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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Washington University in St. Louis School of Law
Treiman Professor of Law, 2026–
Associate Professor of Law, 2021–2026

Columbia Law School
Postdoctoral Fellow in Empirical Law and Economics, Ira M. Millstein Center for Global Markets and Corporate Ownership, 2019–2021

University of Virginia School of Law
Visiting Associate Professor of Law, Fall 2018

Max Planck Bonn
Senior Research Fellow, 2017–2019

EDUCATION

Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH) Zurich, Switzerland
Ph.D., 2016

Committee: Stefan Bechtold, Daniel Rubinfeld, Heike Schweitzer

Harvard Law School
LL.M., 2015

University of Bonn and LMU Munich
German State Examination in Law, 2010

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Washington University in St. Louis School of Law

Corporations (annually, 2021–2026)

Mergers & Acquisitions (annually, 2022–2026)

LawTech Seminar (Spring 2022, Spring 2023, Spring 2025, Spring 2026)

Law & Economics Colloquium Seminar (Fall 2026)

Columbia Law School

Machine Learning and Law (with Eric Talley; Winter 2023, Winter 2024)

University of Virginia School of Law

LawTech Seminar (with Michael A. Livermore; Fall 2018)

ARTICLES

The Other Delaware Effect

121 NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW (forthcoming 2027)

Selected for the 2026 Harvard/Stanford/Yale Junior Faculty Forum

Grading Machines: Can AI Exam-Grading Replace Law Professors?

3 JOURNAL OF LAW & EMPIRICAL ANALYSIS 2 (2026) (with Kevin Cope, Scott Hirst, Eric Posner, Daniel Schwarcz, and Dane Thorley)

Sticky Charters? The Surprisingly Tepid Embrace of Officer-Protecting Waivers in Delaware

16 HARVARD BUSINESS LAW REVIEW 105 (2026) (with Eric Talley)

Sex & Startups

42 YALE JOURNAL ON REGULATION 589 (2025) (with Talia Gillis and Eric Talley)

Dark Patterns in the Opt-Out Process and Compliance with the California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA)

PROCEEDINGS OF THE 2025 CHI CONFERENCE ON HUMAN FACTORS IN COMPUTING SYSTEMS 223 (2025) (with Van Tran et al.)

Lawma: The Power of Specialization for Legal Tasks

PROCEEDINGS OF THE THIRTEENTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON LEARNING REPRESENTATIONS (ICLR) 35059 (2025) (with Ricardo Dominguez-Olmedo et al.)

Measuring Compliance with the California Consumer Privacy Act Over Space and Time

PROCEEDINGS OF THE 2024 CHI CONFERENCE ON HUMAN FACTORS IN COMPUTING SYSTEMS 785 (2024) (with Van Tran et al.)

Are Lawyers' Case Selection Decisions Biased? A Field Experiment on Access to Justice

52 JOURNAL OF LEGAL STUDIES 273 (2023) (with Michael A. Livermore)

Cost-Based California Effects

39 YALE JOURNAL ON REGULATION 1098 (2022)

Cleaning Corporate Governance

170 UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA LAW REVIEW 1 (2021) (with Cathy Hwang, Yaron Nili and Eric Talley)

Selected as one of the Top 10 Corporate and Securities Articles of 2022

Computational Methods in Legal Analysis

16 ANNUAL REVIEW OF LAW AND SOCIAL SCIENCE 39 (2020) (with Michael A. Livermore)

Forum Selling Abroad

92 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LAW REVIEW 487 (2019) (with Stefan Bechtold and Dan Klerman)

Are Advocates General Political? An Empirical Analysis of the Voting Behavior of the Advocates General at the European Court of Justice

14 REVIEW OF LAW & ECONOMICS 20160037 (2018)

The Politics of Citations at the ECJ: Policy Preferences of EU Member State Governments and the Citation Behavior of Members of the European Court of Justice

14 JOURNAL OF EMPIRICAL LEGAL STUDIES 813 (2017)

BOOK CHAPTERS & SHORTER WORKS

Large Language Models in Legal Analysis

LAW, BEHAVIOR, AND DECISION – RECHT, VERHALTEN UND ENTSCHEIDUNG 561 (Indra Spiecker gen. Döhmann and Stefan Bechtold eds., 2026) (with Michael A. Livermore)

Studying Judicial Citations and Citation Data

OXFORD HANDBOOK OF COMPARATIVE JUDICIAL BEHAVIOUR 565 (Lee Epstein et al. eds., 2024)

Antitrust, Amazon, and Algorithmic Auditing

180 JOURNAL OF INSTITUTIONAL AND THEORETICAL ECONOMICS (JITE) 319 (2024) (conference issue) (with Abhisek Dash et al.)

Natural Language Processing in Legal Tech

LEGAL TECH AND THE FUTURE OF CIVIL JUSTICE 70 (David Freeman Engstrom ed., 2023) (with Julian Nyarko)

The Deep Structure of Deliberate Ignorance – Mapping the Terrain

DELIBERATE IGNORANCE – CHOOSING NOT TO KNOW 65 (Ralph Hertwig & Christoph Engel eds., 2021) (with Barry Schwartz et al.)

Writing Style and Legal Traditions

LAW AS DATA: COMPUTATION, TEXT, AND THE FUTURE OF LEGAL ANALYSIS 153 (Michael A. Livermore & Daniel Rockmore eds., 2019)

Text as Observational Data

LAW AS Data: COMPUTATION, TEXT, AND THE FUTURE OF LEGAL ANALYSIS 59 (Michael A. Livermore & Daniel Rockmore eds., 2019) (with Marion Dumas)

The Limits of Smart Contracts

175 JOURNAL OF INSTITUTIONAL AND THEORETICAL ECONOMICS (JITE) 149 (2019) (conference issue)

Network Analysis and the Use of Precedent in the Case Law of the CJEU – A Reply to Derlén and Lindholm

18 GERMAN Law JOURNAL 687 (2017)

CASEBOOK

Corporations
3rd edition (2023) (with Holger Spamann)

WORKS IN PROGRESS

The Rise of the Horse-Choker: The Complexification of Advance Notice Bylaws
(with Scott Hirst)

DECODEM: Data Extraction from Corporate Organizational Documents via Enhanced Methodologies

Measuring Corporate Governance with Large Language Models

Recoding Corporate Governance
(with Cathy Hwang, Yaron Nili, and Eric Talley)

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Measuring Corporate Governance with Large Language Models
Conference on Empirical Legal Studies (CELS), Northwestern University (2026)
Harvard Law School Empirical Law & Finance Seminar (2026)
Ribstein Workshop, George Mason University (2026)

The Rise of the Horse-Choker: The Complexification of Advance Notice Bylaws
American Law and Economics Association (ALEA), Chicago (2026)
Online Workshop on the Computational Analysis of Law (2025)

The Other Delaware Effect
Harvard/Stanford/Yale Junior Faculty Forum (2026)
Conference on Empirical Legal Studies (CELS), Georgetown University (2025)
University of Illinois Faculty Workshop (2025)
Harvard Law School Empirical Law & Finance Seminar (2025)
American Law and Economics Association (ALEA), NYU (2025)
Universidad Torcuato di Tella Faculty Workshop (2025)
Tulane Corporate & Securities Roundtable (2025)
University of Oxford Business Law Workshop Series (2025)
University of Chicago Law & Econ Workshop (2024)

Sticky Charters? The Surprisingly Tepid Embrace of Officer-Protecting Waivers in Delaware
Conference on Empirical Legal Studies (CELS), Emory University (2024)
University of Arizona Faculty Workshop (2024)
CELS Global Brazil, São Paulo (2024)

American Law and Economics Association (ALEA), University of Michigan (2024)
Cornell Law School Empirical Legal Studies Colloquium (2024)
Duke University Law & Social Sciences Seminar (2024)
University of Pennsylvania Law & Economics Seminar (2023)

Sex & Startups

Conference on Data Science and Law, Fordham Law School (2023)
Conference on Empirical Legal Studies (CELS), University of Virginia (2022; with Talia Gillis)
American Law and Economics Association (ALEA), Columbia University (2022)
6th Annual Penn-NYU Empirical Contracts Workshop (2022)

Cleaning Corporate Governance

University of Texas Faculty Colloquium (2022)
UC Berkeley Law & Business Colloquium (2021)
NYU External Law & Economics Workshop (2021; with Cathy Hwang, Yaron Nili, and Eric Talley)
University of Oxford (2021; with Cathy Hwang, Yaron Nili, and Eric Talley)

Cost-Based California Effects

Conference on Empirical Legal Studies (CELS), University of Toronto (2022)
University of Virginia Law & Economics Colloquium (2022)
University of Toronto Law & Economics Workshop (2021)
31st Annual Meeting of the American Law and Economics Association (2021)
5th Penn-NYU Empirical Contracts Workshop (2021)
Society for Inst. & Org. Economics (SIOE) (2021)
Oxford Business Law Workshop (2021)
Leibniz Institute for Financial Research SAFE (2021)
Columbia Law School Blue Sky Meetings (2020)
Yale University Information Society Project Ideas Lunch (2020)

Are Lawyers' Case Selection Decisions Biased? A Field Experiment on Access to Justice

International Junior Scholars Forum in Law and Social Science, University of Chicago (2020)
Conference on Empirical Legal Studies (CELS), Claremont McKenna College, Claremont, CA (2019)

Forum Selling Abroad

University of Michigan Law and Economics Workshop (2018)
University of Virginia Law & Economics Colloquium (2018)
American Law and Economics Association (ALEA), Boston University (2018)
Conference on Empirical Legal Studies (CELS), University of Michigan (2018; with Stefan Bechtold)
Society for Inst. & Org. Economics (SIOE), HEC Montreal (2018; with Dan Klerman)

Honors and Awards

Distinguished Referee 2018–2020 and 2020-2022, Journal of Legal Studies

SIAF Award 2018 (awarded to outstanding dissertations in social sciences)

ETH Medal 2017 (recognition for outstanding dissertations at ETH Zurich)

Memberships and Professional Service

Washington University in St. Louis School of Law, Appointments Committee (2023, 2026), AI Task Force (2024, 2025) & various smaller committees

Association of American Law Schools, Law & Economics Section, Chair-Elect (2024), Chair (2025)

Conference Involvement:

Area Organizer, ALEA 2024

Member of the Program Committee, CELS 2022, CELS 2024, CELS 2026

Manuscript Referee:

Journal of Legal Studies; Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization; Journal of Legal Analysis; Journal of Empirical Legal Studies; Journal of Law and Empirical Analysis; American Law and Economics Review; International Review of Law and Economics; Review of Law & Economics; Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS); Journal of Law & Courts; Journal of Law, Finance, and Accounting; Jurimetrics; International Journal of Constitutional Law; International & Comparative Law Quarterly; Law & Social Inquiry; Artificial Intelligence & Law; European Union Politics

Skills

Programming Languages: R, Python, Stata, LaTeX

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