

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, DC

- 2020 – present, Carroll Professor of Jurisprudence
- 2017 – 2020, Associate Dean for Research and Academic Programs
- 2016 – 2020, Agnes N. Williams Research Professor
- 2011 – 2013, Associate Dean for International and Transnational Programs
- 2009 – present, Professor of Law (with tenure)
- 2004 – 2009, Associate Professor of Law
- 2004 – present, Georgetown Department of Philosophy (courtesy appointment)

University of Zurich, Switzerland

- Dec. 2010 – Visiting Professor, Faculty of Law

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, Miami, FL

- Jan. 2003 – Jan. 2004, Judicial Clerk to the Honorable Rosemary Barkett

Simpson, Thacher & Bartlett, Palo Alto, CA

- June 2002 – Dec. 2002, Litigation Associate
- June 2001– August 2001, Summer Associate

Peter Wall Institute for Advanced Studies, Vancouver, BC

- June 2001 – Aug. 2001, Visiting Junior Scholar

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA

- 1997 – 2000, Lecturer & Research Affiliate, Department of Brain and Cognitive Sciences

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

- Jan. 1996 – Dec. 1998, Teaching Fellow, John F. Kennedy School of Government
- Sep. 1995 – Dec. 1995, Teaching Fellow, Harvard College

EDUCATION

Stanford Law School

J.D., 2002

- Senior Article Editor, Stanford Law Review
- Senior Submissions Editor, Stanford Journal of International Law
- Kirkwood Moot Court Competition: Oral Semifinalist and Best Respondent's Brief, 2002
- Hilmer Oehlmann Jr. Memorial Prize (First Year Research and Writing), 1999-2000
- J.D. Thesis: Aspects of the Theory of Moral Cognition: Investigating Intuitive Knowledge of the Prohibition of Intentional Battery, the Rescue Principle, the First Principle of Practical Reason, and the Principle of Double Effect
[Advisors: Thomas Grey (chair), Mark Kelman]

Cornell University

Ph.D. in Philosophy, 2000

- Ph.D. Dissertation: Rawls' Linguistic Analogy: A Study of the "Generative Grammar" Model of Moral Theory Described by John Rawls in "A Theory of Justice"
[Advisors: Allen Wood (chair), Noam Chomsky, Richard Miller, Jason Stanley]

Graduate Minor in Cognitive Studies, 2000

M.A. in Philosophy, 1996

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Visiting Graduate Student, Department of Brain and Cognitive Sciences, 1995-96

[Advisor: Elizabeth Spelke]

Harvard University

Visiting Graduate Student, Department of Philosophy, 1994-95

[Advisor: T.M. Scanlon]

Amherst College

B.A., *magna cum laude*, in Political Science, 1991

PUBLICATIONS

Book

- Elements of Moral Cognition: Rawls' Linguistic Analogy and the Cognitive Science of Moral and Legal Judgment (Cambridge University Press) (2011) (paperback edition, 2013)

Articles, Book Chapters, Essays, and Reviews

- Review of Danielle Allen, Radical Duke, American Heritage Magazine (forthcoming)
- "A Federalism of Forgetting and Reimagining," Constitutional Commentary (forthcoming)
- "Reasoning Beyond Explicit Rules: Adults' and Children's Use of Closure Principles in Novel Cases," (with Jessa Stegall, Shaun Nichols, and Tamar Kushnir) (under review)
- "Sovereign Power and the Sweeping Clause," 4 Journal of American Constitutional History 1 (2026)
- "Birthright Citizenship, Unwritten Constitutionalism, and the Nature of the Union," 36 Yale Journal of Law & Humanities 438 (2026)

- “Holmes, Legal Realism, and Experimental Jurisprudence,” in *The Cambridge Handbook of Experimental Jurisprudence* (K. Tobia, ed.) (Cambridge University Press, 2025)
- “Underdetermination and Obligation Rules: Adult Children’s Use of Closure Principles in Moral Learning,” *Proceedings of the Cognitive Science Society* (with Jessa Stegall, Shaun Nichols, and Tamar Kushnir) (2023)
- “The Path of the Prerogatives,” *63 American Journal of Legal History* 196 (2023)
- “The Original Federalist Theory of Implied Powers,” *46 Harvard Journal of Law & Public Policy* 57 (2023)
- “Moral Intuitions and Moral Nativism,” in *The Oxford Handbook of Moral Psychology* (M. Vargas & J. Doris, eds.) (Oxford: Oxford University Press), pp. 364-387 (2022).
- “Computational Ethics,” *22 Trends in Cognitive Sciences* 388-405 (2022) (with Edmond Awad, Sydney Levine, Michael Anderson, Susan Leigh Anderson, Vincent Conitzer, Molly J. Crockett, Jim A.C. Everett, Theodoros Evgeniou, Alison Gopnik, Julian C. Jamison, Tae Wan Kim, S. Matthew Liao, Michelle N. Meyer, Kweku Opoku-Agyemang, Jana Schaich Borg, Juliana Schroeder, Walter Sinnott-Armstrong, Marija Slavkovic, and Josh B. Tenenbaum)
- Review of Shaun Nichols, *Rational Rules: Toward a Theory of Moral Learning*, *131 Philosophical Review* 399 (2002)
- “Does Originalism Have a Natural Law Problem?” *39 Law and History Review* 361 (2021)
- “*McCulloch v. Maryland*, Slavery, the Preamble, and the Sweeping Clause,” *36 Constitutional Commentary* 131 (2021)
- “The Federalist Constitution: Forward,” *89 Fordham Law Review* 1669 (2021) (with David S. Schwartz, Jonathan Gienapp, and Richard Primus) (Symposium on The Federalist Constitution)
- “The Other Madison Problem,” *89 Fordham Law Review* 2033 (2021) (with David S. Schwartz) (Symposium on The Federalist Constitution)
- “Knowledge, Belief, and Moral Psychology,” *44 Behavioral and Brain Sciences* 45 (2021) (Commentary on “Knowledge Before Belief” by J. Phillips et al.)
- “Two Types of Empirical Textualism,” *86 Brooklyn Law Review* 461 (2021) (with Kevin Tobia) (Symposium on Data-Driven Interpretation)
- “Fixing Implied Constitutional Powers in the Founding Era,” *34 Constitutional Commentary* 507 (2019)

- “Is the Constitution a Power of Attorney or a Corporate Charter? A Commentary on ‘A Great Power of Attorney’: Understanding the Fiduciary Constitution, by Gary Lawson and Guy Seidman” 17 *Georgetown Journal of Law & Public Policy* 407 (2019)
- “The 2018 Seegers Lecture: Emoluments and President Trump,” 53 *Valparaiso L. Rev.* 631 (2019)
- “A Tale of Two Sweeping Clauses,” 42 *Harvard Journal of Law & Public Policy* 29 (2019)
- “James Wilson, Early American Land Companies, and the Original Meaning of ‘Ex Post Facto Laws,’” *Georgetown Journal of Law & Public Policy*, 17 *Georgetown Journal of Law & Public Policy* 79 (2019)
- “Presumed Innocent? How Tacit Assumptions of Intentional Structure Shape Moral Judgment,” (with Sydney Levine & Alan Leslie) *Journal of Experimental Psychology: General*, 147, 1728-1747 (2018)
- “The Mental Representation of Moral Acts” (with Sydney Levine & Alan Leslie) *Cognitive Science*, 42, 1229-1264 (2018)
- “The Definition of ‘Emolument’ in English Language and Legal Dictionaries, 1523-1806” *Georgetown Law Working Paper*, available on SSRN (2017)
- “Chomsky and Moral Philosophy,” in *The Cambridge Companion to Chomsky* (James McGilvray, ed., 2nd edition, 2016)
- “The Constitution and the Philosophy of Language: Entailment, Implicature, and Implied Powers,” 101 *Virginia Law Review* 1063 (2015)
- “John Mikhail on Universal Moral Grammar” in *Philosophy Bites Again* (David Edmonds & Nigel Warburton, eds., Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2015)
- “The Necessary and Proper Clauses” 102 *Georgetown Law Journal* 1045 (2014)
- “Any Animal Whatever? Harmful Battery and its Elements as Building Blocks of Moral Cognition,” 124 *Ethics* 750 (2014)
- “New Perspectives on Moral Cognition: Reply to Zimmerman, Enoch, and Chemla, Egge & Schlenker,” 8 *Jerusalem Review of Legal Studies* 66-114 (2013) (Symposium on Elements of Moral Cognition)
- Review of Patricia S. Churchland, *Braintrust: What Neuroscience Tells Us About Morality, Ethics*, Vol. 123, No. 2., pp. 354-356 (2013)
- “Your Theory of the Evolution of Morality Depends on Your Theory of Morality,” (with David Kirkby & Wolfram Hinzen) 36 *Behavioral and Brain Sciences* 94 (2013)

- "Moral Grammar and Human Rights," in *Understanding Social Action, Promoting Human Rights* (Ryan Goodman, Derek Jinks, and Andrew Woods, eds.) (Oxford: Oxford University Press), pp. 160-198 (2012)
- "Emotion, Neuroscience, and Law: A Comment on Darwin and Greene," *Emotion Review*, Vol. 3., No. 3, pp. 293-295 (2011) (Special Issue: Emotion and Morality)
- "Rawls' Concept of Reflective Equilibrium and its Original Function in 'A Theory of Justice'" *3 Washington University Jurisprudence Review* 1 (2010) (Invited Essay)
- "Is the Prohibition of Homicide Universal? Evidence from Comparative Criminal Law," *75 Brooklyn Law Review* 497 (2009) (Symposium, Is Morality Universal and Should the Law Care?)
- "Moral Grammar and Intuitive Jurisprudence: A Formal Model of Unconscious Moral and Legal Knowledge," in B.H. Ross (Series Ed.) & D. M. Bartels, C. W. Bauman, L. J. Skitka, & D. L. Medin (Eds.), *Psychology of Learning and Motivation*, Vol. 50: Moral Judgment and Decision Making. Pp. 27-100, San Diego, CA: Academic Press (2009)
- "Dilemmas of Cultural Legality: A Comment on Roger Cotterrell's *The Struggle for Law and a Criticism of the House of Lords' Opinions in Begum*," *International Journal of Law in Context*, Vol. 4, pp. 385-393 (2009)
- "Unconscious Choices in Legal Analysis" (Comment on Mark Kelman, *Interpretive Construction in the Substantive Criminal Law*), in P. H. Robinson, S. Garvey, and K Ferzan, eds., *Criminal Law Conversations*, pp. 220-222, Oxford: Oxford University Press (2009)
- "Constraining the Necessity Defense" (Comment on Paul Robinson, *Objective versus Subjective Justification*), in P. H. Robinson, S. Garvey, and K Ferzan, eds., *Criminal Law Conversations*, pp. 359-361, Oxford: Oxford University Press (2009)
- "Self-Defense Against Wrongful Attack: The Case of the Psychotic Aggressor" (Comment on George Fletcher and Luis Chiesa, *Self-Defense and the Case of the Psychotic Aggressor*), in P. H. Robinson, S. Garvey, and K Ferzan, eds., *Criminal Law Conversations*, pp. 374-375, Oxford: Oxford University Press (2009)
- "Scottish Common Sense and Nineteenth-Century American Law: A Critical Appraisal" *26 Law and History Review* 167 (2008)
- "Moral Cognition and Computational Theory," in *Moral Psychology*, Vol. 3: *The Neuroscience of Morality: Emotion, Disease, and Development* (Walter Sinnott-Armstrong, ed., Cambridge: MIT Press) (2008)
- "The Poverty of the Moral Stimulus" in *Moral Psychology*, Vol. 1: *The Evolution of Morality: Innateness and Adaptation* (Walter Sinnott-Armstrong, ed., Cambridge: MIT Press) (2008)

- "Plucking the Mask of Mystery from Its Face': Jurisprudence and H.L.A. Hart," (reviewing Nicola Lacey, *A Life of H.L.A. Hart: The Nightmare and the Noble Dream*) 95 *Georgetown Law Journal* 733 (2007)
- "Universal Moral Grammar: Theory, Evidence, and the Future," *Trends in Cognitive Sciences*, Vol. 11, No. 4 April 2007, pp. 143-152
- "A Dissociation Between Moral Judgments and Justifications" (with M. Hauser, F. Cushman, L. Young, and R. Kang-Xing Jin), *Mind & Language*, Vol. 22 No. 1 February 2007, pp. 1-21
- "The Free Exercise of Religion: An American Perspective," in *Ein neuer Kampf der Religionen? Staat, Recht und religiöse Toleranz* (M. Mahlmann and H. Rottleuthner, eds., Duncker & Humblot) (2006), pp. 271-288
- "Moral Heuristics or Moral Competence? Reflections on Sunstein" 28(4) *Behavioral and Brain Sciences* (2005), pp. 557-558
- "Cognitive Science, Ethics, and Law" (with Matthias Mahlmann) in *Epistemology and Ontology* (Zenon Bankowski, ed., Franz Steiner Verlag) (2005), pp. 95-102
- "Islamic Rationalism and the Foundation of Human Rights," in *Pluralism and the Law: Proceedings of the 20th IVR World Congress, Volume 3: Global Problems* (Arend Soeteman, ed., Franz Steiner Verlag) (2004), pp. 61-70
- "The Liberalism of Freedom in the History of Moral Philosophy" (reviewing John Rawls, *Lectures on the History of Moral Philosophy*) (with Matthias Mahlmann) *ARSP (Archiv für Rechts- und Sozialphilosophie)*, Band 89/1, 122 (2003), pp. 122-132
- "Law, Science, and Morality: A Review of Richard Posner's *The Problematics of Moral and Legal Theory*," 54 *Stanford Law Review* 1057 (2002)
- Review of John Rawls, "The Law of Peoples," 36 *Stanford Journal of International Law* 357 (2000)
- "Toward a Universal Moral Grammar" (with Cristina M. Sorrentino and Elizabeth Spelke) in *Proceedings of the Twentieth Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society* (Morton A. Gernsbacher and Sharon A. Derry, eds., Lawrence Erlbaum Associates) (1998), p. 1250

Unpublished Manuscripts and Working Papers

- "The Man Who Wrote the People"
- "Madison's Amended Constitution"
- "Ex Post Facto: A New Look at an Old Controversy"

- “Implied Powers and the Tenth Amendment”
- “Unreasonable Risk: A Formal Analysis and Critical History of Common Law Negligence”
- “Aspects of the Theory of Moral Cognition: Investigating Intuitive Knowledge of the Prohibition of Intentional Battery and the Principle of Double Effect” (2005). Georgetown University Law Center Public Law and Legal Theory Working Paper No. 762385. Available on SSRN
- “Aspects of the Theory of Moral Cognition: Investigating Intuitive Knowledge of the Prohibition of Intentional Battery, the Rescue Principle, the First Principle of Practical Reason, and the Principle of Double Effect” (JD Thesis, Stanford Law School, 2002)
- “Outline of a Research Program in Moral Psychology”
- “The Moral Faculty”

PhD Dissertation

- Rawls’ Linguistic Analogy: A Study of the ‘Generative Grammar’ Model of Moral Theory Described by John Rawls in ‘A Theory of Justice’ (PhD, Cornell University, 2000)

Supreme Court Amicus Briefs

- Blumenthal et al. v. Trump (with J. Shugerman, J. Rakove, G. Rao, and S. Stern)
- Kahler v. Kansas (with Stephen Morse, Richard Bonnie, et al.)
- Bond v. United States (with David M. Golove and Martin S. Lederman)

Other Amicus Briefs

- Blumenthal et al. v. Trump (with Jed Shugerman, Jack Rakove, Gautham Rao, and Simon Stern) (DC Circuit and DC District Court)
- DC & MD v. Trump (with Jed Shugerman, Jack Rakove, Gautham Rao, and Simon Stern) (4th Circuit and District of Maryland)
- CREW, et al. v. Trump (with Jed Shugerman, Jack Rakove, Gautham Rao, and Simon Stern) (Second Circuit and SDNY)

Popular Essays (Balkinization)

- Jurisdiction, Domicile, and the Ratio Decidendi of Wong Kim Ark
- Why Did the Framers Enumerate Congressional Powers?
- A Federalism of Forgetting and Reimagining

- A Reality Check on “Officers of the United States” at the Founding
- The Man Who Wrote “We the People”
- Credit Where Credit Is Due
- McCulloch, Slavery, and the Sweeping Clause
- Lessig’s Defensive Crouch Constitutionalism
- Some Thoughts on Fourth Circuit Argument in MD/DC v. Trump
- Fixing the Constitution’s Implied Powers
- Our Correction and Apology to Professor Tillman
- Foreign-Born Framers
- The Definition of “Emolument” in English Language and Legal Dictionaries, 1523-1806
- “Emolument” in Blackstone’s Commentaries
- Other uses of “emolument” in The Federalist (and the fallacy of affirming the consequent)
- A Note on the Original Meaning of “Emolument”
- Is Ted Cruz a Naturalized Citizen?
- Gaza Names Project
- The Origins of “Necessary and Proper” (Part 2: Common Usage in the Founding Era)
- The Origins of “Necessary and Proper” (Part 1: The Corporate Law Background)
- Implied Powers and the Necessary and Proper Clause: A New Look at the Original Understanding
- Every Vote Counts
- Kelman on Moral Grammar and Moral Heuristics
- Theodore Roosevelt on the Government’s “unenumerated problem solving powers”
- The Necessary and Proper Clauses, Part 3: James Wilson’s Contributions to the VA Plan
- The Necessary and Proper Clauses, Part 2: Foregoing Powers v. All Other Powers
- The Necessary and Proper Clauses

Popular Essays (Other Blogs)

- Taking Stock of the Birthright Citizenship Cases, Part III: DOJ’s Arguments Regarding Domicile and Unauthorized Immigrants (with Marty Lederman) (Just Security)
- Birthright Citizenship and DOJ’s Misuse of History in its Appellate Briefs (Just Security)
- Natural Law Psychology, Human Nature, and Plato’s Meno (Concurring Opinions)
- Moral Grammar and Intuitive Jurisprudence (Experimental Philosophy Blog)
- Common Article 3, Torture, and Specific Intent (Georgetown Law Faculty Blog)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Invited Lectures, Talks, Podcasts, and Workshops

- James Wilson Institute, April 2026
- Lunchtime Staff Conversation, Ford’s Theatre, March 2026
- Constitution Day Lecture, Ithaca College, September 2025
- Originalism Summer Seminar, Georgetown Law, May 2025
- Then & Now Podcast, UCLA Luskin Center for History and Policy, May 2025
- Georgetown Law Faculty Workshop, January 2025
- Originalism Judges Seminar, Sarasota, Florida, June, 2024

- Originalism Summer Seminar, Georgetown Law, May 2024
- Georgetown University Cognitive Science Colloquium, October 2023
- Law Day Lecture, Supreme Court Historical Society, May 2023
- Originalism Summer Seminar, Georgetown Law, May 2023
- James Wilson Institute Podcast, February 2023
- Amherst College Political Union, November 2022
- Georgetown University Cognitive Science Colloquium, November 2022
- Moral Psychology Research Group, Duke University, June 2022
- Oxford University, Bonavero Discussion Group (w/ Matthias Mahlmann), February 2022
- Rutgers University, Guest Lectures on Human Nature (w/ Stephen Stich), March 2021
- Institute for Constitutional History & New-York Historical Society, January-April, 2020
- Plenary Lecture, 29th World Congress, Int'l Ass. for Philosophy of Law (IVR), July 2019
- American Constitution Society, Georgetown Chapter, April 2019
- Seegers Lecture, Valparaiso University Law School, October 2018
- Rousseau Lectures, University of Zurich, Fall 2017
- Jessup Correctional Institution, Jessup, Maryland, October 2016
- Georgetown Law Faculty Retreat, February 2016
- National Institutes of Health, Joint Bioethics Seminar, November 2015
- University of Pennsylvania Law School, October 2015
- American Constitution Society, Georgetown Chapter, September 2015
- University of Colorado Law School, Faculty Workshop, March 2015
- Center for Advanced Studies, LMU Munich, January 2015
- Yale University, Cognitive Science Lecture Series, September 2014
- University of Pennsylvania Law School, Legal Theory Workshop, March 2014
- University of Baltimore School of Law, Faculty Workshop, October 2013
- Wake Forest Law School, Faculty Workshop, September 2013
- Penn-Princeton-Rutgers Graduate Seminar in Moral Psychology, September 2013
- Princeton University, Department of Philosophy, March 2013
- Rutgers University, Undergraduate Guest Lecture (Prof. Stephen Stich), March 2013
- University of Toronto Law School, Faculty Workshop, March 2013
- George Washington University Law School, Faculty Workshop, March 2013
- Brooklyn Law School, Faculty Workshop, February 2013
- Berkeley Kadish Center, Workshop in Law, Philosophy & Political Theory, April 2012
- Stanford Law School, Faculty Workshop, April 2012
- Fordham Law School, Faculty Workshop, April 2012
- Univ. of British Columbia, Centre for Human Evolution, Cognition, & Culture, Feb. 2012
- Al-Quds University, Invited Lecture on Moral Cognition, May 2011
- University of Zurich, Invited Lecture on Cognitive Science & Human Rights, Dec. 2010
- Georgetown University Law and Philosophy Workshop, November 2010
- University of Illinois College of Law, Faculty Workshop, October 2010
- University of Durham (United Kingdom), Department of Philosophy, September 2010
- University of Georgia Law School, Faculty Workshop, September 2010
- George Washington University Law School, Faculty Workshop, April 2010
- University of Minnesota Law School, Law and Economics Workshop, April 2010
- Yale Law School, Yale Legal Theory Workshop, April 2009
- UCLA, Behavior, Evolution, and Culture Lecture Series, November 2008

- Harvard Law School, International Law Workshop, April 2008
- George Washington University, Department of Philosophy, April 2008
- Georgetown University Law Center, International Law in Context Panel, January 2008
- Dickinson College, Department of Philosophy, October 2007
- Yale University, Cowles Foundation for Research in Economics, September 2007
- Georgetown University, Department of Philosophy, September 2007
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Technology and Culture Forum, September 2007
- Northwestern University, Kellogg School of Management, April 2007
- University of Virginia School of Law, Faculty Workshop, April 2007
- University of Illinois College of Law, Program in Law and Philosophy, March 2007
- Georgetown University Law Center, Faculty Workshop, February 2007
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Dept. of Brain & Cognitive Sciences, Jan. 2007
- Georgetown University Law Center, Board of Visitors, October 2006
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Dept. of Brain & Cognitive Sciences, April 2006
- Stanford Law School, Legal Studies Workshop, February 2006
- Gruter Institute for Law and Behavioral Research, January 2006
- Princeton University, Center for Human Values, December 2005
- Georgetown University Law Center, Summer Brown Bag Workshop, July 2005
- University of Maryland, Maryland Neuroscience Society, May 2005
- University of Berlin, Faculty of Law and Dept. of International Affairs, January 2005
- Stanford Law School, February 2004
- Northwestern University School of Law, January 2004
- Cornell Law School, January 2004
- Vanderbilt University Law School, January 2004
- U.C.L.A. School of Law, January 2004
- Georgetown University Law Center, January 2004
- University of Illinois College of Law, December 2003
- Harvard Law School, December 2003
- University of San Diego School of Law, November 2003
- Harvard University, Department of Psychology, November 2002
- Stanford University, Department of Psychology, December 2001
- University of British Columbia, Department of Philosophy, July 2001
- Peter Wall Institute for Advanced Studies, Vancouver, Canada, July 2001
- University of Toledo, Department of Philosophy, March 2001
- Stanford University, Department of Psychology, December 2000
- Hampshire College, School of Cognitive Science, October 2000
- University of Berlin, Faculty of Law, July 2000
- Stanford University, Department of Psychology, February 2000
- University of New Mexico, Department of Philosophy, April 1999
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Dept. of Brain & Cognitive Sciences, Dec. 1998
- Cornell University, Department of Philosophy, December 1997
- Harvard University, Workshop in Moral and Political Philosophy, May 1996
- Harvard University, Workshop in Moral and Political Philosophy, December 1995

Conferences, Panels, and Symposia

- Cabinet Conversations, Ford's Theatre, April 2026

- Vance Forum, Federal Bar Association, March 2026
- Daniel Webster Debate, Georgetown Law Federalist Society, March 2026
- Originalism Works-In-Progress Conference, University of San Diego, February 2026
- Symposium: The Interbellum Constitution, University of Chicago, November 2025
- Symposium: The Framers of the Constitution, GULC, November 2025
- Biennial Conference, Journal of American Constitutional History, September 2025
- Symposium: Against Constitutional Originalism, Yale Law School, April 2025
- Daniel Webster Debate, Georgetown Law Federalist Society, January 2025
- Symposium: Sovereignty and the Constitution, University of Chicago, December, 2024
- Conference in Honor of Robin West, Georgetown Law, September 2024
- President's Plenary Panel, 31st IVR World Congress, Seoul, South Korea, July 2024
- Conference on Mind and Rights, University of Zurich, Switzerland, June 2024
- Online Conference on Moral Cognition, Sharif University of Technology, Jan. 2024
- Con Law Schmooze, University of Wisconsin, October 2023
- Histories of Presidential Power, Stanford Law School, May 2022
- The Federalist Society, National Student Symposium, UVA Law School, March 2022
- Modern Language Association, Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, January 2022
- Symposium on Gouverneur Morris, Georgetown Center for the Constitution, Dec. 2021
- Symposium for Gordon Wood, George Washington's Mount Vernon, November 2021
- Con Law Schmooze, University of Wisconsin, October 2021
- Symposium on The Federalist Constitution, Fordham Law Review, October 2020
- Con Law Schmooze, University of Wisconsin, October 2020
- Institute of Politics, Policy & History, University of District of Columbia, Sept. 2019
- American Constitution Society, National Convention, June 2019
- Georgetown Law Federalist Society, Panel on Progressive Originalism, February 2019
- Con Law Schmooze, University of Wisconsin, November 2018
- American Society for Legal History, Houston, TX, November 2018
- Georgetown Law ACS/Federalist Society, Panel on Emoluments, April 2018
- Historical Semantics and Legal Interpretation, University of Chicago, April 2018
- Georgetown Center for the Constitution (Cooley Symposium), April 2018
- Liberty Fund Conference on Thomas Jefferson, Williamsburg, VA, March 2018
- The Federalist Society, National Student Symposium, Georgetown Law, March 2018
- New Horizons in Madison Scholarship, Montpelier, VA, December 2017
- Georgetown Center for the Constitution (James Wilson), December 2017
- Cognition and Justice Workshop, Georgetown University, October 2017
- 28th World Congress, Int'l Assoc. for Philosophy of Law (IVR), Lisbon, July 2017
- Conference on Historical Semantics, University of Chicago Law School, May 2017
- Con Law Schmooze, University of Wisconsin, September 2016
- International Conference on Thinking, Brown University, August 2016
- Law and Humanities Junior Scholar Workshop, UCLA Law School, June 2016
- American Society for Legal History, Washington, DC, October 2015
- Cognitive Science of Morality Symposium, University of Michigan, April 2015
- Jurisprudence and History Symposium, University of Virginia Law School, Sept. 2014
- Conference in Honor of James McGilvray, McGill University, October 2013
- Keynote Address, International Association for Computing and Philosophy, July 2013
- Analytic Legal Philosophy Conference, University of Miami, March 2013

- Interdisciplinary Workshop on Morality, University of Maryland, December 2012
- Moral Psychology Research Group, Ohio State University, November 2012
- William and Mary School of Law, Conference on Law and Human Nature, Nov. 2012
- Law & Neuroscience Conference, Rutgers Institute for Law and Philosophy, Sept. 2012
- Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, William & Mary, March 2012 (Keynote Address)
- Originalism Works-In-Progress Conference, University of San Diego, February 2012
- Annual Meeting, American Association of Law Schools, Washington, DC, January 2012
- ASIL International Legal Theory Symposium, Washington, DC, November 2011
- NYU Dialogue on the Global Civil Society, New York City, September 2011
- Symposium: Elements of Moral Cognition, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, May 2011
- NSF Workshop on Decision Risk & Management Sciences, Carnegie Mellon, May 2011
- Symposium: Experimental Ethics, Georgetown University, Washington, DC, April 2011
- The Character of Mind, Indian Institute for Advanced Studies, Shimla, India, March 2011
- Conference on Law and Moral Psychology, University of Oslo, December 2010
- Workshop on Universal Moral Grammar, University of Oslo, December 2010
- Symposium: Morality, Cognitive Science, & Public Policy, Tufts University, Oct. 2010
- Arts & Humanities Research Council, Culture & the Mind Project, Sheffield, Sept. 2010
- International Legal Ethics Conference, Stanford Law School, July 2010
- Collaborative Research Seminar on Moral Psychology, UC-Berkeley, May 2010
- Johns Hopkins/Georgetown Greenwall Seminar in Bioethics & Health Policy, April 2010
- Conference on Cognitive Science and Morality, Georgetown University, April 2010
- Workshop on Coevolution of Behaviors and Institutions, Sante Fe Institute, January 2010
- Rethinking the Geneology of Morals, University of Chicago Law School, October 2009
- AFOSR Conference: Neuroeconomics & Political Conflict, Washington, DC, Dec. 2008
- Origins of Human Behavior, California Institute of Technology, November 2008
- Symposium, Moral Universals, Brooklyn Law School, September 2008
- Workshop on Experimental Philosophy, University of Pennsylvania, June 2008
- Understanding Social Action & Promoting Human Rights, Harvard Law, June 2008
- New Voices in Legal Theory Roundtable, Cardozo School of Law, May 2008
- American Philosophical Association, Central Division, Chicago, IL April 2008
- Arts & Humanities Research Council, Culture & the Mind Project, Sheffield, March 2008
- 23rd World Congress, Int'l Assoc. for Philosophy of Law, Krakow, Poland, August 2007
- 33rd Annual Conference, Society for Philosophy & Psychology, Toronto, June 2007
- American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, Washington, DC December 2006
- Gruter Institute for Law and Behavioral Research, Harvard Business School, June 2006
- 22nd World Congress, Int'l Assoc. for Philosophy of Law, Grenada, Spain, May 2005
- 21st World Congress, Int'l Assoc. for Philosophy of Law, Lund, Sweden, Aug. 2003
- 20th World Congress, Int'l Assoc. for Philosophy of Law, Amsterdam, June 2001
- Society for Research in Child Development, Minneapolis, MN, April 2001
- Society for Research in Child Development, Albuquerque, NM, April 1999
- 20th Annual Conference, Cognitive Science Society, Madison, WI, August 1998
- 7th Graduate Student Conference, MIT Dept. of Brain & Cognitive Sciences, Jan. 1998
- 5th Annual Cognitive Studies Research Forum, Cornell University, October 1996
- 4th Annual Harvard/MIT Grad Philosophy Conference, Harvard University, April 1996

Associations and Organizations

- American Bar Association
- ABA Standing Committee on Federal Judiciary (Reading Group: Alito Nomination)
- American Philosophical Association
- American Psychological Association
- American Society for Legal History
- American Society for Political and Legal Philosophy
- Analytic Legal Philosophy Conference
- Association for Psychological Science
- Behavioral and Brain Sciences (Associate)
- Cognitive Science Society
- International Association for Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy
- M.I.T. Program on Human Rights and Justice (Advisory Board)
- Moral Psychology Research Group
- Society for Research in Child Development
- State Bar of California

Editorial and Reviewing

- American Political Science Review
- American Political Thought
- Cambridge University Press
- Cognition
- Cognitive Science
- Emotion Review
- Evolution & Human Behavior
- Georgetown Law Journal
- History of Philosophy Quarterly
- Journal of American Constitutional History (Senior Editor)
- Journal of Empirical Legal Studies
- Journal of Experimental and Social Psychology
- Journal of Personality and Social Psychology
- Journal of Philosophy
- Law and History Review
- Law and Humanities Junior Scholars Workshop
- Legal Theory
- Mind
- Mind & Language
- Oxford University Press
- Philosophical Psychology
- Princeton University Press
- Proceedings of the Royal Society
- Psychological Bulletin
- Science
- Topics in Cognitive Science
- University of Georgia Press

Teaching

- Advanced Seminar in Constitutional Law
- Advanced Seminar in Criminal Law
- Constitutional Law I
- Law and Philosophy Seminar
- Law, Cognitive Science, and Human Rights
- Law, Mind, and Brain
- Legal Justice
- Slavery, Abolition, and the Constitution
- The Creation of the Constitution (Institute for Constitutional Studies)
- Torts

Institutional Service

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- Associate Dean for Research and Academic Programs
- Associate Dean for International and Transnational Programs
- Dean Search Committee (2010 and 2025)

Law School Committees

- Appointments Committee: Entry-Level
- Appointments Committee: Lateral
- Building Space and Utilization Committee
- Clerkships Committee
- Finance Committee
- Future Law Teachers Committee
- Law Journals Committee
- Library Director Search Committee
- Rank & Tenure Committee
- SJD/Fellows Committee
- Student Life/Diversity Committee

University Committees

- University Committee on Rank and Tenure (UCRT) (2020-2026; Chair, 2024-25)
- Georgetown University Institutional Review Board
- Georgetown University Research and Integrity Committee
- Georgetown Interdisciplinary Program in Cognitive Science
- O'Neill Institute Search Committee
- Racial Justice Institute Search Committee

PhD and SJD Students

- Milton Toledo (SJD, Georgetown)
- Jomana Qaddour (SJD, Georgetown)
- Joseph Jebari (PhD, Georgetown)
- Hung-Ju Chen (SJD, Georgetown)
- Sydney Levine (PhD, Rutgers)
- Katherine Saunders (PhD, Rutgers)