

DAN TRAFICONTE

Associate Professor of Law
Syracuse University College of Law
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Academic Employment

Syracuse University College of Law, August 2022–present

Associate Professor of Law

Courses: Patents and Trade Secrets, Property, Law and Technology

Sciences Po Paris, August 2021–July 2022

Teaching Fellow, Law and Political Economy

Courses: Introduction to Legal Reasoning; Law, Innovation, and Climate Change; Law and Political Economy

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, January 2021–August 2021

Postdoctoral Scholar, Industrial Performance Center and Initiative for Knowledge and Innovation in Manufacturing

Education

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Ph.D. in Political Economy, February 2021

Department of Urban Studies and Planning

Dissertation: *Patents Over Planning: Industrial Capital and Federal Innovation Policy*

Committee: Samuel Moyn, Jason Jackson, Balakrishnan Rajagopal, Elisabeth Reynolds

Research Associate, MIT Task Force on the Work of the Future

Courses co-taught: Law and Urban Planning, Introduction to International Development

Harvard Law School, J.D., May 2017

Cravath, Swaine and Moore LLP International Fellow

Research Assistantships: Professor Samuel Moyn; Professor William Fisher

University of Chicago, B.A. in Biological Sciences, June 2013

Student Marshal (highest academic honor in the College)

Phi Beta Kappa

Publications and Works in Progress

Journal articles:

Government Research (in preparation)

People Having Ordinary Skills in the Arts, HARVARD JOURNAL OF LAW AND TECHNOLOGY __ (forthcoming 2024) (with Ben Armstrong)

Collaboration in the Making: Innovation and the State in Advanced Manufacturing, 21 COLUMBIA SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY LAW REVIEW 2 (2020)

A Flood—Not a Ripple—Of Harm: Proximate Cause Under the Fair Housing Act, 40 CARDOZO LAW REVIEW 2 (2019) (with Justin Steil)

Other writing:

Blockchain and Cryptocurrency, in RESEARCH HANDBOOK ON LAW AND TECHNOLOGY (Bartosz Brożek et al. eds., 2023).

Patents Over Planning: Industrial Capital and Federal Innovation Policy (doctoral dissertation/book manuscript, 2021)

Factories of the Future: Technology, Skills, and Digital Innovation at Large Manufacturing Firms, Research Brief, MIT Work of the Future Task Force (2021) (with Susan Helper, Elisabeth Reynolds, and Anuraag Singh)

Strengthening Manufacturing Innovation Ecosystems Before, During, and After COVID: Lessons from Massachusetts, Working Paper, MIT Work of the Future Task Force (2021) (with Elisabeth Reynolds and Anna Waldman-Brown)

Manufacturing in America: A View from the Field, Research Brief, MIT Work of the Future Task Force (2020) (with Suzanne Berger)

An Innovation Policy for the Green New Deal, People's Policy Project Research Brief (2019) (with Ian Wells)

Additional Experience

MIT Task Force on the Work of the Future, January 2018-January 2021
Research Associate

Biden-Harris Campaign, June-September 2020
Policy Analyst, Innovation and Manufacturing Policy

Warren for President, May-June 2019
Policy Analyst, Innovation Policy

United States Department of Commerce, May-August 2016
Law Clerk, Commercial Law Development Program

The World Bank, May 2015-January 2016
Legal Fellow, Public Integrity and Openness – Governance Global Practice

Conference and Workshop Presentations

PatCon (The Patent Conference) 12 (San Diego, April 2024)

Heterodox Economics Meets Law and Political Economy (organized by APPEAL) (New York, March 2024)

Works In Progress for Intellectual Property (WIPIP) Scholars Colloquium (Santa Clara, February 2024)

Junior Scholars Workshop on Law and Industrial Policy (New Haven, December 2023)

Intellectual Property Scholars Conference (New York, August 2022)

Junior Intellectual Property Scholars Association (JIPSA) Workshop (New York, August 2023)

Law and Political Economy of Technology (New Haven, February 2023)

Intellectual Property Scholars Conference (Palo Alto, August 2022)

Industry Studies Association Annual Conference (Virtual, June 2021)

Law and Society Association Annual Conference (Virtual, May 2021)

Law and Society Association Annual Conference (Virtual, May 2020)

Climate Futures II (Providence, December 2019)

Society for the Advancement of Socioeconomics (New York City, June 2019)

Association for the Promotion of Political Economy and Law Conference (Baltimore, June 2019)

Institute for Global Law and Policy Writers Workshop (Bangkok, January 2019)

Fellowships and Awards

Henry Belin du Pont Dissertation Fellowship (September 2020), Hagley Library and Archive

Hagley Library Exploratory Research Grant (August 2019) Hagley Library and Archive

William Emerson Travel grant (June 2018), Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Cravath, Swaine and Moore LLP International Fellow (January 2016), Harvard Law School

Bar Admission

Massachusetts (admitted 2017)