

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

I am a scholar interested in the fields of education law, legal education, jurisprudence, leadership ethics, law and emotions, law and religion, and comparative law. My doctoral research examined the potential role of ‘law learning’ as a tool for civic empowerment, as well as a mechanism for the uplifting of democratic principles, social justice, and the rule of law by emphasizing the cultivation of higher reasoning capabilities. My current work argues for integrating interdisciplinary law studies (law and religion, law and emotion, law and philosophy) into the mainstream law curriculum to produce more resilient, compassionate, and caring civic and professional leaders. As a teacher, I am especially dedicated to developing innovative pedagogical strategies to foster exceptional learning environments that cultivate critical thinking capabilities. I favor working with students passionate about law systems theoretically (undergraduate and graduate levels), and those interested in careers in public service. I enjoy collaborating with scholars to advance law study through multi-disciplinary lenses.

EDUCATION

Emory University School of Law, Atlanta, GA

Doctor of Juridical Science (PhD in Law) in Law and Religion, December 2023

Dissertation: “On the Empowerment Function of Law Learning”

Committee: John Witte, Jr. (Chair), Michael J. Broyde, Alexander Volokh

Honors: Merit Scholarship

Randolph W. Throver Scholar in Law and Religion (2022-23)

President, SJD Student Society

Research Assistant to Prof. Michael Broyde, Ctr. Study of Law and Religion (2022-23)

Research Grant Recipient (2022), Tam Institute of Jewish Studies

Herman Dooyeweerd Fellowship (2023), Ctr. for the Study of Law and Religion

Master of Laws in Law and Religion, *Highest Honors*, May 2022

Honors: Merit Scholarship

Journal of Law and Religion, Editorial Assistant (2021-Present)

Projects: Research Assistant to Prof. Michael Broyde, Ctr. Study of Law and Religion (2021-22)

Research Assistant to Prof. Rafael Domingo-Osle, Dept. of Comparative Law (2021-22)

Boston University School of Law, Boston, MA

Juris Doctor, May 2018

Honors: Alumni Scholarship (2015-18)

Journal of Public Interest Law, Executive Editor (2017-18)

President of the Education Law Society, Jewish Law Society (2017-18)

Projects: Research Assistant to the Fineman & Pappas Law Library (2017-18)

Judicial Intern at United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit (2017)

Law Clerk at Collora LLP (*now* Hogan Lovells) (2017)

Legal Intern at Suffolk County District Attorney’s Office (2016)

Judicial Intern at United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida (2016)

New York University College of Arts and Sciences, New York, NY

Bachelor of Arts in English and American Literature, *Cum Laude*, May 2015

Honors: Founder’s Day Award for Academic Excellence (May 2015)

Dean’s Honors List (Spring 2014, 2015)

Projects: Research Assistant to Prof. John Guillory, Dept. of English Literature (2013-14)

Teaching Assistant at Bronfman Center for Jewish Life (2012-15)

Research Assistant at Berman Jewish History Museum (2013)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

·**Director of Undergraduate Outreach and Initiatives; Managing Editor, *Canopy Forum*; Paul and Marion Kuntz Scholar in Law and Religion; Post-Doctoral Fellow in Law and Religion, Emory University Center for the Study of Law and Religion, Atlanta, GA** (January 2024 – Present)

- Responsible for overseeing a team of interns and professional staff in the solicitation, editing, and publication of shorter works in the field of law and religion; developed programming meant to build bridges between Emory’s law school and undergraduate pre-law programs; engaged undergraduate students interested in law and religion scholarship and established capabilities-oriented coursework and programming to prepare them for graduate studies.
- Courses Taught: “Introduction to Religion and Law” (Department of Religion, Spring ‘24); “Religion, Law and the Arts” (Department of Religion, Spring ‘24); “Comparative Religious Laws” (Department of Religion, Fall ‘24)

·**Lecturer in Core Studies and Philosophy, Oglethorpe University, Atlanta, GA** (July 2021 – January 2024)

- Courses Taught: “*Historical Perspectives on the Social Order I and II*” (sequence of courses emphasizing critical reading of primary and secondary historical sources, development of writing, research, and oratory skills); “*Human Nature and the Social Order I and II*” (sequence of courses emphasizing critical reading of political and social philosophy texts, development of rhetorical skills)
- University Service: Elected Rep. and 300-Level Cohort Liaison, Core Program Committee (2022); Elected Rep., Contingent Faculty Subcommittee of Faculty Council (2023); Staffing Committee Member, Core Oversight Committee (2023); Faculty Advisor, Tri Sigma (2023)
- Honors: Faculty Honoree, Tri Sigma “Wisdom Wednesday” (Fall 2022); “Distinguished Teaching Award,” Oglethorpe University Student Government Association (Fall 2023)

·**Director and Educator, Hillel: Foundation for Jewish Campus Life, CA, GA** (2019 – 2021)

- Wrote grant proposals, stewarded select donor and university relationships, charged with engaging over 2000 students on four college campuses through developing and executing Jewish programming, co-facilitated a national annual fund campaign (greater than \$500,000), facilitated successful campaign to pass IHRA resolution at major university.
- Courses and Fellowships Taught: “Power and Politics in America” (2020); “Trump’s Executive Order: Attacking Anti-Semitism on Campus” (2020); “Jewish Studies Fellowship” (2021)

·**The Villa Holdings Group Inc., Los Angeles, CA**

Co-Founder, Chief Executive Officer, May 2019-March 2021

- Directed a team in research, development, and organization of a real estate investment app project. Responsible for drafting contracts and handling the incorporation of a Delaware LLC. Charged with securing funding from private investors, fostering business networks, and talent recruitment.

·**Justices of the New Hampshire Superior Court, Concord, NH**

Judicial Law Clerk, August 2018-February 2019

- Directly assisted judges by drafting court orders in complex civil and criminal cases. Charged with researching nuanced areas of state law and offering my perspective on unprecedented legal issues. Left for medical reasons that have since been resolved.

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

- **Law School Courses:** Education Law, Legal Ethics/ Professional Responsibility, Family Law, Law and Religion, Administrative Law, Legislation and Regulation, State and Local Government Law, Children and the Law, Philosophy of Law, Legal Writing, Comparative Law, Constitutional Law
- **Undergraduate Courses:** Comparative Religious Laws, Introduction to Religion and Law, Religion, Law, and the Arts, Jewish Law, Researching Religion, Theories and Methods in the Study of Religion, Philosophy of Education, Philosophy of Law, Philosophy of Protest, Compassion-Based Ethics

- **Research Interests:** Education Policy (Legal Education, Ethical Education), Legal Ethics, Artificial Intelligence and Its Impact on Ethics and Learning, Jurisprudence/ Philosophy of Law, Law and Emotions, Law and Community, Jurisprudence of Administrative Law, Law and Religion

GENERAL HONORS, AWARDS, AND DISTINCTIONS

- Consulting Editor, “The New CBCT® [Cognitively-Based Compassion Training] Guide,” Center for Contemplative Science and Compassion-Based Ethics, Emory University (2023-2024).
- Academic Consultant, “Content Scaffolding and Purpose in Oglethorpe University’s Core Education Program,” Department of Core Studies, Oglethorpe University (2024)

ARTICLES

1. Ariel Liberman and Douglas Waters, Jr., “Education Administration in Federal Indian Law: Learning from A Colonial Project Turned Tool of Liberation,” 11 AM. INDIAN L. J. 1 (2023)
2. Michael J. Broyde and Ariel Liberman, “Learning Law Young: Towards a More Robust, Impactful, and Ethical Civic Education Modeled Off of Jewish Law Learning,” 52 J. L. & EDUCATION 1 (2023).
3. Ariel Liberman, “It Takes a Village: Historic Religious Principles Behind ‘Public’ School Governance (1500-1700) and Why They Matter To Us Today,” 22 RUTGERS J. L. & RELIGION __ (2023).
4. Ariel Liberman, “Educational Permutations: The Church’s Canon Law as Inspiration for Changes to American Education Regulation,” 35 REGENT U. L. REV. 257 (2022).
5. Shlomo Pill and Ariel Liberman, “Roadmap to Reconciliation II: Ruminations on the Need for Integrity in Intellectual Interfaith Engagement,” 38 TOURO L. REV. 847 (2022).
6. J.R. Rothstein, Shlomo Pill and Ariel Liberman, “Roadmap to Reconciliation: An Institutional and Conceptual Framework for Jewish-Muslim Engagement,” 38 TOURO L. REV. 101 (2022).

WORKS IN PROGRESS

- Ariel Liberman and Michael J. Broyde, “A Spiritual Education for Secular Schools?”
- Ariel Liberman and Michael J. Broyde, “Learning Law in Elementary and High School: Innovating Civics Education for a More Empowered Citizenry,” 18 NORTHWESTERN J. L. & SOC. POLICY ____ (2024).
- Michael J. Broyde and Ariel Liberman, “Chofetz Chaim (Rabbi Yisrael Meir Kagan),” OXFORD BIBLIOGRAPHIES (2023).
- Ariel Liberman, “Creating Compassionate Lawyers: Interdisciplinary Legal Education is a Start,” CANOPY FORUM (2023)
- Ariel Liberman, “Artificial Intelligence the Changing Schooling Landscape: An Argument for the Need of Devoted Education in Higher Ethical Reasoning”
- Ariel Liberman, “Intersecting Law and Emotions with Law and Religion in Legal Education: Modeling the Compassionate and Ethical Lawyer”

PRESENTATIONS AND GUEST LECTURES

- “Law, Religion, and Education: The State of the Field,” delivered in “Law and Religion: Theories, Methods and Approaches,” Emory University School of Law (Presentation, Fall 2023).
- “Liberal Arts and Law School: Making the Most of a Liberal Arts Education as Preparation for Law Study,” Oglethorpe University Office of Career Development, Presentation (Fall 2023).
- “Comparative Methods in Studying Religious Laws and Legal Systems,” Oglethorpe University Department of Core Studies (Lecturer, Fall 2023).
- “Implications of the Israel-Hamas Crisis for Diasporic Jewish Communities: An Eye on Anti-Semitism,” Panel, Emory Law School (Fall 2023).
- “The School as Crime Stopper: The Community Impact of Reinvigorating Curricula,” Plenary Program on “Crime and Punishment” for the Department of Core, Oglethorpe University, Fall 2023)
- “The Importance of Faculty Community at a Small Liberal Arts College,” Oglethorpe University (Faculty Orientation, Fall 2023).
- “Teaching Undergraduates Law and Law Topics,” Faculty Workshop, Oglethorpe University (Summer 2023).
- “Privacy, Precedent, and Panic: Ruminations on a Post-*Dobbs* Supreme Court,” delivered in Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies 101, Oglethorpe University (Guest Lecture, Fall 2022).

- “Getting Into Law School,” delivered for Oglethorpe University’s Office of Career Development (Presentation, Fall 2022).
- “Resilience and the Lawyer,” delivered at the CBCT® Teacher Training, Center for Contemplative Science and Compassion Based Ethics at Emory University (Guest Lecture, Summer 2022).
- “Observations on Positivism as a Legal Philosophy,” delivered in “Jurisprudence,” Emory University School of Law (Presentation, Spring 2022).

CERTIFICATIONS, PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS, AND LANGUAGES

- Admitted to Practice Law in the District of Columbia, 2020.
- Member: Academy of Religion ('23-Present), European Academy of Religion ('22-Present), Southern Association of Pre-Law Advisors ('23-Present).
- Certified Instructor, Cognitive Based Compassion Training (CBCT®), Center for Contemplative Science and Compassion Based Ethics at Emory University
- Fluent in Spanish, Hebrew (Reading, Writing, Speaking); Familiar with Italian, Russian (Reading, Speaking); Elementary proficiency in Latin; Koine Greek (Reading)

REFERENCES

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