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EDUCATION

LEIDEN UNIVERSITY PhD, Law

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL JD, *cum laude*, Law
Harvard Human Rights Journal, Executive Editor
Heyman Fellowship for Government Service

UNIVERSITY OF UTAH BA, *summa cum laude*, English
Phi Beta Kappa

**ACADEMIC
EXPERIENCE**

UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO, KROC SCHOOL

Associate Dean 2021—Present
Coordinate and develop curricula across all graduate and certificate programs.
Chair the Rank and Tenure process. Liaise between faculty and administration.

Professor 2023—Present
Teach graduate classes to mixed audiences of students from law, international relations, and peace studies.

Associate Professor 2016—2023

Assistant Professor 2010—2016

Courses Taught:

- KROC 500 Foundations of Peace, Justice, and Social Change
- KROC 515/LWIC 543 International Justice and Human Rights
- KROC 530/LWIC 590 Transitional Justice
- KROC 535/LWIC 527 Human Rights Advocacy
- KROC 594 Peace & Spirituality
- KROC 595 Capstone
- KROC 595 Wrestling with Wokeness
- KROC 598 Internship

Study Abroad Courses:

- International Human Rights, Paris, France, Summers 2014 & 2015 (through USD Law School)
- International Human Rights Law Practicum, Delhi, India, January 2013 (through UNLV Law School)

**PRACTICE
EXPERIENCE**

FREEDOM HOUSE

2015-2016

Consultant

Washington, DC

Authored country conditions chapters on Côte d'Ivoire and Guinea as part of Freedom Houses' annual "Freedom in the World" report for 2015 and 2016.

UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO

2009—2010

Institute for Peace & Justice, Senior Program Officer

San Diego, CA

Designed and obtained funding for a three-year, \$100,000 human rights civil society capacity building program in four West African countries.

HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH

2006—2008

Researcher for Francophone West Africa

Burkina Faso

Planned and executed field missions to assess human rights conditions in Francophone West Africa with an emphasis on countries in crisis such as Côte d'Ivoire and Guinea. Authored country reports and press releases. Developed and implemented advocacy strategies. Represented Human Rights Watch before government ministers, military and security chiefs, ambassadors, and United Nations officials. Performed media work, including radio and television interviews, and speaking at press conferences.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE

2003—2005

Office of the Legal Adviser, Attorney Advisor

Washington, DC

Advised the Bureau of International Organization Affairs on the work of the Security Council and on other matters concerning United Nations law and international institutional law. Represented the United States in multilateral treaty negotiations in fora ranging from the United Nations General Assembly to UNESCO. Oversaw real estate acquisition and related litigation issues involving U.S. embassies worldwide.

U.S. TENTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS

2002—2003

Law Clerk to Judge Carlos F. Lucero

Denver, Colorado

Assisted Judge Lucero in all aspects of appellate practice, including preparing pre-argument memoranda, attending oral arguments, and drafting opinions.

CHADIAN HUMAN RIGHTS COALITION

Summer 2000

Harvard Human Rights Fellow

Chad

Coordinated efforts of several Chadian human rights NGOs with those of Human Rights Watch to build a case against the former president of Chad, Hissain Habré, for violations of the Convention Against Torture. Represented Human Rights Watch before government ministers and with Chadian media.

U.S. PEACE CORPS

1996—1998

Peace Corps Volunteer

Guinea

Taught English as a Foreign Language to high school students, with classes averaging over 100 students in size. Developed portions of a national English curriculum now used throughout Guinea. Instructed and evaluated Peace Corps teacher-trainees in Thies, Senegal.

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

RE-THINKING TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE FOR THE 21ST CENTURY: BEYOND THE END OF HISTORY ([Cambridge University Press, 2018](#))

JUSTICE & ECONOMIC VIOLENCE IN TRANSITION ([Springer, 2014](#)).

JOURNAL ARTICLES

Comparative Foundations for a Human Rights-Based Approach to Psychedelics (in progress).

A Larger “We”; Social Change and Spirituality in an Identitarian Age (Journal of Human Rights Practice, forthcoming)

Prickles and Goo: Human Rights and Spirituality, [J. of Human Rights, Vol. 20, no. 1, 36-51 \(2021\)](#).

Positive Peace, Paradox, and Contested Liberalisms, [Int’l Studies Rev., Vol 22, no. 1, 122-39 \(2020\)](#).

What Would Satisfy Us? Taking Stock of Critical Approaches to Transitional Justice, [13 Int’l J. of Transitional Justice 570 \(2019\)](#).

Through a Glass Darkly; Three Important Conversations for Human Rights, [11 J. of Human Rights Practice 296 \(2019\)](#).

Pragmatism and Multidimensionality in Human Rights Advocacy, [40 Hum. Rts. Q. 499 \(2018\)](#).

Investigando as Periferias: As Preocupações da Justiça de Transição da Quarta Geração, 10 Revista Anistia Política e Justiça de Transição 220 (2015).

Emancipating Transitional Justice from the Bonds of the Paradigmatic Transition, [9 Int’l J. of Transitional Justice 150 \(2015\)](#).

Addressing Dilemmas of the Global and the Local in Transitional Justice, [29 Emory Int’l L. Rev. 71 \(2014\)](#).

Beyond the Post-Conflict Checklist: Linking Peacebuilding and Transitional Justice Through the Lens of Critique, [14 Chicago J. Int’l L. 165 \(2013\)](#).

Interrogating the Peripheries; The Preoccupations of Fourth Generation Transitional Justice, [26 Harv. Hum. Rts. J. 149 \(2013\)](#).

Addressing Economic Violence in Times of Transition: Toward a Positive-Peace Paradigm for Transitional Justice, [35 Fordham Int'l L. J. 780 \(2012\)](#).

Requiem for a Pipedream; Oil, the World Bank, and the Need for Human Rights Assessments, [25 Emory Int'l L. Rev. 379 \(2011\)](#).

Prosecutions, Development, and Justice; The Trial of Hisssein Habré, [16 Harv. Hum. Rts. J. 149 \(2003\)](#).

BOOK CHAPTERS

“Liberal Peacebuilding and its Discontents,” in Louise Mallinder, Rachel Killean & Lauren Dempster (eds.), *ELGAR CONCISE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF LAW AND PEACE* (forthcoming 2024).

“Peacebuilding and Transitional Justice,” in Lavinia Stan & Nadya Nedelsky (eds.), *CAMBRIDGE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE*, 2ND ED. (Cambridge University Press, forthcoming).

“Transitional Justice and 'Local' Justice,” in Cheryl Lawther, Luke Moffett & Dov Jacobs (eds.), *RESEARCH HANDBOOK ON TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE* (Edward Elgar, 1st (2017) & 2nd ed. (2023)).

“Human Rights Fact-Finding and the Reproduction of Hierarchies,” in Martha Davis, Risa Kaufman, and Johanna, eds., *HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCACY IN THE UNITED STATES* (West, 2nd ed. (2016) & 3rd ed. (2023)).

“Crisis, Faith, and Transformation in Transitional Justice,” in Matthew Evans, ed. *BEYOND TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE? TRANSFORMATIVE JUSTICE AND THE STATE OF THE FIELD (OR NON-FIELD)* ([Routledge, 2022](#))

“Transitional Justice and 'Local' Justice,” in Hugo van der Merwe & Hakeem Yusuf (eds.), *TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE: THEORIES, MECHANISMS AND DEBATES* ([Routledge 2022](#))

"Más allá de las listas de requisitos del postconflicto: conectar la construcción de paz y la justicia transicional desde una lente crítica," in *JUSTICIA TRANSICIONAL Y POSTCONFLICTO (NUEVO PENSAMIENTO JURÍDICO N° 3)*, trans. Jorge González Jácome ([Bogotá: Siglo des Hombre Editores Y Universidad de los Andes, 2019](#)).

“Re-Appraising the Significance of ‘Third-Generation’ Rights in a Globalized World,” in Ekaterina Yahyaoui Krivenko (ed.), *HUMAN RIGHTS AND POWER IN TIMES OF GLOBALIZATION* ([Brill | Nijoff, 2018](#))

Dustin Sharp, "Beyond the Post-Conflict Checklist; Linking Peacebuilding and Transitional Justice Through the Lens of Critique," in *Transitional Justice*, Kieran Mcevoy and Louise Mallinder, eds. ([Routledge 2016](#)).

“Human Rights Fact-Finding and the Reproduction of Hierarchies,” in Philip Alston and Sarah Knuckey (eds.), *THE TRANSFORMATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS FACT-FINDING* ([Oxford University Press, 2016](#)).

"Accountability: A Critical Link in the Security-Development Nexus," in Jessica Piombo (ed.), *THE U.S. MILITARY IN AFRICA: ENHANCING SECURITY & DEVELOPMENT* ([Lynnne Rienner, 2015](#)).

"Security Sector Reform for Human Security: The Role of International Law and Transitional Justice in Shaping More Effective Policy and Practice," in Matthew Saul & James Sweeney (eds.), *INTERNATIONAL LAW & POST-CONFLICT RECONSTRUCTION POLICY* ([Routledge, 2015](#)).

“*The Significance of Human Rights for the Debt of Countries in Transition,*” in Juan Pablo Bohoslavsky & Jernej Cernic (eds.), *MAKING SOVEREIGN FINANCING & HUMAN RIGHTS WORK* ([Hart Publishing, 2014](#)).

"*Bridging the Gap; DDR, Transitional Justice and the United Nations Peacebuilding Commission,*" in Chandra Lekha Sriram, Olga Martin-Ortega, and Johanna Herman (eds.), *TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE & PEACEBUILDING ON THE GROUND: VICTIMS AND EXCOMBATANTS* ([Routledge, 2012](#)).

SHORTER WORKS

Book Review, Kathryn Sikkink, *Evidence for Hope; Making Human Rights Work in the 21st Century*, [42 HUMAN RIGHTS Q. 262 \(2020\)](#).

Op-Ed, “A Multidimensional Approach to Human Rights Advocacy,” [OpenGlobalRights.org](#), November 7, 2018.

Review Essay, *Development, Human Rights and Transitional Justice: Global Projects for Global Governance*, [9 Int'l J. of Transitional Justice 517 \(2015\)](#).

Book Review, Terrence Paupp, *Redefining Human Rights in the Struggle for Peace and Development*, [37 Human Rights Q. 249 \(2015\)](#).

Op-ed, [The Shameful Legacy of Rwandan Genocide](#), San Diego Union Tribune, April 2, 2014.

NGO REPORTS

The Best School; Student Violence, Impunity, and the Crisis in Côte d'Ivoire, Human Rights Watch, [Vol. 20, No. X\(A\), May 2008](#).

Dying for Change; Brutality and Repression by Guinean Security Forces in Response to a Nationwide Strike, Human Rights Watch, [Vol. 19, No. 5\(A\), April 2007](#).

The Perverse Side of Things; Torture, Inadequate Detention Conditions, and Excessive Use of Force by Guinean Security Forces, Human Rights Watch, [Vol. 18, No. 7\(A\), August 2006](#).

Because They Have the Guns, I'm Left with Nothing; The Price of Continuing Impunity in Côte d'Ivoire, Human Rights Watch, [Vol. 18, No. 4\(A\), May 2006](#).

Conference Papers & Invited Presentations

“Human Rights, Social Change and Spirituality,” Paper presentation at a workshop on *Constructing an Ethical or Moral Approach to State Responsibility*, Emory University School of Law, Atlanta, GA, March 31, 2023.

“A Larger We: Identity, Human Rights, Social Change and Spirituality,” invited presentation to the *Human Development and Capability Association*, December 1, 2022.

“Crisis, Faith, and Transformation in Transitional Justice,” Paper presentation at the International Studies Association Annual Conference, Nashville, TN, March 29, 2022.

“What Would Satisfy Us? Taking Stock of Critical Approaches to Transitional Justice,” Paper presentation at the *International Studies Association Annual Conference*, Toronto, March 30, 2019.

“Positive Peace, Paradox, and Contested Liberalisms,” Paper Presentation at the *International Studies Association Annual Conference*, San Francisco, CA, April 7, 2018.

“Transitional Justice, Economic Violence and the Recovery of Alternative Liberalisms,” Presentation at Expert Workshop on Economic Liberalism, Democracy, and Transitional Justice, *Transitional Justice Institute of Ulster University*, Belfast, UK, January 9, 2018.

“Liberal Localism in Peacebuilding and Transitional Justice,” Paper Presentation at the *International Studies Association Annual Conference*, Atlanta, GA, March 16, 2016.

“Re-Appraising the Significance of ‘Third-Generation’ Rights in a Globalized World,” paper presented at author’s workshop for edited volume, *TAMING POWER IN TIMES OF GLOBALIZATION: WHAT ROLE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS?*, Ekaterina Yahyaoui & Zoi Aliozi (eds.), Irish Centre for Human Rights, Galway, Ireland, November 30, 2015.

“l'Importance des Droits Humains pour la Cohésion Sociale en Côte d'Ivoire,” keynote speech at conference on youth and peacebuilding, Université Félix Houphouët-Boigny, Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, June 25, 2015.

“Creating Space for Scholarship and Practice in a Traditional Academic World,” paper presented at the *Peace and Justice Studies Association Annual Conference*, October 18, 2014.

“Economic Crime as a Human Rights Violation: Taking Stock of the Arguments, paper presented as part of an *Expert’s Roundtable on Economic Crime and Transitional Justice*, Cape Town, South Africa, September 29, 2014.

“Security System Reform for Human Security: The Role of International Law in Shaping More Effective Policy and Practice,” book chapter presented at an author’s workshop on international law and post-conflict reconstruction at the University of Lancaster (UK), June 26-27, 2014.

“Addressing Dilemmas of the Global and Local in Transitional Justice,” paper presented at *the Law & Society Annual Meeting*, May 29-30, 2014, Boston.

“Human Rights Fact-Finding and the Reproduction of Hierarchies,” paper presented conference *Human-Rights Fact-Finding in the 21st Century*, NYU School of Law, October 31, 2013.

“The United Nations Peacebuilding Commission and the Challenges of Better Coordination in the Post-Conflict Context,” paper presented at *the Law & Society Annual Meeting*, May 30-June 2, 2013.

“Justice & Economic Violence in Transition,” paper presented at the *UC San Diego 4th Annual Human Rights Symposium*, January 16, 2013.

“Economic Violence in the Practice of African Truth Commissions and Beyond,” paper presented at the conference *Africa and International Law*, Albany Law School, April 12-15, 2012.

“Addressing Accountability and Impunity in West Africa; A Critical Link in the Security-Development Nexus,” paper presented at the conference *Reducing Insecurity in Africa: Roles and Responsibilities of the U.S. Military, U.S. Government and Non-Governmental Communities*, Naval Postgraduate School, Dec. 1-3, 2010, Monterey, California.

Media Work

Local television and radio appearances (KPBS) to discuss the future of U.S. drone policies, December 10, 2013.

Local television appearances (NBC, CBS, FOX) to discuss the significance of the Kony 2012 advocacy campaign by Invisible Children (March 2012).

Local television appearances (NBC, CBS) to discuss significance of the 60th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, San Diego, CA. (Dec 2008).

Regular media commentator on the French and English services of Radio France International, the BBC World Service, Voice of America, and Radio Deutche Welle regarding conflict dynamics in West Africa. (2006-2009).

Regularly quoted in Reuters, AP, IRIN, and other newspaper and magazine sources covering political developments in West Africa. (2006-2008).

Guest speaker on hour-long radio programs airing on Africa Numero 1 and ONUCI radio regarding human rights crises in Guinea and Côte d'Ivoire. (2006-2008).

Led and organized Human Rights Watch press conferences in Chad and Côte d'Ivoire attended by local and international media. (2000, 2006-2008).

Television interview on Canadian current events show "The Hour" regarding the peace process in Côte d'Ivoire. (Feb 2006).

LANGUAGES English (native), French (fluent).

LICENSES Licensed to practice law in the District of Columbia.