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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Washington University in St. Louis School of Law

Associate Professor of Law, 2021–

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

Honors: ETH Medal 2017 (recognition for outstanding dissertations at ETH Zurich)
SIAF Award 2018 (awarded to outstanding dissertations in social sciences)

Harvard Law School

LL.M., 2015

Honors: Landon H. Gammon Fellowship for top LL.M. Candidates
Dean's Scholar Prize in Antitrust Law and Economics—US

University of Bonn and LMU Munich

German State Examination in Law, 2010

Honors: Graduated in top 1% of class

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Washington University in St. Louis School of Law

Corporations (Fall 2021, Fall 2022, Fall 2023)

Mergers & Acquisitions (Fall 2022, Fall 2023)

LawTech Seminar (Spring 2022, Spring 2023)

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)

PUBLICATIONS

Studying Judicial Citations and Citation Data

OXFORD HANDBOOK OF COMPARATIVE JUDICIAL BEHAVIOUR (Lee Epstein et al. eds., forthcoming 2023)

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

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

Natural Language Processing in Legal Tech

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

Cost-Based California Effects

39 YALE JOURNAL ON REGULATION 1098 (2022)

Featured on ProMarket, October 21, 2021

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

Featured on the Harvard Law School Forum on Corporate Governance, March 17, 2021

Featured on ProMarket, June 8, 2021

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.)

Computational Methods in Legal Analysis

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

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)

Forum Selling Abroad

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

Featured on the Oxford Business Law Blog, November 26, 2018

The Limits of Smart Contracts

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

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)

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)

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)

CASE BOOK

Corporations

3rd edition (with Holger Spamann)

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Sex & Startups

(with Talia Gillis and Eric Talley)

Sticky Charters?

(with Eric Talley)

Declassifying Bylaws

(with Cathy Hwang, Yaron Nili and Eric Talley)

Governance Flux

Measuring Cross-Jurisdictional CPRA Compliance

(with Marshini Chetty, Nick Feamster, Lior Strahilevitz and Van Tram)

Incomplete Contracts and Future Data Usage

(with Talia Gillis and Dan Svirsky)

Using Machine Learning to Enforce the CCPA: An Experimental Study

(with Julian Nyarko and Dane Thorley)

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Sticky Charters?

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)

BYU Deals Conference (2022; with Eric Talley)

Incomplete Contracts and Future Data Usage

12th Annual Law and Economics Theory Conference, Washington University in St. Louis (2023)

7th Annual Penn-NYU Empirical Contracts Workshop (2023; with Talia Gillis)

Mapping the Online World Conference, NYU (2022)

Conference on Empirical Legal Studies (CELS), University of Toronto (2022)

Consumer Law Scholars Conference, Boston University (2022; with Talia Gillis)

Cleaning Corporate Governance

University of Texas Faculty Colloquium (2022)

UC Berkeley Law & Business Colloquium (2021)

Columbia Law School Faculty Workshop (2021; with Eric Talley)

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)

Max Planck Bonn (2021; with Eric Talley)

Cost-Based California Effects

Hamburg Lectures in Law and Economics, University of Hamburg (2022)

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)

Florida-Michigan-Virginia Virtual Law and Economics Workshop (2020)

Online Workshop on the Computational Analysis of Law (2020)

LEAP Text Analysis in Law Conference, UC Berkeley (2020)
Yale University Information Society Project Ideas Lunch (2020)

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

University of Virginia Summer Faculty Workshop (2020; with Mike Livermore)
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)
Canadian Law and Economics Association (CLEA), University of Toronto (2019)
Academica Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan (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)
European Policy for Intellectual Property (EPIP), University of Glasgow (2015)
Chicago-Kent Roundtable on Empirical Methods in Intellectual Property (2014)

HONORS AND GRANTS

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

ERP scholarship by the German Academic Scholarship Foundation (Studienstiftung) and the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Technology, 2014

LL.M. Scholarship by the German National Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), 2014

MEMBERSHIPS AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Washington University in St. Louis School of Law, Appointments Committee (2023) & various smaller committees

Manuscript Referee:

Journal of Legal Studies
Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization
Journal of Legal Analysis
Journal of Empirical Legal Studies
American Law and Economics Review
Journal of Law, Finance, and Accounting
Review of Law & Economics
International Journal of Constitutional Law

International & Comparative Law Quarterly
Law & Social Inquiry
Artificial Intelligence & Law

SKILLS

Languages: German, French

Programming Languages: R, Python, Stata, LaTeX

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