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Academic Professional Experience

Southwestern Law School, Los Angeles, California 2007 - present

Professor of Law (2017 – present)

Vice Dean (2018 – 2022)

Associate Professor of Law (2013 – 2017)

Professor of Legal Analysis, Writing, and Skills (2010 – 2013)

Associate Professor of Legal Analysis, Writing, and Skills (2007 – 2010)

Courses Taught: Contracts; Community Property; Law Review Seminar; Legal Analysis, Writing and Skills

Faculty Liaison to Board of Trustees (2022-2023 and 2023-2024)

Elected Member, Dean's Advisory Committee (2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2022-23, 2025-26, and 2026-27)

Faculty Advisor, BISONG A Cappella Group, (2016 – present)

Faculty Advisor, Part-time Legal Education at Southwestern (PLEAS) Program (July 2012 – January 2015)

Faculty Committees: Admissions (chaired several years), Externships, Tenure, Faculty Recruitment (co-chaired one year), Faculty Lateral Recruitment (chaired one year), Non-Tenure Track Faculty Promotion & Renewal (chaired one year), Faculty Development, Title IX, Sabbatical

Education

UCLA School of Law

J.D., 2003

Member, Moot Court Honors Program

University of California, San Diego

M.A. in Philosophy, 2000

Master's Thesis: "Hume on Free Will"

Harvard College

A.B. *magna cum laude* in Philosophy, 1995

Senior Honors Thesis: "Hegel's Immanent Critique"

Publications

At Risk With No Benefit: Regulating Environmental Risks of Premature Death, 55 Environmental Law 619 (2025)

Failure-to-Adapt Climate Litigation at 20: An Underused Tool?, 54 Environmental Law Reporter 10960 (2024)

Making Things Worse, Failing to Make Things Better, 76 Florida Law Review 1285 (2024)

Moral Context and Risks of Death, 71 Arkansas Law Review 215 (2018)

Equity and Feasibility Regulation, 50 University of Richmond Law Review 1263 (2016).

Reasonable Precaution for the Individual, 88 St. John's Law Review 653 (2014).

Preserving Substantive Unconscionability, 44 Southwestern Law Review 297 (2014) (symposium issue on Nancy Kim's *Wrap Contracts*).

Negligence, Responsibility, and the Clumsy Samaritan: Is There a Fairness Rationale for the Good Samaritan Immunity?, 29 Georgia State University Law Review 609 (2013). Reprinted in 63 Defense Law Journal 141, No. 2 (May, 2014).

Works-in-Progress

Foreseeability and Reasonableness in Promissory Estoppel [investigates the relationship between the requirements of foreseeable reliance and reasonable reliance in U.S. promissory estoppel cases]

Awards & Honors

Nominee, Professor of the Year Award, Southwestern Law School (Spring 2026, Spring 2025)

Recipient, Susan Prager Excellence in Teaching Award, Southwestern Law School (Fall 2024)

Recipient, Excellence in Teaching Award, Southwestern Law School (Spring 2017)

Nominee, Excellence in Teaching Award, Southwestern Law School (Spring 2015, Spring 2011)

Selected Presenter, 2014 Harvard/Stanford/Yale Junior Faculty Forum (June 2014)

Co-recipient, Criminal Justice Award, ACLU Foundation of Southern California (May 2005)

Recipient, University of California Regents Fellowship (1998 – 1999)

Recipient, Harvard College Scholarship (1994 – 1995)

Selected Presentations

- “A Puzzle About the Justifiability of Reliance in Promissory Estoppel”
Conference on Contract, Consumer, & Commercial Law, November 2025
- “Foreseeable Reliance v. Reasonable Reliance in Promissory Estoppel”
19th Annual International Conference on Contracts, June 2024
- “Building Bridges: Teaching to Students of Different Backgrounds, Interests, and Strengths”
2019 AALS Annual Meeting, New Law Professors Section (Moderator), January 2019
- “The *Hadley* Rule and After-Arising Risks”
12th International Conference on Contracts, February 2017
- “Moral Context and Risks of Death”
UC Irvine Legal Philosophy Colloquium, December 2016
- “Higher Mortality Risk, Higher Value of a Statistical Life”
Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, June 2016
- “Equity and Feasibility Regulation”
Southern California Junior Faculty Workshop, October 2015
- “Equity Among Persons and Feasibility-Based Regulation”
Scholarship Presentation at LaVerne Law School, January 2015
- “Equity Among Persons and Feasibility-Based Regulation”
Southwestern Law School SBA Research Talk, November 2014
- “Reasonable Precaution for the Individual”
2014 Harvard/Stanford/Yale Junior Faculty Forum, June 2014
- “Contractualism and Risk Regulation: A Reply to Barbara Fried”
Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, May 2013
- “Contractualism and Risk Regulation: A Reply to Barbara Fried”
Southern California Junior Faculty Workshop, September 2012
- “Plagiarism Detection Programs: How Good Are They?”
Co-presenter, 2012 Legal Writing Institute Conference, May 2012
- “Beyond And v. Or: Four Logical Distinctions Every Law Student Should Understand”
Poster Presentation, 2010 Legal Writing Institute Conference, June 2010

Other Professional Experience

Book Proposal Reviewer, Cambridge University Press	2019
Arbitrator, American Arbitration Association, Small Claims Commercial Panel	2009 – 2015
Associate, Harris Ginsberg LLP, Los Angeles, California	2006 – 2007
Associate, Litigation, Sidley Austin LLP, Los Angeles, California	2003 – 2006
Summer Associate, Sidley Austin LLP, Los Angeles, California	Summer 2002
Judicial Extern, Chambers of the Honorable Stephen Reinhardt, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit	Summer 2001
Researcher, Survivors of the Shoah Visual History Foundation, Los Angeles, California	1997 – 1998
Housing Coordinator, Project Renewal, Inc., New York, New York	1995 – 1997

Memberships

Southwestern Law School Inn of Court (2020 – 2023; 2024 – present)
American Association of Law Schools,
Jurisprudence Section (2017 – present)
New Law Professors Section
(2014 – present; Member of Executive Committee-2014;
Treasurer-2015; Secretary-2016; Chair-Elect-2017; Chair-2018)
Los Angeles County Bar Association, Judicial Appointments Committee (8/2017 – 5/2020)
United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (2005 – present)
United States District Court, Central District of California (2005 – present)
State Bar of California (December 2003 – present; State Bar No. 228125)
Legal Writing Institute (2010-2013)

Personal

Married with two children. Born and raised in Los Angeles, California.

References

Available upon request