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## EDUCATION

- 202x            Ph.D., Jurisprudence and Social Policy, University of California Berkeley  
                  Emphasis in Law, Philosophy, and Political Theory  
                  Advisor: David Grewal
- 2014            J.D., New York University School of Law  
                  Institute of International Law and Justice Scholar  
                  John Bruce Moore Award for Excellence in Law & Philosophy  
                  Managing Editor, *N.Y.U. Law Review*  
                  Substantial Writing: *A Positivist Defense of International Law* (supervised by Robert Howse)
- 2011            B.A., University of Virginia  
                  Graduated with highest distinction  
                  Majors: Russian & East European Studies; Interdisciplinary Studies  
                  Publication: *The Role of Perceptions of the United States in the Five-Day War Between Georgia and Russia in August 2008*, 1 OCULUS: FOREIGN LANGUAGE EDITION 79 (2011) (in Russian with English abstract).

## TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

- PRIMARY        Civil Procedure; Conflict of Laws; International Law
- SECONDARY     International Litigation and Arbitration; International Criminal Law; International Business Transactions; U.S. Trade Sanctions and Export Controls Law; Disputes with Sovereigns; Philosophy of Law; History and Theory of International Law

## ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

*Culpability in Atrocity and the Role of Complicit Observer*, 37 TEMPLE INT'L & COMP. L.J. \_\_\_\_ (forthcoming 2023).

Atrocity crimes are often associated with an aesthetic of horrific spectacle, the criminal nature of which is considered intuitively recognizable. This contribution to a symposium on Randle DeFalco's *Invisible Atrocities: The Aesthetic Biases of International Law* (CUP 2022) argues culpability as imagined by the observer is an important and overlooked dimension of the so-called "atrocity aesthetic." By placing ourselves in the scene, we may feel complicit. Yet it is only the sense of our complicity being intolerable that distinguishes the atrocity aesthetic—and atrocities from "mere" tragedies—rather than the spectacular.

## SELECTED SHORT-FORM PUBLICATIONS

*North Sea Continental Shelf Cases*, in GLOBAL ENCYCLOPEDIA OF TERRITORIAL RIGHTS (Michael Kocsis, Kevin W. Gray, Costas Laoutides, Laura Lo Coco, Lavonna L. Lovern, Nick C. Sagos & Katrinka Somdahl-Sands eds., 2022), [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-68846-6\\_581-1](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-68846-6_581-1).

*Why Them? On the U.S. Sanctions Against International Criminal Court Officials*, JUST SECURITY (Sept. 2, 2020), <https://www.justsecurity.org/72275/why-them-on-the-u-s-sanctions-against-intl-criminal-court-officials>.

*The Significance of the Supreme Court's Opati Decision for States and Companies Sued for Terrorism in U.S. Courts*, JUST SECURITY (May 19, 2020), <https://www.justsecurity.org/70260/the-significance-of-the-supreme-courts-opati-decision-for-states-and-companies-sued-for-terrorism-in-u-s-courts>.

*Resuscitating a Holocaust Restitution Claim: Cassirer v. Thyssen-Bornemisza Collection*, 52 ABA/SIL YIR 429 (2018).

## SELECTED WORKS IN PROGRESS

### *Procedural Sovereign Distinction*

Civil procedure provides different sets of rules for foreign sovereign and non-sovereign defendants in U.S. courts. Ostensibly, the reason for distinguishing between these defendants is grounded in the nature of sovereignty itself, and the rules of immunity flow from this. However, other procedural rules of the game have lost track of the concept of sovereignty, creating a mismatch between the justification for the distinction and the way the distinction is applied. In this draft Article, I argue we should at a minimum acknowledge that this mismatch exists, and we should also consider revising our procedural rules to promote the value of coherence in law.

### *Impossible Commands: Hobbes and Spinoza on Rights and Resistance*

The questions of what lies outside sovereign's authority and when individuals may rightfully resist sovereigns' commands are crucial, both to the understanding of the history of political thought and to considering our modern world. In this draft paper, I examine Thomas Hobbes and Baruch Spinoza's approaches to sovereigns' commands that would require an individual to perform an act that is contrary to their human nature. Doing so begins to reveal the range of possibilities available and the vast ramifications that even small shifts in our political theory of obedience and resistance can have.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2018–2019	Chief of Staff, Oxford University Press, New York, NY
2017–2018	Assistant Editor, Oxford University Press, New York, NY
2015–2016	Associate, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer US LLP, New York, NY
2015	Legal Assistant to the Ambassador, Mission of Mozambique to the United Nations, Geneva, Switzerland

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2020–present	Postgraduate Fellow, <i>Just Security</i>
2020	Research Scholar, New York University School of Law
2014–2015	Graduate Scholar, Institute of International Law and Justice, New York University School of Law
2013	Research Assistant to Professor Ryan Goodman, New York University School of Law
2012–2013	Research Assistant to Professor Amy Adler, New York University School of Law

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA BERKELEY, LEGAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT

2023	Graduate Student Instructor, Foundations of Legal Studies (Professor Mark Leinauer)
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- 2022 Graduate Student Instructor, Human Rights Research & Practice (Professors Rohini Haar, Alexa Koenig & Eric Stover)
- 2021 Graduate Student Instructor, Theories of Law and Society (Professor Mark Leinauer)

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA BERKELEY, POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

- 2022 Graduate Student Instructor, History of Political Theory: Renaissance and Early Modern (Professor Kinch Hoekstra)

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

- 2014 Teaching Assistant, Advanced International Law (Professor Benedict Kingsbury)
- 2013 Teaching Assistant, Art Law (Professor Amy Adler)

**SELECTED FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND HONORS**

- 2020–present Selznick Graduate Fellowship, University of California Berkeley
- 2014 John Bruce Moore Award for Excellence in Law & Philosophy, New York University School of Law
- 2011–2014 Dean’s Award, New York University School of Law
- 2011–2014 Walter Herzfeld Memorial Scholarship, New York University School of Law

**SELECTED PRESENTATIONS**

PRESENTER/PANELIST

- May 2023 / “Procedural Sovereign Distinction”
- Apr. 2023 Civil Procedure Workshop, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law  
PhD Workshop in Jurisprudence and Social Policy Program
- Jan. 2023 / “The Doctrine of Sovereign Distinction: Making Sense of Foreign States and Foreign  
Nov. 2021 Corporations in U.S. Courts”  
Junior International Law Scholars Association Annual Meeting  
American Society of International Law Midyear Meeting
- Nov. 2022 “The Atrocity Aesthetic in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region”  
American Society of International Law Midyear Meeting
- Apr. 2022 “Impossible Commands: Hobbes and Spinoza on Rights and Resistance”  
PhD Workshop in Jurisprudence and Social Policy Program
- Apr. 2021 “Citizens in Chains: State Violence and the Right of Resistance in Hobbes’s Political  
Philosophy”  
UCLA Graduate Conference in Political Theory  
Berkeley Law and Society Graduate Association Gateway Conference
- Jan. 2016 “An Introduction to United States Sanctions”  
Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer US LLP, New York, NY
- Apr. 2015 “The Return to Rulemakers: Rethinking Positivism in Jurisprudence and International Law”  
Institute of International Law and Justice Scholarship Conference, New York University School of Law
- Apr. 2014 “Constituting International Law: Three Models of Performative Construction”  
Institute of International Law and Justice Scholarship Conference, New York University School of Law

#### INVITED SPEAKER

- Mar. 2022 “Economic Responses to the Ukraine War: Countermeasures and Retorsion”  
Event on The Law and Ethics of Putin’s War on Ukraine, University of California  
Berkeley
- Mar. 2018 “Art, Cultural Property, and Atrocity Crimes”  
Human Rights and Atrocity Prevention Clinic, Cardozo School of Law

#### INVITED DISCUSSANT/COMMENTATOR

- Nov. 2022 *Invisible Atrocities* by Randle DeFalco  
*Invisible Atrocities* Book Panel and Workshop, University of Miami School of Law
- Nov. 2022 *The Long Arc of Legality: Hobbes, Kelsen, Hart* by David Dyzenhaus  
*The Long Arc of Legality* Book Launch, New York University School of Law
- Feb. 2022 “When Does Abuse of Power Justify Impeachment?” by Keith Whittington  
Kadish Workshop in Law, Philosophy, and Political Theory, University of California  
Berkeley School of Law
- Apr. 2017 “From Ending War to Endless War: Louis Henkin and the Interpretive Modification of the  
*Jus Ad Bellum*” by Aaron Gavin  
Institute of International Law and Justice Scholarship Conference, New York University  
School of Law

#### SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- 2022–present Member, American Society of International Law
- 2020–present Coordinator, *Just Security* in Print series with Oxford University Press
- 2017–present Mentor, Virginia Alumni Mentoring
- 2022–2023 Co-Organizer, “Hidden Curriculum Series” in Jurisprudence and Social Policy Program
- 2022 Organizer and Moderator, PhD Workshop in Jurisprudence and Social Policy Program
- 2021–2022 Co-Organizer, Berkeley Law and Society Graduate Association Gateway Conference
- 2021 Co-Organizer, Berkeley Graduate Reading Group in Legal Theory
- 2020–2021 Organizer and Moderator, Berkeley Law and Society Graduate Association Law Teaching  
Market Series
- 2018–2019 Co-President, Oxford University Press USA Diversity and Inclusion Committee
- 2012–2013 Co-President, New York University School of Law International Law Society