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Academic Appointments

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Marquette University, 2022-present

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Marquette University, 2015-2022

Education

Ph.D. University of California, Irvine, Political Science, 2015

M.A. University of California, Irvine, Political Science, 2013

B.M. Berklee College of Music (*cum laude*), Music Production & Engineering, 2002

Peer-reviewed publications

Book

2020 *Criminalizing Atrocity: The Global Spread of Criminal Laws against International Crimes* (Oxford University Press).

- Recipient of the 2022 Best Book Award from the Human Rights Section of the International Studies Association.
- Reviewed in *Perspectives on Politics, International Affairs, Political Science Quarterly, Genocide Studies and Prevention*, and *Contemporary Sociology*.

Journal articles

“Does Criminalizing Torture Deter Police Torture?” Forthcoming in *American Journal of Political Science*.

2020 “Revising the ‘Hibernation’ Narrative: Technocratic Legal Experts and the Cold War Origins of the ‘Justice Cascade.’” *Human Rights Quarterly* 42(4), 878–901.

- 2019 “Who Studies International Law? Explaining Cross-National Variation in Compulsory International Legal Education.” *European Journal of International Law* 30(2), 481–508. Co-authored with Ryan Scoville.
- 2017 “The Difference Law Makes: Domestic Atrocity Laws and Human Rights Prosecutions.” *Law & Society Review* 51(3), 533-566. Co-authored with Geoff Dancy.
- 2016 “Why (not) Arrest? Third-party State Compliance and Noncompliance with International Criminal Tribunals.” *Journal of Human Rights* 15(4), 509-532.

Other publications (not peer-reviewed)

Book chapters and policy reports

- 2013 “From Pirates to Pinochet: Universal Jurisdiction for Torture.” In *The Politics of the Globalization of Law: Getting from Rights to Justice*, edited by Alison Brysk. New York: Routledge.
- 2011 “Monitoring the Global Private Military and Security Industry: What Do We Know, What Do We Need to Know, and How Can We Know It.” *UC Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation Occasional Paper No. 4*. 2011. Co-authored with Deborah Avant and Karl Kruse.

Book reviews

- 2021 Review of *Unconscionable Crimes* by Paul Morrow (MIT Press 2020). *Perspectives on Politics* 19(3). Part of “Critical Dialog” with *Criminalizing Atrocity*.
- 2021 Review of *Interrogation and Torture* by Steven Barela, Mark Fallon, Gloria Gaggioli, and Jens David Ohlin eds. (Oxford University Press 2020). *Ethics & International Affairs* 35(1), 159-161.

Public scholarship

- 2022 “Chicago Cop Jon Burge Allegedly Tortured Suspects. Why Couldn’t the U.S. Prosecute Him?” *The Monkey Cage* (February 18, 2022).

Grants, fellowships, and awards

- 2022 Rynne Research Fellowship, Center for Peacemaking, Marquette University
- 2022 Best Book award for *Criminalizing Atrocity*, ISA Human Rights Section
- 2021 Elmer Plischke Annual Faculty Research Award, Marquette Department of Political Science
- 2021 Summer Faculty Fellowship, Marquette University

- 2021 Regular Research Grant, Marquette University
- 2021 Summer Research Assistant Grant, Center for Transnational Justice, Marquette University
- 2020 Best paper presented at the International Studies Association Annual Convention, ISA Human Rights Section
- 2018 Faculty Travel Grant, College of Arts and Sciences, Marquette University.
- 2018 Faculty Development Grant, Office of Research and Innovation, Marquette University.
- 2017 Faculty Travel Grant, Office of International Education, Marquette University.
- 2017 Faculty Travel Grant, College of Arts and Sciences, Marquette University.
- 2017 Faculty Development Grant, Office of Research and Innovation, Marquette University.
- 2017 Regular Research Grant, Marquette University.
- 2017 Summer Faculty Fellowship, Marquette University.
- 2016 Center for Transnational Justice course development grant, Marquette University.
- 2015 Department of Political Science research grant, UC Irvine.
- 2014 National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant (SES-1423578), Law and Social Science Program.
- 2014 Center for Global Peace and Conflict Studies research grant, UC Irvine.
- 2013 A. Kimball Romney Award for Outstanding Research Paper, School of Social Sciences, UC Irvine.
- 2013 David Easton Award for Outstanding Graduate Student Paper, Department of Political Science, UC Irvine.
- 2013 Center for Organizational Research research grant, UC Irvine.
- 2013 Associate Dean's Fellowship, School of Social Sciences, UC Irvine.
- 2013 Department of Political Science research grant, UC Irvine.
- 2013 Center in Law, Society and Culture research grant, UC Irvine.
- 2012 Center for Global Peace and Conflict Studies research grant, UC Irvine.
- 2012 Department of Political Science summer research travel grant, UC Irvine.
- 2012 Department of Political Science research grant, UC Irvine.
- 2011 Scholarship to attend the Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, Department of Political Science, UC Irvine.
- 2011 International Studies Association Annual Convention travel grant.
- 2011 Social Science Graduate Fellowship, UC Irvine.
- 2010 Department of Political Science summer research travel grant, UC Irvine.
- 2009 Social Science Teaching Fellowship, School of Social Sciences, UC Irvine (until 2015).

Research positions

Peace Research Institute Frankfurt, Germany, Guest Researcher, 2013

Presentations (past five years)

Invited presentations and public lectures

“The Importance of Criminal Law for Reducing Police Torture,” presented at the National Academies of Sciences workshop on Evidence to Advance Reform in the Global Security and

Justice Sectors, convened on behalf of the U.S. State Department Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs. October 2021.

“The Contributions of United Nations Peacekeeping to International Peace and Security in the 21st Century,” presented as part of the Great Decisions lecture series at the Manitowoc Public Library, Manitowoc, WI. March 2016.

Conferences and workshops

“The Persistence of Human Rights Violations in Liberal Democracies: The Chicago Police Torture Cases,” presented at the biannual International Studies Association Human Rights Section Conference, June 2021.

“The Persistence of Human Rights Violations in Liberal Democracies: The Chicago Police Torture Cases,” presented at the International Studies Association Annual Convention, April 2021.

“Why Criminalizing Torture is an Important Part of Efforts to Combat Torture,” presented at the Trauma of Torture conference, Milwaukee WI. November 2019.

“Does Criminalizing Torture Reduce Torture? Evidence from a New Dataset,” presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Convention, Washington, D.C. August 2019.

“Does Criminalizing Torture Reduce Torture? Evidence from a New Dataset,” presented at the International Studies Association Annual Convention, Toronto, Canada. March 2019. *Awarded Best Paper presented at conference by ISA Human Rights.*

“Atrocity Justice during the Cold War: Revising the ‘Hibernation’ Thesis,” presented at the Law and Society Association Annual International Meeting. Toronto, Canada. June 2018.

“Atrocity Justice during the Cold War: Revising the ‘Hibernation’ Thesis,” presented at the International Studies Association Annual Convention. San Francisco, CA. April 2018.

“Criminalizing Atrocity: The Global Spread of Domestic Laws against International Crimes,” presented at the Marquette Law School Faculty Workshop, Milwaukee, WI. October 2017

“The Difference Law Makes: Domestic Atrocity Laws and Human Rights Prosecutions,” presented at the Law and Society Association Annual International Meeting. Mexico City, Mexico. June 2017. Co-authored with Geoff Dancy.

“The Difference Law Makes: Domestic Atrocity Laws and Human Rights Prosecutions,” presented at the International Studies Association Annual Convention. Baltimore, MD. February 2017. Co-authored with Geoff Dancy.

“The Domestic Legislation of International Law: The Criminalization of Atrocities in Domestic Legal Systems, 1945-2014,” presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference. Chicago, IL. April 2016.

“Do Domestic Criminal Laws Against Genocide and Crimes Against Humanity Make Post-Transition Prosecutions More Likely?” presented at the International Studies Association Annual Convention. Atlanta, GA. March 2016.

Courses taught

Undergraduate

International Law

International Organizations

The Politics of Torture

Writing and Argumentation in Political Science: The Politics of Human Rights

Graduate

The Politics of Human Rights

Departmental service

Co-organizer, Milwaukee Area Political Science Seminar, 2021-present.

Alumni Outreach Committee, Chair, 2020-present.

Department Chair’s Advisory Committee, 2020, 2021-present

Department Newsletter editor, 2019-present.

Undergraduate Studies Committee, Department of Political Science, Marquette University, 2015-2017, 2019-present.

Programming Committee, Department of Political Science, Marquette University, 2015-2017, 2019-present.

Graduate Studies Committee, Department of Political Science, Marquette University, 2017-2018.

Graduate Student Representative, Department of Political Science, UC Irvine, 2011-2012.

Participant, External Review Committee, Department of Political Science and Center for Research on International and Global Studies, UC Irvine, 2010.

Graduate Assistant, Center for International Studies, UC Irvine, 2010-2011.

Professional service

Award committee chair for Best Paper presented at 2021 Annual Convention, International Studies Association Human Rights Section

Award committee member for Best Paper presented at 2020 Annual Convention, International Studies Association Human Rights Section

Reviewer for:

American Political Science Review
International Studies Quarterly
Law & Society Review
Law & Social Inquiry
Royal Society of New Zealand (Marsden Fund)
Journal of Human Rights
Government and Opposition
International Journal of Comparative Sociology
Asian Perspective

Affiliations

International Studies Association, member
American Political Science Association, member