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EDUCATION

The University of Chicago Law School, Chicago, IL

Juris Doctor, June 2019

JOURNAL: *Chicago Journal of International Law*, Executive Comments Editor, 2018-2019; Staff Member, 2017-2018

COMMENT: "Taking 'Great Care': Defining Victims of Hate Speech Targeting Religious Minorities (Comment),"

THE CHICAGO JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW, Vol. 19.1,

<https://chicagounbound.uchicago.edu/cjil/vol19/iss1/3/> (2018)

CLINIC: Civil Rights Clinic, Illinois Torture Inquiry and Relief Commission, 2018-2019

MEMBERSHIPS: Pro Bono Board (elected); Public Interest Law, Immigration Law, and Electoral Reform Societies

RECOGNITION: Pro Bono Honors (250+ hours), 2019 Ann Watson Barber Outstanding Service Award, 2018 Public Interest Award (awarded to one 2L); 2018 Salzburg Cutler Law Fellows Program

Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, MA

Master of Divinity, May 2011

RECOGNITION: Merit-based Full-Tuition Grant and Stipend

THESIS: "'Placing' Ourselves Together: An Exploration of the Intersections Between Ecological Awareness and Religious Pluralism in the United States" (2011)

SELECT ACTIVITIES: Student Government, President, 2010-2011; Coordinator of Communications, 2009-2010

J-Term: Faith & Leadership in a Fragmented World (Harvard Kennedy School of Government), 2010; J-Term: GIS Camp (Harvard Center for Geographic Analysis), 2011

Miami University, Oxford, OH

Bachelor of Arts, magna cum laude, Comparative Religion & American Studies, minor in Political Science, May 2008

RECOGNITION: President's Distinguished Service Award; Provost Student Academic Achievement Award; Dean's

Scholar, 2007-2008; Honors Program, 2005-2008; Scholar Leader Program, 2006-2007; Urban Leadership Internship Program; Roy Bowen Award; Forshey Achievement Award; Phi Beta Kappa; Theta Alpha Kappa

THESIS: "Interpreting the Eleventh Commandment: A Look at Creation Care and Its Role in American Politics" (2008)

ALUMNI ACTIVITIES: Miami University Comparative Religion Alumni Advisory Board, Founding Member, 2015-Present

SELECT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Emory University School of Law, Atlanta, GA

Executive Director and Charlotte McDaniel Scholar, Center for the Study of Law and Religion, August 2022-present

- Lead staff, post-doctoral fellows, student team to accomplish CSLR's mission and vision
- Represent CSLR at law school/campuswide/public events and meetings
- Advise JD candidates in law and religion concentration and meet with prospective students
- Create new and play a leadership role in existing projects, programs, and collaborations

Teaching

- LAW708X: Law and Religion in Practice
- LAW708D: Legal Advocacy: Law & Religion

Sanford Heisler Sharp, LLP, Baltimore, MD

Associate, August 2020-July 2022; Litigation Fellow, August 2019-August 2020

- Represent plaintiffs in, and manage aspects of, employment discrimination and other public interest pre-suit and litigation matters
- Spearhead project to re-develop Firmwide legal assistant training materials
- Led Firm website redevelopment initiative through critical pre-launch phase

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

The Pluralism Project at Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

Assistant Director, October 2011-July 2016; Research Associate, September 2010-September 2011

- Provided budget oversight, including internal financial and grant reporting
- Co-developed programming and research priorities, including drafting and editing grant applications and reports
- Worked closely with faculty director and research director to craft, disseminate communications, including electronic newsletters, social media, annual donor letters
- Recruited and managed undergraduate and graduate student staff, interns in research, programming initiatives
- Presented on Project history, mission, and current initiatives to national and international audiences
- Spearheaded website redevelopment project, including interfacing with developers and contributors
- Facilitated case study discussions and publishing of two pilot studies on interfaith engagement

The University of Chicago, Laws and Letters Program, Chicago, IL

Teaching Assistant, LLSO 29133: Due Process (Andrew Hammond), March 2019-June 2019

Teaching Assistant, LLSO 29120: Poverty Law and Policy Reform (Andrew Hammond), March 2018-June 2018

- Offered written and oral feedback on assignments submitted by undergraduate students
- Led seminar session on Due Process and Camus's *The Stranger*

The University of Chicago Law School, Chicago, IL

Research Assistant, Aziz Huq, November 2016-June 2019 (AY)

Research Assistant, Emma Kaufman, January 2019-May 2019 (AY)

Research Assistant, Valerie Jarrett, January 2018-December 2018 (AY)

Research Assistant, D'Angelo Law Library, October 2017-January 2018 (AY)

- Provided research and editorial assistance to visiting fellow and members of the law school faculty

The John D. & Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, Legal Department, Chicago, IL

Legal Intern, Summer 2018

- Provided research on grant- and investment-related tax-exempt organization compliance topics
- Drafted internal policies and policy recommendations

American Civil Liberties Union, Program on Freedom of Religion and Belief, Washington, D.C.

Legal Intern (John Paul Stevens Public Interest Fellow), Summer 2018

- Conducted research, produced memos in preparation for litigation of constitutional, statutory religion-state issues

Muslim Advocates, Washington, D.C.

Legal Intern, Summer 2017

- Researched and prepared fact sheets on immigration, national security/civil liberties issues

Sargent Shriver National Center on National Poverty Law, Chicago, IL

Legal Intern (Equal Justice America Fellow), Summer 2017

- Drafted legal memoranda on federal civil procedure, housing, and local governance topics
- Participated in policy strategy meetings with diverse stakeholders

St. Vincent Hospital at Worcester Medical Center, Worcester, MA

Chaplain Intern (Clinical Pastoral Education), Summer 2010

- Tendered pastoral care to three medical units as part of diverse chaplaincy team

Harvard Divinity School, Office of Career Services, Cambridge, MA

Graduate Assistant, June 2009-May 2010

- Delivered career consultations, reviewed resumes/CVs for graduate-level students, and provided written assistance to students and alumni seeking to articulate the value of theological education

Harvard Square Homeless Shelter, Cambridge, MA

Board Member, September 2013-April 2016; Field Education Intern, October 2008-May 2009

SELECT ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

- “Pluralism as *Nomos* and Narrative: Reflecting on Religious Land Use in Modern America,” in *Festschrift* volume honoring Diana L. Eck, Jenny Peace and Elinor Pierce, eds. (forthcoming Spring 2024). [An essay version of this chapter appears on *Canopy Forum*, see below].
- “Considering Agonistic Pluralism as a Civic Norm: Implications for Interreligious Studies,” in *GEORGETOWN COMPANION TO INTERRELIGIOUS STUDIES* (Co-authored with the late Brendan Randall, based on his unfinished doctoral dissertation) (2022).
- “Whether Employees Can Be Fired for Participating in Peaceful Protests,” *University of Illinois Law Review Online*, <https://www.illinoislawreview.org/online/whether-employees-can-be-fired-for-participating-in-peaceful-protests/> (Co-authored with Andrew Melzer) (October 2020).
- “The Case Study Method as a Means of Teaching About Pluralism,” in *TEACHING INTERRELIGIOUS ENCOUNTERS*, Oxford University Press (Co-authored with Brendan Randall) (2017).
- “Pluralism, Place, and the Local,” *Journal of Interreligious Studies*, Issue 17, <http://irstudies.org/journal/pluralism-place-and-the-local-by-whittney-barth/> (August 2015).

ADDITIONAL PUBLICATIONS

Legal Industry Publications

- “Reassessing Democracy: Contemporary Christian and Islamic Perspectives,” *Canopy Forum*, <https://canopyforum.org/2023/09/15/reassessing-democracy-contemporary-christian-and-islamic-perspectives/> (Sept. 15, 2023).
- “Pluralism and the Future of Religious Property,” *Canopy Forum*, <https://canopyforum.org/2023/05/03/pluralism-and-the-future-of-religious-property/> (May 3, 2023). [A version of this essay appears as a chapter in a forthcoming *Festschrift* volume honoring Diana L. Eck].
- “What Employers Can Require With the Approved Covid-19 Vaccine,” *Daily Labor Report*, *Bloomberg Law*, <https://news.bloomberglaw.com/daily-labor-report/what-employers-can-require-with-the-approved-covid-19-vaccine> (Co-authored with Kate Muetting and Rebecca Ojserkis) (Sept. 9, 2021)
- “Open Issues 1 Year After Justices’ Religious Exemption Ruling,” *Expert Analysis*, *Law360*, <https://www.law360.com/employment-authority/articles/1398130/open-issues-1-year-after-justices-religious-exemption-ruling> (Co-authored with Johan Conrod) (June 30, 2021)
- “The Many Ways Private Employee Speech is Protected,” *Expert Analysis*, *Law360*, <https://www.law360.com/articles/1324595> (Co-authored with Andrew Melzer) (Oct. 30, 2020)

Legal and Academic Blog Posts

- “Religion and the Constitution in Everyday Life,” *Center for International and Comparative Law Newsletter*, Emory Law School, <https://us1.campaign-archive.com/?u=997a5e05af771befba55f622a&id=cb53b18aa9> (Feb. 2023).
- “Seeking COVID-19-Related Accommodations for At-Risk Household Members,” *Sanford Heisler Sharp LLP*, *Working for Justice Blog*, <https://sanfordheisler.com/seeking-covid-19-related-accommodations-for-at-risk-household-members/> (Co-authored with Kate Muetting and Rebecca Ojserkis) (July 28, 2021)
- “The Reach of *Our Lady of Guadalupe*: Are You Covered by the Ministerial Exception?” *Sanford Heisler Sharp LLP*, *Working for Justice Blog*, <https://sanfordheisler.com/the-reach-of-our-lady-of-guadalupe-are-you-covered-by-the-ministerial-exception/> (Co-authored with Johan Conrod) (July 8, 2021)
- “Supreme Court Focuses on Job Duties, Contracts in Applying ‘Ministerial Exception’ to Teachers at Religious Schools,” *Sanford Heisler Sharp LLP*, *Working for Justice Blog*, <https://sanfordheisler.com/supreme-court-focuses-on-job-duties-contracts/> (July 13, 2020)

- “Can I Be Fired for Participating in Peaceful Protests?” Sanford Heisler Sharp LLP, *Working for Justice Blog*, <https://sanfordheisler.com/can-i-be-fired-for-participating-in-peaceful-protests/> (Co-authored with Andrew Melzer) (June 11, 2020)
- “Class Action Seeks to Secure Fair Bond Hearings for Immigrants Amid COVID-19 Pandemic,” Sanford Heisler Sharp LLP, *Working for Justice Blog*, <https://sanfordheisler.com/class-action-seeks-to-secure-fair-bond-hearings-for-immigrants/> (Co-authored with Clare Horan, Austin Webbert, and Lucy Zhou) (June 1, 2020)

Reports and Working Papers

- “Researching Hate: Challenges to Tracking Hate Crimes & Practices for Collecting Better Data,” https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3455758 (Co-authored with Kathy Bruce, Beth Daviess, Madeline Hall, Gabriel Lazarus, and Caroline Sabatier) (September 2019)
- “Religious and Religiously-Affiliated Actors in International Law: Snapshots of Collaboration,” International Immersion Program Papers, University of Chicago Law School, https://chicagounbound.uchicago.edu/international_immersion_program_papers/98/ (2019)
- “Religion, Refugees, and Diaspora Communities in the United States, Pilot Report,” World Faiths Development Dialogue and the Pluralism Project at Harvard University, <https://berkleycenter.georgetown.edu/publications/religion-refugees-and-diaspora-communities-in-the-united-states> (Co-edited with Crystal Corman) (May 2016)

Institutional Articles

- “A Culture of Curiosity: How the Law School Supports Students as Scholars,” *The Record: The Alumni Magazine of the University of Chicago Law School*, <https://www.law.uchicago.edu/news/culture-curiosity> (October 2019)
- “Opening a Door to Legal Academia, University of Chicago Law School Communications, <https://www.law.uchicago.edu/news/opening-door-legal-academia> (March 18, 2019)
- “Making Law Accessible and Using All the Tools in the Toolbox, Emma Sperry, Pro Bono Student of the Month,” University of Chicago Law School Communications, <https://www.law.uchicago.edu/news/making-law-accessible-and-using-all-tools-toolbox> (Nov. 29, 2018)
- “‘Clients Are Not an Interruption to Our Work—They Are The Reason,’ Isabella Nascimento, Pro Bono Student of the Month,” <https://www.law.uchicago.edu/news/clients-are-not-interruption-our-work-they-are-reason> (Nov. 14, 2017)

SELECT PRESENTATIONS

- *Canopy Forum* Online Symposium: The Religious Freedom Restoration Act at Thirty,” Convener and Guest Editor, <https://canopyforum.org/the-religious-freedom-restoration-act-at-thirty-essay-series-and-online-symposium/> (Oct. 19, 2023).
- CSLR Panel: “Reassessing Democracy: Christian and Islamic Perspectives,” Organizer and Moderator, Parliament of the World’s Religions (Aug. 14, 2023).
- “Why Study Law and Religion as a Law Student,” Address to Emory Law 1L Class (Aug. 11, 2023).
- “Pluralism and the Future of Religious Property,” *Canopy Forum* Webinar: “Religion, Property Law, and the Crisis of Houses of Worship,” <https://canopyforum.org/religion-property-law-the-crisis-of-houses-of-worship/> (May 3, 2023)
- “Ruminations on Religion and Law,” Voices of Sanford Heisler Sharp (Feb. 3, 2022) (internal Firm presentation series)

- “Can I Be Fired for Participating in a Peaceful Protest?,” Workplace Fairness Webinar, <https://www.workplacefairness.org/workers-rights-webinar> (Co-presented with Andrew Melzer) (Feb. 4, 2021)
- “Whither Does *Watson* Lead?,” Canonical Ideas in Legal Thought Seminar, University of Chicago Law School (May 10, 2019) (presented paper in progress to faculty, student colleagues)
- “Hate Crimes and Terrorism as ‘Close Cousins’: What Intergovernmental Organizations Might Gain from an Integrated Approach,” Salzburg Cutler Fellows Program, Washington, D.C. (2018)
- Alumni career panel discussions for current students at Miami University (2018, 2022) and Harvard Divinity School (2021, 2022)
- Morning Prayers Speaker, Harvard University, The Memorial Church (Feb. 3, 2012; Oct. 18, 2012; Dec. 3, 2014) (invited as member of Harvard community to participate in tradition dating to 1636)