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CURRENT & FORTHCOMING POSITIONS

Syracuse University College of Law, Syracuse, New York

Associate Professor of Law

beginning August 2025

University of Massachusetts School of Law, Dartmouth, Massachusetts

Visiting Professor of Law

July 2024 – present

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. I'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

Law & Manners.

The Supreme Court's "Legal Loophole" Jurisprudence.

Entrepreneurship and Public Choice Theory.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Ropes & Gray LLP, Boston, Massachusetts

Litigation Associate

October 2022 – June 2024

Practice emphasis in complex commercial litigation, arbitration, and regulatory enforcement. Worked on teams engaged in the following representative matters: defending a national retail pharmacy in federal and state court

against twenty-nine health plans' claims that the pharmacy submitted fraudulent prices in millions of payment claims; representing a private equity company in a \$50 million arbitration against its insurer; representing a major pharmaceutical manufacturer in a state regulatory action; conducting an internal investigation by sponsor into potential FCPA and accounting fraud violations at China-based portfolio companies; representing a *pro bono* client in First Amendment (Speech Clause and Establishment Clause) litigation; drafting a discharge upgrade petition for a U.S. Navy veteran *pro bono* client.

United States Attorney's Office, Middle District of Tennessee, Nashville, Tennessee

Legal Intern

January 2022 – April 2022

Drafted Government's successful response to convicted sex offender's § 2255 motion. Researched and wrote legal memoranda on SORNA, Title VII, the Hatch Act, *Giglio* disclosure, and hearsay exceptions.

Ropes & Gray LLP, Boston, Massachusetts

Summer Associate

May 2021 – August 2021

Drafted defendant's successful response to Order to Show Cause in Tax Court litigation. Researched Speech Clause case law and wrote memoranda for First Amendment litigation. Conducted discovery review for a federal criminal defense matter. Performed due diligence for a corporate merger. Revised hedge fund subscription documents. Volunteered for *pro bono* projects assisting DACA recipients with advance parole applications and advising minority-owned small businesses. Completed the firm's certificate programs in Litigation and Corporate Law.

Pierce Atwood LLP, Portland, Maine

Summer Associate

July 2020 – August 2020

Researched and wrote legal memoranda on topics including Sarbanes-Oxley whistleblower protection, state constitutional law, and COVID-related litigation. Edited and updated a treatise on state environmental law. Researched and wrote memoranda on state constitutional law for an LGBT rights group *pro bono* client.

Massachusetts College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences, Boston, Massachusetts

Adjunct Assistant Professor

January 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

September 2012 – August 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

January 2010 – May 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

August 2003 – June 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)

“Manners Maketh Manhattan: Law, Civility, and Urban Livability”

Livable Cities Conference, City University, London, UK
Conference paper presentation (June 26-28, 2024)

“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 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.