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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Empirical legal studies of immigration, intellectual property, and human rights

## METHODOLOGICAL INTERESTS

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Quantitative causal inference for observational data; supervised learning for classification and regression; variable selection using machine learning; text-as-data similarity measures

## EDUCATION

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### NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY, Evanston, IL

Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Political Science

Fields: International Relations, Comparative Politics, Methods

M.A., Department of Political Science, Sept. 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

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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

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### *Law-Journal Publications*

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

### *Legal Guides & Practice Advisories*

5. *Colorado Employment Verification Form Mirrors Federal I-9*, **LEXISNEXIS BENDER'S IMM. BULL. — DAILY ED.** (Nov. 5, 2014).
4. *Analysis of International Jurisprudence Involving Sexual and Other Gender-Based Violence During*

*Conflict*, **AVON GLOBAL CTR. FOR WOMEN AND JUSTICE** (with Diana Biller, Hanna A. Haile, Angélique Sarr, and Chloe Wiatrowski) (2010) (updated 2011).

### **Book Reviews**

3. *Why Leaders Fight*. By Michael C. Horowitz, Allan C. Stam and Cali M. Ellis. 93 **INTL. AFFAIRS** 1477 (2017).

### **Other Publications**

2. *Conference Report: Gender-Based Violence and Justice in Conflict and Post-Conflict Areas*, **AVON GLOBAL CTR. FOR WOMEN AND JUSTICE** (2010). Co-authored several sections of report.
1. *Una Reflexión Sobre la Responsabilidad Extracontractual del Estado en el Ecuador* (A Reflection about the Extracontractual Responsibility of the State in Ecuador), **SCHOOL FOR INTL. TRAINING, IND. STUDY PROJ. COLL.** (2006).

### **FELLOWSHIPS, SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS**

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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 Grant, Pomona College, 2007.

### **ATTORNEY EXPERIENCE**

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

Corporate and family immigration attorney.

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

Corporate and family immigration attorney.

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

Corporate immigration attorney.

### **OTHER LEGAL EXPERIENCE**

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**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**

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

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

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

## TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS

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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

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"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.

## WORKING GROUPS & ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS

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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

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New York State Bar

Colorado State Bar

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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Intellectual Property Law Association of Chicago

New York State Bar Association

Colorado Bar Association

International Studies Association

American Political Science Association

## LANGUAGES

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Spanish

## SOFTWARE

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R, Latex, Python (basic)