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EDUCATION

University of Cambridge, U.K., M.Phil in Land Economy, October 2004

Harvard Law School, J.D., *magna cum laude*, June 2003

Transfer from Georgetown Law Center

Summer Clerkships: Office of Native American Programs, HUD (Colorado); Native American Rights Fund (Alaska); DNA-Peoples' Legal Services (Navajo Nation)

Yale University, B.A. in English and Economics, May 2000

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

American University Washington College of Law, Washington, DC

Professor of Law, Fall 2012-Present; *Assistant and Associate Professor*, Fall 2006-Spring 2012

Associate Dean for the Part-Time and Evening Division, Fall 2020-Fall 2023

Faculty Director, Economic Justice Program

Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, DC

Visiting Professor, Spring 2024

Ritsumeikan University Law School, Kyoto, Japan

Visiting Professor, April - July 2012, April - July 2014, April - July 2015, July - Aug. 2024

University Jean Moulin Lyon 3, Lyon, France

Visiting Professor, Nov. 2019

National Poverty Center, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

Research Affiliate, Fall 2009 - Spring 2019

Loyola University New Orleans College of Law, New Orleans, LA

Westerfield Fellow, 2004-2006

Yale Law School, New Haven, CT

Visiting Scholar, Fall 2005

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

1665 Fellow, Harvard University Native American Program, 2002-2003

COURSES

Current: Property
 Federal Indian Law
 Poverty Law
 Wills, Trusts, and Estates
 Land Use

Previously: Advanced Legal Analysis (Bar Prep)

U.S. Business Law (for foreign students)
 Introduction to Anglo-American Law (for foreign students)
 Legal Rhetoric (for 1Ls)

BOOKS

- [A NATION WITHIN: NAVAJO LAND AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT](#) (Cambridge University Press 2021)
 Focus of book symposia published by [SOUTHWESTERN LAW REVIEW](#) and by the [LAW AND POLITICAL ECONOMY BLOG](#)
- [COHEN'S HANDBOOK OF FEDERAL INDIAN LAW](#) (Nell Newton & Kevin Washburn eds., LexisNexis 2024) (executive editor and co-author)
- [POVERTY LAW, POLICY, AND PRACTICE](#) (with Juliet Brodie, Clare Pastore, and Jeffrey Selbin) (2d ed., Wolters Kluwer 2021)
- [HOLES IN THE SAFETY NET: FEDERALISM AND POVERTY](#) (Ezra Rosser ed., Cambridge University Press 2019)
- [THE POVERTY LAW CANON: EXPLORING THE MAJOR CASES](#) (Marie Failing & Ezra Rosser eds., Univ. of Michigan Press 2016)
- [POVERTY LAW, POLICY, AND PRACTICE](#) (with Juliet Brodie, Clare Pastore, and Jeffrey Selbin) (Wolters Kluwer 2014)
 Reviewed by: Peter Edelman, *Creating a Good Casebook on Poverty Law*, 48 CLEARINGHOUSE REV. 174 (2014).
 Reviewed by: Stephen Wizner, *Book Review: Poverty Law, Policy, and Practice*, 22 GEORGETOWN JOURNAL ON POVERTY LAW & POLICY 441 (2015).
- [TRIBES, LAND, AND THE ENVIRONMENT](#) (Sarah Krakoff & Ezra Rosser eds., Ashgate 2012) (including jointly authored introductory chapter)

BOOK CHAPTERS

- Executive Editor of the 2023 Supplement/Update, COHEN'S HANDBOOK OF FEDERAL INDIAN LAW
- Destabilizing Property, *in* [HANDBOOK ON PROPERTY LAW AND THEORY](#) (Chris Bevan ed. 2024)
- Right-Sizing Use Rights: Navajo Land, Bureaucracy, and Home, *in* [CREATING PRIVATE SECTOR ECONOMIES IN NATIVE AMERICA: SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT THROUGH ENTREPRENEURSHIP](#) (Robert J. Miller, Miriam Jorgensen & Daniel Stewart eds., 2019)
- Self-Determination, the Trust Doctrine, and Congressional Appropriations: Promise and Pitfalls of Federal Disentanglement from Indian Health Care, *in* [FÉDÉRALISME ET GOUVERNANCE AUTOCHTONE/FEDERALISM AND ABORIGINAL GOVERNANCE](#) (Ghislain Otis & Martin Papillon eds., 2013)

[United States: Developing Tribal Trust Land for Native Americans](#), in UNTYING THE LAND KNOT: MAKING BUSINESS ACCESS TO LAND EQUITABLE, EFFICIENT AND SUSTAINABLE (Xiofang Shen & Xiaolun Sun eds., World Bank, 2012)

[Anticipating de Soto: Allotment of Indian Reservations and the Dangers of Land-Titling](#), in HERNANDO DE SOTO AND PROPERTY IN A MARKET ECONOMY (D. Benjamin Barros ed. 2010)

LAW REVIEW ARTICLES

Antipoverty Policy and Poverty Law (working paper)

Under Enforcement of Tribal Land Use Regulations (symposium article forthcoming SOUTH DAKOTA LAW REVIEW)

[The New Necessity](#), 67 WILLIAM & MARY LAW REVIEW (forthcoming 2026)

[The Unenforceable Indian Trust](#), 61 TULSA LAW REVIEW 27 (2025).

[Progress and the Taking of Indigenous Land](#), 85 OHIO STATE LAW JOURNAL 623 (2025)
Reviewed by: Andrea Boyack, ['Aina Lost: Modern Justifications for Native Property Theft](#), JOTWELL (Feb. 18, 2025); Shelly Ross Saxer, [The Truth About Midkiff Justifies Kelo's Reversal](#), 86 OHIO STATE LAW JOURNAL ONLINE 1 (2025)

[Institutions and Economic Development](#), 49 AMERICAN INDIAN LAW REVIEW 1 (2025)

[Navajo Statehood: From Domestic Dependent Nation to 51st State](#), 101 OREGON LAW REVIEW 307 (2023) (with Philip Mullenix)

[Affirmatively Resisting](#), 50 FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 123 (2023)

[Natural Law, Assumptions, and Humility](#), 9 TEXAS A&M JOURNAL OF PROPERTY LAW 653 (2023) (reviewing ERIC CLAEYS, NATURAL PROPERTY LAW (2023))

[Book Review](#), 72 UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO LAW JOURNAL 245 (2022) (reviewing HANOCH DAGAN, A LIBERAL THEORY OF PROPERTY (2021))

[The Euclid Proviso](#), 96 WASH. L. REV. 811 (2021)

[Shelter, Mobility, and the Voucher Program](#), 10 BRIGHAM-KANNER PROPERTY RIGHTS J. 85 (2021) (reviewing EVA ROSEN, THE VOUCHER PROMISE: "SECTION 8" AND THE FATE OF AN AMERICAN NEIGHBORHOOD (2020))

[Reclaiming the Navajo Range: Resolving the Conflict Between Grazing Rights and Development](#), 51 CONNECTICUT LAW REVIEW 953 (2019)

[Exploiting the Poor: Housing, Markets, and Vulnerability](#), 126 YALE LAW JOURNAL FORUM 458 (2017) (reviewing MATTHEW DESMOND, EVICTED: POVERTY AND PROFIT IN THE AMERICAN CITY (2016))

[Laying the Foundation: The Private Rental Market and Affordable Housing](#), 44 FORDHAM URBAN LAW JOURNAL 499 (2017)

- [Destabilizing Property](#), 48 CONNECTICUT LAW REVIEW 397 (2015)
- [The Ambition and Transformative Potential of Progressive Property](#), 101 CALIFORNIA LAW REVIEW 107 (2013)
- [Poverty Offsetting](#), 6 HARVARD LAW & POLICY REVIEW 179 (2012)
- [Offsetting and the Consumption of Social Responsibility](#), 89 WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 27 (2011)
- [Getting to Know the Poor](#), 14 YALE HUMAN RIGHTS & DEVELOPMENT LAW JOURNAL 66 (2011)
- [Children's Consumption of Migration: Remittances and Food Security](#), 5 BORDER-LINES 181 (2011) (peer reviewed) (UN World Food Program Symposium)
- [Displacing the Judiciary: Customary Law and the Threat of a Defensive Tribal Council](#), 34 AMERICAN INDIAN LAW REVIEW 379 (2011)
- [Ahistorical Indians and Reservation Resources](#), 40 ENVIRONMENTAL LAW 437 (2010)
Cited in: *Arizona v. Navajo Nation*, 599 U.S. ___ (2023) (Gorsuch, J., dissenting)
- [On Becoming "Professor": A Semi-Serious Look in the Mirror](#), 36 FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 215 (2009)
- [Customary Law: The Way Things Were, Codified](#), 8 TRIBAL LAW JOURNAL 18 (2008)
- [Immigrant Remittances](#), 41 CONNECTICUT LAW REVIEW 1 (2008)
- [Protecting Non-Indians from Harm? The Property Consequences of Indians](#), 87 OREGON LAW REVIEW 175 (2008)
- [Obligations of Privilege](#), 32 NEW YORK UNIVERSITY REVIEW OF LAW & SOCIAL CHANGE 1 (2007)
- [Promises of Non-State Representatives](#), 116 YALE LAW JOURNAL POCKET PART 118 (2007)
- [Caution, Cooperative Agreements, and the Actual State of Things: A Reply to Professor Fletcher](#), 42 TULSA LAW REVIEW 57 (2006)
- [Ambiguity and the Academic: The Dangerous Attraction of Pan-Indian Legal Analysis](#), 119 HARVARD LAW REVIEW FORUM 141 (2006), *reprinted in* CONTEMPORARY QUESTIONS OF THE PEOPLE'S RIGHTS IN THE MODERN WORLD (Tatar State University, Russia, 2009)
- [Rural Housing and Code Enforcement: Navigating Between Values and Housing Types](#), 13 GEORGETOWN JOURNAL OF POVERTY LAW & POLICY 33 (2006)
- [The Nature of Representation: The Cherokee Right to a Congressional Delegate](#), 15 BOSTON UNIVERSITY PUBLIC INTEREST LAW JOURNAL 91 (2005)

[This Land is My Land, This Land is Your Land: Markets and Institutions for Economic Development on Native American Reservations](#), 47 ARIZONA LAW REVIEW 245 (2005)

[The Trade-off Between Self-Determination and the Trust Doctrine: Tribal Government and the Possibility of Failure](#), 58 ARKANSAS LAW REVIEW 291 (2005)

Indigenous Justice Systems and Customary Law in the United States: Between Colonization and Self-Determination (co-authored with Professor S. James Anaya). Presented at U.N. Meeting of Experts on the Administration of Justice and Indigenous Peoples (2003). *Reprinted as Sistemas de Justicia Indígena y Derecho Consuetudinario en Los Estados Unidos de América: Entre Colonización y Autodeterminación*, in CAMINOS HACIA EL RECONOCIMIENTO: PUEBLOS INDÍGENAS, DERECHOS Y PLURALISMO (Marco Aparicio Wilhelmi ed. 2005)

AMICUS BRIEFS

[Amicus Brief, Arizona v. Navajo Nation](#), No. 21-1484 (on Navajo treaty-based rights to water) (with Daniel McCool and David Wilkins)

SHORTER PUBLICATIONS

Book Review, LAW, CULTURE, AND THE HUMANITIES (2024) (reviewing RHIANNON KOEHLER, COMICS AND CONQUEST: POLITICAL CARTOONS AND A RADICAL RETELLING OF THE NAVAJO-HOPI LAND DISPUTE (2023))

[With Gratitude](#), 52 SOUTHWESTERN LAW REVIEW 281 (2023) (author response for a symposium on EZRA ROSSER, A NATION WITHIN: NAVAJO LAND AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (2021))

[Wealth Disparities and Civil Rights Introduction](#), 48 ABA HUMAN RIGHTS MAGAZINE II (Jan. 2023)

[The Law of F·R·I·E·N·D·S](#), HEDGEHOGS & FOXES, Oct. 14, 2022

[Race, Space, and Democracy: Locally-Based Strategies for Development](#), 44 NEW YORK UNIVERSITY REVIEW OF LAW AND SOCIAL CHANGE HARBINGER 1 (2019) (Transcript of NPOC Panel Discussion)

[An Open Challenge to the Navajo Nation's Land Use Authority](#), THE REGULATORY REVIEW (Univ. of Pennsylvania), Mar. 25, 2021

Response, [Lewis v. Clarke: Good Losses and Bad Losses](#), GEO. WASH. L. REV. ON THE DOCKET (May 9, 2017)

[The Political Possibilities of Reparations](#), 1 LAW AND SOCIAL INQUIRY FORUM 20 (2015)

[The Other Thing Professors Do: Reflections on Duncan Kennedy as a Teacher](#), 10 UNBOUND: HARV. J. LEGAL LEFT 78 (2015)

[Creating Space for Reservation Growth](#), 9 FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 351 (2014) (Invited Symposium Article *reviewing* ROBERT J. MILLER,

RESERVATION 'CAPITALISM': ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN INDIAN COUNTRY
(2012))

[Reclaiming Demographics: Women, Poverty, and the Common Interest in Particular Struggles](#), 20 JOURNAL OF GENDER, SOCIAL POLICY & THE LAW 767 (2012)
(Symposium Introduction)

[Assumptions Regarding Indians and Judicial Humility: Thoughts from a Property Law Lens](#),
45 COURT REV. 40 (2009)

[Book Review](#), 19 (1) GREAT PLAINS RESEARCH 136 (2009) (reviewing JEFF CORNTASSEL &
RICHARD C. WITMER II, FORCED FEDERALISM (2008))

The Diné's Dilemma: Balancing Economic Development and Environmental Protection,
THE CRESSET, *Valparaiso University*, Trinity 2008

"Felix S. Cohen," "Johnson v. M'Intosh (1823)," "President Nixon's Special Message to
Congress on Indian Affairs, July 8, 1970" in TREATIES WITH AMERICAN INDIANS: AN
ENCYCLOPEDIA OF RIGHTS, CONFLICTS, AND SOVERIEGNTY (2007)

JOTWELL REVIEWS

[Unlocking Dynamic Growth](#), JOTWELL (Nov. 27, 2025) (reviewing SARA C. BRONIN, KEY TO
THE CITY: HOW ZONING SHAPES OUR WORLD (2024)).

[Bringing Everyone, Including the Poor, in Energy Law and Policy](#), JOTWELL (May 7, 2025) (reviewing
Uma Outka, *Energy Law and the Low-Income Household*, 54 ENVTL. L. 720 (2025)).

[Moving Beyond Source of Income Protection by Enhancing Housing Vouchers](#), JOTWELL (Oct. 3, 2024)
(reviewing Elizabeth Elia, *Embrace the Suck: Why States and Localities Should Use Property
Rights to Fix Broken Housing Voucher Programs*, 28 LEWIS & CLARK L. REV. __
(forthcoming 2025)).

[Improving Health Services for Tribal Communities](#), JOTWELL, July 1, 2024 (reviewing Vanessa Ann
Racehorse, *Tribal Health Self-Determination: The Role of Tribal Health Systems in Actualizing
the Highest Attainable Standard of Health for American Indians and Alaska Natives*, __
COLUM. HUM. RTS. L. REV. __ (forthcoming)).

[Bounties for Animal Eradication as a Private Property Subsidy](#), JOTWELL, Oct. 20, 2023 (reviewing
Jack H.L. Whiteley, *Property in Wolves*, 108 CORNELL L. REV. 617 (2023)).

[Building Community in Poor Towns and Cities](#), JOTWELL, Jun. 29, 2023 (reviewing Michelle Wilde
Anderson, *THE FIGHT TO SAVE THE TOWN: REIMAGINING DISCARDED AMERICA*
(2022)).

[Flexible Property Rights and the Resilient State](#), JOTWELL, Sept. 22, 2022 (reviewing Marc L.
Roark & Lorna Fox O'Mahony, *Comparative Property Law and the Pandemic: Vulnerability
Theory and Resilient Property in an Age of Crises*, 82 LA. L. REV. 789 (2022))

[The Dream of Property Professors](#), JOTWELL, Nov. 22, 2021 (reviewing MICHAEL HELLER
& JAMES SALZMAN, *MINE! HOW THE HIDDEN RULES OF OWNERSHIP CONTROL OUR
LIVES* (2021))

- [Court Personalities and Impoverished Parents](#), JOTWELL, Nov. 19, 2021 (reviewing Tonya L. Brito, *Producing Justice in Poor People's Courts: Four Models of State Legal Actors*, 24 LEWIS & CLARK L. REV. 145 (2020))
- [White Parents Searching for White Schools](#), JOTWELL, Nov. 27, 2020 (reviewing Erika K. Wilson, *The New White Flight*, 14 DUKE J. CONST. L. & PUB. POL'Y 233 (2019))
- [State Interventions in Local Zoning](#), JOTWELL, Oct. 27, 2020 (reviewing Anika S. Lemar, *The Role of States in Liberalizing Land Use Regulations*, 97 N. C. L. REV. 293 (2019))
- [Reclaiming Place-Based Development Incentives](#), JOTWELL, Oct. 19, 2019 (reviewing Michelle D. Layser, *The Pro-Gentrification Origins of Place-Based Investment Tax Incentives and a Path Toward Community Oriented Reform* (forthcoming WISC. L. REV. 2019))
- [Reclaiming State Authority Over Zoning](#), JOTWELL, Aug. 15, 2019 (reviewing John Infranca, *The New State Zoning: Land Use Preemption Amid a Housing Crisis*, 60 B.C. L. REV. 823 (2019))
- [Federal Courts and the Poor: Lack of Standards and Uniformity in Civil *In Forma Pauperis* Pleadings](#), JOTWELL, Feb. 1, 2019 (reviewing Andrew Hammond, *Pleading Poverty in Federal Court*, forthcoming YALE L.J. (2019))
- [The Messy Core: Federal Supremacy and Property Recognition](#), JOTWELL, Nov 12, 2018 (reviewing Gregory Ablavsky, *The Rise of Federal Title*, 106 CAL. L. REV. 631 (2018))
- [Property, Race, Segregation, and the State](#), JOTWELL (Feb. 7, 2018) (reviewing RICHARD ROTHSTEIN, *THE COLOR OF LAW: A FORGOTTEN HISTORY OF HOW OUR GOVERNMENT SEGREGATED AMERICA* (2017))
- [Discovering \(Tax\) Rights that the Poor Have Post-Welfare Reform](#), JOTWELL (Nov. 16, 2017) (reviewing Susannah Camic Tahk, *The New Welfare Rights*, BROOKLYN L. REV. (2017))
- [Land Tenure Complications and Development Challenges on Indian Reservations](#), JOTWELL (Mar. 9, 2017) (reviewing Jessica A. Shoemaker, *Complexity's Shadow: American Indian Property, Sovereignty, and the Future*, 115 MICH. L. REV. 487 (2017))
- [Robbing the Poor](#), JOTWELL (Nov. 23, 2016) (reviewing DANIEL L. HATCHER, *THE POVERTY INDUSTRY: THE EXPLOITATION OF AMERICA'S MOST VULNERABLE CITIZENS* (2016))
- [Property Law, Law & Economics, and Means for Reaching Distributive Goals](#), JOTWELL (Nov. 23, 2015) (reviewing Lee Anne Fennell & Richard H. McAdams, *The Distributive Deficit in Law and Economics*, MINN. L. REV. (forthcoming 2015))
- [A Story Well Told](#), JOTWELL (October 9, 2015) (reviewing Oliver A. Houck, *The Reckoning: Oil and Gas Development in the Louisiana Coastal Zone*, 28 TUL. ENVTL. L.J. 185 (2015))

OP-EDS

- [To Help Solve Homelessness, Recognize Necessity as a Right](#), THE ROOFTOP [New America Foundation] (Sep. 23, 2025)
- [Recognizing Significance of Diné Academic Work](#), NAVAJO TIMES, Sep. 30, 2021
- [Wagging the Bitcoin Dog](#), COUNTERPUNCH, Sep. 22, 2021
- [Despite Who Wins, Here's What We Have Already Lost](#), THE HILL, Nov. 4, 2020
- [Trump and the Native American Vote](#), THE HILL, Oct. 14, 2020
- [We Have a Long History of Disrespecting Native Americans and Denying their Humanity](#), THE HILL, Jan. 20, 2019
- [Thankfully, We're Getting More Native American Reps in Congress this January](#), THE HILL, Dec. 8, 2018
- [Elizabeth Warren's DNA Test Sounds More Like Identity Theft](#), THE HILL, Oct. 17, 2018
- [Kavanaugh and the "Boys Will Be Boys" Sentiment is a Poor Excuse for Bad Behavior](#), THE HILL, Sep. 15, 2018
- [Beyond "Smart": Kavanaugh's Credentials and the Limits of Intelligence](#), THE HILL, July 11, 2018
- [The Trump Administration Doesn't Really Care About Poverty](#), THE HILL, June 25, 2018
- [Baby Steps Towards Rebuilding the Trump Foundation Brand](#), THE HILL, June 15, 2018
- [Trump Administration's Hypocritical Immigration Policies Demand Public Outrage](#), THE HILL, June 13, 2018
- [Mastering the DC Rental Market — Taking Lessons from Scott Pruitt's \\$50 per night Rental Deal](#), THE HILL, Apr. 2, 2018
- [In This Administration, There Have Been Many Examples of Courageous Defiance](#), THE HILL, Mar. 15, 2018
- [Trump's All-Out War On the Poor](#), THE HILL, Feb. 15, 2018
- [Exceptional Indifference: An International Perspective on U.S. Poverty](#), COMMONDREAMS.ORG, Jan. 21, 2018
- [An Apology to My Sons' Salvadorian Caretaker](#), THE HILL, Jan. 8, 2018
- [The Previously Unrecognized Costs of Booze, Women, and Movies](#), COMMONDREAMS.ORG, Dec. 5, 2017
- [Pushing Back Against the Criminalization of Poverty](#), COUNTERPUNCH, Nov. 24, 2017

[We're All for Supporting States' Rights, Except When It Comes to the Poor](#), THE HILL, Sep. 11, 2017

[Politics Getting More Black and White — Justifications for Trump Getting Harder](#), THE HILL, Aug. 31, 2017

[The Republican Party Is a Threat to School Lunches for Hungry Kids](#), THE HILL, Aug. 25, 2017

[Louise Linton and the "Sacrifices" of the Very Rich and Incredibly Obnoxious](#), COMMONDREAMS.ORG, Aug. 23, 2017

[Should Temporary Mean Temporary? The Coming Immigration Crisis](#), THE HILL, Aug. 15, 2017

[What Allowing the Redskins Trademark Says and Doesn't Say](#), INDIAN COUNTRY TODAY, July 29, 2017

[The Poverty State of Mind and the State's Obligations to the Poor](#), COUNTERPUNCH, June 23, 2017

[Trumpcare and the Successful Campaign to Punish the Poor](#), COMMONDREAMS.ORG, May 5, 2017

DNA: Challenging the Local Sovereign, NAVAJO TIMES, Feb. 16, 2017

[The Bullshit Era](#), COMMONDREAMS.ORG, Dec. 19, 2016

[Heads in the Sand](#), COMMONDREAMS.ORG, Nov. 29, 2016

[Time to Recognize Standing Rock's National Significance](#), LAW360, Nov. 29, 2016

[Resisting the Triangulation of the Democratic Party](#), COUNTERPUNCH, Feb. 15, 2016

[Cautiously Optimistic about Court's Perspective](#), INDIAN COUNTRY TODAY, April 28, 2008

[Rethinking International Law and Indigenous Peoples](#), INDIAN COUNTRY TODAY, Oct. 4, 2007

[Suspension of Indian Housing Leader Impacts All Tribes](#), INDIAN COUNTRY TODAY, Nov. 23, 2006

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letter to the Editor, [Deafening Silence](#), GREAT FALLS CONNECTION, June 20, 2018

Letter to the Editor, "NHA and the Tribal Dependency Explanation," ARIZONA REPUBLIC, Aug. 4, 2017

Letter to the Editor, "[Time to Speak Up](#)," GREAT FALLS CONNECTION, Jan. 31, 2017

Letter to the Editor, "[Mr. Trump's Unworkable Ultimatum](#)," WASHINGTON POST, Apr. 7, 2016

Letter to the Editor, "[How Best to Lift People Out of Poverty](#)," NEW YORK TIMES, Oct. 19, 2012

Letter to the Editor, "[A Healthy Initiative? Or a Nanny State](#)," NEW YORK TIMES, Oct. 11, 2010

Letter to the Editor, "[Anti-Immigrant Fallout](#)," NEW YORK TIMES, Nov. 21, 2008

[Letter to the Editor](#), HARVARD MAGAZINE, May - June 2008 (responding to an article on collective trauma affecting indigenous communities)

[Letter to the Editor](#), THE NEW YORK TIMES SUNDAY MAGAZINE, May 6, 2007 (responding to DeParle, "A Good Provider is One Who Leaves," April 22, 2007)

Letter to the Editor, NAVAJO TIMES, Feb. 8, 2007 (on options of tribal council following bribes and ineffectiveness of contractors and Navajo Housing Authority)

BLOGGING

Editor, Poverty Law Blog, <http://maximinlaw.wordpress.com/> (continual postings on matters of interest to the Poverty Law community), Jan. 2007 – present

[How Antipoverty Advocates Can Go on the Offensive](#), LAW AND POLITICAL ECONOMY BLOG, Feb. 13, 2025

[A Nation Within Symposium Introduction](#), LAW AND POLITICAL ECONOMY BLOG, Dec. 6, 2022

[Creating Space for Property's Foes](#), LAW AND POLITICAL ECONOMY BLOG, Feb. 2, 2021

[The State as the Foundation of Property](#), LAW AND POLITICAL ECONOMY BLOG, Oct. 30, 2018

[Medicaid Waivers and Political Preferences for Indians](#), HARVARD LAW REVIEW BLOG, May 16, 2018

[Pulling from a Dated Playbook: President Trump's Executive Order on Poverty](#), HARVARD LAW REVIEW BLOG, Apr. 18, 2018

[Recognizing Gains and Losses: National and Local Interests in the Olympics](#), HARVARD LAW & POLICY REVIEW BLOG, Mar. 30, 2015

Guest Blogger, SALTLAW Blog, <http://www.saltlaw.org/blog>, Sep. 2010

CONFERENCES ORGANIZED

[Poverty Law Conference V](#), Indiana University Maurer School of Law, Sept. 2024 (with Andrew Hammond)

- [Poverty Law Conference IV](#), Berkeley Law, Mar. 2023 (with Jeffrey Selbin & Abbye Atkinson)
- [AALS Pop Up Poverty Law Conference](#), Mar. 2022 (with Andrew Hammond & Erika Wilson)
- [Virtual Poverty Law Workshop](#), June 2020-Oct. 2021 (with Andrew Hammond & Erika Wilson)
- [Fourth National People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference](#), American University WCL, Mar. 2019 (Program Committee Chair)
- [Poverty States: Federalism, Rights, and State Anti-Poverty Efforts](#), American University WCL, Mar. 2018
- [Poverty Law: Academic Activism](#), Seattle Univ. School of Law, Feb. 2016 (with Sara Rankin)
- [Mid-Atlantic People of Color Conference](#), American University WCL, Jan. 2016 (with Atiba Ellis, Kim Ford, William Rhee, and Reginald Robinson)
- [Poverty Law: Cases, Teaching, and Scholarship](#), American University WCL, Oct. 2013 (with Marie Failing)
- [Workshop on Poverty, Immigration, and Property](#), AALS Midyear Workshop, June 2013 (with B. Ben Barros, Sheila Foster, Bill Hing, and Beth Lyon)
- [ClassCrits IV](#), American University WCL, Sep. 2011 (with Angela Harris, Martha McCluskey, Athena Mutua, and Teri Miller)
- [Tribes, Land, and the Environment](#), American University WCL, Feb. 2011 (with Sarah Krakoff)
- [Poverty and Economic Mobility](#), American University WCL, Oct. 2009
- Indian Nations and Institution Building*, American University WCL, Feb. 2009
- [What Do We Know About Tribal Courts? An Examination on the 30th Anniversary of Oliphant](#), American University WCL, Mar. 2008
- Poverty Law Jr. Faculty Symposium*, American University WCL, June 2007 (with Susan Carle)
- Navajo Nation Supreme Court Oral Argument*, American University WCL, Mar. 2007

SELECT EXTERNAL SERVICE

Cohen's Handbook of Federal Indian Law, Editorial Board, 2021 – present

Diné College Press, Editorial Board, 2026-2027

[Association of American Law Schools](#)

JOURNAL OF LEGAL EDUCATION, Co-Editor, July 2020 – Dec. 2024

Property Law Section, Chair, 2016

Indian Nations and Indigenous Peoples Section, Chair, 2013

Poverty Law Section, Chair, 2010

[Indian Country Grassroots Support](#), Navajo Nation, Board Chair, 2018-2020, Board Member, 2016-2023

[Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority Commission](#), Fairfax County, VA, Commissioner, 2018-2020

Mid-Atlantic People of Color Conference Planning Committee, 2014-2017

[National Advisory Committee to Equal Justice Works](#), Member, 2008-2010

Reviewer: IFC Access to Land, Investment Climate Advisory Service, World Bank, 2009

Reviewer: Yale L.J.; Columbia L. Rev.; American Indian L. Rev.; Nw. U. L. Rev.; American Indian Culture & Research J.; American Indian Q.; Australian Indigenous L. Rev.; Cambridge Univ. Press; McGill Int'l J. Sustainable Dev. L. & Pol'y; American Univ. L. Rev.; Yale J. Health Pol'y, Law & Ethics; J. L., Property & Society; International J. Hum. Rts.; Reg. & Governance; Int. Indigenous Pol'y J.; Oxford University Press; Global Jurist; Law & Soc. Inquiry; University of California Press; Stan. L. Rev.

Editorial Advisory Board Member: Indigenous Policy Journal; American University Journal Gender, Social Policy & Law; Georgetown Journal Poverty Law & Policy

INTERNAL SERVICE

Faculty Supervisor: *Spring Break Navajo Nation Service Trip*, 2007, 2010, 2012-2019, 2023-2025

Faculty Civil Life Fellow, American University, Spring 2025

Committee Chair

Reaccreditation Self-Study Narrative Committee, 2025-2026

Diversity and Inclusion Committee, 2020-2021

Public Interest Committee, 2011-2012, 2015-2016, 2016-2017; Co-Chair 2017-2018, 2025-2026

First Year Experience Committee, Chair, 2018-2019

Dean's Diversity Advisory Council, 2007-2020

Chile Summer Program 2009 (instructor for Trade and Investment in Latin America)

Turkey Summer Program 2008 and 2013 (instructor for Comparative Business Law)

HONORS AND AWARDS

Pauline Ruyle Moore Scholar Award, American University Washington College of Law, 2023
(for *A Nation Within*)

Public Interest/Public Service Scholars Faculty Award, 2019 (teaching award, selected by American University Washington College of Law public interest scholarship students and alumni)

Emalee C. Godsey Scholar Award, American University Washington College of Law, 2017
(for *Destabilizing Property*)

Elizabeth Payne Cubberly Scholar Award, American University Washington College of Law,
2012 (for *Abistorical Indians and Reservation Resources*)

Emalee C. Godsey Scholar Award, American University Washington College of Law, 2008
(for *Rural Housing and Code Enforcement*)

Native American Alumni Students Association Fellowship, Harvard Law School, Summer
2002

Americorps Summer Educational Grant, NAPIL (now Equal Justice Works), Summer 2001

1L Outstanding Public Service Award, Georgetown University Law Center, 2000-2001

PERSONAL

Grew up in part on the Navajo Nation (I am a non-Indian)
Functional Spanish with ongoing experience living in El Salvador