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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, Cleveland, Ohio Aug. 2011-present
Associate Professor of Law (with tenure); Assistant Professor of Law (2006-2011)

Courses: International Law, International War Crimes Seminar, Alternative Dispute Resolution, Commercial Law

Developed the “International War Crimes Seminar,” through which students perform research and write memoranda on various topics of international criminal law for the different offices currently existing at several international tribunals, including the International Criminal Court, the Special Court for Sierra Leone, and the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia.

Cleveland-Marshall College of Law Summer Institute, St. Petersburg, Russia, July 2011

Courses: International Criminal Law

Cornell Law School, Ithaca, New York Spring 2005 and 2006
Adjunct Professor of Law

Courses: International War Crimes Research Clinic

Lectured on international criminal law; moderated student discussions on various topics within international criminal law; acted as liaison to establish a working relationship between the students and the Special Court for Sierra Leone; advised and guided student research and writing.

Cornell Law School, Ithaca, New York Spring 2000
Teaching Assistant

Courses: Law, Its Nature, Functions, and Limits

Teaching assistant for an introductory law course in the Government Department. Taught smaller student sections independently on a weekly basis.

Lycee St. Ursule, Tours, France Oct. 1996-May 1997

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Teaching Assistant for English Language

Assisted high school English professor in the teaching of English language to French students. Taught weekly small sections independently.

SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS & WORKS IN PROGRESS

Books:

The Right to Self-determination Under International Law: “Selfistans,” Secession and the Great Powers’ Rule (Routledge Publishers, forthcoming in 2012)

Law Review Articles:

A Tale of Two States: Territoriality v. Minority Rights in Kosovo and Georgia, Baltic Yearbook of International Law (forthcoming 2011)

Katyn Forest Massacre: Of Genocide, State Lies, and Secrecy, Case Western Journal of International Law (forthcoming 2011)

The Gaza Strip: Israel, Its Foreign Policy, and the Goldstone Report, 43 Case Western Journal of International Law 229 (2010)

A Grotian Moment: Changes in the Legal Theory of Statehood, 39 Denver Journal of International Law and Policy 209 (2011)

The Somali Piracy Problem: A Global Puzzle Necessitating A Global Solution, 59 American University Law Review 1449 (2010)

Fighting Piracy in Somalia (and Elsewhere): Why More Is Needed, 33 Fordham Journal of International Law 372 (2010)

On the Right to External Self-Determination: “Selfistans,” Secession and the Great Powers’ Rule, 19 Minnesota Journal of International Law 137(2010)

The Kosovar Declaration of Independence: Problems and Dilemmas Under International Law, 37 Georgia Journal of International & Comparative Law 267 (2009)

The Evolution of International Law, 31 Boston College International & Comparative Law Review 213 (2008)

Clash of the Titans: Collisions of Economic Regulations and the Need to Harmonize Prescriptive Jurisdiction Rules, 13 U.C. Davis Journal of International Law and Policy 95 (2007) (lead article)

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Seeking the Best Forum to Prosecute International War Crimes: Proposed Paradigms and Solutions, 18 Florida Journal of International Law 887 (2006)

Rethinking Amnesty, 34 Denver Journal of International Law and Policy 373 (2006)

Globalization Era and Conflict of Laws, 13 Cardozo Journal of International & Comparative Law 161 (2005)

Implications of the Altmann Decision on Former Yugoslav States, 20 Connecticut Journal of International Law 39 (2004)

Prosecution of International War Crimes in National Courts: Current Challenges and Dilemmas (work in progress)

OTHER WRITINGS

Piracy Off the Coast of Somalia: Current Approaches Under International Law, ASIL Annual Proceedings 2011

The Case of Kosovo: Self-determination, Secession and Statehood Under International Law, ASIL Annual Proceedings 2010

International Criminal Court: Summary of the Prosecutor's Application under Article 58, Introductory Note, 48 International Legal Materials 406 (2009)

Author of blog dedicated to international law and politics:
<https://intlwandpolitics.blogspot.com> (numerous posts)

Peer Referee for Melbourne Journal of International Law (Australia), 2010

Peer Reviewer for McGill Journal of Law (Canada), 2011

PRESENTATIONS

"Piracy off the Coast of Somalia," International Law in Crisis Conference, Case Western Reserve University School of Law, Cox Center Symposium, Cleveland, Ohio, September 9, 2011

"What is a Human Right?" Law and Society Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California, June 4, 2011

"A Tale of Two States: Minority Rights v. Territoriality in Kosovo and South Ossetia," European Society of International Law Research Forum, Tallinn, Estonia, May 27, 2011

"Transnational Piracy: To Pay or to Prosecute?," American Society of International Law Annual Meeting (moderator), Washington, D.C. , March 26, 2011

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“Grotian Moment: Changes in the Legal Theory of Statehood,” Junior International Law Scholars’ Association Annual Meeting, Yale Law School, New Haven, Connecticut, February 25, 2011

“Katyn: Justice Delayed or Justice Denied,” Cleveland-Marshall College of Law Faculty Presentation, Cleveland, Ohio, February 23, 2011

“The U.S. Congressional Investigation into Katyn,” (participant at conference entitled: “Katyn: Justice Delayed or Justice Denied?”), Case Western Reserve University School of Law, Cleveland, Ohio, February 4, 2011

“A Grotian Moment: Changes in the Legal Theory of Statehood,” Central States Law Schools’ Association Annual Meeting, University of North Dakota Law School, Grand Forks, North Dakota, September 25, 2010

“Lawfare!,” Case Western Reserve University School of Law War Crimes Research Symposium (moderated panel “Lawfare and the Israeli-Palestine Predicament”), Cleveland, Ohio, September 10, 2010

“Piracy Under International Law,” Law and Society Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, May 28, 2010

“Troubled Waters: Combating Maritime Piracy with the Rule of Law,” American University Law Review Symposium, Washington, D.C., March 31, 2010

“Creating and Building a State: International Law and Kosovo,” American Society of International Law Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., March 26, 2010

“The Right to Intervention Under Modern International Law,” AALS Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana, January 10, 2010

“Piracy Under International Law,” Cleveland-Marshall College of Law Faculty Presentation, Cleveland, Ohio, October 28, 2009

“Fighting Piracy in Somalia: Why More is Needed,” Central States Law Schools’ Association Annual Conference, Capital University Law School, Columbus, Ohio, October 24, 2009

“The Goldstone Report,” Panel Discussion, Case Western Reserve University School of Law, Cleveland, Ohio, October 2009

“The Right to External Self-Determination Under International Law,” Law and Society Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado, May 28, 2009

“International Issues in Piracy,” Case Western Reserve University School of Law, Cleveland, Ohio, April 13, 2009

“Piracy!,” Public Affairs Discussion Group, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio, March 6, 2009

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“On ‘Selfistans,’ Self-Determination and Secession,” Cleveland-Marshall College of Law Faculty Presentation, Cleveland, Ohio, February 25, 2009

“The Right to Remedial Secession in the 21st Century: When, Why and How Can a Group Assert Its Right to Independence Under International Law?,” Ohio Legal Scholarship Network, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, January 25, 2009 (accepted paper; unable to attend)

“The Kosovar Declaration of Independence: Problems and Dilemmas Under International Law,” Central States Law Schools’ Association Annual Conference, Southern Illinois University Law School, October 25, 2008

“Recent Supreme Court Cases: *Medellin v. Texas*,” Cleveland-Marshall College of Law Faculty Presentation, Cleveland, Ohio, October 6, 2008

“The Kosovar Declaration of Independence: An Illegal Unilateral Secession or a Justified Recognition of De Facto Statehood?,” Cleveland-Marshall College of Law Faculty Presentation, Cleveland, Ohio, February 20, 2008

“The Evolution of International Law,” Capital University Law School, Columbus, Ohio, February 15, 2008

“Globalization, Human Rights, and the Erosion of State Sovereignty,” AALS Annual Meeting, New York City, January 6, 2008

“Clash of the Titans: Collisions of Economic Regulations and the Need to Harmonize Prescriptive Jurisdiction Rules,” Cleveland-Marshall College of Law Faculty Presentation, Cleveland, Ohio, January 22, 2007

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Cleveland-Marshall College of Law:

Scholarship Committee (2010-present)
International Programs Committee (2006-present)
Faculty Appointments Committee (2007-08; 2008-09)
Criminal Justice Forum Planning Committee (2008-present)
Academic Standards Committee (2009-10; 2010-11; 2011-12 (Chair))

Cleveland State University:

Faculty Senate, Senator (2008-present)
Committee on Academic Space (2008-present)

EDUCATION

Cornell Law School, J.D. *Magna Cum Laude*, May 2002

Class Rank: Top 10 %

Order of the Coif

CALI Award for highest grade in Public International Law

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CALI Award for highest grade in International Criminal Law
CALI Award for highest grade in Property
International Law Journal, General Editor

University Paris I-Pantheon-Sorbonne, Maitrise en Droit (French Law Degree), *mention assez bien* (Cum Laude), June 2002

Association des Juristes Panthéon-Kings College (Future Lawyers' Society Panthéon-Kings College), Member

University Paris I-Pantheon-Sorbonne, D.E.A. (Master's Degree), Private International Law, *mention assez bien* (Cum Laude), June 2003

Thesis: American Choice-of-Law Revolution's Influence on European Private International Law (in French)

University Paris I-Pantheon-Sorbonne, Institute of International and Comparative Law, Summer Study, July 1999

Courses: International Human Rights, International Sales

Rutgers College, B.A. French Literature and Political Science, *Summa Cum Laude*, May 1998

Henry Rutgers Honors Scholar, Thesis: Racial Relations in Modern France As Seen Through Literature (Highest Honors, French and Political Science Departments) (in French)

Phi Beta Kappa

Van Der Poel Prize Award for Best Student in French Department

Dean's Award for Excellence, April 1996

University Francois Rabelais, Tours, France, Junior Year Abroad, 1996-97

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP, New York, New York, September 2003- July 2006

Associate

Worked on international trade secrets International Chamber of Commerce arbitration, and related United States District Court proceedings.

Prepared client's application in the European Court of Human Rights and served as liaison with local counsel in Croatia.

Acted as pro bono coordinator. Active in the firm's pro bono practice, especially in asylum law, World Trade Center victim compensation claims, and several research projects for the Principal Defender for the Special Court for Sierra Leone.

Member of Women's Working Group Leadership Committee.

Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP, New York, New York and Paris, France, June 2001- September 2001

Summer Associate

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Worked in both U.S. and French corporate law. Advised client on Sarbanes-Oxley regulatory changes to its corporate structure. Helped with a successful pro bono political asylum claim.

Sullivan & Cromwell, New York, New York May-August 2000
Summer Associate
Performed various corporate law and litigation-based assignments.

LEGAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Cornell Law School, Ithaca, New York June 1999-May 2000
Research Assistant to Law Professor Robert A. Hillman
Edited and researched various projects related to a forthcoming law review article in the field of Contract Law and in preparation of a Contract Law course.

Cornell Law School, Ithaca, New York January-May 2000
Research Assistant to Law Professor David Wippman
Edited and researched several projects for *Human Rights Watch*, namely regarding the Torture Convention and international humanitarian law.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Congressman William Pascrell Jr., Paterson, New Jersey June – August 1997
Intern
Assisted case-workers with various files. Worked directly with constituents and their specific needs.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

High Level Expert Group on Piracy in Somalia, Member
American Bar Association, International Law Section
New York State Bar Association, International Law and Practice Section
Association of the Bar of the City of New York
American Society of International Law, Member
Law and Society, Member
Central States Law Schools' Association, Vice President
Admitted to the New York Bar (2003)

LANGUAGES

Native fluency in Serbo-Croatian. Fluent in French. Proficient in Italian.

REFERENCES

Professor Robert A. Hillman, Cornell Law School
Dean David Wippman, Minnesota Law School

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Professor Barbara Holden-Smith, Cornell Law School
Jason P. Gottlieb, Counsel, Curtis Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle LLP