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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Texas A&M University School of Law

Professor of Law, 2016-present

Harvard Law School

Climenko Fellow and Lecturer on Law, 2011-13

EDUCATION

Harvard Law School

J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2009

Harvard International Law Journal, Editor-in-Chief

Università di Padova

M.A., European History, Politics and Economics, 2007

Princeton University

A.B., *magna cum laude*, School of Public and International Affairs, 2004

BOOKS

FOR PROFIT: A HISTORY OF CORPORATIONS (Basic Books, 2022)

BLOCKCHAIN DEMOCRACY: TECHNOLOGY, LAW AND THE RULE OF THE CROWD (Cambridge University Press, 2020)

ARTICLES

Original Discontent, 78 VAND. L. REV. (forthcoming 2024)

The Failure of Market Efficiency, 48 B.Y.U. L. REV. 827 (2022)

A Unified Theory of Data, 58 HARV. J. ON LEGIS. 23 (2021)

Data Autonomy, 74 VAND. L. REV. 327 (2021) (with Cesare Fracassi)

Artificial Financial Intelligence, 10 HARV. BUS. L. REV. 337 (2020)

The Race to the Middle, 95 NOTRE DAME L. REV. 1183 (2020)

Financial Regulation in the Bitcoin Era, 23 STAN. J. L. BUS. & FIN. 159 (2018)

Regulating Fintech, 71 VAND. L. REV. 1167 (2018)

The Public Cost of Private Equity, 102 MINN. L. REV. 1847 (2018)

Unilateral Corporate Regulation, 17 CHI. J. INT'L L. 521 (2017)

International Corporate Bribery and Unilateral Enforcement, 51 COLUM. J. TRANSNAT'L L. 360 (2013)

The Domestic Politics of International Extradition, 52 VA. J. INT'L L. 839 (2012)

WTO Jurisprudence and Its Critiques: The Appellate Body's Anti-Constitutional Resistance, 51 HARV. INT'L L. J. ONLINE 121 (2010)

The Responsibility to Protect and the Decline of Sovereignty: Free Speech Protection Under International Law, 43 VANDERBILT J. TRANSNAT'L L. 255 (2010)

Takeover Regulation in the United States and Europe: An Institutional Approach, 21 PACE INT'L L. REV. 205 (2009)

POPULAR PUBLICATIONS AND PRESS

[*What Ancient Athens Can Teach Modern America About Law and Democracy*](#), Financial Times, February 3, 2024

[*The Best Defense Against the Energy Weapon: Big Oil*](#), Wall Street Journal, October 4, 2022

[*Cracking the Code of Crypto*](#), The Hill, October 2, 2021

[*The Modern Day Trustbusters Have Facebook in Their Sights*](#), Financial Times, December 18, 2020

[*The 2020 New Deal Means Building Internet Access for All Americans*](#), Esquire, June 18, 2020

[*Why We Should Be Worried About Artificial Intelligence on Wall Street*](#), Los Angeles Times, November 1, 2019

[*How Should Financial Regulators Handle the Bitcoin Era?*](#), Harvard Law School Forum on Corporate Governance and Financial Regulation, April 19, 2018

[*The Next Crisis Will Start in Silicon Valley*](#), Bloomberg, September 18, 2017

[*How Should We Regulate Fintech?*](#), Harvard Law School Forum on Corporate Governance and Financial Regulation, September 13, 2017

[*The Public Cost of Private Equity*](#), The CLS Blue Sky Blog, May 11, 2017

[*Is Brexit the Beginning of the End for International Cooperation?*](#), The Conversation, March 29, 2017, *reprinted as The New World Order: Every Country for Itself*, Time, April 2, 2017

SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

The Corporation: Past, Present and Future, Guest Lecture, University of California, Berkeley, School of Law, Berkeley, CA (September 2024)

Corporate Law and Artificial Intelligence, Speaker Series, Bangkok University, Bangkok, Thailand (July 2024)

The Law of the Internet, Speaker Series, Keio University, Tokyo, Japan (July 2024)

The Market for Corporate Control, John. C. Coffee Conference on Corporate Law, Columbia Law School, New York, NY (March 2024)

The History of Corporate Law, Markets and Society Conference, Mercatus Center, George Mason University, Arlington, VA (October 2023)

For Profit: A History of Corporations, Book Talk, Texas Book Festival, Austin, TX (September 2023)

Cryptocurrency Law and Economics, Management and Innovation Seminar, Sapienza Università di Roma, Rome, Italy (May 2023)

Crypto Regulation, Blockchain and Crypto Currencies Workshop, Stanford University School of Engineering, Stanford, CA (May 2023)

For Profit: A History of Corporations, Book Talk, American University of Rome, Rome, Italy (February 2023)

For Profit: A History of Corporations, Book Talk, Libera Università Internazionale degli Studi Sociali Guido Carli, Rome, Italy (February 2023)

The History and Future of Finance, BABELecture Seminars, Università degli Studi di Firenze, Florence, Italy (February 2023)

For Profit: A History of Corporations, Book Talk, European University Institute, Florence, Italy (February 2023)

Private Equity and Green Capital, Oxford Sustainable Private Markets Conference, University of Oxford, Oxford, United Kingdom (December 2022)

The Failure of Market Efficiency, Wharton Financial Regulation Conference, The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA (March 2022)

The Failure of Market Efficiency, Faculty Colloquium, University of Texas School of Law, Austin, TX (March 2022)

The Failure of Market Efficiency, BYU Winter Deals Conference, BYU Law School, Park City, UT (March 2022)

Regulating Fintech, Regulating Emerging Technologies Class, Emory Law School, Atlanta, GA (March 2022)

Regulating Fintech, CorpFintech Law & Policy Seminar, Boston University School of Law, Boston, MA (January 2022)

The Failure of Market Efficiency, Junior International Law Scholars Association, University of Miami School of Law, Miami, FL (January 2022)

The Decline and Fall of the Roman Corporate Empire, National Business Law Scholars Conference, University of Tennessee College of Law, Knoxville, TN (June 2021)

A History of Corporations, University of Wisconsin Law School, Madison, WI (April 2021)

The Law of Decentralized Finance, Haas School of Business, University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, CA (April 2021)

How Could Blockchain Disrupt the Democratic Landscape?, Minderoo Centre for Technology and Democracy, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, United Kingdom (March 2021)

Perspectives on Blockchain and Cryptocurrency Regulation, William S. Richardson School of Law, University of Hawaii, Honolulu, HI (March 2021)

Data Autonomy, Faculty Workshop, University of San Diego School of Law, San Diego, CA (August 2020)

Data Autonomy, National Business Law Scholars Conference, University of Tennessee, College of Law, Knoxville, TN (June 2020)

Emerging Technologies and Financial Stability Challenges, Financial Stability Conference, Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, Cleveland, OH (November 2019)

The Race to the Middle, National Business Law Scholars Conference, University of California, Berkeley, School of Law, Berkeley, CA (June 2019)

Regulating Fintech, Innovation and Technology Law Conference, Università di Padova, Padova, Italy (June 2019)

The Race to the Middle, Yale/Harvard/Stanford Junior Faculty Forum, Yale Law School, New Haven, CT (June 2019)

Artificial Financial Intelligence, Future of Financial Regulation Roundtable, Antonin Scalia Law School, Arlington, VA (March 2019)

Financial Regulation in the Bitcoin Era, National Business Law Scholars Conference, University of Georgia School of Law, Athens, GA (June 2018)

Financial Regulation in the Bitcoin Era, Stanford Law School, Stanford, CA (May 2018)

Financial Regulation in the Bitcoin Era, Colloquium on International Economic Law, Dennis J. Block Center for the Study of International Business Law, Brooklyn Law School, New York, NY (April 2018)

Regulating Fintech, Financial Regulation Workshop, Boston University School of Law, Boston, MA (September 2017)

The Public Cost of Private Equity, National Business Law Scholars Conference, University of Utah Law School, Salt Lake City, UT (June 2017)

Moderator, *International Corruption and the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act*, International Law Weekend South, Fort Worth, TX (March 2017)

Private Equity and Corporate Governance, Centre for Corporate and Commercial Law, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, United Kingdom (November 2016)

Unilateral Corporate Regulation, Lauterpacht Centre for International Law, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, United Kingdom (November 2016)

Moderator, *Innovations in International Trade and Investment Agreements*, International Law Weekend, New York, NY (October 2016)

Unilateral Corporate Regulation, Texas Legal Scholars Workshop, SMU Dedman School of Law, Dallas, TX (August 2016)

The Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and the Energy Sector, University of Calgary, Calgary, Alberta, Canada (March 2016)

The Criminalization of Corporate Bribery Abroad, International Institute for the Sociology of Law, Oñati, Spain (May 2015)

The Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and the Energy Sector, University of Calgary, Calgary, Alberta, Canada (March 2014)

International Corporate Bribery and Unilateral Enforcement, Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Honolulu, HI (June 2012)

Corporate Governance and International Bribery, Harvard Corporate Governance Workshop, Cambridge, MA (April 2012)

A Theory of International Corruption Regulation, Junior International Law Scholars Association Conference, Georgia Law School, Athens, GA (February 2012)

International Negotiations, Harvard Project for Asian and International Relations, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA (February 2012)

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Graves, Dougherty, Hearon & Moody, P.C., Austin, TX
Corporate Associate, 2015-2016

Sullivan & Cromwell, LLP, New York
Corporate Associate, 2010-11, 2013-2015

Law Clerk to the Honorable Priscilla Richman, Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, Austin, Texas
Law Clerk, 2009-10

The Washington Post, Rome, Italy
News Assistant, 2005

Associated Press, Rome, Italy
News Assistant, 2004-2005

BAR ADMISSIONS

New York, 2010; Texas, 2015