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## EDUCATION

- 202x            University of California Berkeley, Ph.D., Jurisprudence and Social Policy  
                  Emphasis in Law, Philosophy, and Political Theory  
                  Advisor: David Grewal
- 2014            New York University School of Law, J.D.  
                  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            University of Virginia, B.A.  
                  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; International Law; Conflict of Laws
- SECONDARY     International Litigation and Arbitration; International Criminal Law; International Business Transactions; History and Theory of International Law; Philosophy of Law

## ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

[\*Culpability in Atrocity and the Role of Complicit Observer\*](#), 37 TEMP. 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* (CUP 2022) argues culpability as imagined by the observer is an important and overlooked dimension of the so-called "atrocity aesthetic." It is 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 sets different rules for foreign sovereign and foreign private defendants in U.S. courts. Ostensibly, the reason for distinguishing between these defendants is grounded in the nature of sovereignty. However, many procedural rules have lost track of the concept of sovereignty, creating a mismatch between the justification for the distinction and the way it's applied. In this Article, I argue we should at least acknowledge this mismatch exists, and we should consider revising our procedural rules to promote the value of coherence and justification in law.

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

In this draft, I examine Thomas Hobbes and Baruch Spinoza's approaches to laws that would require an individual to perform an act 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, Permanent Mission of Mozambique to the United Nations, Geneva, Switzerland

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2020	Research Scholar, N.Y.U. School of Law
2014–2015	Graduate Scholar, Institute of International Law and Justice, N.Y.U. School of Law
2013	Research Assistant to Professor Ryan Goodman, N.Y.U. School of Law
2012–2013	Research Assistant to Professor Amy Adler, N.Y.U. School of Law

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA BERKELEY, LEGAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT

Spring 2024	Instructor, Writing-Intensive Section in Philosophy of Law (with Professor Christopher Kutz)
Fall 2023	Graduate Student Instructor, International Relations and International Law (Professor Sarah Graham)
Spring 2023	Graduate Student Instructor, Foundations of Legal Studies (Professor Mark Leinauer)

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

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA BERKELEY, POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

Fall 2022	Graduate Student Instructor, History of Political Theory: Renaissance and Early Modern (Professor Kinch Hoekstra)
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NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

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

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

### PRESENTER/PANELIST

#### Procedural Sovereign Distinction

May 2023	Civil Procedure Workshop, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law
Jan. 2023	Junior International Law Scholars Association Annual Meeting
Nov. 2021	American Society of International Law Midyear Meeting

#### The Atrocity Aesthetic in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region

Nov. 2022	American Society of International Law Midyear Meeting
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#### Citizens in Chains: State Violence and the Right of Resistance in Hobbes's Political Philosophy

Apr. 2021	UCLA Graduate Conference in Political Theory
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#### An Introduction to United States Sanctions

Jan. 2016	Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer US LLP, New York, NY
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### INVITED SPEAKER

#### Procedural Sovereign Distinction

Oct. 2023	International Litigation Course, Professor Zachary Clopton, Northwestern Law School
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#### Economic Responses to the Ukraine War

Mar. 2022	"The Law and Ethics of Putin's War on Ukraine," coordinated by Professor Christopher Kutz, University of California Berkeley
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#### Art, Cultural Property, and Atrocity Crimes

Mar. 2018	Human Rights and Atrocity Prevention Clinic, Professors Jocelyn Getgen Kestenbaum and Diana Kearney, Cardozo School of Law
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### INVITED DISCUSSANT/COMMENTATOR

#### Invisible Atrocities by Randle DeFalco

Nov. 2022	<i>Invisible Atrocities</i> Book Panel and Workshop, University of Miami School of Law
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#### The Long Arc of Legality: Hobbes, Kelsen, Hart by David Dyzenhaus

Nov. 2022	<i>The Long Arc of Legality</i> Book Launch, N.Y.U. School of Law
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*When Does Abuse of Power Justify Impeachment?* by Keith Whittington

Feb. 2022            Kadish Workshop in Law, Philosophy, and Political Theory, University of California  
Berkeley School of Law

*From Ending War to Endless War: Louis Henkin and the Interpretive Modification of the Jus Ad Bellum* by  
Aaron Gavin

Apr. 2017            Institute of International Law and Justice Scholarship Conference, N.Y.U. School of  
Law

**SELECTED FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND HONORS**

May 2023            Daniel E. Koshland Jr. Fellowship in the Art of Teaching Writing, University of  
California Berkeley

2020–present        Postgraduate Fellow, *Just Security*

2020–present        Selznick Graduate Fellowship, University of California Berkeley

May 2014            John Bruce Moore Award for Excellence in Law & Philosophy, N.Y.U. School of Law

2011–2014          Dean’s Award, N.Y.U. School of Law

2011–2014          Walter Herzfeld Memorial Scholarship, N.Y.U. School of Law

**SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

2022–present        Member, American Society of International Law

2020–present        Coordinator, *Just Security* 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, N.Y.U. School of Law International Law Society