP. PRAGMATISM 410 (2022)
3. *Review of The War on Neighborhoods: Policing, Prison, and Punishment in a Divided City*, CRIM. L. & CRIM. JUST. BOOKS (2019)
4. *Review of The Age of Culpability: Children and the Nature of Criminal Responsibility*, 22 METAPSYCHOLOGY no. 52 (2018)
5. *Review of Facts and Values: The Ethics and Metaphysics of Normativity*, 22 METAPSYCHOLOGY no. 2 (2018)
6. *Review of Practicing Philosophy as Experiencing Life*, 13 CONTEMP. PRAGMATISM 445 (2016)

WORKS-IN-PROGRESS

Books

1. PALGRAVE HANDBOOK ON THE PHILOSOPHY OF CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY (co-edited with Ken Levy, Palgrave MacMillan forthcoming 2027)
2. ETHICS WITHOUT CHICANERY (monograph proposal in development)

Articles & Book Chapters

1. *Gangs, Mafias, and the Nature of Law*
2. *Non-Human Animals and Criminal Responsibility*, in PALGRAVE HANDBOOK ON THE PHILOSOPHY OF CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY (Ken Levy & Raff Donelson, eds. Palgrave MacMillan forthcoming 2027)
3. *The Missed Opportunities Doctrine*

PRESENTATIONS & CONFERENCES

2022 – PRESENT

1. *Activist Courts and Unprecedented Partisanship*, Nineteenth Century Charitable Association, Oak Park, IL, Nov 2026
2. *Gangs, Mafias, and the Nature of Law*, Philosophy & Legal Theory Collaborative Workshop, University of California, Berkeley, May 2026
3. *Activist Courts and Unprecedented Partisanship*, Linda Sokol Francis Brookfield Library, Brookfield, IL, Apr 2026
4. *Whose Right to Counsel*, Untold Histories Lecture Series, Lincoln Library, Springfield, IL, Apr 2026
5. *The Missed Opportunity Doctrine*, College of Law, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Feb 2026
6. *The N-word is My Preferred Pronoun*, American Philosophical Association, Central Division Conference, Chicago, Feb 2026
7. *The Missed Opportunity Doctrine*, Central States Law Schools Association Conference, University of Kansas, Oct 2025
8. *Ethical Pragmatism*, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Apr 2025
9. *Gangs, Mafias, and the Nature of Law*, Marquette University Law School, Mar 2025
10. *Gangs, Mafias, and the Nature of Law*, INSUPER, Jan 2025
11. *Gangs, Mafias, and the Nature of Law*, Langston Midwest Writing Workshop, University of Chicago Law School, Oct 2024
12. *Normative Jurisprudence and Critical Race Theory*, Research Center for Law, The National Research and Innovation Agency, Indonesia, May 2024
13. *Too Much Interdisciplinarity? The Case of Experimental Jurisprudence*, Centre for Interdisciplinary Legal Studies, University of Hong Kong, May 2024
14. *The Fourth Amendment*, 40th Annual Section 1983 Civil Rights Litigation Conference, Chicago-Kent College of Law, Apr 2024
15. *Forbidden Purposes*, University of Arkansas Law School, Mar 2024
16. *Describing Law*, Law and Philosophy Workshop, University of Chicago Law School, Feb 2024
17. *Natural Punishment*, Royal University of Law and Economics, Cambodia, Feb 2024
18. *Natural Punishment*, American University of Phnom Penh, Feb 2024
19. *Pragmatism and Punishment*, Pragmatist Political and Legal Philosophy Conference, University of Richmond, Nov 2023
20. *From Metaethics to First-Order Ethics: A Proof of Concept*, Philadelphia Normative Philosophy Conference, University of Pennsylvania, Oct 2023
21. *Experimental Jurisprudence has Haters*, Cornell Law School, Sep 2023
22. *Acknowledging Natural Punishment*, Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World Session, APA Pacific Division Conference, San Francisco, CO, Apr 2023
23. *Forbidden Purposes: A New Path for Limiting Criminalization*, JCLC Symposium on the Future of American Criminal Law, Pritzker Law, Northwestern University, Mar 2023
24. *Acknowledging Natural Punishment*, Penn State Law School, Mar 2023
25. *Acknowledging Natural Punishment*, Scalia Law School, George Mason University, Nov 2022
26. *The Inherent Problem with Mass Incarceration*, Philosophy Dept., LSU, Nov 2022
27. *The Inherent Problem with Mass Incarceration*, Northeastern Illinois University, Nov 2022
28. *A Pragmatist Case Against Voluntarist Ethics*, Philosophy Dept., University of Witwatersrand, Oct 2022

29. *A Pragmatist Case Against Voluntarist Ethics*, University of Cape Town, Oct 2022
30. *A Pragmatist Case Against Voluntarist Ethics*, Stellenbosch University, Oct 2022
31. *Acknowledging Natural Punishment*, Wits Institute for Social and Economic Research (WISER), University of Witwatersrand, Oct 2022
32. *A Pragmatist Case Against Voluntarist Ethics*, Ethics and Epistemology Conference, Dartmouth College, Aug 2022

2020 – 2022

(PENN STATE)

33. *The Inherent Problem with Mass Incarceration*, University of Nevada at Las Vegas, April 2022
34. *Experimental Approaches to General Jurisprudence*, University of Surrey School of Law, March 2022
35. *Natural Punishment*, Loyola University of Chicago School of Law, March 2022
36. *Truth and Reconciliation in Carlisle, PA*, Rethinking Systems Design for Racial Justice & Equity Symposium, The Ohio State University, March 2022
37. *Experimental Approaches to General Jurisprudence*, University of Arizona Law School, Feb 2022
38. *The Inherent Problem with Mass Incarceration*, “Ending Mass Incarceration” Symposium, University of Oklahoma College of Law, Feb 2022
39. *Experimental Approaches to General Jurisprudence*, Legal Theory Seminar, University of Southern California Gould School of Law, Jan 2022
40. *Natural Punishment*, Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law, Nov 2021
41. *Blacks, Cops, and the State of Nature*, Rhodes College, Nov 2021
42. *Hobbes and America’s Police Problem*, IHS Seminar on Policing and Political Philosophy, George Mason University, Oct 2021
43. *Natural Punishment*, Faculty Workshop Series, University of Illinois College of Law, Sept 2021
44. *Blacks, Cops, and the State of Nature*, IHS Seminar on Unnecessary Evils: Laws, Judging, and Policing in an Overcriminalized World, George Mason University, July 2021
45. *Pragmatism, Truth, and Lies*, Philosophical Perspectives on Freedom of Speech in a Liberal Democracy, SEALS 2021, Amelia Island, Florida, July 2021
46. *Privacy When You Least Expect It: On Police Searches and Expectations of Privacy*, Invited Session on Policing and Police, APA Pacific Division Conference, Portland, OR, Apr 2021
47. *Natural Punishment*, ACS Constitutional Law Scholars Forum, Barry Law School, Mar 2021
48. *Reparations, Responsibility, and Formalism*, Iowa Legal Theory Reading Group, Feb 2021
49. *Blacks, Cops, and the State of Nature*, Guest Lecture, Princeton University, Jan 2021
50. *A Question of Trust? Hard vs. Soft Law in the Context of the Covid-19 Pandemic*, Invited Webinar Panelist, University of Salford, Jan 2021
51. *Critical Race Theory and the Police War on Black Bodies*, Northwestern Critical Theories of Law Program, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, Nov 2020
52. *Katz Should Only Have One Step*, Childress Symposium, SLU Law, Oct 2020
53. *Race and Policing*, Invited Panelist, Clarke Forum for Contemporary Issues, Dickinson College, Sept 2020

2017 – 2020

(LSU)

54. *The Rorty-Dworkin Debate*, Richard Rorty Society Meeting, Penn. State Univ., Nov 2019
55. *Moral Stability and Pragmatism*, Tokyo Forum for Analytic Philosophy, Univ. of Tokyo, Oct 2019

56. *Fuller and the Folk*, New Frontiers in Experimental Jurisprudence, Univ. of Chicago Law School, Oct 2019
57. *Legal Inconsistencies*, Penn. State Dickinson Law School, Oct 2019
58. *Moral Stability and Pragmatism*, Mississippi State Univ., Oct 2019
59. *Natural Punishment*, Chicagoland Junior Scholars, Loyola University of Chicago School of Law, Sep 2019
60. *Legal Inconsistencies*, Chicago-Kent Law School, Sep 2019
61. *Natural Punishment*, John Mercer Langston Writing Retreat, Howard Law School, Jul 2019
62. *Natural Punishment*, Crim Fest, Brooklyn Law School, Jul 2019
63. *Legal Inconsistencies*, Junior Criminal Law Theory Workshop, Univ. of Toronto Law School, Jun 2019
64. *Describing Law*, Plenary Speaker, South Carolina Society for Philosophy, Univ. of South Carolina, Mar 2019
65. *Inconsistent Justifications*, Keynote, Faculty Workshop, Univ. of Arizona Law School, Jan 2019
66. *Inconsistent Justifications*, New Voices in Criminal Justice, 2019 AALS, New Orleans, LA, Jan 2019
67. *Inconsistent Justifications*, Tulane University Law School, Oct 2018
68. *Inconsistent Justifications*, Junior Faculty Works-in-Progress Conference, Marquette University Law School, Oct 2018
69. *Moral Stability and Pragmatism*, Yonsei University, Sept 2018
70. *Moral Stability and Pragmatism*, Ohio State University, Aug 2018
71. *Inconsistent Justifications*, "The Rule of Law," 2018 SEALS, Fort Lauderdale, FL, Aug 2018
72. *Inconsistent Justifications*, Crim. Law Theory Workshop, Northwestern Univ. Pritzker School of Law, June 2018
73. *Moral Stability and Pragmatism*, Loyola University of New Orleans, Apr 2018
74. *Who are the Punishers?*, Mississippi Law College, Apr 2018
75. *Describing Law*, Oxford Jurisprudence Discussion Group, Oxford University, Mar 2018
76. *Describing Law*, Edinburgh Legal Theory Research Group, Edinburgh Law School, Mar 2018
77. *Inconsistent Justifications*, *Rule of Law*, and *Due Process*, Louisiana Law Scholars' Symposium, Loyola Univ. of New Orleans Law School, Feb 2018
78. *Who are the Punishers?*, University of Connecticut School of Law, Nov 2017
79. *Three Problems with Metaethical Minimalism*, Southwestern Philosophical Society Conference, Baylor University, Nov 2017
80. *Moral Stability and Pragmatism*, Philosopher's Cocoon Philosophy Conference, University of Tampa, Oct 2017
81. *Reasons and Considerations*, Pittsburgh Area Philosophy Colloquium, Washington and Jefferson College, Sept 2017
82. *Describing Law*, Australasian Society of Legal Philosophy Conference, University of Auckland, Jul 2017

2010 – 2017
(GRAD SCHOOL)

83. *Rorty's Promise in Metaethics*, APA, Eastern Division Conference, Baltimore, MD, Jan 2017
84. *Who are the Punishers?*, Lake Forest College, Nov 2016
85. *Describing Law*, Central States Philosophical Association Conference, University of Nebraska, Oct 2016
86. *Blacks, Cops, and the State of Nature*, Ethics Lecture Series, University of Wisconsin-Parkside, Oct 2016

87. *Rorty's Promise in Metaethics*, Richard Rorty Society Conference, Hamilton College, Sept 2016
88. *Cruel and Unusual What?*, Northeastern Illinois University, Mar 2016
89. *Practical Deliberation without Practical Reasons*, Philosopher's Cocoon Philosophy Conference, University of Tampa, Nov 2015
90. *Those Magic Changes*, Annual Graduate Conference in Philosophy at UN-Reno, Oct 2015
91. *Racist Jury Nullification*, Black Graduate Student Association Annual Conference, Northwestern University, Apr 2015
92. *The US Ban on Human Organ Sales: Why We Have It & Should Get Rid of It*, Ethics Lecture Series, University of Wisconsin-Parkside, Nov 2014
93. *Aristotle's Conception of Justice*, Chicago State University, Sept 2014
94. *Rational Hate*, Social Equality Conference, University of Cape Town, Aug 2014
95. *Practical Deliberation without Practical Reasons*, Atlantic Region Philosophers' Association, Dalhousie University, Oct 2013
96. *Against Brewer's Critique of Desire*, Annual Graduate Philosophy Conference at UIUC, Mar 2013
97. *Ethical Pragmatism*, International Conference on Applied Ethics, Hokkaido University, Oct 2012
98. *Ethical Pragmatism*, Pittsburgh Area Philosophy Colloquium, Washington and Jefferson College, Sept 2012
99. *Ethical Pragmatism*, Seoul Philosophy Graduate Student Conference, Yonsei University, May 2012
100. *Rational Hate*, Queertopia 3.0, Northwestern University School of Law, May 2010

CONFERENCE COMMENTARY

1. Cheryl Misak, *A Question of Value: Dewey and Carnap*, Conference on the centenary of Dewey's EXPERIENCE AND NATURE, University of Virginia, Sep 2025
2. Stephanie Barclay, *The Scalar Nature of Law*, Legal Philosophy Workshop, University of Amsterdam, June 2025
3. Ben Jones, PROTECTING LIFE: THE ETHICS OF POLICE DEADLY FORCE, IHS Manuscript Workshop, Jan 2025
4. Marcela Prieto, *Penal Abolitionism(s)*, Center for Law and Philosophy Workshop, University of Southern California, Oct 2024
5. Matthew Shaw, *Much Ado about Critical Race Theory*, John Mercer Langston Writing Retreat, Northwestern University, June 2024
6. Gregory Antill, *Rethinking the Role of Intentional Harms in Criminal Law*, Legal Philosophy Workshop, University of Michigan, June 2024
7. Nathan Hanna, *On Using and Abusing Those We Punish*, Philosophy of Criminal Law and Punishment Workshop, University of Washington, Apr 2024
8. Jennifer Lackey, Symposium on CRIMINAL TESTIMONIAL INJUSTICE, Northwestern University & Stateville Correctional Center, Sep 2023
9. Paul Showler, *A Pragmatic Genealogy of Moral Status*, Colloquium, APA, Pacific Division Conference, Vancouver, BC, Apr 2022
10. Chris Voparil, RECONSTRUCTING PRAGMATISM, Richard Rorty Society Symposium, APA, Pacific Division Conference, Vancouver, BC, Apr 2022
11. Paul Tubig, *Reducing Police Brutality and Moral Neuroenhancement*, Colloquium, APA, Central Division Conference, Chicago, IL, Feb 2022

12. Gregg Caruso, *REJECTING RETRIBUTIVISM*, Society for Philosophy of Agency Book Symposium, APA, Eastern Division Conference, Baltimore, MD, Jan 2022
13. Jalila Jefferson-Bullock, *Returning to Retribution: A More Dignified Approach to Drug Sentencing*, Ohio State University Virtual Workshop, June 2021
14. Luke Hunt, *THE RETRIEVAL OF LIBERALISM IN POLICING*, Author Meets Critics, APA, Central Division Conference, Chicago, IL, Feb 2020
15. Maybell Romero, *Rural Spaces, Communities of Color, and the "Progressive Prosecutor,"* Journal of Criminal Law & Criminology Symposium, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, Feb 2020
16. Michael Arjun Banerjee, *No-Trial Executions*, John Mercer Langston Writing Retreat, Howard Law School, Jul 2019
17. Ekow Yankuh, *Punishing the Polity*, Mass Incarceration and Racial Justice Conference, Saint Louis University, Mar 2019
18. Aaron Wolf, *On Saying Something Normative by Ruling Out*, APA, Central Division Conference, Denver, CO, Feb 2019
19. Aaron MacLeod, *The Jury in the Age of Public Rights*, Voegelin Institute Lecture, LSU Law, Jan 2019
20. Leigh Vicens, *Agentive Phenomenology & Moral Responsibility Agnosticism*, Southwestern Philosophical Society Conference, Univ. of Colorado-Denver, Nov 2018
21. Invited Commentator, "Beyond Social Contract Theory" Symposium, APA, Pacific Division Conference, San Diego, CA, Mar 2018
22. Joshua Blanchard, *How to be an Angry Realist*, Philosopher's Cocoon Philosophy Conference, University of Tampa, Oct 2017
23. Invited commentator-at-large, Workshop on Language & Law, Wellesley College, Mar 2017
24. Hillary Nye, *Does Law Exist?*, Legal Philosophy Workshop, Queens University, Jun 2016
25. Thomas Kiefer, *Moral Realism: An Evolutionary Defense*, Chicagoland Graduate Philosophy Conference, University of Chicago, Apr 2016
26. Matthew Flummer, *Ownership and Responsibility*, Philosopher's Cocoon Philosophy Conference, University of Tampa, Nov 2015
27. Trevor Hoppe, *Punishing Sex*, Sexualities Project at Northwestern Workshop, Northwestern University, Apr 2015
28. Nicholas Tebben, *Naturalism and the Agent's Perspective*, Central States Philosophical Association Conference, Northwestern University, Oct 2014
29. Alex Worsnip, *Cryptonormative Judgments*, NUSTEP Conference, Northwestern University, Mar 2014

HONORS, AWARDS, RECOGNITION

Research Grants

- APA Small Grant, Dec 2022
 - \$5,000 grant for the Policing, Policy, and Philosophy Initiative (3PI) proposal
- LSU ASPIRE Summer Grant, Apr 2019
 - \$1,000 grant to hire undergrad research assistant for "Natural Punishment"
- LSU Manship Summer Research Grant, May 2018
 - \$5,000 grant to work on "Fuller and the Folk"

Travel Grants

- LSU Junior Faculty Travel Grant, Sept 2018
 - \$750 to present "Moral Stability and Pragmatism" at Yonsei University

LSU Junior Faculty Travel Grant, Sept 2017
 \$1,000 to present “Describing Law” at Oxford & Edinburgh
 APA Travel Assistance Fund for Philosophers of Color, Dec 2016
 \$500 to present “Rorty’s Promise...” at the 2017 Eastern APA
 Sexualities Project at Northwestern Grant, Aug 2014
 \$400 to present “Rational Hate” at University of Cape Town
 Center for Applied Ethics and Philosophy Grant, Oct 2012
 ¥30,000 to present “Ethical Pragmatism” at Hokkaido University
 Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, May 2012
 \$850 to present “Ethical Pragmatism” at Yonsei University

Selected Honors

Illinois Humanities Road Scholar Speaker, 2026-27
 Selected to present public lectures across Illinois on legal topics
 President’s Prize, Southwest Philosophy Conference, Nov 2017
 \$150 prize for “Three Problems with Metaethical Minimalism”
 Diamond Fellow, 2013-2017
 Full tuition scholarship with stipend to attend Northwestern Law

Selected Media Appearances

[Cook County allows tax foreclosures by municipalities...](#), Jan 2026
 Quoted in *Injustice Watch* about official misconduct
[Chicago Advocates Concerned About Racial Profiling](#), Sep 2025
 Interviewed for local PBS television show about racial profiling and immigration
[The Free Will Podcast](#), Jan 2024
 Interviewed for podcast about freedom and responsibility
[Most cops involved in high-profile killings since 2014 kept their police licenses](#), Sep 2023
 Quoted in *Intercept* about police decertification
[Prosecutors sound alarm on bid to delay Trump trial in Florida](#), Jul 2023
 Quoted in *Courthouse News Service* about Trump classified docs investigation
[‘This isn’t over’: Demand for national reparations intensifies after dismissal of Tulsa lawsuit](#), Jul 2023
 Quoted in *Yahoo! News* about Tulsa Race Massacre lawsuit
[Trump aide and valet at Mar-a-Lago pleads not guilty in classified documents case](#), Jul 2023
 Quoted in *Courthouse News Service* about Trump classified docs investigation
[‘Latinx,’ ‘field’: Why experts say banning words does more harm than good](#), Jan 2023
 Quoted in *Yahoo! News* about political correctness
[Civil rights experts say replacing Roger Taney statue with Thurgood Marshall’s is overdue](#), Dec 2022
 Quoted in *Yahoo! News* about new Thurgood Marshall bust
[Supporters demand action on bill to study U.S. reparations for African Americans](#), Dec 2022
 Quoted in *Yahoo! News* about reparations
[Pa. town broke law in recent hiring of Tamir Rice’s killer, A.G. says](#), July 2022
 Quoted in *Washington Post* about PA police misconduct database
[5 takeaways from our event on Pennsylvania’s flawed police hiring database](#), July 2022
Spotlight PA coverage of a panel discussion on PA police misconduct database
[The FBI Cast an Incredibly Questionable Dragnet for Steve Bannon’s Lawyer](#), Mar 2022
 Quoted in *Daily Beast* on FBI probe of lawyer for Trump White House strategist
[A court just struck down Pennsylvania’s mail voting law. Here’s what you need to know](#), Jan 2022

Quoted in *Spotlight PA* about PA voting by mail
[*Court throws Pennsylvania's mail-in voting law into doubt*](#), Jan 2022
 Quoted in *AP News* about PA voting by mail
[*Deadline passes in GOP's election 'investigation' subpoena*](#), Oct 2021
 Quoted in *AP News* about PA state senate investigation into 2020 federal election
[*Police, Privacy, and Searches*](#), May 2021
 Invited post on the Blog of the American Philosophical Association
[*Interference: Democracy at Risk*](#), Oct 2020
 Appeared in documentary on US constitutional law & elections
[*Ipsse Dixit Interview*](#), Aug 2020
 Interviewed for legal scholarship podcast
[*Legal-Phi Interview*](#), Sept 2017
 Interviewed for series on new scholars in legal philosophy

TEACHING

Classroom Teaching

IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law (Fall 2022 – present)
 Constitutional Law; Criminal Law; Criminal Procedure: Investigations; Legal Theory

University of Miami, School of Law (Spring 2026)
 Constitutional Law I

Inspire (Jan 2025)
 Experimental Philosophy of Law

Penn State Dickinson Law (Fall 2020-Spring 2022)
 Constitutional Law I; Constitutional Law II; Criminal Procedure I; Jurisprudence

Louisiana State University, Hebert Law Center (Fall 2017-Spring 2020)
 Administration of Criminal Justice I (investigative criminal procedure);
 Constitutional Law (seminar)

Louisiana State University, Dept. of Philosophy (Fall 2017-Spring 2020)
 Epistemology; Ethics; Metaethics (grad seminar); Intro to Political Philosophy;
 Philosophy of Criminal Law; Philosophy of Law; Philosophy of John Rawls

Northwestern University, Dept. of Philosophy (Fall 2012-Spring 2017)
 Intro to Political Philosophy; Intro to Ancient Philosophy

Illinois Humanities (*college-level program for low-income adults*) (Spring 2016)
 Philosophy of Religion

Northwestern Univ., Center for Talent Development (*gifted high school*) (Summer 2016)
 Critical Discourse (moral philosophy); US Law & Politics Honors

Duke University, Talent Identification Program (*gifted h.s.*) (Summer 2014)
 Philosophy of Knowledge

Johns Hopkins Univ., Center for Talented Youth (*gifted h.s.*) (Summers 2011-2013)
Ethics; Bioethics

Student Research Supervision*

Pol Pardini, MA in Phil. '19 (thesis on Sidgwickian ethics)
Christopher Petersen, MA in Phil. '19 (three essays on naturalism)
*Eli Minor, MA in Phil. '19 (three essays on political and personal agency)
Grant Heller, MA in Phil. '20 (three essays on normativity)
*Cameron Simmons, BA in Phil. '20 (thesis on Rawls and unreasonable people)
*Quentin LeBlanc, BA in Phil. '20 ("Collateral Damage & Legitimate Punishment")
*Harison Citrawan, SJD '23 ("Judicial Reasoning in Time")

SERVICE

Editorial Work & Refereeing

Editor: *Journal of Legal Philosophy* (2022-2025)

Editorial Board: *Philosophy & Public Affairs* (2025-present)

Academic Press Referee: SUNY University Press

Journal Referee: *Canadian Journal of Law & Jurisprudence*; *Contemporary Pragmatism*; *Criminal Law and Philosophy*; *Critical Philosophy of Race*; *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*; *Ethics*; *European Journal of Pragmatism and American Philosophy*; *Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology*; *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*; *Journal of Legal Philosophy*; *Journal of Value Inquiry*; *Jurisprudence*; *New Criminal Law Review*; *Oxford Journal of Legal Studies*; *Philosophia*; *Philosophical Quarterly*; *Philosophy*; *Res Publica*; *Social Epistemology*; *Southwestern Philosophy Review*; *Stanford Law Review*; *Thought*; *Yale Law Journal*

Conference Referee: Central States Philosophical Association; Southwest Philosophical Society

Tenure/Promotion External Reviewer: University of Alabama; University of Maryland; University of Southern California

Grant Evaluator: MacArthur Foundation; Polish National Science Center; Swiss National Science Foundation

Professional Memberships

AALS Jurisprudence Section, Chair, 2026-present (Board 2023-present)
American Bar Association, 2022-present
American Philosophical Association, 2016-present
APA Central Division Program Committee, 2025-present
Epistemic Reparations Global Working Group, 2023-present

* indicates I am/was the director or co-director)

HKU Centre for Interdisciplinary Legal Studies, International Advisory Board, 2024-present
Legal Philosophy Workshop, Organizing Committee, 2022-present
Policing, Policy, and Philosophy Initiative, Founding Coordinator, 2022-present
Richard Rorty Society, 2016-present
Southwest Philosophical Society, 2017-2022

Public Service

Commissioner, Truth & Reconciliation Commission, Carlisle Borough, PA, 2021-2022

University Service

Illinois Institute of Technology

Curriculum Committee, Chicago-Kent, 2025-present
Speakers Committee, Chicago-Kent, 2022-2025 (chair 2023-2025)
Promotion and Tenure Committee, Chicago-Kent, 2024-present
Honors Law Program, Program Advisor, 2022-present
DEI Team, Chicago-Kent, 2022-2024
Dean Review Committee, Chicago-Kent, 2023-2024
Law Review Committee, Chicago-Kent, 2022-2023
Social Sciences Dept. Chair Search Committee, 2022-2023

Pennsylvania State University

Civil Rights Certificate Advisor, Dickinson Law, 2020-2022
Law Review Committee, Dickinson Law, 2020-2022 (chair 2020-2022)
Appointments Committee, Dickinson Law, 2020-2022
Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Committee, Dickinson Law, 2021-2022
Honor Code Committee, Dickinson Law, 2020-2021
1L Faculty Working Group, Dickinson Law, 2020-2022
Dickinson Law Representative (Alternate), AALS, 2020-2022
Dickinson Law Faculty Senator, Fall 2021
Board Member & Dickinson Law Rep., MidPenn Legal Services, 2021-2022

Louisiana State University

Associate Director of Undergraduate Study, Philosophy Department, 2017-2020
Shirley Award Committee, Philosophy Department, 2017-2020; (chair 2018-2020)
Advisor for Undergrad Philosophy Club, Philosophy Department, 2017-2020
Student Educational Policy Committee, Law Center, 2017-2020
Faculty Scholarship Committee, Law Center, 2019-2020
Advisory Board, LSU Ethics Institute, 2017-2020
Recruitment, Philosophy Department, 2017-2018

REFERENCES

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