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LEGAL ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Syracuse University College of Law, Syracuse, New York

Associate Professor of Law

2025 – present

Courses: Civil Procedure; Conflict of Laws; Health Law.

University of Massachusetts School of Law, North Dartmouth, Massachusetts

Visiting Professor of Law

2024 –2025

Courses: Civil Procedure; Health Law; Law Review Note Writing.

University of Massachusetts Law Review Research & Scholarship Advisor.

EDUCATION

William & Mary Law School

J.D., *summa cum laude*, 2022

Lawrence W. P'Anson Award (highest honor awarded by the faculty)

Order of the Coif

Fellowship in the Center for the Study of Law & Markets, 2021-22

Marshall-Wythe Merit Scholarship

Perkins Trust Memorial Scholarship

Contracts Teaching Assistant for Professor Darian Ibrahim, 2021

William & Mary Law Review

Boston University

Ph.D. in American & New England Studies, 2014

Angela & James J. Rallis Memorial Award, 2012

Edwin S. & Ruth M. White Prize, 2012

Graduate Research Abroad Fellowship, 2011

Teaching Fellowship, 2008-12

Graduate Certificate in Teaching College Writing, 2012

M.L.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies, 2008

B.A. in History, 2002

PUBLICATIONS

Loophole Entrepreneurship, 29 *FORDHAM J. CORP. & FIN. L.* 33 (December 2023).

CONCRETE CHANGES: ARCHITECTURE, POLITICS, AND THE DESIGN OF BOSTON CITY HALL. (University of Massachusetts Press, 2018).

Yankee Brutalism: Concrete Architecture in New England, 1957-1977, 44 *HISTORICAL JOURNAL OF MASSACHUSETTS* 2 (Summer 2016).

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

Enforcing the Unenforceable: Law and the Enforcement of Manners.

Bad Manners Make Bad Law: Marijuana Misuse and Re-Regulation.

The Supreme Court's "Legal Loophole" Jurisprudence.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Ropes & Gray LLP, Boston, Massachusetts

Litigation Associate

2022 –2024

United States Attorney's Office, Middle District of Tennessee, Nashville, Tennessee
Legal Intern *Spring 2022*

Ropes & Gray LLP, Boston, Massachusetts
Summer Associate *Summer 2021*

Pierce Atwood LLP, Portland, Maine
Summer Associate *Summer 2020*

Massachusetts College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences, Boston, Massachusetts
Adjunct Assistant Professor *2013 – present*
Courses: Health Law & Policy; Healthcare Architecture; History of Architecture survey; U.S. History: the 1950s; American Culture.
School of Arts & Sciences Teaching Award nominee (2016, 2018, 2020, 2021, 2023).

Boston University College of Arts & Sciences, Boston, Massachusetts
Lecturer *2012 –2019*
Courses: American Politics in History and Literature; Reviled Architecture: The Buildings We Love to Hate (research and writing seminar); Building Behavior (research and writing seminar); History of Architecture survey; History of Boston.

Lesley University College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, Cambridge, Massachusetts
Adjunct Professor of Humanities *2010 –2019*
Courses: U.S. History survey; Civil War History & Literature; American Literature survey; Founders' History and State Constitutions; History of Boston.

Boston University Office of Residence Life, Boston, Massachusetts
Residence Hall Director *2003 –2008*

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

Massachusetts	U.S. District Court for the District of Nebraska
U.S. Tax Court	U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & INVITED LECTURES

“What’s Next for Boston Brutalism?”

Preserving the Recent Past (PRP4) Conference, Boston, Massachusetts
Conference session moderator (March 20, 2025)

“Brutalism in America”

Axinn Library Fiftieth Anniversary Symposium, Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY
Plenary session lecture (November 1, 2017)

“Yankee Brutalism: Decoding New England’s 1960s Concrete Architecture”

New England Historical Association, Fiftieth-Anniversary Conference, New Haven, CT
Conference paper presentation (October 24, 2015)

“Concrete in Camelot: Brutalist Government Architecture as Political Art”

Society of Architectural Historians, Latrobe Chapter Biennial Symposium, Washington, D.C.
Conference paper presentation (March 21, 2015)

“From Brutalism to Heroic Modernism: Reconstructing an Architectural Philosophy”

Western University, London, Ontario, Canada
Conference paper presentation (March 3, 2013)

“From Modernist Monuments to Concrete Carbuncles: Preserving Brutalist Architecture”

Providence Preservation Society, Providence Symposium, Providence, RI

Conference plenary lecture (October 12, 2012)

“Knossos in Government Center: The Confluence of International and Local Ideals in Boston’s New City Hall”

Politecnico di Milano, Milan, Italy

Conference paper presentation (November 2011)

“Controversy in Concrete: Boston City Hall and the Politics of Municipal Architecture”

American Political History Institute, Boston, MA

Conference paper presentation (April 2011)

“Designing Dorms: A Survey of Contemporary Residence Hall Architecture”

Colleges of the Fenway, Boston, MA

Conference paper presentation (January 2011)

“Transnational Tensions: The Architectural Legacy of José Luis Sert at Boston University”

Brown University, Providence, RI

Conference paper presentation (April 2009)

“From Barcelona to Boston: Localism and Transnationalism in the Architecture of José Luis Sert”

Society of Architectural Historians/New England Chapter Student Symposium, Cambridge, MA

Conference paper presentation (February 2009)

SELECTED MEDIA INTERVIEWS

Quoted in Greta Kaul, “Love It or Hate It, St. Paul’s Spruce Tree Center Is Having a Moment,” *Minnesota Star Tribune* (December 23, 2025).

Quoted in Arthur Drooker, *CITY HALL* (Schiffer Publishing Ltd., 2021).

Quoted in Jon Kamp, “Boston’s Maligned City Hall Plaza Gets Makeover,” *Wall Street Journal* (August 1, 2015), A3.

Interviewed on “How Can City Hall Plaza Be Improved?” Radio Boston, 90.9 WBUR (National Public Radio affiliate) (March 10, 2015).

Interviewed on “The Downtown Crossing of Tomorrow,” *Chronicle*, WCVB (television news magazine) (January 5, 2015).

Quoted in Sanette Tanaka, “Who Lives Here: Downtown Crossing Crosses Over,” *Wall Street Journal* (May 16, 2014), M3.

Interviewed on “Ugly Buildings We Love to Hate,” *Here and Now*, 90.9 WBUR (National Public Radio affiliate) (December 7, 2012).

Quoted in Dennis Hevesi, “Gerhard Kallmann, Architect, Dies at 97,” *New York Times* (June 25, 2012), A13.

Quoted in Leon Neyfakh, “The Birth of City Hall: Fifty years after a groundbreaking competition, two architects look back at the building that polarized Boston—and gave it a new lease on life,” *Boston Globe* (February 12, 2012), K1.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Federalist Society

Selden Society

National LGBT Bar Association