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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

University of Maryland, Baltimore (Baltimore, MD)

- **School of Law,** Nathan Patz Professor of Law, July 2020 – Present
- **School of Medicine**, Dept. Epidemiology & Public Health, Professor, January 2023 – Present

EDUCATION

Yale Law School (New Haven, CT), Juris Doctor, June 2008
Honors: Jerome Sayles Hess Fund Prize 2007 – 2008 (award for excellence in international law)
Reinhardt Fellow 2007 – 2008 (scholarship for commitment to public interest law)
Raphael Lemkin Prize 2006 – 2007 (best paper on international human rights law)

University of Ghana, Legon (Accra, Ghana), M.A. International Affairs, *summa cum laude,* December 2005
Honors: Fullbright Fellowship, 2004 – 2005

New York University (New York, NY), B.A. Political Science with Honors, *magna cum laude*, May 2003
Honors: Harry S. Truman Scholar, 2002 (national scholarship for future public service leaders)
Coro Fellow, New York, NY, 2003 – 2004 (national public affairs fellowship)

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Public International Law, International Human Rights Law, Global Public Health Law, Post-Conflict & Transitional Justice, International and U.S. Criminal Law, and Racial Justice and the Law

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre (Accra, Ghana), June 2026 – July 2026
External Scholar, Department of Applied Research, Innovation in Peace and Security

University of Pittsburgh School of Law (Pittsburgh, PA), July 2015 – June 2020
Assistant and Associate Professor of Law

University of Maryland School of Law (Baltimore, MD), July 2019 – December 2019
Visiting Associate Professor of Law

University of Baltimore Law School (Baltimore, MD) August 2014 – July 2015
Assistant Professor of Law

University of Pennsylvania Law School (Philadelphia, PA) August 2012 – July 2014
Sharswood Fellow (Visiting Assistant Professor)

International Human Rights Exchange Program (Johannesburg, South Africa) July 2010 – November 2010
Lecturer, Bard College & University of the Witwatersrand

ACADEMIC AWARDS & GRANTS

- University of Maryland, Baltimore
  - Interprofessional Education Center Sustaining Funds Grant, 2026-2028 ($10,000)
  - President's Global Impact Fund Award, 2025 – 2026 ($30,000)
  - Interprofessional Education Center Seed Grant, 2025 – 2026 ($25,000)
- American Society of International Law Book Award, 2025

  - Certificate for High Technical Craftsmanship and Utility to Practicing Lawyers and Scholars, RACE & NATIONAL SECURITY (2023)
- Public Justice Trial Lawyer of the Year Award, 2024
- American Bar Foundation, Fellow, 2023
- The American Society of Law, Medicine & Ethics, Health Law Scholar, 2019
- University of Pittsburgh
  - Teaming Grant, 2020 ($60,000)
  - Chancellor's Distinguished Research Award, Junior Scholar, 2019
  - African Studies Program, Faculty Research Grant, 2018 – 2019 ($2,000)
  - University Center for International Studies Faculty Fellowship, 2018 – 2019 ($15,000)
  - Social Science Research Initiative Grant, 2018 – 2019 ($25,000)
  - Ford Institute for Human Security Research Grant, 2017 – 2018 ($2,500)
- New York University, Martin Luther King Jr. Humanitarian Award, 2014
  - Presented annually to an NYU alum, faculty, or staff member who embodies and exemplifies the characteristics promoted by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

WORKS-IN-PROGRESS

- THERE ARE BLACK PEOPLE IN THE PAST: RECLAIMING OUR TIME IN HUMAN RIGHTS (Cambridge University Press)
- RACISM, LAW, AND HEALTH INEQUALITY, (co-authored with Ruqaiijah Yearby) (Edward Elgar Publishing)
- *Anti-Blackness in Human Rights*, RACE, RACISM, AND THE LAW HANDBOOK (Aziza Ahmed & Guy Uriel-Charles eds. Edward Elgar Publishing forthcoming 2026) (peer review)
- *The Master Narrative in Human Rights*

BOOKS

- EDITOR, RACE & NATIONAL SECURITY (Oxford University Press, September 2023) (peer review).
- Reviews:
  - Natsu Taylor Saito, *Race & National Security*, 118 AM. J. INT'L L., 586 (2024).
  - Aziza Ahmed, *Hidden in Plain Sight: Redefining the Field of National Security*, 15 HARV. L. NAT'L SEC. L. J. 371 (2024).
  - Sheila Vélez Martinez, *The Intersection between Race and National Security*, JOTWELL (Feb. 22, 2024).

ARTICLES & BOOK CHAPTERS

- *White Health & International Law,* RACE, RACISM & INTERNATIONAL LAW, 203-239 (Devon Carbado, Kimberle Crenshaw, Justin Desautels-Stein, and Chantal Thomas eds., Stanford University Press 2025) (peer review).
- *How Did Human Rights Fare in Amendments to the International Health Regulations*, 52 J. L. MED. & ETHICS 907-921 (2024) (with Lisa Forman, Judith Bueno de Mesquita, Luciano Bottini Filho, and Benjamin Mason Meier) (peer review).
- *Palestine as a Litmus Test for Transitional Justice*, 18 INT'L TRANSITIONAL JUST. 162-188 (2024) (post-script for special issue of journal 2024) (peer review).
- *Reflecting on Race, Racism, & Transitional Justice*, 18 INT'L J. TRANSITIONAL JUST. 1-17 (2024) (peer review) (co-guest editor of special issue of journal on *Race Racism and Transitional Justice* with E. Tendayi Achiume) (editorial introduction written with E. Tendayi Achiume).

- *Global Health Landscape: The Proliferating Actors Influencing Global Health Governance*, *in* GLOBAL HEALTH LAW & POLICY: ENSURING JUSTICE FOR A HEALTHIER WORLD, 65-90 (Lawrence O. Gostin and Benjamin Mason Meier eds., Oxford University Press 2023) (with Benjamin Mason Meier) (peer review).
- We Charge Vaccine Apartheid? 50 J. L. MED. & ETHICS 726-737 (2022) (peer review).
- *Covid-19 and Cooperation in Times of Disaster*, *in* CAMBRIDGE HANDBOOK OF DISASTER LAW AND POLICY, 221-228 (Susan S. Kuo, John Travis Marshall & Ryan Rowberry eds., Cambridge University Press 2022) (peer review).
- *Disposable Lives: COVID-19, Vaccines & the Uprising*, 121 COLUM. L. REV. FORUM 71 (2021).
- *Racial Valuation of Diseases*, 67 UCLA L. REV. 1820 (2021).
- Reviews:
  - Ruqaiijah Yearby, *Racism in the Valuation of Disease and the Distribution of Lifesaving Treatments*, JOTWELL (June 29, 2022).
  - Katharine Young, *Disease, Distribution and Race in the Time of Covid-19*, JOTWELL (Feb. 1, 2021).
- *Entry Denied: COVID-19, Race, Migration & Global Health*, *in* 2 FRONTIERS IN HUM. DYNAMICS 599157 (Iris Goldner Lang and Jaya Ramji-Nogales eds., 2020) (peer review).
- *Global Health Law: Legal Foundations for Social Justice in Public Health*, *in* FOUNDATION OF GLOBAL HEALTH AND HUMAN RIGHTS, 45-66 (Lawrence O. Gostin and Benjamin Mason Meier eds., July 2020 Oxford University Press) (with Lawrence O. Gostin and Eric Friedman) (peer review).
- *Responsibility for Epidemics*, 97 TEX. L. REV. 285 (2018).
- *Not Your Dumping Ground: Criminalization of Trafficking in Hazardous Waste in Africa*, 35 WISC. J. INT'L L. 326 (2018) (symposium issue) and *Prosecuting Dirty Dumping in Africa*, *in* THE AFRICAN COURT OF JUSTICE AND HUMAN AND PEOPLES' RIGHTS IN CONTEXT, 553-589 (Charles C. Jalloh and Kamari Clarke eds., Cambridge University Press May 2019) (peer review).
- *Ebola Does Not Fall from the Sky: Global Structural Violence and International Responsibility*, 51 VAND. J. TRANSNAT'L L. 477 (2018).
- *The African Justice Cascade and the Malabo Protocol*, 11 INT'L. J. TRANSITIONAL JUST. 71 (2017) (peer review).
- *Regionalism, Regime Complexes and International Criminal Justice in Africa*, 54 COLUM. J. TRANSNAT'L L. 699 (2016).
- *The Truth About Truth Commissions: Why They Do Not Function Optimally in Post-Conflict Societies* 35 CARDOZO L. REV. 2263 (2014).
- *Beyond Truth & Punishment in Transitional Justice*, 54 VA. J. INT'L L. 195 223 (2014)
- *Regional Approach to Transitional Justice? Examining the Special Court for Sierra Leone and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission for Liberia*, 21 FL. J. INT'L L. 209 (2009).

ESSAYS, REFLECTIONS & OTHER COMMENTARY

- *Moving Beyond Recognition Toward Repair for Enslavement*, JUST SEC. (May 8, 2026).
- *Introduction to the Symposia on Global Health at a Crossroads* 120 AJIL UNBOUND 40 (2026).
- *The United Nations and a World in Pain*, JUST SEC. (Oct. 24, 2025).
- Expert Testimony before the Maryland Lynching Truth and Reconciliation Commission Reckoning & Repair: A Public Hearing on Maryland's Legacy of Racial Terror Lynchings Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History & Culture, U of Maryland Legal Studies Research Paper No. 2025-09 (2025).
- *Coloniality and Global Health*, 2 J. GLOB. HEALTH L. 80 (2025).
- *Reflections on Decolonial Imperatives in Global Health Law*, 53 J. L., MED. & ETH. 75 (2025).

- *Pax Americana: How Not to Hide an Empire*, JUST SEC. (Mar. 6, 2025).
- *The Scientific Mission and Governance of an Intergovernmental Panel on Pandemics: Lessons From the IPCC and IPBES*, LANCET (2025 with Colin J Carlson, Christopher H Trisos, Ben Oppenheim, Shweta Bansal, Sara E Davies, Aïda Diongue-Niang, Victoria Fan, John Kraemer, Rachel Golden-Kroner, Lawrence O Gostin, David TS Hayman, Marion Koopmans, Torre Lavelle, Carlos das Neves, Zoe O'Donoghue, Laura Pereira, Benjamin Roche, Kayla Zamanian, Carlos Zambrana-Torrelio, Alexandra Phelan).
- *We Charge Genocide: Redux*, JUST SEC. (July 15, 2024) and *Nous accusons de génocide : bis repetita*, QUID JUSTITIAE (Sept. 10, 2024) (French translation by Julia Grignon).
- *Reforms to the International Health Regulations Must Advance Human Rights*, 70 GENEVA HEALTH FILES (Mar. 8, 2024) (guest essay with Lisa Forman, Judith Bueno de Mesquita, Luciano Bottini Filho, and Benjamin Mason Meier).
- *Submission on the first draft general recommendation no. 37 (2023) on racial discrimination in the enjoyment of the right to health*, (August 4, 2023).
- *Rendering Whiteness Visible*, 117 AM. J. INT'L L. 484 - 487 (2023).
- *Principles and Guidelines on Human Rights and Public Health Emergencies*, 1 J. GLOB. HEALTH L. 122 (2024) (led by Roojin Habibi, a Steering Committee (Timothy Fish Hodgson, Benjamin Mason Meier, Saman Zia-Zarifi, Ian Seiderman, Judith Bueno de Mesquita, Rocío Quintero Martinez, Pedro A. Villarreal, Luciano Bottini Filho, and Sharifah Sekalala) (with co-authors: Gian Luca Burci, Luisa Cabal, Thana de Campos-Rudinsky, Danwood Chirwa, Stéphanie Dagron, Sara (Meg) Davis, Mark Eccleston-Turner, Rossella de Falco, Lisa Forman, Lawrence O. Gostin, Aeyal Gross, Steven J. Hoffman, Rajat Khosla, Tsung-Ling Lee, Stefania Negri, Alexandra Phelan, Ravi M. Ram, Magdalena Sepúlveda Carmona, Allyn L. Taylor, Brigit Toebes, Nerima Were and Alicia Ely Yamin).
- *Decolonization of Global Health Law: Lessons from International Environmental Law*, 51 J. L. MED. & ETHICS 450 (2023) (with Alexandra Phelan) (peer review).
- *White Health as Global Health*, 117 AJIL UNBOUND 88 (2023) (peer review).
- *Do You Have to Say That You Are Black?*, 43 THIRD WORLD APPROACHES INT'L L. REV. Reflections (June 15, 2022) (peer review).
- *Omicron: the Variant that Vaccine Apartheid Built*, JUST SEC. (Dec. 2, 2021).
- *"I Can't Breathe": Connecting COVID-19, Protests, and Global Health*, 114 AM. SOC'Y INT'L L. PROC. 373 (2020).
- *Expendable Lives and COVID-19*, HARV. L. PETRIE FLOM CTR. BILL OF HEALTH (Oct. 8, 2020).
- *Racing National Security: Introduction to the Just Security Symposium*, JUST SEC. (July 13, 2020).
- *Capacity-Building, International Cooperation, and COVID-19*, 24 ASIL INSIGHTS 17 (July 9, 2020).
- *Africa, COVID-19 and Responsibility*, AFRONOMICSLAW (May 12, 2020).
- *COVID-19 and the Racialization of Diseases (Part I)*, OPINIO JURIS (Apr. 7, 2020).
- *COVID-19 and the Racialization of Diseases (Part II)*, OPINIO JURIS (Apr. 7, 2020).
- *COVID-19 and Allocating Responsibility for Pandemics*, JURIST, (Mar. 31, 2020).
- *Remarks, International Criminal Law: New Voices*, AM. SOC'Y INT'L L. PROC. 2015.
- *Making Room for the Distributive in Transitional Justice*, OPINIO JURIS (Sept. 10, 2013).
- *Reflections on Madiba's Legacy*, UPENN. L. (Dec. 6, 2013).

MEDIA

- Melissa Chemam, *'Monstrous injustice': King Charles condemns slavery as UK agrees to talks*, RADIO FRANCE INTERNATIONAL (Nov. 11, 2026) (Spotlight on Africa podcast interview).

- Jeffrey Smith, *Beyond Recognition, Toward Repair: A conversation with Professor Matiangai Sirleaf*, THE RESISTANCE BUREAU (Jul. 22, 2026) (interview).
- Daniella Barreto, *Legacies of Colonialism in Public Health*, PUBLIC HEALTH IS DEAD, (Apr. 14, 2026) (podcast interview).
- Bryan Bowman and Greg Williams, This Week in the World: 80 Years After UN Founding, Peace is Still Possible, FRIENDS COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL LEGISLATION (Oct. 24, 2025) (mentioned).
- Jennifer Da Veiga Rocha & Jade Assayag, *Why do Media Avoid Using "Genocide" for Gaza?*, LA CONVERSE, (Aug. 12, 2025) (quoted).
- with Paras Shah, *Assessing the Origins, Dynamics, and Future of Conflict in Sudan*, JUST SEC. POD., (Oct. 11, 2024) (co-hosted).
- with Paras Shah, *Assessing the Recent Response of International Law and Institutions in Palestine and Israel*, JUST SEC. POD., (Aug. 21, 2024) (co-hosted).
- Jen Kirby, *The Impossible Task of Truth and Reconciliation*, VOX, (Mar. 24, 2022) (quoted).
- Oreva Olakpe, The Future of Migration in the Global South: Racializing Diseases has to Stop, OPEN DEMOCRACY, (Oct. 8, 2020) (mentioned).
- Eden Matiyas, *What Prospects for an African Court Under the Malabo Protocol?*, JUSTICE INFO.NET (May 31, 2018) (quoted).

PRESENTATIONS & CONFERENCES

- **University of Isfahan, Human Rights Institute**, (Nov. 2026), Human Rights on Trial in the War Against Iran, special interview
- **Princeton University**, **Department of Anthropology**, **Human Rights Initiative**, (Oct. 2026), Human Rights and Social Movements in an Era of Authoritarianism, concluding plenary panelist
- **Pan African Lawyers Union**, Cairo, Egypt, (Aug. 2026), International Law Conference on Reparatory Justice, moderator
- **Law and Society Association Annual Conference**, San Francisco, CA (May 2026), Authoritarianism, Empire, and Legal Education: Building Global Solidarity in the Classroom and Beyond, panelist
- **The New Humanitarian**, webinar (May 2026), Humanitarianism in the West Bank: Structures, Power, and the Limits of Aid, panelist
- ***Maryland Journal of International Law***, Baltimore, M.D. (Feb. 2026), Half a Century of International Law: Critical Reflections, Reimagined Futures, panelist on International Legal History and moderator for panel on Human Rights
- **Law Firm Anti-racism Alliance Annual Summit**, webinar (Dec. 2025) From Vision to Policy: State-Level Reparations Advocacy, panelist
- **Osgoode Law School, York University,** Toronto, Canada (Sept. 2025), A Structured Ambivalence? A Multidisciplinary International Conference on Third World Approaches to International Law and Governance in a Time of Global Crises, panelists Racialization and Colonization
- **Maryland Lynching Truth and Reconciliation Commission**, Baltimore, M.D. (Apr. 2025), presented expert testimony at public hearing on panel on Reparations as Justice: Economic, Legal, and Social Pathways to Repair
- **Boston University School of Law**, Boston, MA (Apr. 2025) invited panelists, provided comments at an event Celebrating the Publication of *The Routledge Companion to Gender and COVID-19* edited by Linda C. McClain and Aziza Ahmed.

- **Harvard Law School**, Cambridge, MA (Mar. 2025) *Harvard International Law Journal* Symposium on the Peripheries of International Law, invited panelists on a panel on Third World Approaches of International Law Revisited.
- **National Academies of Sciences Engineering and Medicine**, Washington D.C. (Jan. 2025), presented concluding remarks, Preventing Patient Zero a Workshop,
- **Association of American Law Schools' Annual Meeting**, San Francisco, CA (Jan. 2025), invited panelist, African Perspectives on Human Rights and Critical Perspectives on International Criminal Law
- **American Branch of the International Law Association**, New York, NY (Oct. 2024), panelist, International Law Weekend 2024: *Powerless Law or Law for the Powerless?*, Centering Race and Empire in Human Rights Law and Scholarship
- **Amnesty International**, **International Commission of Jurists**, **Asia Justice Coalition**, **Women's Initiatives for Gender Justice**, and **Global Survivors Fund**, New York, NY (Oct. 2024), invited panelist, (Re-)Centering Humanity: Intersectional Strategies Strengthening Multilateralism and International Law
- **American Society for International Law**, webinar (Sept. 2024), invited panelist, Legal Cynicism and Contemporary Armed Conflicts
- **Dalhouise University Schulich School of Law**, Halifax, Nova Scotia CA (Sept. 2024) invited panelist, Rethinking the Dimensions of International Economic Law
- **Temple Law School,** Philadelphia, PA (June 2024) invited plenary panelist, 2024 Health Law Professors Conference, Plenary Session: "Theorizing Health Law"
- **Temple Law School,** Philadelphia, PA (June 2024) panelist, 2024 Health Law Professors Conference, Ebbs and Flows of Theory in Health Law
- **United States State Department Speaker Program**, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (April 2024) invited speaker, delivered three public lectures at the Addis Ababa School of Law, the Mekelle University School of Law, the Ethiopian Civil Service University School, and engaged in meetings and consultations with a range of civil society, academic, and stakeholders on promise and pitfalls of transitional justice processes
- **Seton Hall Law School**, Newark, NJ (Apr. 2024), Distinguished Visiting Health Scholar, invited for a visit to the law school to guest lecture classes, present papers to faculty, and present a public lecture
- **American Bar Association**, San Diego, CA (Apr. 2024), 26th Annual Section of Dispute Resolution Spring Conference, invited panelist Designing Innovative ADR Courses for a Dynamic Legal Market (discussing transitional justice class)
- **University of Windsor Faculty of Law**, Windsor, CA (Mar. 2024), book launch for Ardi Imseis, THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE QUESTION OF PALESTINE (Cambridge University Press 2023), book discussant
- **University of Texas at Austin School of Law**, Austin, TX (Feb. 2024), TEX. INT'L L. J. 2024 Symposium, Current Challenges to the Effectiveness & Future of the ICC, invited panelist, Impact of ICC on Ground
- **Association of American Law Schools' Annual Meeting**, Washington, D.C. (Jan. 2024), invited panelist, Defending Democracy: Re-focusing the National Security Lens to Examine Threats from Within
- **UCLA Law School**, Los Angeles, CA (Nov. 2023), The Future of Human Rights and Justice-Centered Ethics in Epidemic Response: From HIV to Covid and Beyond, invited panelist, Frameworks to Guide Epidemic Response: Ethics and Human Rights
- **Georgetown Law School**, Washington, D.C. (Oct. 2023) invited panelist, book launch for GLOBAL HEALTH LAW & POLICY: ENSURING JUSTICE FOR A GLOBALIZING WORLD, presented chapter

- **The Global Health Centre at the Geneva Graduate Institute & Resolve to Save Lives**, webinar, (Oct. 2023) invited panelist, Interactive Discussion on the Negotiating Text of the WHO Pandemic Agreement Proposed by the INB Bureau
- **University of Maryland Law School,** Baltimore, MD (June 2023) invited plenary panelist, 2023 Health Law Professors Conference, Plenary Session: Racism and Health: Legal and Medical Contestation, and panelist on Reforming Global Health Law to Prepare for Future Pandemic Threats
- **UNC Chapel Hill – Gillings School of Global Public Health**, Chapel Hill, NC (Feb. 2023), keynote 44th Minority Health Law Conference, Practicing Health as a Human Right: Policy, Ethics, & the Law
- **The International Commission of Jurists and the Global Health Law Consortium**, Hermance, Switzerland (Jan. 2023) participating expert, Concluding Workshop on Principles and Guidelines for Human Rights and Public Health Emergencies
- **World Health Organization**, webinar (Sept. 2022), participating expert, first informal, focused consultation in relation to a new international instrument on pandemic prevention, preparedness, and response on legal matters
- **University of Maryland School of Law**, webinar (Mar. 2022), panelist, Truth and Reconciliation and Anti-Lynching Commissions
- **African Institute of International Law**, webinar (Mar. 2022), International Law as a Tool for Addressing Health Challenges, invited panelist
- **UCLA Law's Promise Institute for Human Rights, Journal of International Law and Foreign Affairs, Center for Immigration Law and Policy, and the Williams Institute,** Los Angeles, CA (Feb. 26, 2022), Borders, the Pandemic & Human Rights symposium panelist, Race & Ethnicity
- **Centre for Ethnicity & Racism Studies, University of Leeds**, webinar (Oct. 2021), invited guest speaker, COVID-19 and the Racial Valuation of Diseases
- **Law & Society Annual Meeting**, webinar (May 2021) invited plenary panelist, on Crisis
- **University of Cambridge Lauterpacht Centre for International Law**, invited guest lecturer (Mar. 2021), Race & COVID-19
- **University of Maryland School of Law**, webinar (Nov. 2020), panelist, Consequence of the Election for Domestic and International Law
- **Indiana University McKinney School of Law**, webinar (Oct. 2020), invited virtual grand rounds speaker, COVID-19 and the Racialization of Diseases
- **American Association for the Advancement of Science's, Science Technology and Human Rights Conference**, webinar (Oct. 2020) keynote interview conversation with Angela Saini
- **American Society for Bioethics and Humanities Annual Conference**, webinar (Oct. 2020), Law and Bioethics Affinity Group meeting, invited panelist on Social Justice and Public Health in the COVID-19 Pandemic
- **University of Florida, Center for African Studies**, webinar (Sept. 2020), invited guest lecturer, Africa, COVID-19, and Responsibility
- **City University of London, Dept. of Sociology**, webinar (June 2020), invited panelist, Racism and COVID-19
- **Loyola University Chicago School of Law**, webinar (June 2020), invited panelist, Vulnerability in the Trade and Investment Regimes in the Age of COVID-19
- **American Society for International Law Virtual Annual Meeting,** webinar (June 2020), invited panelist, COVID-II: Understanding the Disparate Impact on Marginalized Communities

- **University of Pittsburgh School of Law,** webinar (May 2020), panelist, Law as a Social Determinant of Health to the COVID-19 Pandemic
- **University of California Los Angeles School of Law,** Los Angeles, CA (Feb. 2020), invited participant for Expert Workshop on International Criminal Law and the Protection of the Environment, organized by the UCLA Promise Institute for Human Rights
- **University of Connecticut**, Storrs, CT (Apr. 2019), invited panelist, Transitional Justice and Accountability After Mass Crimes at conference on Human Rights and the Politics of Solidarity
- **University of California Los Angeles Law School,** Los Angeles, CA (Mar. 2019), invited plenary panelist, Race, Socio-economic Inequality & Human Rights at conference on Critical Perspectives on Race and Human Rights: Transnational Re-Imaginings
- **University of Dayton School of Law**, Dayton, OH (Mar. 2019), invited panelist, Global Governance – Reconstruction or Falling Through the Cracks? 2019 Gilvary Symposium, Things Fall Apart or Creative Destruction?: The Future of the Rule of Law in International Governance
- **Kenyatta University,** Nairobi, Kenya (Sept. 2018), invited keynote speaker, *Regionalizing International Criminal Law* presented at conference on 20 Years Since the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court – the Status of International Rule of Law, and Access to International Criminal Justice in Africa
- **Yale Law School**, New Haven, CT (Apr. 2018), invited panelist, The Ethics and Politics of Finding Facts & Making Truth, conference on Solidarity: Sustaining the Struggle for Human Rights in a Fractured World
- **University of Pittsburgh,** Pittsburgh, PA (Feb. 2018), invited lecturer, Critical Research on Africa Lecture Series sponsored by the African Studies Program, the Africana Studies Dept., Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, the Global Studies Center, and the World History Center
- **Osgoode Law School, York University** Toronto, Canada (Dec. 2016), invited commentator, Canadian/Anglophone African Human Rights Engagements Conference, discussant
- **Duke University**, Durham, NC (Feb. 2016), invited speaker, Conversations in Human Rights Panel: Trials & Truth Commissions Responding to Violence in Africa
- **World Social Sciences Forum**, Durban, South Africa (Sept. 2015), selected panelist, The African Court and the Fight Against Gross Human Rights Abuses in Africa
- **Temple Law School**, Philadelphia, PA (Mar. 2015), invited speaker, Is the Proposed African Criminal Court a Good Idea?
- **Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa**, Dakar, Senegal (July 2014), invited participant, Conference on International Criminal Justice, Reconciliation and Peace in Africa: The ICC and Beyond, panel on The ICC, International Criminal Justice, and International Politics
- **Women in Public Service Project, Bryn Mawr College,** Bryn Mawr, PA (July 2013), invited panelist, The Role of the Justice System in Post-Conflict Resolution

SELECTED WORKSHOPS

Reclaiming Our Time in Human Rights:

- **Windsor Law School**, Windsor, Canada, (Mar. 2025), Visiting Scholar
- **University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign College of Law**, Champaign, IL (Apr. 2024), invited speaker, faculty workshop
- **Seton Hall Law School**, Newark, NJ (Apr. 2024), Distinguished Visiting Health Scholar, faculty workshop

- **Berlin Potsdam Research Group on the International Rule of Law and the Harvard Law School Program on International Law in Armed Conflict**, Berlin, Germany (July 2024) Double Standard in International Law Workshop
- **Boston College Center for Human Rights & International Justice**, webinar (Mar. 2023), invited guest speaker

The Master Narrative in Human Rights:

- **Georgia State University School of Law**, Atlanta, GA (Mar. 2026), faculty workshop,
- **Peter A. Allard School of Law**, University of British Columbia, Canada, (Mar. 2026), guest lecturer, Transnational Law class
- **Northeastern Law School**, Boston, MA (Oct. 2025), Center for Global Law and Justice, invited speaker
- **Osgoode Law School, York University** Toronto, Canada (Sept. 2025), Nathanson Centre on Transnational Human Rights, keynote lecture Crime and Security
- **North South University, School of Humanities and Social Sciences**, Bangladesh (May 2025) Distinguished Webinar Series, invited speaker
- **Temple Law School,** Philadelphia, PA (Apr. 2025), International Law Colloquium
- **American University School of Law**, Washington, DC (Mar. 2024), faculty workshop
- **William & Mary Law School**, Williamsburg, VA (Mar. 2024), International Law Workshop

Coloniality and Global Health:

- **The Viral Emergence Research Initiative**, webinar, (Oct. 2025), invited guest speaker

Anti-Blackness in Human Rights:

- **Windsor Law School**, Windsor, Canada, (Mar. 2025), Visiting Scholar, faculty workshop
- **Harvard Law School,** Cambridge, MA (Mar. 2024), invited panelist, *Race, Racism & the Law* book conference

Reforms to the International Health Regulations Must Advance Human Rights

- **Seton Hall Law School**, Newark, NJ (Apr. 2024), Distinguished Visiting Health Scholar, Healthcare Access and Payments class

Palestine as a Litmus Test for Transitional Justice:

- **Northeastern University School of Law**, Boston, MA (May 2024) hybrid symposium organized by the Center for Law, Equity and Race on Time, Law, and Justice: Pasts and Presents of Colonialism, Racism, and Inequality
- **Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies**, Washington, D.C. (March 2024), invited speaker, International Law in the Global South Speaker Series, course Current Issues in International Law on Transitional Justice

Race & National Security:

- **Syracuse University College of Law**, Syracuse, NY (Apr. 2025), Institute for Security Policy and Law
- **Law & Society Association Annual Meeting**, Denver, CO (June 2024), CRN: International Law and Politics Multi-Book Launch Session

- **American Society for International Law Annual Meeting**, Washington, D.C. (Apr. 2024), roundtable discussion
- **Tufts University**, Boston, MA (Mar. 2024), Conversation on Race & National Security
- **University of Maryland Law School,** Baltimore, MD (Nov. 2023) Book Launch & Conference
- **University of Pittsburgh School of Law**, Pittsburgh, PA (Nov. 2023), Center for Civil Rights and Racial Justice, panel discussion
- **Association of American Law Schools' Section on National Security Law**, (Oct. 2023) invited panelist webinar on How Does Race Manifest in National Security?

White Health & International Law:

- **Birzeit University, Institute of Community and Public Health & World Health Organization**, webinar (Jul. 2026), invited guest lecturer, Social Medicine in Palestine course
- **Stanford Law School**, webinar (May 2026), invited guest lecturer, Critical Race Theory seminar
- **University of Maryland School of Medicine**, webinar (May 2026 & Mar. 2023) invited speaker, critical issues in global health course and global public health course
- **Seton Hall Law School**, Newark, NJ (Apr. 2024), Distinguished Visiting Health Scholar, public lecture
- **Brazilian International Law Center**, webinar (July 2023), invited lecturer
- **Fordham School of Law**, New York, NY (May 2023), invited speaker, faculty workshop
- **University of Colorado Law School**, Boulder, CO (Oct. 2022), invited speaker
- **University of Georgia School of Law**, webinar (Apr. 2020) invited speaker, International Law Colloquium Series
- **University of Toronto Faculty of Law**, Toronto, CA (Feb. 2020) invited speaker, Mary & Philip Seeman Health Law Policy & Ethics Seminar Series

We Charge Vaccine Apartheid?:

- **Seton Hall Law School**, Newark, NJ (Apr. 2024), Distinguished Visiting Health Scholar, guest lecture to international law class
- **Allard School of Law, The University of British Columbia**, webinar (Mar. 2023), invited speaker, Transnational Law class
- **McGill University Faculty of Law**, webinar (Oct. 2022), Pandemics and Paradigms of Governance Workshop
- **Howard Law School**, webinar (Oct. 2021), invited panelist, Howard Law Journal's Symposium on Health Equity: Developments & Challenges of the COVID-19 Pandemic
- **University of California Irvine School of Law**, webinar (Sept. 2021), invited speaker, virtual symposium on Colonialism, Capitalism, and Race in International Law

Disposable Lives:

- **St. John's University School of Law**, webinar (Apr. 2022), invited speaker, International Law Colloquium Series
- **Allard School of Law, The University of British Columbia,** webinar (Mar. 2022), invited speaker, Transnational Law class
- **University of Pennsylvania Law Schoo**l, webinar (Feb. 2022), invited speaker, Plagues, Pandemics, and Public Health Law class
- **Florida State University Law School**, webinar (Nov. 2021), invited to speaker, faculty workshop

- **Australia National University College of Law**, webinar (July 2021), invited speaker, Politics of International Law seminar
- **Saint Louis University School of Law**, St. Louis, MO (Sept. 2019), selected speaker for Health Law Scholars Workshop
- **University of Colorado Law School**, Boulder, CO (Aug. 2018), invited to International Law & Racial Justice Workshop

Racial Valuation of Diseases:

- **The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law**, webinar (Oct. 2021), invited guest lecturer, Biotechnology Law, and Policy Seminar
- **Georgetown University Law Center**, webinar (Apr. 2021), invited guest lecturer, International Law Colloquium
- **New York University School of Law**, webinar (Apr. 2021), invited guest lecturer, Hauser Colloquium on Humanitarian and Human Rights Law
- **Vanderbilt Law School**, webinar (Oct. 2020), invited speaker, faculty workshop
- **University of Connecticut School of Law**, webinar (Oct. 2020), invited speaker, faculty workshop
- **University of California Los Angeles School of Law,** Los Angeles, CA (Jan. 2020), invited speaker, UCLA Law Review Symposium: Transnational Legal Discourse on Race and Empire, panelists on Socio-Economic Equality and Rights
- **Chapman University School of Law**, Orange, CA (Sept. 2019), one of eight participants invited nationally to Third Annual Junior Faculty Works-in-Progress Conference
- **Penn State Law School**, University Park, PA (June 2019) selected for intensive workshop at 13th Annual Lutie Lytle Black Women Law Faculty Workshop
- **Loyola University Chicago School of Law**, Chicago, IL (June 2019), selected for panel at 42nd Annual Health Law Professors Conference
- **Duke Law School**, Durham, NC (May 2019), invited to Culp Colloquium
- **Duke Law School**, Durham, NC (May 2019), invited to Center for International and Comparative Law's Women in International Law Research Workshop
- **Loyola University Chicago School of Law**, Chicago, IL (Apr. 2019), invited to International Law Colloquium
- **University of Colorado Law School**, Boulder, CO (Apr. 2019), invited to Faculty Colloquium Series
- **University of Pittsburgh,** Pittsburgh, PA (Apr. 2019), organized Global Health Inequities & Infectious Diseases Workshop
- **University of Pittsburgh,** Pittsburgh, PA (Apr. 2019), invited to Defining the Neglected Tropical Diseases Workshop
- **University of Richmond Law School**, Richmond, VA (May 2018), selected for Mid-Atlantic Junior Faculty Forum

Responsibility for Epidemics:

- **McGill University**, Montreal, Canada (Mar. 2019), invited to Margins of Accountability Workshop
- **National University of Singapore Faculty of Law**, Singapore (July 2018), selected for Third World Approaches to International Law Conference

- **SMU Dedman School of Law**, Dallas, TX (July 2018), selected for an intensive works-in-progress workshop at Lutie Lytle Black Women Law Faculty Workshop and Writing Retreat
- **Stanford Law School**, Stanford, CA (June 2018), invited to Culp Colloquium
- **University of Pittsburgh,** Pittsburgh, PA (Mar. 2018), invited to lecture by Ford Institute for Human Security & the Graduate School for Public and International Affairs
- **University of Illinois College of Law**, Champaign, IL (Mar. 2018), invited to Women in International Law Research Workshop held at the Illinois Center
- **University of Michigan Law School**, Ann Arbor, MI (July 2017), selected for 11th Annual Lutie Lytle Black Women Law Faculty Workshop
- **University of Richmond Law School**, Richmond, VA (May 2017), selected for Mid-Atlantic Junior Faculty Forum

Ebola Does Not Fall from the Sky:

- **Australia National University College of Law**, webinar (Nov. 2022), guest lecture Post-conflict Situations and International Law seminar
- **Ohio State University Law School** Columbus, OH (Nov. 2017), invited for Faculty Workshop
- **Marquette Law School**, Milwaukee, WI. (Sept. 2017), one of eight invited participants nationally for Fifth Annual Junior Faculty Works-In Progress Symposium
- **Cleveland-Marshall College of Law**, Cleveland, OH (Sept. 2017), selected for American Society for International Law Mid-West Works in Progress Conference
- **Duke Law School**, Durham, NC (May 2017), invited to Culp Colloquium
- **Temple University School of Law**, Philadelphia, PA. (Feb. 2017), invited to International Law Colloquium
- **University of Pittsburgh Law School**, Pittsburgh, PA (Feb. 2017), CLE Workshop on Cutting-Edge Research and Applications
- **Pennsylvania State University Law School,** University Park, PA (Jan. 2017), invited to Faculty Workshop
- **Association of American Law Schools' Annual Meeting**, San Francisco, CA (Jan. 2017), selected for Human Rights Outside the West Panel
- **University of Washington School of Law,** Seattle, WA (Nov. 2016), selected for American Society for International Law Mid-Year Research Forum
- **Duke Law School**, Durham, NC (Sep. 2016), invited to Center for International and Comparative Law's Women in International Law Research Workshop
- **University of Iowa College of Law**, Iowa City, IA (July 2016), selected for 10th Annual Lutie Lytle Black Women Law Faculty Workshop
- **Southeastern Association of Law Schools' Annual Meeting**, Boca Raton, FL (Aug. 2015), selected panelist International Responses to Cross-Border Crises: Ebola, ISIS, and Late-Breaking Events

Not Your Dumping Ground and *Prosecuting Dirty Dumping in Africa:*

- **University of Wisconsin Law School**, Madison, WI (Mar. 2017), invited to *Wisconsin International Law Journal Symposium*
- **African Court Research Initiative Conference**, Arusha, Tanzania (July 2016)

The African Justice Cascade:

- **Osgoode Law School, York University** Toronto, Canada (Oct. 2016), invited to International Law in the Global South Research Seminar Series
- **Law & Society Annual Meeting,** New Orleans, LA (June 2016), selected panelist for Transitional Justice in Comparative Perspective Exploring the Role of International and Regional Courts
- **Loyola University Chicago Law School**, Chicago, IL (Apr. 2016), invited to Workshop on Africa's International Courts

Regionalism, Regime Complexes, & International Criminal Justice:

- **Case Western Reserve University School of Law**, Cleveland, OH (Feb. 2016), invited to Faculty Workshop
- **Georgetown University Law Center**, Washington, D.C. (Feb. 2016), invited to International Law Colloquium
- **Duke Law School**, Durham, NC (May 2015), invited to Culp Colloquium
- **American Society for International Law Annual Meeting** Washington, D.C. (Apr. 2015), selected panelist International Criminal Law New Voices
- **Northwestern Law School**, Chicago, IL (Nov. 2014), selected for American Society for International Law Mid-Year Research Forum, panel on Courts African Legal Practices and International Courts: Tensions and Prospects
- **University of Oslo**, Oslo, Norway (Aug. 2014), invited to Conference on the Legitimacy and Effectiveness of International Criminal Tribunals, panel on Complementarity and Regionalism

The Truth About Truth Commissions:

- **University of Pittsburgh Law School**, Pittsburgh, PA (Apr. 2014), faculty workshop
- **University of Pennsylvania Law School**, Philadelphia, PA (Feb. 2014), faculty workshop
- **University of Baltimore Law School**, Baltimore, MD (Jan. 2014), faculty workshop
- **Emory Law School**, Atlanta, GA (Nov. 2013), faculty workshop

Beyond Truth & Punishment in Transitional Justice:

- **University of Pennsylvania Law School**, Philadelphia, PA (Apr. 2013), faculty workshop
- **Law & Society Annual Meeting**, Boston, MA (May 2013) selected panelist for Transitional Justice through International Criminal Law: Empowerment or Management through Rule of Law

PEER REVIEWS

- *Third World Approaches to International Law Review*, 2026, 2024
- *London Review of International Law*, 2026
- *Journal of Global Health Law*, 2026
- *Criminological Encounters*, 2025
- *Jindal Global Law Review*, 2024
- South Africa's National Research Foundation, 2024
- *Journal of Human Rights and the Environment*, 2022
- *Melbourne Journal of International Law*, 2018
- *Journal of African Law*, 2017
- *Routledge Books*, 2017, 2016, 2015
- *Journal of Law & Social Inquiry*, 2017

- Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa, 2017
- *International Journal of Law in Context*, 2017
- *Africa Today*, 2016

EXTERNAL SERVICE ACTIVITIES

- *American Journal of International Law*, Board of Editors, Member, 2022 – present
    - Deák Prize committee (given to the best article by a younger scholar in the Journal) 2026
- *Just Security*, Executive Editor, 2022 – present; Editor, 2020 – 2022
- *American Journal of International Law Unbound*, Supervising Editor, 2024 – 2026
- Law and Society Association Article Prize Committee, Member 2025
- National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, Working Group Member Preventing Patient Zero- Understanding the Introduction of Pathogens into Humans, 2024 – 2025
- American Society for International Law (ASIL)
    - David D. Caron Article Prize Committee Member, 2025
    - Global Health Law Interest Group, Advisory Committee Member, 2023 – present
    - Blacks of ASIL Task Force, Member, 2021 – present
    - Transitional Justice and Rule of Law Interest Group, Co-Chair, 2018 – 2021; Vice-Chair, 2017 – 2018
    - ASIL Research Forum Committee, Member, 2019 – 2020
    - *ASIL Insights*, Editorial Board, Member, 2016 – 2020
    - ASIL 110th Annual Meeting Program Committee, Member, 2015 – 2016
    - Global Health Law Consortium, Member, 2023 – present
- New York University School of Law, Center for Human Rights and Global Justice, Prevention Project: Health and Human Rights Workstream, Member, 2023 – present
- Association of American Law Schools, Africa Section, Chair, 2024 – 2025; Vice-Chair, 2023 – 2024; Member, 2022 – 2023
- Lutie Lytle Black Women Law Faculty Writing Workshop, Works in Progress Committee, Member, 2018 – 2020

INTERNAL SERVICE ACTIVITIES

University of Maryland, Baltimore

- Center for Global Engagement Advisory Board, Member 2022 – present

University of Maryland School of Law

- Wellness Committee, Member, 2024 – 2025, 2026 – 2027, 2027
- Curriculum Committee Member, 2020 – 2023, 2024 – 2025; Chair, 2023 – 2024
- Transfer to Tenure Committee, Member, 2022
- *Maryland Journal of International Law*, Faculty Advisor, 2021 – 2022
- Diversity & Professionalism Committee, Member, 2021 – 2022

University of Pittsburgh

- African Studies Program, Advisory Committee, Member, 2015 – 2020

University of Pittsburgh School of Law

- Writing Awards Committee, Member, 2019 – 2020
- Teaching Committee, Member, 2018 – 2019
- 3L Luncheon Planning Committee, Member, 2018
- Colloquium Committee, Chair, 2017 – 2018

- Curriculum Committee, Member, 2017 – 2018
- Steering Committee, Member 2016 – 2017
- Appointments Committee, Member, 2016 – 2017
- Faculty Advisor, 2015 – 2020
- Center for International Legal Education, Advisory Board, Member, 2015 – 2020

PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

Cohen Milstein Sellers & Toll PLLC (Washington, D.C.), Human Rights Fellow (Attorney), Human Rights Practice Group, November 2010 – July 2012

- Represented plaintiffs in international human rights cases in federal courts, including victims of human trafficking, forced labor, torture, enforced disappearance, extrajudicial killing, and arbitrary detention.
- Researched transnational corporate accountability under the Alien Tort Statute and Torture Victim Protection Act; wrote legal memoranda as well as appellate, district and amici briefs.
- Drafted complaints alleging Trafficking Victims Protection Act violations and prepared discovery requests and responses.
- Interviewed clients, investigated potential claims, and supervised law clerks and paralegals.

Constitutional Court of South Africa (Johannesburg, South Africa), Law Clerk to Chief Justice Sandile Ngcobo, August 2009 – July 2010

- Researched constitutional, foreign, and international law, and wrote pre-hearing and new application memoranda.
- Researched the judicial enforcement of socio-economic rights and judicial governance.
- Assisted with the restructuring of the Office of the Chief Justice.
- Drafted speeches, reviewed judgments, and participated in hearings.

International Center for Transitional Justice (Cape Town, South Africa), Bernstein Fellow (fellowship for Yale Law School graduates), September 2008 – July 2009

- Transitional justice research in West Africa focusing on truth telling, prosecutions, and reparations.
- Interviewed over one hundred human rights survivors and relevant actors from truth commissions, courts, government agencies, and civil society groups.

Debevoise & Plimpton, LLP (New York, NY), Summer Associate**,** July – September 2007

- Researched public and private international law and wrote legal memoranda on creeping expropriation claims and lost profit claims in international arbitration cases.
- Assisted with legal research of amicus brief for the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to support appellants in *Boumediene/Al Odah et al. v. Gates* before the U.S. Supreme Court.

Human Rights Watch, International Justice Program (New York, NY), Legal Intern, May – July 2007

- Conducted international human rights law research and wrote memorandum on the right to adequate time and facilities to prepare a defense under international law.
- Drafted paper analyzing peace and justice issues in Sudan and provided research assistance for the paper "Selling Justice Short" published in July 2009.
- Monitored developments of international and domestic tribunals.

Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Liberia (Monrovia, Liberia), Law Clerk, May – August 2006

- Assisted in designing the statement-taking process of human rights violations.
- Created an aptitude test for potential statement takers
- Helped with the selection and training of more than 200 statement takers.
- Engaged in outreach and public sensitization efforts.

ADMISSIONS

- **New York State Bar**, Active Member, January 2009 – present
- **District of Columbia Bar**, Active Member, September 2011 – present

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Pan African Lawyers Union
- African Society of International Law
- American Branch of the International Law Association
- American Society for International Law
- American Society of Law, Medicine & Ethics
- Association of American Law Schools
- Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa
- Law & Society Association
- West African Research Center