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## Academic Positions

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<b>University of Connecticut</b>	2003-Present
Associate Dean of Faculty Development and Intellectual Life, Law School (2021-)	
Board of Trustees Distinguished Professor of Law and Anthropology (2021-)	
Gladstein Distinguished Chair of Human Rights (2003-)	
Founding Director, Human Rights Institute (2003-2013)	
<b>Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton</b>	2014-2015
Member, School of Social Sciences	
<b>Free University-Amsterdam</b>	2013, 2015
Visiting Professor of Law	
<b>New School for Social Research</b>	2002-2003
Visiting Professor of Anthropology	
<b>University of Sussex</b>	1994-2004
Professor of Social Anthropology (2004)	
Associate Professor of Social Anthropology (1994-2003)	
<b>University of Essex</b>	1990-1994
Assistant Professor of Sociology and Latin American Studies	

## Education

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<b>London School of Economics and Political Science</b>	
PhD. in Social Anthropology	1990
<b>London School of Economics and Political Science</b>	
BSc. Economics	1986
<b>The Johns Hopkins University</b>	
Natural Sciences Major	1982-1984

## Awards, Grants, and Fellowships

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Research Excellence Program, University of Connecticut	2021
• PI, Research Grant	
Russell Sage Foundation	2017-2018
• Visiting Scholar Fellowship	
Humanities Institute, Public Discourse Project, University of Connecticut	2016
• Conference Grant: Hate Speech and Human Rights: Law, Technology and Public Discourse	
Research Excellence Program, University of Connecticut	2015
• PI, Research Grant: Words of Conviction: the law and social science of international speech crimes	
Law and Public Affairs (LAPA), Princeton University	2014
• Fellowship (declined)	
National Endowment for the Humanities	2010
• Fellowship	
Provost's Scholarship Program, University of Connecticut	2009
• Fellowship	
National Science Foundation	2009
• "Evaluating Retributive Justice in Croatia." Doctoral Dissertation Grant. Law and Social Science and Cultural Anthropology Panels.	
Provost's Competition, University of Connecticut	2005
• PI, "The Foundations of Humanitarianism." Co-PI with Richard D. Brown, Five-year research and teaching program	
The British Academy	2000
• PI, Research Grant: "Reconciliation and Revenge in South Africa."	
Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research	2000
• PI, Conference Grant: "Rights, Claims and Entitlements." ASA Annual Conference	
The British Council	1999
• Academic Exchange, University of Oslo, Norway	
Economic and Social Research Council (UK)	1999
• PI, Research Grant: "Reconciliation in South Africa."	
Economic and Social Research Council (UK)	1997
• PI, Research Grant: "Legal Strategies and Human Rights in the New South Africa."	
The British Council	1995
• Academic Exchange, University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa	
The British Academy	1995
• Research Grant: "Towards an Anthropology of Human Rights"	
London School of Economics and Political Science	1988
• Malinowski Memorial Award	
Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research	1987
• Doctoral Research Grant	

## Publications

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### Authored Books

***Incitement on Trial: Prosecuting International Speech Crimes***

2017. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

***Writing History in International Criminal Trials***

2011. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Selected as a *Choice* “Outstanding Academic Title” by the American Library Association

***The Politics of Truth and Reconciliation in South Africa: legitimizing the post-apartheid state***

2001. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

***Maya Resurgence in Guatemala: Q’eqchi’ Experiences***

1995. Norman, University of Oklahoma Press. [Spanish edition, 1999]

### Edited Books

***A Handbook of Social Anthropology***

2012. With Richard Fardon, Olivia Harris, Trevor Marchand, Mark Nuttall, Cris Shore.  
Volumes 1-2. London: Sage.

***Humanitarianism and Suffering: The Mobilization of Empathy***

2008. With Richard D. Brown. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

***Human Rights in the “War on Terror”***

2005. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

***Human Rights in Global Perspective***

2003. With Jonathan Mitchell. London, New York: Routledge.

***Culture and Rights: Anthropological Perspectives***

2001. With Jane Cowan and Marie B. Dembour. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

***Human Rights, Culture and Context.***

1997. London: Pluto Press. [Chinese edition, 2017]

***Low Intensity Democracy: Political Power in the New World Order***

1993. With Barry Gills and Joel Rocamora. London: Pluto Press. [Turkish edition, 1995]

### Edited Special Issues of Journals

***Political Violence and Language***

2003. Special Issue. *Journal of Anthropological Theory*, Vol. 3, No.3. June.

***Negotiating Rights: The Guatemalan Peace Process***

1997. With Rachel Sieder, Special Issue. *Accord: An International Review of Peace Initiatives*  
Spanish edition. *Cuadernos de Debate*, December 1997. Guatemala: FLACSO.

***Shifting Frontiers: Historical Transformations of Identity in Latin America***

1994. Special Issue. *Bulletin of Latin America Research*. Vol. 14(1). December

## Journal Articles

- Nd. [“Propaganda, Empathy and Support for Intergroup Violence: The Moral Psychology of International Speech Crimes.”](#) Co-authored with Christine Lillie, Jordan Kiper, Lasana Harris. Submitted for journal review. Pp. 28
- 2022 “The Anti-Human Rights Machine: Digital Authoritarianism and the Global Assault on Human Rights.” Forthcoming, *Human Rights Quarterly*. Fall 2022. Pp. 52.
- 2022 “Irreconciliation, Reciprocity, and Social Change.” *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute*. Special Issue on *Irreconciliation*, Nayanika Mookherjee, Ed. Volume 28, S1, Pp. 24.
- 2021 [“Hate Speech on Social Media: Towards a Context-Specific Content Moderation Policy.”](#) Co-authored with Molly K. Land, *Connecticut Law Review*, 52(3): 1029-1076.
- 2021 [“La Storia Nei Tribunali Internazionali Sui Crimini Di Guerra.”](#) *Diacronie. Studi di Storia Contemporanea: Odio e nemico nella storia*, 45(1):110-135.
- 2020 [“How Propaganda Works: Nationalism, Revenge and Empathy in Serbia.”](#) Co-authored with Jordan Kiper and Yeongjin Gwon. *Journal of Cognition and Culture*, (20): 403-431. DOI: 10.1163/15685373-12340091
- 2020 [“Incitement in an Era of Populism: Updating Brandenburg After Charlottesville.”](#) Co-Authored with Jordan Kiper, *University of Pennsylvania Journal of Law and Public Affairs*, 5(2): 56-121.
- 2020 [“Uma Análise Das Histórias Dos Tribunais De Crimes De Massa.”](#) *Revista de Teoria da História*, 23(1): 45-74. DOI: [10.5216/rth.v23i1.64712](#)
- 2019 [“The Digital Ethnography of Law: Studying Online Hate Speech Online and Offline.”](#) *Journal of Legal Anthropology*. Summer. 3(1): 1-20. DOI:10.3167/jla.2019.030101.
- 2016 [“Expert Evidence on Trial: Social Researchers in the International Criminal Courtroom.”](#) *American Ethnologist*. 43(4):730-744, November. DOI: 10.1111/amet.12387
- 2016 [“Propaganda and History in International Criminal Trials.”](#) *Journal of International Criminal Justice*. 14(3):519-541, DOI: 10.1093/jicj/mqw026  
Republished in Nanci Adler (ed., 2018) *Understanding the Age of Transitional Justice: Crimes, Courts, Commissions, and Chronicling*. New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press.
- 2015 [“Inciting Genocide With Words.”](#) *Michigan Journal of International Law*. Spring. 36(2): 278-320.
- 2013 [“A Gangster’s Paradise? Framing Crime in Sub-Saharan Africa.”](#) *Humanity: An International Journal of Human Rights, Humanitarianism and Development*. 4(3): 449-471.
- 2011 [“Surveying History at the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia.”](#) Co-authored with Ahmad Wais Wardak and Andrew Corin. *The Journal of Eurasian Law*. 4(1): 1-39.
- 2011 [“Through the Lens of International Criminal Law: Comprehending the African Context of Crimes at the International Criminal Court.”](#) *Studies in Ethnicity and Nationalism*. 11(1): 106-115.
- 2007 [“Humanity’s Histories: Evaluating the Historical Accounts of International Tribunals and Truth Commissions.”](#) *Politix: Revue des Sciences Sociales du Politique*. 20(80):31-59.
- 2006 [“The Social Life of Rights.”](#) *American Anthropologist*. In Focus: Anthropology and Human Rights. March Issue. 108(1): 77-83.
- 2005 [“Judging History: The Historical Record of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia.”](#) *Human Rights Quarterly*. August. 27(3): 908-942.

- Published in Serbian as: "Presuđivanje istoriji: Istorijski zapis Međunarodnog krivičnog suda za bivšu Jugoslaviju." *Forum Za Tranzijonu Pravdu*. Beograd: Fond za humanitarno pravo. April 2007, pp. 109-130.
- 2004 "Karl Popper in Srebrenica: On Justice and Truth after Genocide" in Nigel Rapport, ed., *Anthropological Journal on European Cultures*. Special Issue on Science, Democracy and the Open Society: a European Legacy? pp. 69-92. Vol. 13. Frankfurt: Lit Verlag.
- 2003 "[Anthropology and National Reconciliation](#)." Special Issue on Political Violence and Language. *Journal of Anthropological Theory*. September, 3(2): 363-383.
- 2002 [With Brandon Hamber]. "[Symbolic Closure through Memory, Reparation and Revenge in Post-Conflict Societies](#)." *Journal of Human Rights*, 1(1): 35-53. March. Reprinted in Edward Cairns and Michael Roe (eds.) 2002. *The Role of Memory in Ethnic Conflict*. Proceedings of the American Psychological Association. London: Palgrave. Pp.144-165.
- 2001 "Is the Right to Difference a Fundamental Human Right?" *Left Curve*. 25: 112-137.
- 2001 [With Stephen Reyna], "A Six Field System for Anthropology." *Journal of Anthropological Theory*. 1(1): 1-7.
- 2000 "[Reconciliation and Revenge in Post-Apartheid South Africa: rethinking legal pluralism and human rights](#)." *Current Anthropology*. 41(1): 75-98. DOI: 10.1086/300104
- 1999 "Diriti Dell'uomo, Globalizzazione e Cultura. L'esperienza della Truth and Reconciliation Commission in Sudafrica." *Afriche e Orientali*. Primavera, 1:67-77.
- 1997 "Violent Truths: The Commission of Historical Clarification and the Politics of Memory in Guatemala." R. Sieder and R. Wilson (eds.) Special Issue: Negotiating Rights: the Guatemalan Peace Process. *Accord: An International Review of Peace Initiatives*. Pp.18-27.
- 1996 "The Sizwe Will Not Go Away: The Truth and Reconciliation Commission, Human Rights and Nation-Building in South Africa." *African Studies*. December Issue. 55(2):1-20.
- 1994 "Shifting Frontiers: Historical Transformations of Identity in Latin America." *Bulletin of Latin America Research*. December Issue. 14(1): 1-7.
- 1993 "Anchored Communities: Identity and History of the Maya-Q'eqchi'." *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute*. March Issue. 28(1): 121-138.
- 1990 "Machine Guns and Mountain Spirits: the cultural effects of state repression among the Q'eqchi' of Guatemala." *Critique of Anthropology*. 11(1): 33-61.

## Chapters in Edited Books

- 2022 Co-authored with Vladimir Petrović. "[Transitional Justice Histories: Narrating Mass Atrocities](#)." *The Oxford Handbook on Transitional Justice*. Alex Hinton, Lawrence Douglas and Jens Meierhenrich, eds., Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- 2021 Co-authored with Jens Meierhenrich. "[The Life of the Law Has Not Been Logic; It Has Been Experience: International Legal Ethnography and the New Legal Realism](#)." Shauhin Talesh, Elizabeth Mertz and Heinz Klug, eds. *Research Handbook on New Legal Realism*. Edward Elgar Publishing. Pp. 277-293.
- 2020 "[Justice After Atrocity](#)." In *The Oxford Handbook on Law and Anthropology*. M. Foblets, M. Goodale, M. Sapignoli, and O. Zenker, eds. Pp. 515-531. Oxford: Oxford University Press. DOI: 10.1093/oxfordhb/9780198840534.013.31
- 2019 Co-authored with Catherine Buerger. "[The Practice of Human Rights](#)." Jeremy MacClancy (ed.), *Exotic No More: Anthropology on the Front Lines*. 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. Pp. 291-305.
- 2019 "Propaganda Experts in the International Criminal Courtroom." In Predrag Dojčinović (ed.) 2019 *Propaganda and International Criminal Law: From Cognition to Criminality*. New York: Routledge. Pp. 63-85.

- 2017 [“Propaganda on Trial: Structural Fragility and the Epistemology of International Legal Institutions.”](#) *Palaces of Hope: The Anthropology of Global Organizations*, Ronald Niezen and Maria Sapignoli, eds. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. Pp. 266-293. DOI 10.1017/9781316412190.012
- 2017 “Hate Speech in Context.” Sindre Bangstad (ed.) [Anthropology in Our Times: An Edited Anthology in Public Anthropology](#). London: Palgrave. DOI 10.1057/978-1-137-53849-9
- 2016 “When Law and Social Science Diverge: Causation in the International Law of Incitement to Commit Genocide.” Heinz Klug, Sally Engle Merry and Elizabeth Mertz, eds., *The New Legal Realism, Vol. 2, Studying Law Globally: New Legal Realist Perspectives*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. Pp. 242-263.
- 2012 Co-authored with Cris Shore. [“Introduction: Anthropology’s Interdisciplinary Connections.”](#) In *A Handbook of Social Anthropology*. Richard Fardon, Olivia Harris, Trevor Marchand, Mark Nuttall, Cris Shore, Richard A. Wilson, Eds. London: Sage.
- 2010 “When Humanity Sits in Judgment: the conundrum of race and ethnicity at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda.” Miriam Ticktin and Ilana Feldman, eds., *In the Name of Humanity: The Government of Threat and Care*. Pp. 27-57. Durham: Duke University Press.
- 2008 “Making Human Rights Meaningful for Mayas: Reflections on Culture, Rights and Power.” Pedro Pitarch, Shannon Speed, and Xochitl Leyva Solano, Eds., *Human Rights in the Maya Region: Global Politics, Cultural Contentions, and Moral Engagements*. Pp. 305-321. Durham: Duke University Press.
- 2008 “Representing Human Rights Violations: Social Contexts and Subjectivities.” Mark Goodale, ed., *Human Rights: an anthropological reader*. Oxford: Blackwell. Pp. 209-228. Reprint of chapter 6 in *Human Rights, Culture and Context*, 1997.
- 2007 “*Tyrannosaurus Lex*: The Anthropology of Human Rights and Transnational Law.” Mark Goodale and Sally Engle Merry, eds., *The Practice of Human Rights: tracking law between the global and the local*. Law and Society Series. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. Pp. 342-369.
- 2007 “Reconciliation and Revenge in Post-Apartheid South Africa: rethinking legal pluralism and human rights.” Laura Dickinson, ed., 2007. *Empirical Approaches to International Human Rights*. The International Library of Essays in Law and Legal Theory. Burlington, VT.: Ashgate. Republication of 2000 *Current Anthropology* Article.
- 2006 “The Truth vs. Justice Debate: Commissions and Courts.” Julie Mertus and Jeffrey Helsing, eds., *Human Rights and Conflict: Exploring the Links Between Rights, Law and Peace-Building*. Washington, D.C.: United States Institute of Peace.
- 2005 “Is the Legalization of Human Rights Really the Problem? Genocide in the Guatemalan Historical Clarification Commission.” Saladin Meckled-Garcia and Basak Cali, eds., *The Legalization of Human Rights*. Pp. 81-98. New York: Routledge.
- 2005 “Challenging Human Rights as Restorative Justice.” Mark Charlton, ed., *Crosscurrents: international relations in the post-Cold-War era*. Fourth edition. Pp. 409-419. Scarborough, ON: International Thomson Publishing Nelson.
- 2005 “Human Rights and Nation-Building”. Sally Falk Moore, ed., *Law and Anthropology: A Reader*. Oxford: Blackwell. Pp. 235-245.
- 2004 “Human Rights.” David Nugent and Joan Vincent, eds., *A Companion to the Anthropology of Politics*. Oxford: Blackwell. 2004. pp. 231-247. Choice Outstanding Academic Title of 2004.
- 2003 [With Jon P. Mitchell]. “The Social Life of Rights.” Richard A. Wilson and Jon P. Mitchell, eds., *Human Rights in Global Perspective*. London, New York: Routledge (Taylor and Francis), Hbk. and Pbk., Pp. 1-15.
- 2002 “Reconciliation and Revenge in Post-Apartheid South Africa: rethinking legal pluralism and human rights.” Martha Mundy, ed., 2002. *Law and Anthropology*. The International Library of Essays in Law and Legal Theory. Burlington, VT.: Ashgate.



- 2002 "Human Rights and Culture in Post-Apartheid South Africa." Richard G. Fox and Barbara King, eds., *Anthropology Beyond Culture*. Oxford: Berg Press, Pp. 209-234.
- 2001 "Justice and Legitimacy in the South African Transition." Paloma Aguilar, Alexandra Barahona de Brito and Carmen Gonzalez (eds.). *The Politics of Memory: Three Decades of Transitional Truth and Justice*. Oxford, New York: Oxford University Press. Pp. 190-217. Published in Spanish translation 2002, Portuguese translation, 2004.
- 1999 "Remembering and Forgetting in Guatemala." Rachel Sieder (ed.) *Guatemala After the Peace Accords*. London: Institute of Latin American Studies. Pp.23.
- 1997 "Representing Human Rights Violations: Social Contexts and Subjectivities." Richard A. Wilson (ed.) *Human Rights, Culture and Context: Anthropological Perspectives*. London, Chicago: Pluto Press. Pp. 134-160.
- 1997 "Human Rights, Culture and Context." Richard A. Wilson (ed.) *Human Rights, Culture and Context: Anthropological Perspectives*. London, Chicago: Pluto Press. Pp.1-27. Published in Danish translation in as "Menneskeretigheder Pa Arbejde" in *Den Ny Verden*, Vol. 2, July 1998.
- 1997 "Identity and History of the Maya-Q'eqchi'." Guillermo Cook (ed.) *Crosscurrents in Indigenous Spirituality: Interface of Maya, Catholic and Protestant Worldviews*. New York, Leiden: E.J. Brill.

## Policy Reports/White Papers

- 2019 Co-Authored with M. Abbas, E. Hale, M. Land, T. Marugg, J. Sykes and E. Al Wohaibi. [Invisible Threats: Online Hate Speech Against Human Rights Defenders in Guatemala](#). Washington, D.C., American Bar Association. Pp. 54. English and Spanish translation.
- 2018 Co-Authored with Matthew Gillett. *The Hartford Guidelines on Speech Crimes in International Criminal Law*. PJI: The Hague. Pp. 154. ISBN: 978-94-6345-389-9. [www.internationalspeechcrimes.org](http://www.internationalspeechcrimes.org)
- 2010 [Dropouts to Diplomas: Closing the Attainment gap in Connecticut Schools](#). Briefing Report of the Connecticut Advisory Committee to the US Commission on Civil Rights.
- 2002 [Children and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission for Sierra Leone. Recommendations for policies and procedures for addressing and involving children in the TRC](#). Member of Technical Committee. Report commissioned by UNICEF, UNAMSIL and the National Forum for Human Rights of Sierra Leone. Report presented to the United Nations Security Council.
- 1997 *The People's Conscience? Civil Groups, Peace and Justice in the South African and Guatemalan Transitions*. 1997. London: Catholic Institute of International Relations. Pp.53.

## Journal Review Essays, Comments, and Short Works

- 2020 "[Affective Justice Symposium: Commentary on Kamari Clarke's Affective Justice](#)." *Opinio Juris*, 28 May 2020.
- 2019 Review Essay, "[HATE: Why We Should Resist it with Free Speech, Not Censorship by Nadine Strossen](#)." *Human Rights Quarterly*, 41 (1): 213-217.
- 2018 Co-Authored with Katharine Hawkins. "[Truth and Reconciliation Commissions](#)." *International Encyclopedia of Anthropology*. Hilary Callan (ed.). Hoboken: Wiley-Blackwell.
- 2017 "[The Hartford Guidelines on International Speech Crimes](#)." *International Judicial Monitor (ASIL)*. Fall 2017 Issue.
- 2017 "[Public Anthropology](#)." *HAU-Journal of Ethnographic Theory*. Vol. 7, No 1., pp. 489-508.
- 2017 "[The Future of the Anthropology of Law](#)." *Political and Legal Anthropology Review (PoLAR)*, 10 February 2017.

- 2015 Comment: "Quantification and the Paradox of Measurement." *Current Anthropology*. Vol. 56, No. 2 (April).
- 2015 Foreword. *Necropolitics: Exhumations in the Contemporary World*. Francisco Ferrándiz, Antonius Robben, eds. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press.
- 2013 Review Essay, "[Global Legal Pluralism.](#)" *Journal of Law and Society*. December. Vol. 40, Issue 4, Pp. 706-711.
- 2008 Comment: "Cultural Relativism 2.0." *Current Anthropology*. Volume 49, No. 1. March 2008.
- 2006 Comment: "Toward a Critical Anthropology of Human Rights". *Current Anthropology*. Vol. 47, No. 3. Pp. 505-6. June.
- 2004 "The Trouble with Truth. Anthropology's Epistemological Hypochondria." *Anthropology Today*. Vol. 20, No. 3. September, pp. 14-17. Published in Spanish translation as "El Problema de la Verdad: La Hipocondría epistemológica de la antropología." *Memoria (Mexico)*.
- 2003 "Justice and Impunity in Post-Conflict Settings." *Public Culture*. Special Issue on "Violence and Redemption." Vol. 15, No. 1. March. pp 187-189.
- 2001 "Children and War in Sierra Leone: a West African Diary." *Anthropology Today*. Vol. 17, No. 5, October.
- 1997 "Consciousness, Violence and the Politics of Memory in Guatemala." *Current Anthropology*, Vol. 38, Number 5, December.
- 1995 "Manufacturing Legitimacy: The Truth and Reconciliation Commission and the Rule of Law." in *Indicator South Africa*. December.
- 1992 "Mesoamerican Religions." I. Harris, S. Mews, P. Morris and J. Shepherd (eds.) *Contemporary Religions: A World Guide*. NY: Longmans.

## Selected Media and Current Affairs

- 2022 "[Flashpoint Ukraine: Departing Europe, Biden affirms support for Ukraine.](#)" *Voice of America*, 26 March 2022, at 16:40.
- 2021 "[This Thought Experiment Captures Facebook's Betrayal of Users' Privacy.](#)" *The Guardian*, 3 November 2021.
- 2021 "[The Crime Trump Committed in Stirring Up His Mob.](#)" *Los Angeles Times*. 12 January 2021.
- 2020 "[Monitoring Hate and Incitement Speech.](#)" Vital Interests: The United States in a New Global Paradigm. Center on National Security, Fordham University School of Law, July 23, 2020.
- 2020 (With Jeffrey Smith) "[Researchers on Atrocity Prevention Warn: US on Path to Widespread Political Violence.](#)" *Just Security*. 10 June 2020.
- 2020 "[PM with Linda Mottram.](#)" Australian Broadcasting Company, 2 June 2020.
- 2019 "The Normalization of Hate." [Freshly Squeezed with Colin McEnroe](#), *W-NPR Radio*, Hartford, CT, 17 October 2019.
- 2019 (With Danielle Allen) "[The Rules Of Incitement Should Apply To — And Be Enforced On — Social Media.](#)" *The Washington Post*. 8 August 2019.
- 2018 "[No Court Would Convict Trump of Incitement. His Liability is Moral, Not Legal.](#)" *The Washington Post*. 29 October 2018.
- 2018 "[The Hartford Guidelines on Speech Crimes in International Criminal Law.](#)" *European Journal of International Law (EJIL) Talk!*, 31 August 2018.
- 2017 "[When does political discord escalate to incitement? Ask Donald Trump.](#)" *The Guardian*. 19 December 2017.
- 2016 (With Danielle Allen) "[Mass deportation isn't just impractical. It's very, very dangerous.](#)" *The Washington Post*. 24 September 2016.



- 2016 [“Safeguarding The Hague Tribunal’s Unique War Archives.”](#) *Balkan Transitional Justice*, 30 March 2016.
- 2016 [“Demagogues in History: Why Trump Emphasizes Emotion Over Facts.”](#) [TheConversation.com/](#)
- 2015 [“Does Propaganda Incite Violence? Trying to identify and understand the harmful effects of hate speech.”](#) [with Christine Lillie]. *Institute for Advanced Study Letter*. Summer.
- 2012 “Clearing Political Smoke: 4 Tests to Cut Through Election Propaganda.” *Hartford Courant*. September 23, 2012. Opinion, C1.
- 2011 “Human Rights in the United States, or Are Americans Human?” *Anthropology Newsletter*. Public Affairs Section. January issue.
- 2010 “Achievement Gap Plagues State Schools.” *Hartford Courant*. September 28, 2010.
- 2006 “Of Words, Things and the Hippopotamus in the Room.” *Anthropology Today*. December. Vol. 22. No. 6. Pp. 23-24.
- 2006 “Is The Spread of Human Rights Since the End of the Cold War a form of Western Imperialism?” *Anthropology Newsletter*. Sept. Issue.
- 2005 “Facing Up to Modern Genocide.” Essay. Northeast Magazine, *Hartford Courant*. 4 September.
- 2002 “Legitimacy Crisis of Human Rights in South Africa.” *Human Rights Dialogue*. Carnegie Council on Ethics and International Affairs. Winter.
- 1992 Consultant researcher to the three-part Central Television documentary series, *Before Columbus*, screened October 1992 on ITV [United Kingdom].
- 1989-present. Numerous radio and television appearances: Australian Broadcasting Corporation, British Broadcasting Corporation: BBC Radio 4 “Analysis”, BBC World Service Radio, BBC Radio 3 “Nightwaves” and BBC Radio Five Live; Fox News 61-Connecticut, National Public Radio (W-NPR) Voice of America.

## Conferences and Seminar Presentations

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### As Organizer of Conferences and Workshops

- 2019 Co-organizer and faculty advisor, Connecticut Law Review Symposium, “How We Argue Now: The Moral Foundations of Politics and Law,” University of Connecticut School of Law, October 11, 2019.
- 2017 Workshop Organizer. “Speech Crimes in International Criminal Law.” University of Connecticut School of Law and Humanities Institute Public Discourse Project. 18-20 May 2017.
- 2013 Conference Organizer. “Contexts of Human Rights.” 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference of the Human Rights Institute, University of Connecticut, Sept. 19-21, 2013.
- 2013 Co-organizer with Glenn Mitoma: Summer School of the Universitas 21 Consortium, “Human Rights,” July 7-19, 2013, University of Connecticut, Storrs and Hartford.
- 2009 “Human Rights in the USA.” University of Connecticut, Law School and College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, October 22-24, 2009.
- 2006 Co-organizer with R.D. Brown: “Humanitarian Responses to Narratives of Suffering.” University of Connecticut, October 13-15, 2006.
- 2005 Co-organizer with Alanson Minkler and Shareen Hertel: “Economic Rights.” University of Connecticut, October 27-29, 2005.
- 2004 Conference Organizer: “Human Rights in an Age of Terrorism.” University of Connecticut, Sept. 9-11, 2004.

- 2001 Conference Organizer with Jon Mitchell: Annual Meeting of Association of Social Anthropologists on “Rights, Claims and Entitlements.” University of Sussex, UK, March 30-April 2, 2001.
- 1998 Conference Organizer with Merle Lipton: “Evaluating the South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission.” University of Sussex, Sept. 18-19, 1998.
- 1997 Conference Organizer with Jane Cowan and Marie Dembour. “Culture and Rights.” University of Sussex. July 1997.

### Conferences and Presentations (Last Five Years)

2022

- Testimony on State Bill 217 to establish a Hate Crimes Investigative Unit, Committee on Public Safety and Security, Connecticut State Legislature, 3 March 2022.
- “The Legal Implications of the Russian Invasion of Ukraine.” UConn School of Law, 1 March 2022.
- “The Anti-Human Rights Machine: Digital Authoritarianism and the Global Assault on Human Rights.” Arizona State University, Center on the Future of War, 24 February 2022.
- “Women Human Rights Defenders: narratives, stigmatization, and hate speech.” Danish Institute for Human Rights, 14 January 2022.
- “Discursive Violence: Context, Causation, and Prevention.” Connecticut/Baden-Württemberg, Germany Human Rights Research Consortium, 3 February 2022.

2021

- “Justificatory Discourses of Mass Atrocity.” Ludwig Maximilian University, Munich, Germany, 4 November 2021.
- [Expert witness testimony](#) before United Kingdom Parliamentary Select Committee on the Draft Online Safety Bill, 21 October 2021.
- “Incitement, True Threats, and Hate Speech.” Alameda County Bar, California, 18 October 2021.
- [“Free Speech, Hate Speech, and Human Rights.”](#) Provost’s Distinguished Speaker Series, University of Connecticut, 13 October, 2021.
- “Hate Crimes in Connecticut.” Hate Crimes Advisory Council of the State of Connecticut. 24 September 2021.
- “Hate Speech in International Criminal Law.” International Nuremberg Principles Academy, Nuremberg, Germany, 22 September 2021.
- Commentator on Author Meets Reader: “Red Gold: The Managed Extinction of the Bluefin Tuna,” by Jennifer Telesca, Law and Society Association, 27 May 2021.
- “Is Censorship Necessary to Protect Democracy?” Cardozo International & Comparative Law Review Spring Symposium. 5 April 2021.
- “How Propaganda Works: From Conflict to Covid19.” Center for International Studies, London School of Economics. 24 March 2021.
- “Law and hateful speech — what is to be done?” Webinar with Nadine Strossen and Richard Ashby Wilson. Bard College Center for the Study of Hate. 23 February 2021. Video available on YouTube [here](#).
- “Impeachment and Trial: What Just Happened and What Happens Next?” University of Connecticut School of Law, 17 February 2021.
- Discussion of PBS Frontline Documentary “A Thousand Cuts” with Maria Ressa and Ramona Diaz (Director), Dodd Human Rights Impact, 12 February 2021.
- “From Insurrection to Inauguration: Perspectives and Conversation on the Current State of our Nation,” Dean’s Forum, University of Connecticut, 27 January 2021.

- “Capitol Under Siege” a panel discussion hosted by the Office of Diversity and Equity, University of Connecticut, 22 January 2021.

## 2020

- Webinar: “Political Violence in the United States.” STAND: The Student-Led Movement to End Mass Atrocities. 22 November 2020.
- “Hate Speech on Social Media.” Pontificia Universidade Católica do Paraná, 9 November 2020.
- “Propaganda, Social Media and Human Rights in Latin America.” World History Seminar, Cambridge University, 13 February 2020.
- “Digital Authoritarianism and Human Rights.” Northumbria School of Law, Newcastle, UK, 11 February 2020.
- “The Effects of Inciting Speech and the Role of Social Science at International Trials.” Northumbria School of Law, Newcastle, UK, 10 February 2020.

## 2019

- “Towards an Ethnography of International Legal Institutions.” New York University. 7 November 2019.
- “How to Study International Legal Institutions: International Legal Ethnography and the New Legal Realism.” Yale Law School. 31 October 2019.
- “Human Rights, Rule of Law, and Social Media.” Office of the High Commissioner of Human Rights, Guatemala City, 18 September 2019.
- “International Legal Ethnography and the New Legal Realism.” Co-authored with Jens Meierhenrich. Law and Society Annual Association Meeting. 30 May 2019.
- Plenary Presentation: “The Tipping Point: When is Cyber Incitement Responsible for Violence?” #Cyberspace IRL: Rule of Law Approaches to Virtual Threats. [American Bar Association Rule of Law Conference on Contemporary Rule of Law Issues](#). Washington D.C., 21 May 2019.
- Keynote Lecture: “Human Rights Knowledges: A Pluralist and Realist View.” London School of Economics and Political Science, Human Rights Center Conference on “Human Rights Knowledge.” 22 March 2019.
- “Brandenburg in an Era of Populism: Risk Analysis in the First Amendment.” Association of Judges of the Connecticut Supreme Court and Appellate Court. Hartford, Connecticut Appellate Court. 21 February 2019.
- “The Law and Psychology of Hate Speech.” Cognitive Science Colloquium. University of Connecticut. 22 February 2019.

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- “Hate Speech and Hate Crimes in America: How First Amendment Law Could Better Protect Vulnerable Communities.” Connecticut Association of Schools/American Board of Trial Advocates. Cheshire, Connecticut, 5 December 2018.
- “How to Deal with Hate.” Bryant University, 1 November 2018.
- “Incitement, True Threat, and Fighting Words in U.S. and Connecticut Statutes.” State of Connecticut Legislative Commissioner’s Office, Hartford. 11 October 2018.
- “Human Interaction with Infrastructures-as-Regulation.” Conference: *Infrastructures as Regulation*, New York University Global Institute for Advanced Study, Institute for International Law and Justice, 28 September 2018.
- “Criminal Responsibility for Hate Speech and Incitement in Transitional Justice Institutions.” *Understanding the Age of Transitional Justice*, NIOD, Amsterdam, Netherlands, 19 June 2018.
- “The Hartford Guidelines on Speech Crimes in International Criminal Law.” ICC Scholar’s Forum, Grotius Center, Leiden University-The Hague, 16 June 2018.

- “Incitement in the Era of Populism: the law and social science of hate speech and calls to violence.” Panel on *Working with Law to Disrupt Racial Hierarchies: Paradoxes and Possibilities*. Law and Society Annual Conference, Toronto, Canada, 8 June 2018.
- Debate with Nadine Strossen, author of, “HATE: Why We Should Resist It with Free Speech, Not Censorship.” Open Society Foundations, New York City, 5 June 2018.
- “Incitement in International Criminal Law.” The Annual Sloan Lecture in International Law. Pace University School of Law, 30 April 2018.
- “Get ‘Em Out of Here! Incitement in an Era of Nativist Populism.” Anthropology Department, New School for Social Research, 4 April 2018.
- “Get ‘Em Out of Here! Incitement in an Era of Nativist Populism.” Yale Law School, 8 March 2018.
- “Get ‘Em Out of Here! Incitement in an Era of Nativist Populism.” Russell Sage Foundation, New York City, 7 February 2018.
- “Incitement on Trial: Prosecuting International Speech Crimes.” Wellesley College, 24 January 2018.

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- “Incitement on Trial: Prosecuting International Speech Crimes.” School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA) at Columbia University, 16 October 2017.
- “Incitement on Trial: Prosecuting International Speech Crimes.” Donia Human Rights Center, University of Michigan, 10 October 2017.
- Keynote Address: “Legal Realism in International Criminal Courts.” Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle, Germany. Conference “(Re)designing Justice for Plural Societies.” 14 June 2017.
- Keynote Address: “Holding Propagandists Accountable? Problems of Causation and Agency in Law and Social Research.” Conference on “War Frenzy: Exploring the Violence of Propaganda.” Princeton University, 11-14 May 2017.
- “Keynote Dialogue.” “Beyond Borders: The Human Rights of Non-Citizens at Home and Abroad.” Human Rights Institute, University of Connecticut-Stamford, 21 April 2017.
- “Words, Violence, and Terror: Human Rights in Turkey.” University of Connecticut Humanities Institute. 30 March 2017.

### **Presentations at Universities, Colleges and Research Centers (Career)**

**Australia:** Australian National University, Canberra

**Brazil:** Pontificia Universidade Católica do Paraná

**Canada:** Concordia University, McGill University, University of Toronto

**Denmark:** Aarhus University, Center for Development Research-Copenhagen

**Germany:** International Nuremberg Principles Academy, Ludwig Maximilian University-Munich, Max Planck Institute-Halle, University of Frankfurt, Humboldt University-Berlin

**Guatemala:** Centro Bartolomé de las Casas, Fondo de Cultura Económica, Instituto de Estudios Comparativos en Ciencias Penales, UN-Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Universidad de San Carlos

**The Netherlands:** Hague Institute for Global Justice, University of Amsterdam, Leiden University-Grotius Center, Netherlands Institute for Historical Documentation (NIOD), Peace Palace-The Hague, Vrije Universiteit-Amsterdam, University of Utrecht

**Norway:** Free Speech Foundation, Literature House (Oslo), Oslo University, University of Bergen: Christian Michelsen Institute

**South Africa:** University of Cape Town, Center for Policy Studies-Johannesburg, University of the Witwatersrand

**Spain:** Institute for the International Sociology of Law, Oñati

**Switzerland:** University of Bern

**United Kingdom:** Birkbeck College, Cambridge University, Edinburgh University, Essex University, Glasgow University, Goldsmiths College, Hull University, Institute of Latin American Studies-University of London, Keele University, Kent University, London School of Economics, Manchester University, Northumbria University, Oxford University, Queens University-Belfast, University College London, Swansea University, Sussex University, Warwick University

**United States:** American Bar Association, Amherst College, Bard College, Benjamin Cardozo School of Law, Brown University, Bryant University, Carnegie Council for Ethics and International Affairs, City University of New York-Graduate Center, Columbia University, Emory University, George Mason University, Harvard University, Hunter College, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, Mount Holyoke College, National Humanities Center, New School for Social Research, New York University, Open Society Foundation, Pace University Law School, Princeton University, Russell Sage Foundation, Rutgers University, State of Connecticut Legislative Commissioner's Office, Stanford University, SUNY-Buffalo, University of California-Davis, University of California-Irvine, University of Iowa, University of Massachusetts-Amherst, University of Michigan, University of Connecticut, University of Iowa, University of Tennessee, University of Virginia, US Institute of Peace, Wellesley College, Wesleyan University, Western New England College of Law, Yale University

## Teaching at the University of Connecticut

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### **Undergraduate Anthropology/Human Rights Major**

Law, Culture and Society

Human Rights in Democratizing Countries

Propaganda, Disinformation, and Hate Speech

### **Graduate (College of Liberal Arts)**

Contemporary Debates in Human Rights

Cultural Rights

### **School of Law**

Hate Crimes Practicum

Human Rights and Post-Conflict Justice

International Human Rights Law Clinic

Faculty-led Seminar: International Speech Crimes

Doctoral Supervisions: I have supervised over 30 doctoral students over the course of my career.

Doctoral Supervision: Danielle Nadeau (Anthropology)

Doctoral Committees:

Sara Ailshire "Reproductive Rights in the Courts of India" [awarded Fulbright-Hays]

Mary Bugbee "The Pink Wave in the Health Sector in Mexico."

Vivian Laurens "Transitional Justice and Health in Colombia."

Chris Manoharan "Political Beliefs and Ritual Virtuosity Among Turkish Sufis" [awarded Fulbright-Hays]

Maria Restrepo-Ruiz “Human Rights and Social Determinants of Health in Colombia.”  
Ashley Walters “Migrants and Labor in the Dominican Republic.”

## Service

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### University (Selected)

#### **Association Dean of Faculty Development and Intellectual Life (2021-), School of Law**

- Promoting and Supporting Excellence in Scholarship
- Identifying opportunities for research grants and fellowships, and writing new law school policy on research grants
- Advising Dean about faculty-related matters such as sabbaticals and research leave, course reductions for research, research leaves, teaching and research assistants
- Administering law school research grants and summer research stipends
- Encouraging and assisting faculty in planning of research conferences, workshops, and symposia
- Enhancing profile of faculty research through external publicity
- Faculty development and training, including coordinating DEI trainings on implicit bias, classroom discussions of race, creating an anti-racist curriculum and other topics
- Identifying and fostering collaborations with the community, state, peers at other law schools, and beyond
- Identifying opportunities for cross-unit and interdisciplinary collaboration in teaching and research
- Authoring new mentoring policy and facilitating mentoring of faculty across all career stages
- Coordinating Orientation Day for new faculty and revising *Memo to New Faculty*
- Nominating faculty for university, state, and national awards in research, teaching and service
- Overseeing four law journals and annual symposia
- Personnel Advisory Committee (ex-officio): overseeing the promotion, tenure and retention process
- Faculty Appointments Committee (ex-officio): overseeing the hiring process
- Other responsibilities as designated by the Dean

#### **Founding Director, Human Rights Institute (2003-2013)**

- Reported directly to Provost and coordinated relationship with University
- Managed budget and fundraising
- Raised over \$6 million from private donors
- Hired 11 new faculty in College of Liberal Arts and School of Law; mentoring faculty; central role in tenure, review and promotion processes
- Supported faculty research through fellowship and grant programs
- Launched three faculty research programs: Economic and Social Rights, Humanitarianism and Health and Human Rights
- Organized 5 international conferences and Universitas 21 Summer School, and numerous workshops and seminars
- Established Human Rights Major; the first at a public research university in the US and largest interdisciplinary undergraduate program at the university
- Established numerous internship programs, e.g., Bangalore Mediation Center, Freedom House, International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia



- Established Graduate Certificate in Human Rights (Liberal Arts and Law School)

### **School of Law**

Chair, Faculty Appointments Committee (elected, 2015-17)

Chair, International Programs Committee, School of Law (2009-2012, 2014)

- Established SJD Program (2012)
- Created new international exchange partnerships
- Established LL.M. Program in Human Rights and Social Justice (2015)

Chair, Research Grants Committee (2015-2016)

Director, LL.M. in Human Rights and Social Justice (2012-2014, 2018-2020)

Director, Certificate in Human Rights (2008-2013)

Member, Ad Hoc Committee on Faculty Scholarship (2020)

Member, Faculty Appointments Committee (elected, 2018-2019)

Member, International Programs Committee (2009-2014, 2018-)

Member, Strategic Planning Committee (2015-6, 2021-22)

Member, Academic Vision Committee (2014)

Member, Dean's Search Committee, School of Law (elected, 2012-13)

Member, Dean's Review Committee, School of Law (2011-12)

Faculty Adviser, Connecticut Law Review Symposium (2019)

Faculty Adviser, Jessop Moot International Law Team (2011, 2014)

### **University-Wide Service**

Member, Provost's Representative Steering Committee (RSC) for the Strategic Plan (2021-)

Member, Provost's Taskforce on Faculty Honors and Awards Taskforce (2021-)

Member, Gladstein Committee on Human Rights (2003-present)

Chair, Faculty Advisory Committee to the University President on Immigration and Travel Policy (2017)

Member, Search Committee for Director of the Thomas J. Dodd Research Center (2011-12)

Member, Provost's Committee on the Year of Science (2009)

Member, University Senate (elected, 2008-9)

Member, Faculty Standards Committee of the University Senate (2008-9)

Member, Provost's Academic Plan Committee (2008)

Member, Provost's International Task Force (2007-8)

Member, Selection Committee, Thomas J Dodd Prize in International Justice (2006-8)

## **Field**

### **Professional Societies**

American Anthropological Association, Political and Legal Anthropology Section

American Bar Association (Associate, ABA International Law Section)

American Society of International Law

Association of Social Anthropologists, United Kingdom and the Commonwealth (ASA)

Connecticut Bar Association

Law and Society Association

### **Professional Service**

- American Anthropological Association
  - Committee for Human Rights 2009-2011
  - Committee to Draft AAA Statement on Human Rights 2019-2020

- Mentor and Coach, [The Op-Ed Project](#) 2019-2021
- Association of Social Anthropologists (ASA), United Kingdom 1998-2001
  - Executive Committee
  - Author of 1999 ASA Ethical Guidelines
- Economic and Social Research Council, United Kingdom
  - Board of Examiners for PhD Studentships in Anthropology 1999-2000
  - Chair and Senior Examiner, Anthropology 2001-2002
  - Member of Managerial Committee, *Qualidata* 1991-1998
- Law and Society Association
  - Chair, Article Prize Committee 2018

### Editorships

- *Journal of Anthropological Theory*, Editor 1999-2004
- *Anthropology, Culture and Society Series*, Pluto Press, Founding Editor. 1994-2000
- *Journal of Human Rights*, Associate Editor 2005-2012

### Journal/Academic Press Editorial Boards

- Cambridge University Press: Elements in Historical Theory and Practice 2020-Present
- Stanford University Press: Book Series in Human Rights 2007-Present
- *Critique of Anthropology* 1999-Present
- *Etnográfica* 2016-Present
- *Human Rights and Human Welfare* 2007-Present
- *Human Rights Quarterly* 2008-Present
- *Humanity: An International Journal of Human Rights* 2012-Present
- *Journal of Human Rights* 2003-Present
- *Journal of Legal Anthropology* 2007-Present
- *Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Ethnic Studies* 2006-Present
- *Philosophy and Global Affairs* 2020-Present
- *Political and Legal Anthropology Review (PoLAR)* 2016-2019

### Current Advisory Boards

- Scientific Oversight Board, International Nuremberg Principles Academy Program on Hate Speech
- International Advisory Board, [The Senator George J. Mitchell Institute for Global Peace, Security and Justice](#), Queen's University-Belfast.
- Advisory Board, [TransOcean](#), European Research Council Project
- Board of Overseers, Human Rights Institute, University of Connecticut
- Advisory Board, [ICTY Digital Archive Project](#), Thomas J Dodd Research Center

### Public Policy Engagement

- Member, Hate Crimes Advisory Council, State of Connecticut 2021-
  - Co-Chair, Subcommittee on Hate Crimes Reporting and Data Analysis
- Chair, Connecticut State Advisory Committee, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights 2009-2013
- Member, UNICEF Technical Committee, Child Soldiers in Sierra Leone 2001
- Director, Central American Human Rights Committees, London, UK 1989-1996

