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### EMPLOYMENT

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#### **GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER**, Washington, DC

2013-present Professor of Law  
2014-2015 Co-Director, Center for Transnational Legal Studies (CTLS), London, United Kingdom  
2007-2013 Associate Professor of Law  
Teaching International Trade Law, Drug Law and Policy: Critical Perspectives on the War on Drugs, Legal Justice, Law and Economic Development, Workplace Regulation in the Global Economy.

#### **THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SCHOOL OF LAW**, Austin, TX

Visiting Assistant Professor (Emerging Scholars Program)

### EDUCATION

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#### **HARVARD LAW SCHOOL**, S.J.D. 2008

Dissertation:

“International Economic Law and Domestic Labor Law Regimes: Reconsidering the Case of North American Integration and Mexico.”

Honors:

- Byse Fellowship, Harvard Law School
- Graduate Program Fellowship, Harvard Law School
- CONACYT Scholarship
- Fundación México en Harvard Scholarship
- Immigration and Refugee Clinic Fellowship, Harvard Law School
- Graduate Student Workshop, Law and Society Association
- Graduate Student Associate, David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies (DRCLAS)
- Summer Research Fellowship, DRCLAS

#### **HARVARD LAW SCHOOL**, LL.M., 2000

- Ford, MacArthur, and Hewlett Foundations Scholarships

#### **UNIVERSIDAD NACIONAL AUTÓNOMA DE MÉXICO (UNAM)**, Lic. en Derecho 1999

Honors:

- Highest Honors (Mención Honorífica)
- Ranked 3rd in class of 1,500
- World Champion team member, 1998 Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition, Washington, DC

### PUBLICATIONS AND WORKS IN PROGRESS

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- *The War on Drugs and the Challenges to Liberal Legality* (work in progress).
- *The Trouble with Identity and Progressive Origins in Defending Labour Law*, in GLOBAL GOVERNANCE: CRITICAL LEGAL PERSPECTIVES (Hart Publishing, 2014).

- LAW AND THE NEW DEVELOPMENTAL STATE: THE BRAZILIAN EXPERIENCE IN LATIN AMERICAN CONTEXT (eds. David Trubek, Helena Alviar, Diego Coutinho and Alvaro Santos, Cambridge University Press 2013).
- *International Law and Its Discontents: Critical Reflections on the War on Drugs or the Role of Law in Creating Complexity*, in PROCEEDINGS OF THE 106<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF INTERNATIONAL LAW (2013).
- *Carving Out Policy Autonomy for Developing Countries in the World Trade Organization: The Experience of Brazil and Mexico*, 52 VA. J. INT'L LAW (2012).
- *Three Transnational Discourses of Transnational Labor Law in Domestic Reform*, 32 U. PENN. J. INT'L LAW 123-202 (2010).
- *Labor Flexibility, Legal Reform and Economic Development*, 50 VA. J. INT'L LAW 43-106 (2009).
- *The World Bank's Uses of the "Rule of Law" Promise in Economic Development*, in THE NEW LAW AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: A CRITICAL APPRAISAL 253-300 (eds. David Trubek and Alvaro Santos, Cambridge University Press, 2006).
- *Introduction: The Third Moment in Law and Development Theory and the Emergence of a New Critical Practice*, in THE NEW LAW AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: A CRITICAL APPRAISAL 1-18 (eds. David Trubek and Alvaro Santos, Cambridge University Press, 2006) (co-authored with David Trubek).
- Symposium, *Working Borders: Linking Debates about Insourcing and Outsourcing of Capital and Labor*, 40 TEX. INT'L L.J. 732-736 (2005).

## **OTHER TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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- 01/14      **HARVARD'S INSTITUTE FOR GLOBAL LAW AND POLICY (IGLP)**, Doha, Qatar  
Co-organized and co-taught a course on International Economic Law.
- 06/11      **HARVARD LAW SCHOOL**, Cambridge, MA  
Second Annual Workshop on Global Law and Economic Policy  
Co-organized and co-taught module on History of American Legal Thought.
- 06/10      **HARVARD LAW SCHOOL**, Cambridge, MA  
First Annual Workshop on Global Law and Economic Policy  
Co-organized and co-taught a six-day course on Law and Economic Development.
- 05/08      **MELBOURNE LAW SCHOOL**, Melbourne, Australia  
Melbourne Law Masters  
Taught course on "International and Comparative Labour Law."
- Spring 2005      **HARVARD LAW SCHOOL**, Cambridge, MA  
Byse Fellow  
Designed and taught workshop on "Law and Economic Development."
- 01/05      **NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW**, Boston, MA  
Invited Lecturer  
Taught module on international trade theory, the world trading system and legal structure of WTO.
- Spring 2004      **TUFTS UNIVERSITY**, Medford, MA  
Visiting Lecturer, Department of Political Science

Taught and coordinated international law course with faculty from The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy.

- 04/04 **UNIVERSITY OF TURIN & INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANIZATION**, Turin, Italy  
Visiting Professor, Master's Degree in Management of Development  
Designed and taught module on "The Role of Law in Development Models Promoted by International Financial Institutions."
- 2002-2003 **BOSTON COLLEGE SCHOOL OF LAW**, Newton, MA  
Adjunct Professor of Law  
Coached Philip C. Jessup Moot Court Competition team. Instructed participants in international law.
- Fall 2001 **HARVARD LAW SCHOOL**, Cambridge, MA  
Teaching Assistant  
"Perspectives on American Law" course, covering major twentieth-century movements in jurisprudence.

## **TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS**

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### Law and Development

- Law and Economic Development
- Rule of Law Reforms
- Latin American Legal Institutions

### International Law

- International Trade Law
- Public International Law
- NAFTA

### Drug Law and Policy

- Critical Perspectives on the War on Drugs

### Legal Theory

- Legal Justice

### Labor and Employment Law

- International Labor Law
- Comparative Labor and Employment Law

## **OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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- Summer 2003 **THE WORLD BANK**, Washington, DC  
Summer Intern  
Designed and completed database of empirical research on users and uses of courts in Peru. Coordinated analysis of results with research team in Lima for the support of judicial reform project.
- Spring 2003 **PROFESSORS DAVID KENNEDY & DAVID TRUBEK, Harvard Law School**, Cambridge, MA  
Research Assistant  
Prepared "Law in Economic Development: A Bibliography" for European Law Research Center's conference.
- Fall &  
Winter 2003 **BUREAU DES AVOCATS INTERNATIONAUX**, Port-au-Prince, Haiti  
Student Associate  
Conducted research on criminal responsibility of Haiti's former military commanders for politically-motivated rapes. Devised strategies for prosecution using international and Latin American precedents.
- Summer 2002 **CLIFFORD CHANCE LLP**, New York and London  
Summer Associate  
Worked on international arbitration case. Researched state responsibility principles of compensation and damages for breach of investment treaty. Wrote memo on international criminal liability of corporations. Assisted in editing "INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION IN LATIN AMERICA (Kluwer, 2003)."
- 2000-2001 **HUMAN RIGHTS PROGRAM - HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH, Harvard Law School**, Cambridge, MA

Visiting Researcher

Analyzed extradition case between Mexico and Spain. Prepared memos describing charges of genocide, terrorism, and torture, their procedural status, merits of suit and likelihood of success.

## **SELECTED CONFERENCE PAPERS AND LECTURES**

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- 04/15 **Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económica (CIDE)**, Mexico City  
Faculty Workshop  
Paper: “The War on Drugs and the Challenges to Liberal Legality”
- 02/15 **Center for Transnational Legal Studies**, London, UK  
Transnational Law Colloquium  
Paper: “The War on Drugs and the Challenges to Liberal Legality”
- 02/15 **University College London**, London, UK  
Current Legal Problems Lecture  
Lecture: “The War on Drugs and the Challenges to Liberal Legality”
- 11/14 **Oxford University**, Oxford, UK  
Faculty of Law, Law and Public Affairs Workshop  
Paper: The War on Drugs and the Challenges to Liberal Legality
- 11/14 **University of Glasgow**, Glasgow, Scotland  
Faculty Workshop  
Paper: The War on Drugs and Its Discontents: A Law and Development Perspective
- 11/14 **London School of Economics**, London, UK  
Graduate Program Workshop  
Paper: The War on Drugs and the Challenges to Liberal Legality
- 06/14 **Cornell Law School**, Ithaca, NY  
Labor Law Group  
Presentation: “From Periphery to Core: Labor Market Informality, Flexibility, & Fissurization”
- 06/14 **Institute for Global Law and Policy, Harvard Law School**, *Cambridge, MA*  
Participant in: “Global Value Chains and Global Production Networks” & Global Legal Thought: The Legacies of Heterodoxy.”
- 05/14 **De Justicia**, Bogotá, Colombia  
Paper: “Drug Trafficking and Its Discontents”
- 05/14 **Universidad de Los Andes, Facultad de Derecho**, Bogotá, Colombia  
Paper: “Drug Trafficking and Its Discontents”
- 03/14 **Law & Humanities Conference, Virginia Law School**, Charlottesville, VA  
*Critique of Neoliberalism in Legal Scholarship*  
Paper: “Drug Trafficking and Its Discontents”
- 01/14 **Hamad bin Khalifa University, Institute of Global Law and Policy**, Doha, Qatar  
Panelist in “International Economic Law Panel” and “Labor rights in the Global Economy”
- 11/13 **Academy of WTO Law and Policy, Georgetown Law**, Washington, DC  
Lecture: *Developing Country Issues and Interests*
- 07/13 **Direito GV**, Sao Paulo, Brazil  
*Law and New Development Strategies: Brazil and Beyond*

Panelist: “Policy Autonomy in International Economic Law”

- 06/13 **Harvard Law School**, Cambridge, MA  
*IGLP's 2013 Conference: New Directions in Global Thought*  
Panelist: “International Law and Its Discontents” and “Law and New Development Strategies: Brazil and Beyond”
- 11/12 **Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM)**, Mexico City, Mexico  
*Faculty Workshop*  
Paper: “The Trouble with Identity and Progressive Origins in Defending Labor Law”
- 11/12 **ASIL - Int'l Economic Law 2012 Biennial Conference**, GW Law, Washington DC  
*Re-Conceptualizing International Economic Law*  
Roundtable participant: “A New Path to Development in International Economic Law”
- 11/12 **Academy of WTO Law and Policy, Georgetown Law**, Washington, DC  
Lecture: *Developing Country Issues and Interests*
- 10/12 **Georgetown Law**, Washington, DC  
*Faculty Workshop*  
Paper: “The Trouble with Identity and Progressive Origins in Defending Labor Law”
- 06/12 **European University Institute**, Florence, Italy  
*Global Governance: Critical Legal Perspectives*  
Paper: “The Transnational Character of Social Law: Challenging Originalism in Mexican Labor Law”
- 06/12 **Institute for Global Law and Policy, Harvard Law School**, Cambridge, MA  
*Heterodox Development Pathways Pro-Seminar*  
Roundtable participant
- 04/12 **Yale Law School**, New Haven, CT  
*Between Equality and Subordination: The Politics of Legal Knowledge in Academic Exchange*  
Panelist: “The Politics of Legal Knowledge, the Global North and the Global South”
- 03/12 **American Society of International Law**, Washington, DC  
*The 106<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting: Confronting Complexity*  
Roundtable participant: “International Law and its Discontents”
- 02/12 **Tulane University Law School**, New Orleans, LA  
*Renewing Latin American Legal Studies*  
Paper: “The Use of Nationalism in Social Law Debates: the ‘Originality’ of Mexican Labor Law”
- 12/11 **Center for Transnational Legal Studies**, London, UK  
*Transnational Labor Law and Policy Workshop*  
Paper: “The Transnational Character of Social Law: Challenging Originalism in Mexican Labor Law”
- 11/11 **University of Colorado School of Law**, Boulder, CO  
*Three Globalizations of Legal Thought Workshop*  
Paper: “The Role of the Periphery in the Three Globalizations of Legal Thought”
- 06/11 **Institute for Global Law and Policy, Harvard Law School**, Cambridge, MA  
Pro-Seminars: *Renewing Latin American Law* and *Transnational Labor and Social Policy*  
Roundtable participant
- 05/11 **Centro Brasileiro de Análise e Planejamento, CEBRAP**, Sao Paulo, Brazil  
*Law and the New Developmental State*

- Paper: “Carving Out Policy Autonomy for Developing Countries in the WTO”
- 04/11 **Yale Law School**, New Haven, CT  
*Contemporary Labor Law Scholarship Seminar*  
Paper: “Three Transnational Discourses of Labor Law in Domestic Reforms”
- 11/10 **ASIL - Int’l Economic Law 2010 Biennial Conference**, Minneapolis, MN  
*Panel: International Economic Law Governance and International Policy Space*  
Paper: “Carving Out Policy Autonomy for Developing Countries in the WTO”
- 11/10 **Harvard Law School**, Cambridge, MA  
*Renewing Latin American Law Workshop*, Institute for Global Law and Policy  
Paper: “The Transnational Character of Social Law: Challenging Originalism in Mexican Labor Law”
- 10/10 **Latin American Studies Association (LASA)**, Toronto, Canada  
*Crisis, Response, and Recovery*  
Panelist on: “Searching for the Contours of the New Developmental State”
- 10/10 **Institute of International Economic Law**, Georgetown Law, Washington, DC  
Paper: “Carving Out Policy Autonomy for Developing Countries in the WTO”
- 09/10 **Harvard Law School**, Cambridge, MA  
*International Law Workshop*, convened by Professors William Alford and Lucie White  
Paper: “Carving Out Policy Autonomy for Developing Countries in the WTO”
- 07/10 **The XVIIIth Int’l Congress of Comparative Law**, Washington, DC  
Panelist on: “Law & Development”
- 04/10 **University of Wisconsin Law School**, Madison, WI  
*Law’s Locations: The Textures of Legality in Developing and Transitional Societies*  
Paper: “The Role of Law in Carving out Policy Autonomy for Developing Countries in the WTO”
- 09/09 **Cornell University Law School**, Ithaca, NY  
*Law and Development in the Middle East and North Africa: Identifying New Directions for Research*  
Paper: “Law and Development: Perspectives on/from Latin America”
- 10/09 **University of Maryland School of Law**, Baltimore, MD  
*Global Law and Multilateral Law: Evolving Conceptions of International Law and Governance*  
Paper: “The Role of Law in Carving out Policy Autonomy for Developing Countries in the WTO”
- 07/09 **Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE)**, Paris, France  
*Capitalism in Crisis: Economic Regulation and Social Solidarity After the Fall of Finance Capitalism*  
Paper: “The Role of Law in Carving out Policy Autonomy for Developing Countries in the WTO”
- 05/09 **The Law and Society Association**, Denver, CO  
*Panel: International Labor and Employment Law, Globalization, and Governance*  
Paper: “Three Discourses of Labor Law in the Development Debate: A Proposal for a New Analytical Framework”
- 04/09 **George Washington University Law School**, Washington, DC  
*Global Law Workshop*  
Paper: “Three Discourses of Labor Law in the Development Debate: A Proposal for a New Analytical Framework”
- 04/09 **The Vanderbilt International Legal Studies Program**, Nashville, TN

*Spring 2009 Roundtable: The Law and Politics of International Cooperation*  
Paper: “Labor Flexibility, Legal Reform and Economic Development”

- 11/08 **Academy of WTO Law and Policy, Georgetown Law, Washington, DC**  
*Status of WTO Law in Domestic Legal Regimes*  
Paper: “Status of WTO law in Latin America: the cases of Mexico, Brazil and Argentina”
- 10/08 **Institute of International Economic Law, Georgetown Law, Washington, DC**  
Presentation: “Trade and Labor: What’s the Connection?”
- 08/08 **Universidad de Los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia**  
*New Perspectives in Law and Development: between Renewed State Interventionism and Post Dependency?*  
Panelist on: “Law and the New Developmental State”
- 07/08 **Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE), San José, Costa Rica**  
*Economic Flexibility and Social Stability in the Age of Globalization*  
Paper: “Three Discourses of Labor Law in the Development Debate: A Proposal for a New Analytical Framework”
- 06/08 **Global Governance Summer Institute - Brown University, Providence, RI**  
*After Empire: Global Governance Today*  
Paper: “Three Discourses of Labor Law in the Development Debate: A Proposal for a New Analytical Framework”
- 05/08 **Melbourne Law School, Melbourne, Australia**  
*The Centre for Employment and Labour Relations Law*  
Paper: “What Kind of ‘Flexibility’ in Labor and Employment Law for Economic Development?”
- 12/07 **Fundação Getulio Vargas, São Paulo, Brasil**  
*Law and Development: The Construction of a Contemporary Agenda*  
Panelist on: “Rule of Law and Economic Development: Relations and Tensions”
- 05/07 **Faculdade de Direito da Universidade de Sao Paulo (USP), Sao Paulo, Brasil**  
*Law and Development in Latin America and Beyond: Legal and Institutional Innovation*  
Paper: “What Kind of ‘Flexibility’ in Labor and Employment Law for Economic Development?”
- 07/07 **Law and Society Association, Berlin, Germany**  
*Transformations, Resistances, Futures*  
Panelist on: “Industrial Relations in the Member States under the Impact of Europeanization and Globalization”
- 02/07 **The University of Texas School of Law, Austin, MA**  
*The Future of the Welfare State*  
Panelist on: “Global Labor Migration and National Welfare Regimes: Doing Justice on Two Fronts”
- 09/06 **Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA**  
*International Law Workshop*, convened by Professors William Alford and Ryan Goodman  
Paper: “What Kind of ‘Flexibility’ in Labor and Employment Law for Economic Development?”
- 06/06 **Law and Society Association, Baltimore, MD**  
*Economy and Society: One Size Fits All*  
Paper: “Legal Origins, Legal Reform, and Economic Development”
- 06/06 **INTELL, Cuernavaca, Mexico**  
*Does ‘Globalization’ Make Labor Law Obsolete? - Economic Transformation & the Law of Work*

Paper: “What Kind of Labor and Employment Regulation for Economic Development?”

- 03/06 **University of Washington School of Law**, Seattle, WA  
*Law, Development and Transition: New Questions and Directions*  
Panelist on: “International Institutions, Rule of Law and Governance”
- 06/05 **Law and Society Association**, Las Vegas, NV  
*Sociolegal Futures: Gambles, Dangers, Dreams, Stakes*  
Paper: “Comparative Labor Law and Economic Development”
- 02/05 **Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University**, Cambridge, MA  
*New Governance in a Globalized World: A Critical Evaluation of Soft Law and Non-State Regulation*  
Paper: “The Employment Regulation Reform of the World Bank’s Governance Agenda”
- 02/05 **The University of Texas School of Law**, Austin, TX  
*Working Borders: Linking Debates about Insourcing and Outsourcing of Capital and Labor*  
Paper: “Blurring the Border: U.S. Immigration Reforms in an Integrated Region”
- 04/04 **University of Toronto & Osgoode Hall Law School**, Toronto, Canada  
*New World Legal Orders Conference*  
Paper presented: “The World Bank’s Uses of the ‘Rule of Law’ Promise in Economic Development”
- 04/04 **Cornell Law School**, Ithaca, NY  
*The Practice of Law and Development: Socio-legal Approaches*  
Paper presented: “The World Bank’s Uses of the ‘Rule of Law’ Promise in Economic Development”
- 11/03 **Northeastern University School of Law**, Boston, MA  
*Ideology and Strategy, Progressive Lawyering, Globalization and Markets*  
Paper presented: “The ‘Rule of Law’ in the World Bank Development Assistance Projects”
- 10/03 **University of Wisconsin Law School**, Madison, WI  
*Law and Economic Development: Critiques and Beyond (Workshop)*  
Paper presented: “The ‘Rule of Law’ in Development Assistance”
- 04/03 **Harvard Law School, European Law Research Center**, Cambridge, MA  
*Law and Economic Development: Critiques and Beyond*  
Paper presented: “The Reception of Social Law and the Politics of Labor Law Reform in Mexico”
- 12/01 **Harvard Law School, European Law Research Center**, Cambridge, MA  
*The Influence of French Anti-Formalist Legal Thought (1900-1950)*  
Paper presented: “The ‘Originality’ of Mexican Labor Law”

## **EDITORIAL BOARDS**

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- American Journal of Comparative Law
- Journal of International Economic Law
- The Law and Development Review
- Latin American Journal of International Economic Law
- Mexican Law Review
- Law & Social Inquiry (2009-2012)

## **INSTITUTIONAL BOARDS**

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- Labor Law Group
- Labour Law Research Network

## CONFERENCES ORGANIZED

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- 05/15 *Critical Perspectives on Development and Global Governance*  
London School of Economics, London, UK  
Co-chair
- 04/15 *International Economic Law and the Challenges of Global Inequality*  
Center for Transnational Legal Studies, London, UK  
Co-chair
- 06/11 *Transformations of Contemporary Capitalism: Actors, Institutions, Processes*  
Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE), Madrid, Spain  
Network organizer: Law and Social Sciences
- 07/11 Society of International Economic Law (SIEL), Barcelona, Spain  
*Second Bi-Annual Conference*  
Organizing committee member
- 07/09 *Capitalism in Crisis: Economic Regulation and Social Solidarity After the Fall of Finance Capitalism*  
Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE), Paris, France  
Network organizer: Law and Social Sciences
- 07/08 *Economic Flexibility and Social Stability in the Age of Globalization*  
Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE), San José, Costa Rica  
Network organizer: Law and Social Sciences
- 03/05 *Legal Scholarship in Latin America*  
Harvard Law School
- 04/04 *The Anti-Corruption Campaign and Economic Development*  
Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University
- 04/02 *Judicial Reform, Rule of Law, and Economic Development*  
David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Harvard University

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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- American Society of International Law
- Law and Society Association
- Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics
- Latin American Studies Association