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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	2019–Present
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Education

Massachusetts Institute of Technology , Ph.D. in Economics Fields: Public Economics, Labor Economics, and Industrial Organization Dissertation: <i>Essays on the Law and Economics of Public Institutions</i> Thesis advisors: Jon Gruber and Heidi Williams	2020
Yale Law School , J.D.	2019
Swarthmore College , B.A. with High Honors Economics major, History and Mathematics/Statistics minors	2007

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 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

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 (UChicago Booth) 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

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

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 to the Honorable Jeffrey A. Meyer, U.S. District Court for the District of Connecticut	2021-2022 (anticipated)
Law Clerk to the Honorable Stephen F. Williams, U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit	2020-2021 (anticipated)
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 Bar (2020)

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