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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Brooklyn Law School,
Director, Center for Law, Language, and Cognition, 2023 – present
Associate Professor of Law, 2022 – present
Assistant Professor of Law, 2019 – 2022

Columbia Law School,
Visiting Associate Professor of Law, Spring 2024
Associate-in-Law, 2017 – 2019

EDUCATION

The University of Chicago Law School, J.D. with high honors, 2012
Kirkland & Ellis Scholar (top 5% of class)
The University of Chicago Law Review
Order of the Coif

University of Michigan, B.A. with high distinction, Philosophy and Political Science, 2007
James B. Angell Scholar
Phi Beta Kappa

PUBLICATIONS

Evidence Law's Blind Spots, 109 IOWA LAW REVIEW (forthcoming 2024)
Featured on Excited Utterance podcast (2024)
Selected through peer review for presentation at annual Conference on Empirical Legal Studies (2022)

Surveys and Experiments in Statutory Interpretation, in CAMBRIDGE HANDBOOK OF EXPERIMENTAL JURISPRUDENCE (Kevin Tobia, ed., Cambridge University Press, forthcoming 2024)

Finding Original Public Meaning, 56 GEORGIA LAW REVIEW 1 (2022)
Winner of Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Call-for-Papers Award (2021)
Selected through peer review for presentation at Michigan Law Junior Scholars Conference (2020)

Ordinary Causation: A Study in Experimental Statutory Interpretation, 94 INDIANA LAW JOURNAL 957 (2019)
Reviewed in Marcia L. McCormick, *Crowdsourcing Plain Meaning*, JOTWELL (2019)

Reporting Certainty, 2019 BYU LAW REVIEW 473 (2019)

Belief States in Criminal Law, 68 OKLAHOMA LAW REVIEW 497 (2016)

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Standard Textualism

Is Originalism Common Sense? (preliminary data collected)

Corporate Crime and Lay Intuitions of Justice (with Will Thomas; preliminary data collected)

Constitutionalism Survey (with Victoria Nourse & Kevin Tobia; preliminary data collected)

Blurring the Tort/Crime Distinction (preliminary data collected)

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Primary: Criminal Law, Evidence, Legislation and Statutory Interpretation, Torts
Additional: Corporate and White-Collar Crime, Criminal Procedure, Experimental Jurisprudence, Employment Discrimination

EXPERIENCE

Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, Associate, White Collar Criminal Defense, Products Liability, Appellate, New York, NY, 2015 – 2017

Williams & Connolly, Associate, White Collar Criminal Defense, Mass Torts, Products Liability, Washington, DC, 2012 – 2013, 2014 – 2015; Summer Associate, 2011

Judge Raymond J. Lohier, Jr., United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, Law Clerk, New York, NY, 2013 – 2014

PRESENTATIONS AND PANELS

Corporate Crime and Lay Intuitions of Justice
    Law and Society Association Annual Meeting (June 2024)

Reimagining the Federal Rules of Evidence
    Roundtable, Law and Society Association Annual Meeting (June 2024)

Is Originalism Common Sense?
    Legislation Roundtable, Georgetown University Law Center (March 2024)

The Rule of Textualism as a Law of Standards
    Faculty Workshop, University of Illinois College of Law (2024)
    Legislation Roundtable, Georgetown University Law Center, 2023

Surveys and Experiments in Statutory Interpretation
    Yale Law School Seminar on Statutory Interpretation (forthcoming April 2024)
    Experimental Jurisprudence Conference, Institute for Advanced Study, Toulouse, France, 2023
    Philosophy of Law Seminar, Georgetown University Law Center, 2022

Evidence Law's Blind Spots
    Law and Social Science Colloquium, University of Virginia School of Law, 2023
    Faculty Colloquium, Seton Hall Law School, 2023
    Law and Psychology Seminar, University of Michigan Law School, 2023
    Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, University of Virginia School of Law, 2022
    University of Richmond Law School Junior Faculty Forum, 2022
    Evidence Summer Workshop, Vanderbilt Law School, 2022
    Crimfest, Cardozo Law School, 2022

Empirical Criminal Law
    Crimfest, Cardozo Law School, 2022 (moderator)

Blurring the Linguistic/Substantive Distinction in Canons of Interpretation: The Rule of Lenity
    Yale Law School Workshop in Experimental Jurisprudence, 2022

Finding Original Public Meaning
>   University of Richmond Law School Junior Faculty Forum, 2021
>   Call-for-Papers Winners Panel, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, 2021
>   University of Michigan Law School Junior Scholars Conference, 2020
>   Legislation Works-in-Progress Roundtable, Yale Law School, 2020
>   New Voices in Legislation, American Association of Law Schools, 2020
>   Iowa Law School Seminar on Experimental Jurisprudence, 2019
>   New Frontiers in Experimental Jurisprudence, University of Chicago Law School, 2019

What Does Tort Law Express?
>   Georgetown Lab for the Empirical Study of Law & Language, 2021

Data-Driven Approaches to Legal Interpretation
>   Plenary Panel, *Brooklyn Law Review* Symposium, Brooklyn Law School, 2020

Experimental Jurisprudence
>   Jurisprudence Panel, American Association of Law Schools, 2020 (moderator)

Ordinary Causation: A Study in Experimental Statutory Interpretation
>   Experimental and Naturalistic Perspectives on the Philosophy of Law, Center for Law, Behavior, and Cognition, Ruhr University, Bochum, Germany, 2018
>   Experimental Jurisprudence Workshop, Yale Law School, 2017

Reporting Certainty
>   Associates and Fellows Workshop, Columbia Law School, 2018

Belief States in Criminal Law
>   Legal Scholarship Workshop, University of Chicago, 2015
>   Annual Experimental Philosophy Conference, University of Buffalo, 2015

SERVICE

Chair, AALS Section on Legislation and Law of the Political Process, 2024 – present
Appointments Committee, 2020 – 2023
Workshops Committee, 2019 – 2023
Sparer Public Interest Fellowship Committee, 2020 – 2021
Conference Co-Organizer, New Frontiers of Experimental Jurisprudence, 2019
Ad Hoc Reviewer,
>   BLOOMSBURY ADVANCES IN EXPERIMENTAL PHILOSOPHY OF LAW
>   OXFORD STUDIES IN EXPERIMENTAL PHILOSOPHY
>   ROUTLEDGE ADVANCES IN EXPERIMENTAL PHILOSOPHY
>   National Science Center, Poland (grant proposal review)
>   COLUMBIA LAW REVIEW
>   STANFORD LAW REVIEW
>   SYNTHESE
>   UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO LAW REVIEW