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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Duke University School of Law

Associate Professor of Law
Courses: Civil Procedure; Access to Justice

2022–present

Yale Law School, Arthur Liman Center for Public Interest Law

Senior Liman Research Affiliate
Senior Liman Research Fellow in Residence

2020–2022

2019–2020

EDUCATION

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Ph.D. in Economics

Fields: Public Economics, Labor Economics, Law & Economics, Industrial Organization
Dissertation: “Essays on the Law and Economics of Public Institutions”
Thesis advisors: Jonathan Gruber and Heidi Williams
Fellowships: National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellow (2013–2016)

2013–2020

Yale Law School, J.D.

Colby Townsend Memorial Prize for Best Paper by a Second-Year Student (2018)
Judge Ralph K. Winter, Jr. Prize for Best Paper in Law & Economics (2018)
C. LaRue Munson Prize for Excellence in the Investigation, Preparation, and Presentation
of a Civil, Criminal, or Administrative Case Under Supervision of a Clinical Program (2019)

2016–2019

Swarthmore College, B.A. with High Honors

Harry S. Truman Scholarship; Phi Beta Kappa

2007

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Primary: Public Economics, Civil Procedure, Federal Courts, Law & Economics, Empirical

Legal Studies, Access to Justice, Taxation, Employment & Labor Law

Additional: Taxation, Employment & Labor Law, Military & Veterans Law

CLERKSHIPS

Hon. Jeffrey A. Meyer, U.S. District Court for the District of Connecticut,

Law Clerk

2021–2022

U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, Law Clerk, hired by

the late Judge Williams & reassigned to the chambers of Chief Judge Sri
Srinivasan

2020–2021

ARTICLES & WORKING PAPERS

The Judicial Administrative Power (2024) (with Joseph Schottenfeld) (forthcoming 93 Geo. Wash. L. Rev. ____).

Civilian Harm and Military Legitimacy in War (2024) (with Benjamin Krick & Mara Revkin) (*Revise & Re-Submit*, INT’L ORG.).

Nudges for Judges: An Empirical Analysis of the “Six-Month List” (2024) (unpublished working paper).

I Want You! (but not you): Selection in Military Retention (2023) (with Christina Patterson & William Skimmyhorn) (Reject & Re-Submit, MGMT. SCI.).

Do Military Housing Allowances Inflate Local House Prices? (2020) (with Paul Goldsmith-Pinkham) (unpublished working paper).

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Federal Judicial Retirements (work-in-progress).

Against Casual Empiricism (with Mara Revkin) (work-in-progress).

Advisory Orders (with Joseph Schottenfeld) (work-in-progress).

REPORTS

ARTHUR LIMAN CENTER FOR PUBLIC INTEREST LAW, TIME-IN-CELL 2019: A SNAPSHOT OF RESTRICTIVE HOUSING BASED ON A NATIONWIDE SURVEY OF U.S. PRISON SYSTEMS (2020) (co-editors Leann Bertsch, Wayne Choinski, Kevin Kempf, John Baldwin, Harold Clark, Bob Lampert, Rick Raemisch, Stephen Sinclair, Dean Williams, Judith Resnik, Anna VanCleave, Alexandra Harrington, Zal Shroff, Brian Highsmith, Atticus Ballesteros, Jaster Francis, Eli Feasley, Molly Petchenik, Jaclyn Willner, and Arianna Zoghi), available at https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3694548.

SHORTER WORKS

The Progressive Case Against Retrenchment: A Framework for Using U.S. Power for Global Good (2024) (forthcoming FOREIGN AFF.)

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, & AWARDS

C. LaRue Munson Prize for excellence in the investigation, preparation, and presentation of a civil, criminal, or administrative law case under the supervision of a Yale Law School clinical program	2019
Colby Townsend Memorial Prize for best paper by a second-year student, Yale Law School	2018
Judge Ralph K. Winter, Jr. Prize for best paper in law & economics, Yale Law School	2018
George & Obie Shultz Research Support Grant, MIT	2016
National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship	2013–2016
Phi Beta Kappa (Swarthmore College)	2007
Harry S. Truman Scholarship	2006
Rufus Choate Scholar (Dartmouth College)	2004
Military decorations include Navy & Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Navy & Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and Iraq and Afghanistan Campaign Medals	2007–2011

EXTERNAL GRANTS (SELECTED)

Systematic Content Analysis of Litigation Events-Open Knowledge Network (SCALES-OKN) (with Jonathan Anderson & Susan Navarro Smelcer) (\$10,000)	2021
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INVITED PRESENTATIONS

University of Virginia Law & Economics Workshop	Feb. 2024
University of Michigan Law & Economics Workshop	Nov. 2023
U.S. Air Force Academy Economics Department Workshop	Sept. 2023
UC Berkeley Law & Economics Workshop	Apr. 2023

Notre Dame Law & Economics Workshop, “Nudges for Judges: An Empirical Analysis of the ‘Six-Month’ List”	Mar. 2021
FJC Judicial Education Workshop for Judges of the Seventh Circuit, “Judging: Managerial or Not” (with Judith Resnik)	Oct. 2019

TEACHING

<i>Instructor of Record</i>	
Civil Procedure, Duke University School of Law	Fall 2022–present
Access to Justice	Spring 2023–present
Instructor, Introduction to Legal Analysis & Writing, Yale Law School	Fall 2020
<i>Teaching Assistant</i>	
Teaching Assistant to Prof. Judith Resnik, Federal & State Courts in the Federal System, Yale Law School	Spring 2019
Teaching Assistant to Prof. Harold H. Koh, Civil Procedure, Yale Law School	Fall 2018

ACADEMIC CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & WORKSHOPS (SELECTED)

Civil Procedure Workshop (Spring 2024); Meeting of the American Law & Economics Association (ALEA) (Spring 2024; Fall 2021); Bolch Institute Judicial Administration/Judicial Process Roundtable (Fall 2023; Fall 2022); Conference on Empirical Legal Studies (Fall 2023; Fall 2018); Annual Chicagoland Junior Scholars Conference (Fall 2020); Conference on Data Science & Law (ETH Zürich, Summer 2019); Annual Meeting of the Canadian Law & Economics Association (Fall 2018); Fifth International Conference on Economic Analysis of Litigation (Summer 2018); MIT Public Finance Lunch Seminar (Spring 2018; Spring 2016; Fall 2015).

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Prof. Michael Greenstone, MIT & National Bureau of Economic Research, Pre-Doctoral Research Assistant	2011–2013
United States Marine Corps Reserve, Logistics Officer & Company Commander	2011–2013
United States Marine Corps, Logistics Officer & foreign military advisor, Honorably discharged at the rank of Captain	2007–2011
Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, Federal Fiscal Policy Intern	Summer 2007

BAR ADMISSIONS

New York (2020)

SERVICE & ASSOCIATIONS

Referee: AMERICAN ECONOMIC REVIEW: INSIGHTS; AMERICAN ECONOMIC JOURNAL: APPLIED ECONOMICS; AMERICAN LAW & ECONOMICS REVIEW; INTERNATIONAL REVIEW OF LAW & ECONOMICS; Israel Science Foundation (grant reviewer).