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Clinical Professor of Law; Director, Rule of Law Institute, Program in Rule of Law for Development, Loyola University Chicago School of Law.....August 2024 - present

Law professor, human rights lawyer and advocate. Particular expertise in international law, human rights law, and international criminal law.

Clinical Professor of Law, Center for International Human Rights, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law; Director, Northwestern Access to Health Project.....September 2018 – August 2024

Director, Bluhm Legal Clinic, and Associate Dean, Clinical Legal Education, Northwestern Pritzker School of LawSeptember 2017 – July 2019

Clinical Associate Professor of Law, Center for International Human Rights, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law.....March 2014 –Aug 2018

Clinical Assistant Professor of Law, Center for International Human Rights, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law.....August 2010 –March 2014

Executive Director, Injustice Watch.....July 2019 – July 2024

Lead award-winning nonprofit investigative journalism organization focused on systemic inequities in the courts. Responsible for all aspects of management including execution of strategic plan, program design and implementation, collaboration with Board of Directors, hiring, risk management and compliance, staff oversight, funding, and internal/external communications.

Honors and Awards (2013-present)

- Fellow, American Bar Foundation.
- Recipient of the Excellence in Teaching Award, Feinberg School of Medicine Program in Public Health, 2023, 2015, 2014.
- Sustainable Development Solutions Global Case Study: Accelerating Education for the SDGs in Universities, 2021.
- Recipient of the Certificate of Appreciation for Outstanding Service on Behalf of Crime Victims, U.S. Attorney’s Office, Northern District of Illinois, 2021.
- Recipient of the Walter J. Cummings Award for Excellence in Pro Bono Service, Federal Bar Association, 2019.
- Recipient of the Community Stars Award, Mothers Opposed to Violence Everywhere, 2019.
- Appointed Harry R. Horrow Professor in International Law (rotating chair), September 2016 - September 2018
- Recipient of Northwestern-Sciences Po faculty visit grant, 2015.
- Recipient of the Northwestern Public Voices Thought Leadership Fellowship, 2013-2014.

Editor in Chief, Eyes on the ICC.....May 2012 – Sept 2013

Editor in Chief of peer-reviewed, scholarly journal devoted to the study of the International Criminal Court. Responsible for content and direction of journal. Oversaw staff including managing editor and assistant editors, consulted with peer reviewers, and reported to publications board.

Assistant U.S. Attorney, U.S. Attorney’s Office, Chicago.....September 2003 – June 2010
General Crimes Section, 2003 – 2004; Financial Crimes and Special Prosecutions Section, 2004 – 2010.
Investigated and prosecuted violations of federal criminal law including bribery, conspiracy, mortgage fraud, immigration fraud, tax fraud, narcotics, firearms trafficking, export control violations, trafficking in stolen goods, identity theft, and more. Tried 16 jury trials successfully to verdict for the United States. Wrote multiple appellate briefs and successfully argued four cases before the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals.

Litigation Associate, Foley Hoag LLP, Boston.....September 2001 – August 2003
Defended depositions, drafted motions, and conducted legal research in internal investigations and complex litigation proceedings in the area of white collar defense, patents, trademarks, health care, securities, and commercial disputes. Successfully represented applicants for political asylum from Sierra Leone and Sudan pro bono.

Law Clerk, the Honorable George A. O’Toole, D. Mass., Boston.....September 2000 – September 2001
Conducted legal research, wrote bench memoranda, and drafted jury instructions for federal district court judge in areas including complex criminal trials, bankruptcy, the Americans with Disabilities Act, search and seizure, intellectual property, and contracts.

Maternal and Child Health Volunteer, U.S. Peace Corps, Tinzouline, Morocco.....June 1995 – July 1997
Conducted health education and outreach for women and children in oasis valley in the Sahara in the areas of family planning, nutrition, sanitation, dental hygiene, breastfeeding, and vaccinations. Successfully obtained funding and supplies to build latrines at village school and hand sanitizers for health workers on mobile vaccination campaigns without running water. Obtained training for local potter in making reduced-fuel, reduced-smoke cookstoves, and assisted potter in selling and marketing.

Education

- Columbia University School of Law, J.D, 2000
Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar, 1999 - 2000
Articles Editor, Columbia Journal of Transnational Law, 1999 - 2000
- Princeton University, A.B. Politics, Cert. Near Eastern Studies, cum laude, 1995
- Université de Paris VII, Paris, France, January – June 1993

Representative Publications

- Human Rights and Corruption (Edward Elgar 2021)
- Public Corruption and the Law: Cases and Materials, with David H. Hoffman (West Academic 2017)
- From Baksheesh to Bribery: Understanding the Global Fight Against Corruption and Graft (Oxford University Press 2019) (contributing author).
- “The 988 Suicide Hotline – Lifeline or Letdown?” *Frontiers in Public Health*, April 2024 (with Michaela Baker)
- “The Rejection of the Anti-Corruption Principle and its Effects on Human Rights at Home,” *Northwestern Journal of Human Rights*, September 2023
- “Dobbs, Glass Houses, and International Law,” *Al Jazeera*, July 2022 (with Xiao Wang)

- “To cure corruption, the Chicago City Council should ‘remember the ladies’,” Chicago Tribune, March 2022
- “El Salvador’s abortion ban jails women for miscarriages and stillbirths – now one woman’s family seeks international justice,” The Conversation, March 2021 (with Alexandra Tarzikhan)
- “Enhancing Knowledge in Informal Settlements: Assessing Health Beliefs and Behaviors in Nigeria” (with Liu DY, Maki AW, Maitland A, Meyer ER, and Galvin S). Annals of Global Health. 2020; 86(1): 120, 1–14.
- “Cook County Jail Election Guide Rejection Harms Voters and the Free Press,” Injustice Watch, Oct. 29, 2020
- “Why the Cook County Ethics Ordinance Needs Reform,” Crain’s, August 2020 (with Peggy Daley)
- Reports on the Criminal Proceedings Against Evelyn Hernandez and “Diana” in El Salvador, June 2020 (with the American Bar Association Center for Human Rights)
- “A Scandal Illinois Lawyers and Justices Should No Longer Ignore,” Crain’s, November 2019 (with John Elson)
- “A Supreme Court Justice’s Legacy in Jeopardy,” Injustice Watch, July 2019
- “America’s Opioid Epidemic: A Rights-Based Approach,” Health and Human Rights, March 2019
- “How Corruption Slows Disaster Recovery,” The Conversation, 2018 (with Elise Meyer)
- “Truth, Lies and Climate Change,” Northwestern Law Review Of Note, 2018
- “Courts Will Prove Vital Backstop in Opioids Epidemic,” Crain’s, Dec. 22, 2017
- “To Preserve Biodiversity, Start with Five Universal Truths About Corruption,” Harvard Law Review Blog, Nov. 16, 2017
- “In Puerto Rico, No Room for Corruption in an Era of Extreme Weather,” The Huffington Post, Nov. 2, 2017
- “From Lebanon, Lessons in Law and Life,” The Huffington Post, April 26, 2017
- “Lagos is Burning,” US News and World Report, Dec. 2, 2016
- “In Illinois, Chasing the Arc of the Opioids Epidemic,” Crain’s, Oct. 17, 2016
- “Why Girls’ Education in Morocco Needs More than Money,” Women’s E-News, July 12, 2016
- “The Synergy of Public Health and International Criminal Law in Post-Genocide Rwanda,” Northwestern Public Health Review, Spring 2016
- “In Remotest Mali, A Hero on International Women’s Day,” The Huffington Post, March 9, 2016

- "Corruption in an Era of Climate Change: An Ever-Closing Circle?" The Huffington Post, October 27, 2015
- "Plains Crusader: C. A. Sorensen's Assault on Organized Crime and the Political Machine in Omaha," Nebraska History, Fall 2015
- "A Voice from the Past Rings True 86 Years Later," Lincoln Journal-Star, May 26, 2015
- "Unvaxed and Confused," U.S. News and World Report, Feb 11, 2015 (with Shannon Galvin)
- "Corruption is Creating More Ebola Victims," TakePart Media, October 7, 2014
- "Lessons from FDR Can Help Regain Public Trust During Ebola Crisis," Global Post, October 2, 2014
- "To Curb FGM, Our Project Focuses on the Cutters," Women's E-News, August 26, 2014
- "Global Health Law," book review, The Times Higher Education, July 23, 2014
- "The Interplay between the Executive and Judicial Branches in Extradition," ABA Litigation Journal, Summer 2014
- "Let Nations, Not the World, Prosecute Corruption," U.S. News and World Report, April 30, 2014 (with Karen Alter)
- "Back to Mali: A Country Suffers from the Single Story of Danger," Pacific Standard, April 7, 2014
- "The University as Global Citizen," Health and Human Rights, March 2014
- "Why Are Natural Disasters Breeding Grounds For Corruption?" Talking Points Memo, March 3, 2014
- "Why Obama Should Back Drug Sentencing Reform in the State of the Union," The Atlantic, January 24, 2014
- "UN Measure to Fight the Bribing of Foreign Officials is a Work in Progress," Al Jazeera America, November 25, 2013
- "Lessons from Kennedy's Peace Campaign," book review, The Chicago Tribune, June 2013
- "A Bridge Spanning Approaches to Corporate Crime," American Bar Association Anti-Corruption Task Force, December 2012
- "Thirteen Days and 50 Years Later, A Chance to Apply A Lesson Learned," The Huffington Post, October 19, 2012
- "Terrorism in Violation of the Law of Nations," Notre Dame Journal of International and Comparative Law, Spring 2012
- "Ideals Without Illusions: Corruption and the Future of a Democratic North Africa," Northwestern Journal of International Human Rights Law, Summer 2012

- "Why Corruption in Morocco Matters," American Bar Association Anti-Corruption Task Force, April 2011

- "A Voice From the Past Rings True 35 Years Later: Ted Sorensen on the FCPA," American Bar Association Anti-Corruption Task Force, February 2011

- "Restorative Justice for Victims of War Crimes," book review, Northwestern Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology (2010)

Selected Invited Presentations (2015 – present)

-Featured presenter, Association for the Implementation of the UN Convention against Corruption, Corruption and Human Rights Working Group, "Freedom from Corruption: A Rights-Based Approach" (2024)

-Keynote speaker, Loyola University of Chicago School of Law, Annual Rule of Law Institute Symposium, "From Local to Global: The Role of Press Freedom and Independent Journalism in Upholding Human Rights and the Rule of Law" (2023)

-Moderator and panelist, International Anti-Corruption Conference, "Corruption in an Era of Climate Change: An Ever-Closing Circle?" (2022)

-Panelist, AALS Clinical Conference, Multidisciplinary Education in Furtherance of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (2022)

-Presenter, U.S. Department of State Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement, "Corruption in an Era of Climate Change" (2022)

-Moderator, United Nations General Assembly Special Session on Corruption Side Event, "Corruption in the Era of Covid-19: An Impediment to Global Health, Human Rights, and Development" (2021)

-Panelist, AALS Clinical Conference, "Building for the Future and Advancing Social Justice in the Community Through Collaborative Impact Litigation and Systemic Reform" (2021)

-Featured speaker, "Sobre la Cuestión Migratoria y los Derechos Humanos," Universidad Modelo, Faculty of Law and Political Science, Merida, Mexico (2020)

-Speaker and Moderator, "Interdisciplinary Perspectives on a Rights-based Approach to Global Health," Consortium of Universities for Global Health Opening Plenary Session (2019)

-Keynote Speaker, "Health as a Human Right," Consortium of Universities for Global Health Global Surgery Satellite Session (2019)

-"America's Opioid Epidemic and the Right to Health Under International Human Rights Law," Michigan State University College of Law (2018)

-Moderator, "Corruption in an Era of Climate Change: Rebuilding Sint Maarten After Hurricane Irma," Small Island Developing States Anti-Corruption Research Forum (2018)

-“International Development and the Rule of Law,” University of Toronto (2018)

-Co-presenter, “An Assessment of Radio-Based Education about Female Genital Cutting and Health and Human Rights Issues in Douentza, Mali,” 5th Annual International Conference on Sustainable Development (Best Paper Award) (2017)

-Panelist, “Corruption and International Laws & Judgments,” Seventh Conference of States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption (2017)

Panelist, “Corruption and the Environment,” 22nd Conference of Parties to the U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change (2016)

Panelist, “Freedom from Public Corruption? Human Rights and the Anti-Corruption Interest,” American Society of International Law (2016)

Panelist, “Public Corruption in an Era of Climate Change,” Sixth Conference of States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption (2015)

Presenter, “Public Corruption in an Era of Climate Change,” Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development Anti-Corruption Division (2015)

Academic Service

Bluhm Legal Clinic Committee on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, 2021-present

Bluhm Legal Clinic Committee on Teaching Excellence and Professional Development, 2017-present

Bluhm Legal Clinic Committee on Professionalism, 2014 - 2017

Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition, Faculty Advisor, 2011 – 2013

Clerkship Committee, 2012 – 2013

Professional and Civic Activities

Member, American Bar Association Global Anti-Corruption Committee, 2011 - present

Member, American Bar Association Crimes Against Humanity Working Group, 2014 – present

Board Member, National Center for Civil and Human Rights

Member, Chicago-Casablanca Sister City Committee, 2004 – present

Member, Cook County Board of Ethics, 2016-2020 (appointment by Cook County President; confirmation by Cook County Board of Commissioners)

Member, Senator Richard Durbin Federal Judicial Screening Committee, 2012 – 2016

Bar memberships

Massachusetts; New York; Illinois.

Languages

Fluent in French, Spanish and Arabic; conversant in Italian. Received “Superior” rating (highest possible grade awarded by Foreign Service Language Institute) in Moroccan Arabic.