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Scholar-in-Residence  
American University  
School of Public Affairs - Justice, Law and Criminology

**Scholar-in-Residence**, Department of Justice, Law and Criminology, American University, Washington, DC (2015-present)

**Assistant Professor of American Studies** (*Wissenschaftliche Mitarbeiterin*), School of American History, Culture and Society, Amerika-Institut, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, Munich, Germany (2011-2013)  
**Lecturer** (2014-present, summer semesters)

**Adjunct Scholar-in-Residence** (part-time), Department of History and **Adjunct Practitioner-in-Residence**, Department of Justice, Law and Criminology, American University, Washington, DC (2013-2015)

**Senior Counsel**, Access to Justice Office, United States Department of Justice, Washington, DC (2014-2015)

**Attorney Advisor**, Program Operations and Budget Division, Defender Services Office, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, Washington, DC (2013-2014)

**Adjunct Lecturer**, Department of Anthropology, American Studies Program, American University, Washington, DC (Spring 2011)

**Assistant Federal Public Defender**, Trial Attorney, Office of the Federal Public Defender for the District of Maryland, Baltimore, Maryland (2008-2011)

**Attorney Advisor**, Legal and Policy Branch (detailed from defender appointment), Office of Defender Services, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, Washington, DC (2007-2008)

**Assistant Federal Public Defender**, Trial Attorney, Office of the Federal Public Defender for the District of New Mexico, Las Cruces, New Mexico (2005-2008)

**Assistant State Public Defender**, Trial Attorney, Santa Fe, New Mexico (2004-2005)

**Law Clerk**, Office of the Federal Public Defender for the District of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico (2003-2004)

**Education**

**Juris Doctor**, University of New Mexico School of Law  
Judge Oliver Seth Award in Legal Ethics  
Dean's list and honor roll (2002-2004)  
Mediation certificate

**Bachelor of Arts**, University of Texas at Austin

*Phi Beta Kappa*

Departmental and University Honors

Honors thesis: Working and Living Under Free Trade on the United States-Mexico Border

Major in humanities, minors in sociology and philosophy

## Courses Taught

### **American University**

Cities and Crime  
Criminal Procedure and the Constitution  
Death Penalty and American Culture  
Defending and Prosecuting a Federal Crime  
Drugs, Crime and Public Policy  
Introduction to Justice Systems  
The Public Defender  
*The Wire: Urban Life in America*

### **Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität**

Bob Dylan and America  
Bob Dylan, Justice and the Law  
Cops, Crime, Courts & Corrections: Criminal Justice & Film  
Criminal Law and Justice  
Death Penalty in the United States  
Ferguson: What Happened, What Now?  
Introduction to American Common Law  
United States Government: President, Congress, & Courts  
*The Wire: Urban Life in America*

## Selected List of Invited Conference Presentations and Papers

*Maintaining Momentum: Redefining the Purpose of Incarceration in the Ongoing Conversations about Criminal Justice Reform*, moderator for panel on defense and prosecution, Justice Programs Office, School of Public Affairs, American University, Washington, DC, March 2017.

*A Great Divide? America Between Exceptionalism and Transnationalism*, international conference, chair and commentator for a panel on law, Center for Advanced Studies, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, Munich, Germany, 2015.

“Roadmaps for the Soul.” *Einstein Disguised as Robin Hood. Bob Dylan and the Nobel Prize*, Einstein Forum, Potsdam, Germany, 2013.

“Bob Dylan and the Cold War.” *The Cold War and American Music, 1945-2000*, Center for Advanced Studies, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, Munich, Germany, 2012.

“The Evolution of Fan Culture Throughout the Never Ending Tour.” Keynote Lecture. *Refractions of Bob Dylan - Cultural Appropriations of an American Icon*, international conference, University of Vienna, Austria, 2011.

“Bob Dylan and Religion.” *Is America the Golden Medina?* International conference, Tarbut Congress, Schloss Elmau, Germany, 2010.

“Telling Client Stories on Paper and in the Courtroom.” *Sentencing Advocacy Workshop*, (three-day continuing legal education conference for private federal defense practitioners) Training Branch of the Defender Services Office, Long Beach, CA (2014), Redondo Beach, CA (2012), San Juan, Puerto Rico (2011), San Francisco, CA (2010), New Orleans, LA (2010), Santa Fe, NM (2009), Chicago, IL (2008).

## Selected List of Invited Academic Lectures

“Bob Dylan, Saved!” Invitational public lecture, Indiana University, Jewish Studies, Bloomington, IN, April 2017.

“Bob Dylan’s Road to Salvation.” Invitational lecture, The College of William and Mary, Interdisciplinary Studies Program, Williamsburg, VA, October, 2015.

“*People of New York v. Dominique Strauss-Kahn: Prosecutorial Ethics and Criminal Procedure in America.*” Invitational public lecture, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, School of Law, Munich, Germany, 2012.

### **Academic Publication**

“The Evolution of Fan Culture: The Impact of Technology on the Never Ending Tour,” in: Eugen Banauch, ed., *Refractions of Bob Dylan: Cultural Appropriations of an American Icon*, Manchester: Manchester University Press, 2015.

### **Professional Associations and Memberships**

State Bar of New Mexico

United States District Court for the District of New Mexico

United States District Court for the District of Maryland

Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals

Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals

Bavarian-American Academy