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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law Assistant Professor Courses: Torts; Colonialism, Imperialism, and International Law	July 2025 - Present New York, NY
Seton Hall University School of Diplomacy and International Affairs Assistant Professor Courses: International Human Rights Law; Public International Law	Aug 2024 - June 2024 South Orange, NJ
Howard University School of Law Visiting Professor of Law Courses: Movement Lawyering Clinic; Property and Power Seminar	Aug 2023 - May 2024 Washington, DC
New York University School of Law Acting Assistant Professor Courses: Lawyering; Property and Power Reading Group	June 2020 - May 2023 New York, NY

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

International Interests

- Public International Law
- Human Rights
- International Criminal Law

Domestic Interests

- Property
 - Torts
 - Race and the Law
 - Law and Social Movements
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EDUCATION

Yale Law School, J.D. • Yale Journal of International Law, Editor-in-Chief • Yale Society of International Law, Co-Chair • Black Law Students Association, Member • Lowenstein International Human Rights Clinic, Law Student Intern • Yale College, Teaching Fellow (Courses: <i>International Challenges of the 21st Century</i>; <i>Race and Gender in American Literature</i>) • Yale University Art Gallery, Docent and Educator	2017
Princeton University, A.B. in Philosophy <i>cum laude</i> ; 1870 Thesis Prize for Excellence in Moral Philosophy • Junior Year Abroad, 2008-09 - Paris, France • Nevsky Institute for Russian Language, Summer 2008 - St. Petersburg, Russia	2011

PUBLICATIONS

Property, Slavery, and Illegality, Michigan Journal of Int'l L. (forthcoming Winter 2026).

Democratizing Restitution: Trusts as an Equitable Approach to Competing Claims on Cultural Heritage Objects, 58 N.Y.U. J. of Int'l. L. & Politics (forthcoming Spring 2026).

A Global Reconstruction: Black Internationalism and the Human Rights Regime, 48 Seattle U. L. Rev. (2025).

[*Reframing Reparations: Sovereign Unjust Enrichment Claims as a Private Law Model for Reparatory Justice*](#), 48 Fordham J. of Int'l. L. 631 (2025).

[*The Political Price of Apologies: Why States Balk at Historical Apologies Despite Limited Legal Risk*](#), Opinio Juris, Apr. 23, 2024.

[*Disney v. DeSantis Creates Strange Bedfellows*](#), Verfassungsblog, 23 May 2023.

[*Universal Jurisdiction in Germany: Frameworks and Practice Insights*](#), with Alexandra Lily Kather (co-author), 62 German Yearbook of International Law 599 (2020).

[*When Some are More Equal Than Others: Unconscionability Doctrine in the Treaty Context*](#), 36 Berkeley J. Int'l. L. 419 (2019).

CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Jamaican National Reparations Commission – November 2025. Intertemporality Doctrine and Reparations under International Law. Presentation (November 2025).
- African Bar Association – September 2025. State-State Reparations Claims Under International Law. Presentation (September 2025).
- Harvard/Yale/Stanford Junior Faculty Forum – June 2025. Unfettered Ownership and the Illegality of Transatlantic Chattel Slavery. Presentation (June 2025).
- Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, United Nations - April 2025. Half-Day of General Discussion on Reparations. Panelist (April 2025).
- Samuel Dash Conference on Human Rights, Georgetown University – April 2025. Truth, Solidarity, and Repair: Haiti & the Global Movement for Reparations. Panelist (April 2025).
- International Law Colloquium, Temple University Beasley School of Law – Spring 2025. Unfettered Ownership and the Illegality of Transatlantic Chattel Slavery. Presentation (February 2025).
- Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, New Voices in Property Law – January 2025. Democratizing Restitution: Trusts as an Equitable Approach to Competing Claims on Cultural Heritage Objects. Presentation (January 2025).
- United Nations Working Group on People of African Descent – December 2024. Toward an International Mechanism for Reparatory Justice. Panelist (December 2024).
- Land Governance and the Politics of Fair Transitions – July 2024. Heirs' Property in the United States: A Human Rights Analysis. Presentation (July 2024).
- NYU Law Global Justice Clinic, Guest Lecture at the invitation of Margaret Satterthwaite. Presentation on Trends in Reparatory Justice for Slavery and Colonialism. Seminar talk (March 2024).

- Tangible and Intangible Cultural Heritage through Past, Present, and Future – January 2024. Beyond the Human Right to Cultural Heritage: Democratizing Restitution Claims. Presentation (January 2024).
- Accra Reparations Conference 2023 – November 2023. Modalities of Liability for Reparations in International Law. Presentation (November 2023).
- Junior International Law Scholars Association Annual Conference – April 2021. China's Territorial Leases: Beyond the Myth of Debt Trap Diplomacy. Presentation (April 2021).
- The German Institute for International and Security Affairs [Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik] – November 2019. Universal Jurisdiction Cases Against Syrian Officials in Germany. Presentation (November 2019).
- Contingency in the Course of International Law: How International Law Could Have Been – June 2018. What If Bretton Woods Had Been a Success? Contemplating International Law in the Absence of U.S. Financial Hegemony. Presentation (June 2018).
- The Association for Research into Crimes Against Art – June 2016. The Unsuspecting Terrorist: Looted Artifacts and the Limits of Liability in U.S. Law. Presentation (June 2016).

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (OHCHR) November 2024 - present ***Special Assistant to Committee Member***

- Provided legal research, analysis, and strategic consultation to a member of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD), contributing to a General Recommendation on the duty to make reparations under human rights law and general international law.
- Collaborated on the formulation and refinement of key legal texts, offering substantive drafting support for policy recommendations in line with the Committee's mandate.

Atlantic Council, Strategic Litigation Project Feb 2023 - July 2023 ***Legal Consultant***

- Researched and advised on avenues for the prosecution of perpetrators of crimes against humanity and war crimes under universal jurisdiction in countries that have incorporated the Rome Statute
- Researched and advised on recent sanctions legislation in Canada and the United States targeting perpetrators of human rights abuses
- Drafted memoranda and submissions to parliaments and international bodies advocating for the expansion of the Draft Articles on Crimes Against Humanity to include further crimes of gender-based violence, providing theoretical and legal support to Atlantic Council's advocacy regarding gender apartheid
- Consulted Afghan and Iranian activist groups to coordinate a joint approach to UN and other advocacy related to enshrining further crimes of gender-based violence

European Center for Constitutional and Human Rights July 2022 - Dec 2022 ***Consultant***

- Coordinated international workshop related to litigating and seeking reparations for colonial crimes, including violations of international humanitarian law and crimes against humanity
- Designed litigation strategy to seek redress for colonial crimes

European Center for Constitutional and Human Rights
Bernstein Fellow

Sept 2019 - July 2020
Berlin, Germany

- Drafted and submitted brief to the German state on behalf of plaintiffs in case before the European Court of Human Rights regarding the rights to life and effective remedy set forth in Articles 2 and 13 of the European Convention on Human Rights
- Drafted and submitted complaint on behalf of five Syrian torture victims to prosecutors in Norway against Syrian state security officials under the principle of universal jurisdiction for crimes against humanity and war crimes
- Drafted white paper concerning participation rights of indigenous peoples under UNDRIP and customary international law for presentation to German foreign ministry during ongoing negotiations with the Namibian government regarding reparations for the 1904 – 1908 genocide

Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton, LLP
Litigation Associate

Mar 2017 - July 2019
New York, NY

- Represented client banks in a class action lawsuit brought under the U.S. Anti-Terrorism Act
- Advised client in cross-border investigation and complex compliance issues
- Researched and wrote updates and analyses for clients on major developments in cybersecurity law
- Composed and edited complaint and two motions as member of legal team bringing *Campbell v. City of Chicago*, a class action lawsuit against the City of Chicago on behalf of citizens affected by police brutality; managed complex client and co-counsel relationships leading up to successful settlement

Chambers of President Grunis, Supreme Court of Israel
Volunteer Foreign Clerk

July 2014 - August 2014
Jerusalem

- Conducted legal research and drafted several memoranda on issues pending before the Court
- Drafted comparative memoranda considering issues in U.S., U.K., Australian and South African legal systems

Office of the Chief Prosecutor for Military Commissions, Dept of Defense
Intern

May 2014 - June 2014
Washington, DC

- Advised trial team on questions of jurisdiction
- Contributed research used in replies to defense motions

U.S. Department of State, Office of the Legal Adviser
Legal Intern

Jan 2017 - Feb 2017
Washington, D.C.

- Performed legal research in preparation for a brief in the *Certain Iranian Assets* case drafted by L/UNA
- Monitored cases involving foreign policy law and briefed L/DL the team on major developments

Vera Institute of Justice
Intern

July 2016 - August 2016
New York, NY

- Drafted memorandum on possible Constitutional challenges to NYPD's Operation Crew Cut, a policy that used social media to target youth suspected of gang affiliation
- Identified and prepared briefings for the Organization's leadership on ten issues focused on the intersection of technology and justice in an effort to help expand the Vera's portfolio of work to these issues

BAR ADMISSIONS

New York State

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Term Member, Council on Foreign Relations

Member, American Society of International Law

Member, Committee on the Legitimacy and
Fundamental Principles of International Law,
American Branch of the International Law Association

Member, Young Leaders Program of European
Leaders Network

LANGUAGE SKILLS

German

French

Russian