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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 Affiliate
Senior Liman Research Fellow in Residence

Fall 2020–
Spring 2019–Summer 2020

Yale Law School
Instructor, Introduction to Legal Writing and Analysis

Fall 2020

Education

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Ph.D. in Economics

2020

Fields: Public Economics, Labor Economics, and Industrial Organization

Dissertation: *Essays on the Law and Economics of Public Institutions*

Thesis advisors: Jon Gruber and Heidi Williams

NSF Graduate Research Fellow (2013–2016)

Yale Law School, J.D.

2019

Veterans Legal Services Clinic

Colby Townsend Memorial Prize (best paper by a second-year student)

Judge Ralph K. Winter, Jr. Prize (best student paper in law & economics)

C. LaRue Munson Prize (for excellence in the investigation, preparation, and presentation of a civil, criminal, or administrative law case under the supervision of YLS clinical program)

Swarthmore College, B.A. with High Honors

2007

Economics major, History and Mathematics/Statistics minors

Research and Teaching Interests

Primary: Civil Procedure, Federal Courts, Employment & Labor Law, Tax, Law & Economics

Additional: Empirical Legal Studies, Access to Justice, Law & Economics of National Security

Research

Working Papers

“Nudges for Judges: The Effects of the ‘Six-Month List’ on Federal Civil Justice”

Awarded Yale Law Schools 2018 Colby Townsend Memorial Prize for best paper by a second-year student and 2018 Ralph K. Winter, Jr. Prize for best student paper in law & economics

“I Want You! (but not you): Selection in Military Retention,” with Christina Patterson (UChicago Booth) and William Skimmyhorn (College of William & Mary) (under review)

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

Research In Progress

“Civil Filing Fees and Fee Waivers in State and Federal Courts: An Empirical and Doctrinal Analysis”

“Non-Article III Powers of Article III Courts,” with Joseph Schottenfeld

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 Yale Law School clinical program)	2019
Colby Townsend Memorial Prize (best paper by a second-year YLS student)	2018
Judge Ralph K. Winter, Jr. Prize (best student paper in law & economics at YLS)	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

Presentations

Notre Dame Law & Economics Seminar (Spring 2021); Annual Meeting of the American Law and Economics Association (*paper accepted*, University of Chicago, Fall 2020); 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)

Teaching and Research Experience

Instructor, Introduction to Legal Writing and Analysis (Yale)	Fall 2020
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: <i>American Economic Review: Insights</i> ; <i>American Economic Journal: Applied Economics</i>	
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, U.S. District Court for the District of Connecticut	2021-2022 (anticipated)
Law Clerk, U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit	2020-2021
Captain, United States Marine Corps Reserve	2011-2019
First Lieutenant, United States Marine Corps	2007-2011
Intern, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities	Summer 2007

Bar Admissions

New York (2020)