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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Indiana University Maurer School of Law, Bloomington, IN

Associate Professor of Law (2020 – present)

Affiliations: O’Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs, Ostrom Workshop in
Political Theory and Policy Analysis

University of Virginia School of Law, Charlottesville, VA

Program Director – Karsh Center for Law and Democracy (2019 – 2020)

Seton Hall University School of Law, Newark, NJ

Visiting Assistant Professor (2017 – 2019)

Tulane University Law School, New Orleans, LA

Visiting Assistant Professor (2014 – 2017)

EDUCATION

New York University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Ph.D. in Politics, 2014

Dissertation: The Role of Courts in Modern Democracy

Activities: MacCracken Fellowship, Bradley Fellowship (2007, 2008), NYU Department of
Politics Research Fellowship (2009, 2010, 2011)

New York University School of Law, J.D., 2009

Activities: Annual Survey of American Law – Symposium Editor (organized “Tort Law in
the Shadow of Preemption”), Dwight D. Opperman Scholar

Amherst College, B.A. in Philosophy and Political Science, 2002

Activities: Phi Beta Kappa, John Kenneth Galbraith Scholar, Gail Kennedy Prize in
Philosophy

COURSES TAUGHT

Administrative Law, Civil Procedure, Conflict of Laws, Criminal Procedure, Dissertation
Committees (Philosophy, SJD), Judicial Politics, Law & Democracy, Law & Economics, Legal
Education Opportunity Program, Workshop on Economic Regulation

SCHOLARSHIP

Standing in Reserve: A New Model for Hard Cases of Complicity, 55 ARIZ. STATE L. J. 431 (2023) (with Dimitri Landa)

Committing to Agency Independence, 76 VAND. L. REV. EN BANC 1 (2023)

The Undemocratic Class Action, 100 WASH. U. L. REV. 611 (2023)

Foreseeability, Causation, and Guilt in COLLECTIVE ACTION, PHILOSOPHY AND THE LAW (Chiara Valentini and Teresa Marques, eds., Routledge) (2022)

Unmarked Agents, Accountability, and the Anti-Commandeering Doctrine, CAL. L. REV. ONLINE (2020)

Comments on Executive Rulemaking and Democratic Legitimacy: "Reform" in the US and the UK's Route to Brexit, 94 CHI-KENT L. REV. 569 (2019)

The False Allure of Settlement Pressure, 50 LOY. U. CHI. L.J. 271 (2018)

Beyond Citizens United, 84 FORDHAM L. REV. 2756 (2016) (with Catherine Hafer)

Mixed Motives in the Equilibrium View of Joint Intention, 173 PHIL. STUD. 733 (2016) (with Dimitri Landa)

Increasing Leverage: Judicial Review as a Democracy-Enhancing Institution, 10 Q.J. POL. SCI. 357 (2015) (with Patrick Le Bihan)

Blame-Shifting, Judicial Review, and Public Welfare, 27 J.L. & POL. 239 (2012)

Politicization of Bureaucracy, INTERNATIONAL ENCYCLOPEDIA OF POLITICAL SCIENCE (Bertrand Badie, et al. eds., SAGE 2011)

Strategic Coordination and the Law, 25 L. & PHIL. 501 (2007) (with Dimitri Landa)

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Incitement as Coordination (with Dimitri Landa)

Enforcement Signals Under Rules and Standards (with Michael Gilbert and Rebecca Kerley)

Empty Desks: The Political Economy of Vacancies

Unitary Enforcement

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS

Incitement as Coordination

Culp Colloquium, Duke Law School (May 2023)

Maryland Carey Law Virtual Constitutional Law & Economics Workshop (March 2023)

Enforcement Signals Under Rules and Standards

Research Seminar, Max Planck Institute for Research on Collective Goods (June 2023)

Midwest Law & Economics Association Annual Meeting, U. Chicago Law School (Oct. 2022)

Junior Faculty Workshop Exchange, Washington U. School of Law (April 2021)

Major Questions: Who Asks? Who Answers?

Law Club of Greater Indianapolis (July 2022)

Empty Desks: Political Appointments in the Trump Era and Beyond

Southeastern Association of Law Schools (July 2022)

Culp Colloquium, U. Chicago Law School (June 2022)

Class Action Democracy

Culp Colloquium, Duke Law School (Sep. 2021)

Aggregation by Other Means

Chicagoland Junior Scholars Conference, Northern Illinois U. College of Law (Sep. 2021)

Enforcing Rules vs. Enforcing Standards

Junior Faculty Workshop Exchange, Washington University School of Law (April 2021)

Discussant on Executive Rulemaking and Democratic Legitimacy: "Reform" in the US and the UK's Route to Brexit by Susan Rose-Ackerman

The Trump Administration and Administrative Law Symposium, Chicago-Kent College of Law (Nov. 2018)

De Facto Class Actions

Colloquium Series, Seton Hall University School of Law (Feb. 2018)

Joint Crimes

Collective Action and the Law Conference, Pompeu Fabra University (Sep. 2016)

Discussant on The Sentence of Death: Communication and Retention Costs on State High Courts by Michael K. Romano and Todd A. Curry

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (Sep. 2016)

Discussant on Legislating in the Shadows by Christopher J. Walker

Conference on Political Economy and Public Law, Cornell University Law School (June 2016)

Discussant on *Presidents, Regulators and Policy Disagreement: A Framework for Estimating Audit Scores* by Alex Acs

Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, Washington University School of Law (Oct. 2015)

Discussant on *Strategic Rulemaking Disclosure* by Jed Stiglitz and Jennifer Nou

Conference on Political Economy and Public Law, NYU School of Law (June 2015)

Beyond Citizens United

Workshop on Economic Regulation, Tulane University Law School (March 2015)

An Institutional Design Approach to Campaign Finance Regulation

Political Economy of Financial Regulation Conf., George Wash. U. Law School (Feb. 2013)

Increasing Leverage: Judicial Review as a Democracy-Enhancing Institution,

American Law and Economics Association Annual Meeting, Stanford Law School (May 2012)

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

United States District Court, Southern District of Texas, Corpus Christi, TX

Law Clerk for the Honorable Janis Graham Jack (2013 - 2014)

Committee on Capital Markets Regulation, Cambridge, MA

Research Associate (2012)

BBS-CIS, Ltd., New York, NY

Consultant, Corporate Law (2012)

Axinn, Veltrop & Harkrider, LLP, New York, NY

Summer Associate (2008)

New York University Dept. of Politics, New York, NY

Teaching Assistant (2004 - 2006, 2010 - 2012)

MEMBERSHIPS

American Law & Economics Association, American Political Science Association, Bar of the State of New York, Hispanic National Bar Association, Midwest Law & Economics Association