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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Judicial decision-making, immigration, intellectual property, human rights

METHODOLOGICAL INTERESTS

Quantitative causal inference and legal analytics with observational data; supervised learning for classification and regression; variable selection using machine learning; computational text analysis (similarity measures, sentiment analysis, and topic modeling)

EDUCATION

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY, Evanston, IL

Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Political Science

M.A., Political Science, 2018

CORNELL LAW SCHOOL, Ithaca, NY

J.D., *cum laude*, 2011

Cornell Law Review, Articles Editor, 2010–2011; Associate, 2009–2010

Herbert R. Reif Prize, awarded to the student who, in the judgment of the faculty, writes the Note for the *Cornell Law Review* that best exemplifies the skillful and lucid use of the English language in writing about the law, 2011

CALI Excellence for the Future Award, awarded for the highest grade in the law school's Immigration and Refugee Law class, 2009

Dean's List, 2009, 2010, 2011

POMONA COLLEGE, Claremont, CA

B.A., *magna cum laude*, 2007

Majors: Politics, International Relations

John A. Vieg Prize, awarded to the outstanding senior Politics major, 2007

Phi Beta Kappa, 2007

Distinction in Politics Department senior exercises, 2007

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Computing Essentials for Social Scientists, Northwestern University, Data Science in the Social Sciences Program, Evanston, IL, June 2018–Aug 2018.

Northwestern-Duke Causal Inference Workshop, Northwestern University, Pritzker School of Law, Chicago, IL, June 2017.

Conducting Empirical Legal Scholarship Workshop, University of Southern California, Gould School of Law, Los Angeles, CA, May 2013.

School for International Training, Culture and Development Semester Abroad Program, Ecuador, 2006.

PUBLICATIONS

Law-Journal Publications

- Christopher Dinkel, Note, *Welfare Family Caps and the Zero-Grant Situation*, 96 **CORNELL L. REV.** 365 (2011).

Legal Guides & Practice Advisories

- Christopher Dinkel, *Colorado Employment Verification Form Mirrors Federal I-9*, **LEXISNEXIS LEGAL NEWSROOM**, Nov. 5, 2014, <https://www.lexisnexis.com/legalnewsroom/immigration/b/outsidenews/posts/colorado-employment-verification-form-mirrors-federal-i-9>.

4. CHRISTOPHER DINKEL, HANNA A. HAILE, ANGÉLIQUE SARR, CHLOE WIATROWSKI & DIANA BILLER, **AVON GLOBAL CTR. FOR WOMEN AND JUST.**, ANALYSIS OF INTERNATIONAL JURISPRUDENCE INVOLVING SEXUAL AND OTHER GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE DURING CONFLICT (2011), https://ww3.lawschool.cornell.edu/AvonResources/Chart_of_GBV_cases_in_intl_tribunals-final-1-2.pdf.

Book Reviews

3. Christopher Dinkel, Book Review, 93 **INTL. AFFAIRS** 1477 (2017) (reviewing MICHAEL C. HOROWITZ ET AL., *WHY LEADERS FIGHT* (2015)).

Other Publications

2. **AVON GLOBAL CTR. FOR WOMEN AND JUST.**, CONFERENCE REPORT: GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE AND JUSTICE IN CONFLICT AND POST-CONFLICT AREAS (2010), https://ww3.lawschool.cornell.edu/AvonResources/2010_Conference_Report.pdf
 - Drafted several sections of report.
1. Christopher Dinkel, *Una Reflexión Sobre la Responsabilidad Extracontractual del Estado en el Ecuador* [A Reflection about the Extracontractual Responsibility of the State in Ecuador], **IND. STUDY PROJ. COLL.**, Spring 2006, https://digitalcollections.sit.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1386&context=isp_collection.

FELLOWSHIPS, SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS

Graduate Fellowship, Center for Legal Studies, Northwestern University, 2016–present.

University Fellowship, Northwestern University, 2016–2017.

Sheppard and Joan Guryan Scholarship, Cornell Law School, 2010.

Bartholomew Viviano Scholarship, Cornell Law School, 2009.

Mario St. George Boiardi Scholarship, Cornell Law School, 2009.

Fulbright Fellowship, U.S. Department of State, Chukai, Malaysia, 2008.

International Relations Department Research Grant, Pomona College, 2007.

ATTORNEY EXPERIENCE

ELKIND ALTERMAN HARSTON PC, Denver, CO, 2015–2016.

Corporate immigration and family immigration attorney.

ALLOTT IMMIGRATION LAW FIRM, Centennial, CO, 2013–2015.

Corporate immigration and family immigration attorney.

FRAGOMEN, DEL REY, BERNSSEN AND LOEWY, LLP, New York, NY, 2012–2013.

Corporate immigration attorney.

OTHER LEGAL EXPERIENCE

UNITED STATES SENATE, Washington, D.C.

Legal fellow for Judiciary Committee issues in Senate leadership office, 2011–2012.

Legal intern for Judiciary Committee issues in Senate leadership office, 2011.

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION, BUREAU OF CONSUMER PROTECTION, Washington, D.C., 2010.

Law clerk for privacy & identity protection, advertising, financial practices, and enforcement matters.

INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS CLINIC, CORNELL LAW SCHOOL, 2010.

Clinic student for international humanitarian law and international criminal law research.

EAST BAY COMMUNITY LAW CENTER, Berkeley, CA, 2009.

Law clerk for public benefits cases for low-income individuals.

RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS

Stephen Nelson, Associate Professor of Political Science, Northwestern University, 2017.

Karen Alter, Professor of Political Science and Law, Northwestern University, 2017.

Stephen Yale-Loehr, Professor of Immigration Law Practice, Cornell Law School, 2011.

TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS

Advanced Research Seminar II (Senior Thesis), Legal Studies Program, Northwestern University, 2019.

Advanced Research Seminar I (Senior Thesis), Legal Studies Program, Northwestern University, 2018.

Globalization, Department of Political Science, Northwestern University, 2018.

Intro to International Relations, Department of Political Science, Northwestern University, 2018.

Constitutional Law I, Department of Political Science & Legal Studies Program, Northwestern University, 2017.

PRESENTATIONS

"How Do IMF Lending Programs Affect Human Rights?" Midwest Law and Society Retreat, Institute for Legal Studies, University of Madison-Wisconsin, Oct. 2018.

"How Do IMF Lending Programs Affect Human Rights?" Applied Quantitative Methods Workshop, Northwestern University, Oct. 2018.

Discussant for Marco Bocchese, "Beyond Ratification: Predicting State Compliance with ICC Treaty Obligations," International Relations Working Group, Northwestern University, April 2017.

Discussant for M. Lena Trabucco, "Adjudicating Power: The Role of Courts in Armed Conflict," Graduate Student Workshop: International Courts, Northwestern University, April 2017.

"Overview of the State of Immigration Law Today," Arapahoe County Bar Association, Continuing Legal Education Course, Centennial, CO, April 2015. With Ann Allott and Leigh Alpert.

ACADEMIC WORKING GROUPS & AFFILIATIONS

Text Analysis Working Group, Northwestern University, 2018–present.

Applied Quantitative Methods Workshop, Northwestern University, 2016–present.

Graduate Affiliate, Buffett Institute for Global Studies, Northwestern University, 2016–present.

Global Capitalism & Law Working Group, Buffett Institute for Global Studies, 2016–present.

Graduate Assistant, 2018–present.

International Relations Working Group, Northwestern University, 2016–present.

BAR MEMBERSHIPS

New York State Bar

Colorado State Bar

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Intellectual Property Law Association of Chicago

New York State Bar Association

Colorado Bar Association

American Political Science Association

International Studies Association

ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE, NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY, Evanston, IL

Panelist, “Life at Northwestern and in Chicago,” Prospective Student Weekend, Feb. 2019

Panelist, “Research Paper Workshop,” Dec. 2018

U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION LIAISON COMMITTEE, AM. IMM. LAWYERS ASSOC., CO CHAP., Denver, CO

Chair, 2015–2016

ACCESS TO SERVICES COMMITTEE, AM. IMM. LAWYERS ASSOC., CO CHAP., Denver, CO

Committee Member, 2014–2016

YA ES HORA – ¡CIUDADANÍA! CITIZENSHIP CAMPAIGN DRIVES, Denver, CO

Volunteer Attorney, 2014–2016

IRA J. KURZBAN, KURZBAN’S IMMIGRATION LAW SOURCEBOOK (15TH ED. 2016)

Reviewer for sections from Ch. 5, Nonimmigrant Visas, and Ch. 6, Permanent Resident Status, 2016

CORNELL ADVOCATES FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, CORNELL LAW SCHOOL, Ithaca, NY

Treasurer, 2009–2010

BRIGGS SOCIETY OF INTERNATIONAL LAW, CORNELL LAW SCHOOL, Ithaca, NY

Vice President of Internal Relations, 2009–2010

1L Representative, 2008–2009

LANGUAGES

Human: English (native), Spanish, Bahasa Malaysia (basic)

Computer: R, LaTeX, Python (basic – NumPy, pandas, Matplotlib, Beautiful Soup, spaCy, scikit-learn).