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TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

International Law; International Environmental Law; Constitutional Law; Gender Law; First Amendment Law; Comparative Legal Writing and Research; Environmental Law

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Full Professor of Law (tenured)	August 2025 – present
Associate Professor of Law (tenured)	August 2021 – August 2025
Associate Professor of Law (pre-tenure)	August 2018 – August 2021
Assistant Professor of Law (pre-tenure)	August 2015 – August 2018

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Detroit, Michigan

Courses Taught:

- International Environmental Law
- Comparative Legal Writing and Research
- Gender Law
- First Amendment Law
- Applied Legal Theory and Analysis II

Faculty Service:

- Online JD Taskforce (2023-present; Chair 2026-present)
- Honor Council Committee, non-chair (2016-2019; 2026-present)
- Chair of the Honor Council Committee (2020-2025)
- Chair of the Diversity Committee (2016-2019; 2021-2025)
- Shared Governance Task Force (2019-2022)
- Teaching and Learning Task Force (2020-2021)
- Chair of the Futures Task Force (2018-2020)
- Law Review Advisor (2017-2020)
- Academic Advising Task Force (2017-2018)
- Dual JD Admissions Committee (2016-2018)
- Faculty Recruitment Committee (2015-2016)
- Diversity Committee, non-chair (2015-2016)

PUBLICATIONS AND RESEARCH

Still Problematic, Even Post-Settlement: Florida's "Don't Say Gay" Law and the Federal Constitution, 28 CHAPMAN L. REV. 1 (2024).

Putin's Version of History and Claims of Provocation: An International Law Perspective on Russia's Justifications for the Ukraine War, 100 U. DET. MERCY L. REV. 501 (2023) (co-authored with Aman McLeod).

Feminist Perspectives on Bostock v. Clayton County (co-authored with Ann C. McGinley, Nicole Buonocore Porter, Danielle Weatherby, Ryan H. Nelson, and Pamela Wilkins), 53 CONNECTICUT LAW REVIEW ONLINE 1 (2020).

Rewritten Opinion for *Etsitty v. Utah Transit Authority* (10th Cir. 2007) in *Feminist Judgments: Employment Discrimination Opinions Rewritten* (Ann McGinley & Nicole Porter eds., Cambridge University Press 2020).

Transgender and Intersex Sports Rights, 26:3 VIRGINIA JOURNAL OF SOCIAL POLICY & THE LAW 246-276 (2019).

Transgender Bathroom Rights in the Time of Trump, 6 TENNESSEE JOURNAL OF RACE, GENDER, & SOCIAL JUSTICE 241-273 (2017).

Transgender Bathroom Rights, 24 DUKE JOURNAL OF GENDER LAW & POLICY 1-31 (2016).

Is Full Marriage Equality for Same-Sex Couples Next? The Immediate and Future Impact of the Supreme Court's Decision in United States v. Windsor, 48 VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 695-713 (2014).

Transgender Student in Maine May Use Bathroom that Matches Gender Identity - Are Co-ed Bathrooms Next? 83 UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI-KANSAS CITY LAW REVIEW 57-71 (2014).

What Kind of Life? Why the Canadian Charter's Guarantees of Life and Security of the Person Should Include the Right to a Healthy Environment, 22 TULANE JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL & COMPARATIVE LAW 1-42 (2013).

Two Wrongs Don't Make a Right: Implications of the Sex Discrimination Present in Same-Sex Marriage Exclusions for the Next Supreme Court Same-Sex Marriage Case, 34 NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 1-37 (2013).

De-Clothing Sex-Based Classifications - Same-Sex Marriage Is Just the Beginning: Achieving Formal Sex Equality in the Modern Era, 36 NORTHERN KENTUCKY LAW REVIEW 1-43 (2009).

Forbidden by the WTO? Discrimination Against a Product When Its Creation Causes Harm to the Environment or Animal Welfare, 48 NATURAL RESOURCES JOURNAL 15-51 (2008).

Co-author of: *Repatriation of Omar Khadr to Be Tried Under Canadian Law: An Overview of the Case Against Omar Khadr and the Prospect of Canadian Criminal Jurisdiction* (2008), submitted to Senate Standing Committee on Human Rights, <https://perma.cc/WT2U-QJVD>.

The Recovery of the Gray Wolf Under the Endangered Species Act, Animal Legal and Historical Center (2005), <http://www.animallaw.info/articles/ddusgraywolf.htm>; <https://perma.cc/G8R6-7BNN>.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS AND COMMENTARY

“Venezuela Panel: Exploring U.S. Policy Toward and Actions Against Venezuela and Ousted Leader, Nicolas Maduro,” Panel Presentation with Professors Richard Broughton, Cara Cunningham Warren, David Lourie, Aman McLeod, Christos Strubakos, and Adam Wright. University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, Room 226. February 4, 2026.

“Challenges Currently Facing the LGBTQ+ Community and Our Response,” Mature Ministries Lunch & Learn Presentation. First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor. December 4, 2025.

“The Climate Emergency and AI: Rethinking the Use of AI in Law Schools and Beyond,” Panel Presentation with Interim Dean and Professor of Law Nicholas Schroeck, and Dr. Jon Truby, National University of Singapore. 2025 AALS Annual Meeting, “Courage in Action,” January 7-11, 2025, San Francisco. January 8, 2025.

“The Constitution, the Election, and the Next Administration,” Constitution Day Panel Presentation with Professors Richard Broughton, Cara Cunningham Warren, and Aman McLeod. University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, Room 226. September 30, 2024.

“How Having Law Faculty that Teach Both Writing and Doctrinal Classes Can Improve Student Learning,” Presentation with Professor Julie St. John as part of the Legal Writing Institute’s Virtual One-Day Workshop at Vermont Law & Graduate School, called “Use It or Lose It: Upper-Level Writing for Skills Maintenance.” December 8, 2023.

“Public Trust and Confidence in Perspective: Landmark SCOTUS Decisions and Their Adverse Impact,” Webinar Presentation with Professor Aman McLeod for the National Association for Court Management. June 7, 2023.

“Putin’s Version of History and Claims of Provocation: An International Law Perspective on Russia’s Justifications for the Ukraine War.” Presentation for the Toledo Law/ Detroit Mercy Law faculty exchange program. Toledo Law School. April 3, 2023.

“Putin’s Version of History and Claims of Provocation: An International Law Perspective on Russia’s Justifications for the Ukraine War.” Presentation with Professor Aman McLeod for the 2023 Detroit Mercy Law Review Symposium, “Fallout: The Legal Impact of the 2022 Russian Invasion of Ukraine.” University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, Room 226. March 3, 2023.

“Weekly Yoga at Law School,” panel presentation on “Well-Being Offerings” with: Jordana A. Confino, Senior Director of Professionalism & Special Projects, Fordham University School of Law; Janet Stearns, Dean of Students & Lecturer, University of Miami School of Law; Ron Hochbaum, Assistant Clinical Professor, University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law; Brett Bowers, Director of Wellness, North Carolina Central University; Lynn Su, Professor of Law, New York Law School; and Dena Bauman, Externship Director & Lecturer, UC Davis School of Law, as part of the AALS Balance & Well-Being Section's Speed-Idea Sharing Series. Zoom, July 27, 2022.

“Understanding Dobbs: Overturning of Roe v. Wade.” Panel Presentation with Professors Richard Broughton and Leslie Scott as part of the “Current Events in the Law Series” at University of Detroit Mercy School of Law. Zoom. June 29, 2022.

“The State of Reproductive Rights in the U.S.” Panel Presentation with Professor Ederlina Co, University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law and Merissa Kovach, Michigan ACLU, a collaboration by the Women’s and Gender Studies Program at University of Detroit Mercy and University of Detroit Mercy School of Law. Zoom. March 24, 2022.

Moderator for: “Current Issues in Indigenous Law.” Detroit Mercy Law Diversity Committee event, with panel presenters Matthew L. M. Fletcher, Professor of Law and Director of the Indigenous Law & Policy Center, Michigan State University; Dr. Beverly Jacobs, Associate Professor, Associate Dean (Academic), University of Windsor Faculty of Law, Indigenous Legal Orders Institute; and Valerie Waboose, Assistant Professor, University of Windsor Faculty of Law, Indigenous Legal Orders Institute. Zoom, Nov. 17, 2021.

“Understanding the Law of Reproductive Rights in the U.S. Today.” Panel Presentation with Professor Ederlina Co, University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law and Merissa Kovach, Michigan ACLU, as part of the Constitution Day 2021 event at Detroit Mercy Law. Zoom. September 24, 2021.

“Bostock v. Clayton County and Sex Discrimination Claims under the Equal Protection Clause.” Panel Presentation with Professors Cara Cunningham Warren, Jelani Jefferson Exum, and Deborah Paruch. Constitution Day 2020 Faculty Panel, University of Detroit Mercy School of Law. Zoom. September 17, 2020.

“Transgender and Intersex Sports Rights” in “Trans and Queer Life in Private and Public.” Paper Presentation session at the Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, Virtual Meeting, May 30, 2020.

“Harris v. EEOC: A Conversation with ACLU’s Jay Kaplan on LGBTQ+ Protections Under Title VII.” Presentation with Jay Kaplan, staff attorney at the ACLU, for the OutLaws, Women’s Law Caucus, and the American Constitution Society at Detroit Mercy Law. University of Detroit Mercy School of Law. November 19, 2019.

“All-Gender Restroom Unveiling Event.” Presentation organized by the OutLaws student group at Detroit Mercy Law. University of Detroit Mercy School of Law. October 15, 2019.

“Feminist Judgments: Rewritten Employment Discrimination Opinions.” Panel roundtable presentation at the Law & Society Association Annual Meeting. Washington DC. June 1, 2019.

“The Rewriting of *Etsitty v. Utah Transit Authority* (10th Cir. 2007).” Presentation for the Toledo Women's Bar Association Spring 2019 CLE: Gender, Reproductive Rights, and Sexual Misconduct. Toledo Club, Toledo, Ohio. May 23, 2019.

“Wellness at Work.” Panel presentation on Michigan’s Paid Medical Leave Act for the Women Lawyers Association of Michigan Wayne Region Annual Meeting. Detroit Club, Detroit. May 8, 2019.

- Provided feedback and scores for student competition
- June 2014 – Feb. 2015 **Volunteer Attorney, Volunteers of Legal Services**
 Incarcerated Mothers Law Project, New York, New York
- Provided legal advice and advocacy for incarcerated mothers
 - Helped maintain parental rights while families were separated
- Sept. 2008 – Mar. 2012 **Associate, Dewey & LeBoeuf LLP**
 New York, New York
- Research, writing, advocacy in litigation department
 - Environmental, international, contract, securities, pro bono cases
 - Oral argument in federal, state, housing, and immigration courts
 - Four-month secondment to legal services organization
- June – Aug. 2008 **Intern, United Nations**
 Procurement Department, New York, New York
- Research and writing on law related to United Nation contracts
- Sept. – Dec. 2007 **Clerk to the Regional Senior Justice, Ontario Court of Justice**
 Ottawa, Ontario
- Wrote memoranda to assist judges in authoring opinions
- Feb. – Apr.,
 Sept. – Dec. 2007 **Participant, Environmental Law and Policy Clinic**
 Sierra Legal Defence Fund/Ecojustice, Ottawa, Canada
- Met with clients; legal research, writing, and advocacy
- Jan. – Apr. 2007 **Research Assistant, Environmental Law**
 Professor Nathalie Chalifour, University of Ottawa Faculty of Law
- Research on constitutional division of powers over energy law
- Jan. – May 2006 **Legal Clerk, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit**
 Honorable David W. McKeague, Lansing, Michigan
- Assisted in writing opinions and preparing for hearings

EDUCATION

- 2006-2008 **University of Ottawa Faculty of Law, Ottawa, ON, Canada**
- LLB, 2008, Cum Laude
 - Joint JD-LLB program with Michigan State
 - Editor, Ottawa Law Review
 - International Law Option
- 2004-2007 **Michigan State University College of Law, East Lansing, MI**
- Juris Doctor, 2007, Summa Cum Laude
 - Full-tuition Merit Scholarship
 - GPA: 3.87/4.00 Rank: 5/297; Top 2%
 - Editor, Michigan State Law Review

- International & Environmental Law Concentrations

1996-2000

Princeton University, Princeton, NJ

- Bachelor of Arts, Ecology & Evolutionary Biology
- Semester Abroad at Aberdeen University, Scotland

July-Aug. 2003

The Institute for International Mediation and Conflict Resolution (IIMCR), The Hague, The Netherlands

- Participant, International Student Symposium

AWARDS

- Laudato Si Faculty Summer Stipend for Course Development Grant Award for Development of Sustainable Lawyering in the 21st Century Course, with Professor Erin Archerd, University of Detroit Mercy (2025).
- Dialogue Fellow and Recipient of Mastering Dialogue Fellowship Grant, University of Detroit Mercy School of Law (2024).
- Pro Bono Award, Legal Aid Society (2011).
- Lisa Beth Deutsch Pro Bono Award, Dewey & LeBoeuf LLP (2009).
- ELSA WTO Moot Court North American Regional Round: Best Complainant's, Respondent's, and Overall Written Memorials; Semi-finalist in Oral Round (2008).
- University of Ottawa Lambda Award Laureate (2007-2008).
- Semi-finalist in First Year Oral Argument Competition (2005).
- Jurisprudence Awards: Research, Writing, and Advocacy; Administrative Law (2005).

PRIOR EXPERIENCE

The Princeton – Blairstown Center, Blairstown, NJ

Mar. – Dec. 2002

Experiential Education Facilitator

- Taught conflict resolution, leadership and environmental education to underserved youth.

Princeton Programs with the International Community, Princeton, NJ June 2000 – Aug. 2001

Belize Fellowship

- Led student volunteer trips to Belize, Central America; Ecotourism and education projects.

BAR MEMBERSHIP

New York State Bar

OTHER INTERESTS

Piano playing, singing, running, swimming, biking, triathlons, reading