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Professional Appointments

2022-2023 Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Pennsylvania
Christopher H. Browne Center for International Politics

Education

2022 Ph.D., Princeton University, Department of Politics

2017 M.A., Princeton University, Department of Politics
Fields: International Relations, Public Law, and Political Systems
of the Middle East

2010 M.Sc., University of Oxford, Forced Migration

2009 M.Sc., School of Oriental and African Studies, Middle East Politics

2008 B.A., Arizona State University, Political Science

2008 B.S., Arizona State University, Economics
Summa Cum Laude, Barrett Honors College

Research

Research Interests

International Relations, International Law and Organizations, International Security,
Forced Migration, Comparative Constitutionalism, Strategy

Published Working Papers

“International Cooperation and the Anti-Trafficking Regime.” Working Paper No. 71,
Dec, 2010. Refugee Studies Centre, University of Oxford.

Research in Progress

Legal Statecraft in Global Refugee Politics (Book Project)

International Politics of Water in the American West (Book Project)

“Process of Treaty Implementation: Evidence from U.S. Refugee Law”

“Adjudicating Religion in Immigration Detention: Reading Religious Exercise through
Treaty History and Prison Precedents”

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“Hinge Diplomacy: Romanian Responses to Refugees in South Asia, 1971”

Conferences and Presentations

“Hinge Diplomacy: Romanian Responses to Refugees in South Asia, 1971,” Association for the Study of Nationalities World Convention, May 2023.

“Legal Statecraft: Foreign Policy and Refugees in International Law,” Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, May 28, 2021.

“The American and British Responses to the Hungarian Refugees from 1956,” Association for the Study of Nationalities World Convention, May 6, 2021.

“Treaty Implementation, Courts, and Statutory Superiority: The Process of Harmonizing Statutory and Treaty Law,” International Studies Association, April 6, 2021.

“Strategic Origins of Admissible Refugees in Comparative Law,” American Political Science Association, September 10, 2020.

“Adjudicating Religion in International Refugee Law,” Poster Session, American Political Science Association, September 11, 2020.

“Emerging Regional Refugee Law in the Middle East: 1967 Palestinian Refugees in Egypt and Jordan,” Presented at Islamic Studies Colloquium, November 20, 2019, Princeton University.

“Legalization of International Refugee Law in the U.S.,” American Political Science Association, August 30, 2018, Boston, MA.

“Treaties, Courts, and Statutory Superiority: The Process of Harmonizing Treaty Law with Statutory Law,” Presented at the Qualitative Research Colloquium, November 7, 2017, Princeton University.

Additional Training

Grand Strategy Seminar, Notre Dame International Security Center, August 1-7, 2021

Moral Foundations of Law Seminar, Princeton James Madison Program, July 26-30, 2021

Awards and Grants

Princeton University

University Fellowship (2015-2022)

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Graduate Fellow in Religion and Public Life, Center for the Study of Religion
(2017-2021)

Stafford Grant, Department of Politics (Spring 2021, Spring 2020, Fall 2018)

Research Grant, Mamdouha S. Bobst Center for Peace and Justice (2019)

National External

Postgraduate Fellow, Rumsfeld Foundation (2022-2023)

Hans J. Morgenthau Fellow, Notre Dame International Security Center (2021-
2022)

Marshall Scholarship (2008-2010)

Phi Beta Kappa (2008)

William E. Simon Fellowship for Noble Purpose (2008)

U.S. Department of State Critical Language Scholarship for Arabic, Egypt, (2007)

Harry S. Truman Scholarship (2007)

Circumnavigators Club Foundation Travel Grant (2006)

David L. Boren National Security Education Program Scholarship, Romania,
(2005-2006)

Research Experience

Research Assistant, PI Robert Barsky, Vanderbilt University, “From the 1965
Bellagio Colloquium to the Protocol Relating to the Status of Refugees:
Negotiations, Historical Context, and Travaux Préparatoires,” Social Sciences and
Humanities Research Council (2020)

Teaching Experience

Lecturer, Strategy of International Refugee Law
University of Pennsylvania (Spring 2023)

Instructor, Grand Strategy Seminar
Morgenthau Fellowship Summer D.C. Seminar (2022)

Assistant Instructor, Constitutional Difficulties in the Age of Trump
Princeton University, Professor Keith Whittington (2019)

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Head Assistant Instructor, Introduction to International Relations
Princeton University, Professor Andrew Moravcsik (2018)

Instructor, The European Union and the East
Arizona State University, Department of Political Science (2005)

Teaching Assistant, Introductory Microeconomics
Arizona State University, Department of Economics (2005)

Professional Service

External reviewer, Flinn Foundation Scholarship (2020)

External reviewer, Arizona State University Medallion of Merit Scholarship
(2020)

Professional Experience

National fellowships director, small liberal arts college, (2017-2021)

Editing Consultant, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
(UNHCR), Protection Policy and Legal Advice, Division of International
Protection (2011-2015)

Researcher, American Philanthropic (2011-2015)

Student assistant editor, *Refugee Survey Quarterly* Special Issue on Refugee
Women and Gender Equality (2010)

Commentary

“Neighbors on the Southern Border: Republican Refugee Policy the Eisenhower
Way,” *Berkley Forum* by Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs,
Georgetown University, August 19, 2019.

Technical Skills

QGIS, Stata

Languages

French (reading proficiency); Romanian (reading proficiency)

Professional Memberships

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American Political Science Association
International Studies Association
Law and Society Association
Association for the Study of Nationalities

Curriculum Vitae, 26 May 2023