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Personal

Born on December 2, 1984 (United States Citizen).

Academic Appointments

Yale Law School, Arthur Liman Center for Public Interest Law
Senior Liman Research Fellow in Residence

Education

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Ph.D. in Economics Expected 2020
Fields: Public Economics, Labor Economics, and Industrial Organization
Thesis advisors: Jon Gruber, Heidi Williams, and Amy Finkelstein

Yale Law School, J.D. 2019

Swarthmore College, B.A. with High Honors 2007
Economics major, History and Mathematics/Statistics minors

Research and Teaching Interests

Law: Civil Procedure, Federal Courts, Access to Justice, Employment Law, Tax, Intellectual Property
Economics: Law & Economics, Applied Microeconomics, Economics of National Security

Fellowships, Honors, and Awards

C. LaRue Munson Prize (for excellence in the investigation, preparation, and presentation of an civil, criminal, or administrative law case under the supervision of a law school clinical program)	2019
Colby Townsend Memorial Prize (best paper by a second-year law student)	2018
Judge Ralph K. Winter, Jr. Prize (awarded annually to best student paper in law & economics)	2018
George and Obie Shultz Research Support Grant (MIT)	2016
National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship	2013-2016
Phi Beta Kappa (Swarthmore College)	2007
Harry S. Truman Scholarship	2006
Rufus Choate Scholar (Top 5% of freshman class at Dartmouth College)	2004
Military decorations include Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and Iraq and Afghanistan Campaign Medals	2007-2011

Research

Working Papers

“Can (and Should) Judges Be Shamed? Evidence from the ‘Six-Month List’”

“I Want You! (but not you): Selection in Military Retention,” with Christina Patterson (MIT) and William Skimmyhorn (William & Mary)

“Do Military Housing Allowances Inflate Local House Prices?” with Paul Goldsmith-Pinkham (Yale SOM)

Research In Progress

“An Empirical Analysis of Fee Waivers in State and Federal Courts”

“Negligent Hiring Laws and Employment Outcomes for Formerly Incarcerated Individuals”

“The Economic Consequences of Product Liability: Evidence from Defense Contracting”

Presentations

Conference on Data Science and Law (ETH Zürich, Summer 2019); Conference on Empirical Legal Studies (University of Michigan Law School, Fall 2018); Annual Meeting of the Canadian Law and Economics Association (University of Toronto Faculty of Law, Fall 2018); Fifth International Conference on Economic Analysis of Litigation (Bucerius Law School, Summer 2018); MIT Public Finance Lunch (Spring 2019; Fall 2018; Spring 2018; Spring 2016; Fall 2015)

Research and Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistant to Prof. Judith Resnik (Yale), Federal and State Courts (Spring 2019)

Teaching Assistant to Prof. Harold Koh (Yale), 1L Civil Procedure (Fall 2018)

Research Assistant to Prof. Jon Gruber (MIT & NBER) (2014-2015)

Research Assistant to Prof. Michael Greenstone (MIT & NBER) (2011-2013)

Professional Activities

Referee: *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*; *American Economic Review: Insights*

Law Student Intern, Veterans Legal Services Clinic at Yale Law School (2017-2019)

Member, Student Advisory Committee on Faculty Hiring, Yale Law School (2017-2019)

Member, Yale Law Student Working Group on Proposed Changes to the Code of Conduct for U.S. Judges and Judicial Conduct and Disability Rules (Fall 2018)

Co-President, Yale Law Veterans (2017-2018)

Co-President, MIT Graduate Economics Association (2015-2016)

Graduate Resident Tutor, Baker House, MIT (2014-2016)

Non-Academic Employment

Law Clerk to the Honorable Jeffrey A. Meyer, U.S. District Court for the District of Connecticut (*anticipated* 2021-2022)

Law Clerk to the Honorable Stephen F. Williams, U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit (*anticipated* 2020-2021)

Captain, United States Marine Corps Reserve (2011-present)

First Lieutenant, United States Marine Corps (2007-2011)

Intern, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities (Summer 2007)

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