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## EDUCATION

- 202x University of California Berkeley, Ph.D., Jurisprudence and Social Policy  
Committee: David Singh Grewal (chair), Kinch Hoekstra, Daniel Lee, Ryan Goodman
- 2014 New York University School of Law, J.D.  
John Bruce Moore Award for Excellence in Law & Philosophy  
Institute of International Law & Justice Scholar  
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

[\*Procedural Sovereign Distinction\*](#), 57 VAND. J. TRANSNAT'L L. 469 (2024).

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.

[\*Culpability in Atrocity and the Role of Complicit Observer\*](#), 37 TEMP. INT'L & COMP. L.J. (forthcoming 2024).

Atrocity crimes are often associated with an aesthetic of horrific spectacle, the criminal nature of which is deemed intuitively recognizable. This invited symposium contribution 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

[Russia Continues Pressing Sovereignty Claims in the Yukos Award Saga](https://tlblog.org/russia-continues-pressing-sovereignty-claims-in-the-yukos-award-saga/), TRANSNAT'L LITIG. BLOG (Jan. 25, 2024), <https://tlblog.org/russia-continues-pressing-sovereignty-claims-in-the-yukos-award-saga/>.

[Missouri's COVID Suit Against China Revived](https://tlblog.org/missouris-covid-suit-against-china-revived/), TRANSNAT'L LITIG. BLOG (Jan. 17, 2024), <https://tlblog.org/missouris-covid-suit-against-china-revived/>.

[North Sea Continental Shelf Cases](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-68846-6_581-1), 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](https://www.justsecurity.org/72275/why-them-on-the-u-s-sanctions-against-intl-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](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](https://www.justsecurity.org/70260/the-significance-of-the-supreme-courts-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](https://www.justsecurity.org/70260/the-significance-of-the-supreme-courts-opati-decision-for-states-and-companies-sued-for-terrorism-in-u-s-courts/).

## SELECTED WORKS IN PROGRESS

### *Sovereignty as Illegality*

Current U.S. foreign sovereign immunity doctrine makes a mess of sovereignty. Specifically, the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act and associated case law paint a troubling image of what types of conduct are “peculiarly sovereign.” The resulting image of sovereignty appears to entail the right to abuse lawful authority and act outside it, the right to violate international law, the right to commit terrorism under certain circumstances, and specifically the rights to torture, enslave, assassinate, rob, abduct, harass, and more. This Article investigates the close relationship between sovereignty and illegal conduct in foreign sovereign immunity doctrine, and it argues for urgent reform. At a minimum, portraying sovereignty as intertwined with illegality rightly invites criticism of sovereignty. It also contributes to the perception that sovereignty entails only rights, when it should always have been understood as constituted by duties. Moreover, construing sovereignty as U.S. law currently does prevents human rights victims from having their cases fully heard in court.

### *Abandoning Sovereignty Talk in Personal Jurisdiction*

The Supreme Court's recent decision in *Mallory v. Norfolk Southern Railway Co.* unexpectedly may hold the key to resolving the decades-long debate over the source of limitations on personal jurisdiction. Combining *Mallory's* emphasis on defendants' consent with a differentiation between sovereignty's internal and external dimensions reveals that sovereignty is indeed central to personal jurisdiction. Yet it's only the internal dimension of sovereignty that can be affected by defendants' consent, and the internal dimension is effectively coterminous with individuals' liberty. Focusing on liberty, rather than sovereignty, would allow courts and scholars to retain the same set of considerations while doing away with a debate that has been the source of seemingly endless confusion.

## 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 & 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 & 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

#### *Criminal Jurisdiction as Sovereignty and Atrocity: The Path to Castro-Huerta*

Jun. 2024	“Hidden American Atrocities” Roundtable, Law and Society Association Meeting
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#### *Abandoning Sovereignty Talk in Personal Jurisdiction*

May 2024	Civil Procedure Workshop, UC Law San Francisco
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#### *Peculiar Sovereignty in Foreign Sovereign Immunity*

May 2024	ASIL International Law in Domestic Courts Workshop
Jan. 2024	Junior International Law Scholars Association Annual Meeting

#### *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

INVITED SPEAKER

*Procedural Sovereign Distinction*

Oct. 2023                      International Litigation Course, Professor Zachary Clopton, Northwestern Law School

*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

*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

INVITED DISCUSSANT/COMMENTATOR

*Thomas Hobbes on Sex Difference and Gender Equality* by Susanne Sreedhar

Oct. 2023                      Kadish Workshop in Law, Philosophy, and Political Theory, University of California Berkeley School of Law

*Invisible Atrocities* by Randle DeFalco

Nov. 2022                      *Invisible Atrocities* Book Panel and Workshop, University of Miami School of Law

*The Long Arc of Legality: Hobbes, Kelsen, Hart* by David Dyzenhaus

Nov. 2022                      *The Long Arc of Legality* Book Launch, N.Y.U. School of Law

*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 & Justice Scholarship Conference, N.Y.U. School of Law

**SELECTED FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND HONORS**

March 2024                      Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, University of California Berkeley

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**

2020–present                      Coordinator, *Just Security* print series with Oxford University Press

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