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University of Akron School of Law
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EDUCATION

Lewis & Clark Law School

LL.M., *cum laude*, Environmental and Natural Resources Law, 2008

Stanford Law School

JD, 1999, Articles Editor for the Stanford Law Review

Northwestern University School of Law

1996-1997 (1L year), Dean's List, Invited to Law Review membership

University of California at Berkeley

BA, Rhetoric, 1995, Honor Students Society, ACLU Berkeley Students Caucus founding member

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Akron School of Law, Akron, OH

Associate Professor of Law, 2011-present

Assistant Professor of Law, 2008-2011

Subjects taught: Environmental Law, Natural Resources Law, Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, and related seminars (including Biodiversity, Climate Change, Domestic Violence, and others)

Research areas: Biodiversity & Ecosystem Management; Environmental Policy; Climate Change; Renewable Energy; Eco-Federalism; and the Intersection of Law, Science, and the Environment

Law School Committees:

- 2009-present: Faculty Appointments; Faculty Research and Development/Faculty Grants
- 2008-2009: Admissions; Enrichment

Other Service:

- Treasurer, AALS Natural Resources Section, 2013-14
- Executive Committee Member, AALS Environmental Law Section, 2012-14
- Executive Committee Member, AALS Natural Resources Section, 2012-14
- Chair, Endangered Species Committee, within the ABA Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources (SEER), 2011-2012; Co-Chair 2012-13
- Elected Law School Representative to the AALS House of Representatives, 2010-2014
- Faculty Advisor, Environmental Law Society, 2008-present
- Faculty Advisor, Gay/Straight Law Alliance, 2011-present
- University of Akron Wetland Field Station Committee Member, 2012-present
- Vice Chair for Quick Teleconferences, ABA Endangered Species Committee, 2010-2011
- Selection committee member, ABA SEER Summer Diversity Fellowship, 2011 & 2012
- Law School Representative on University Committee for the Conference on Undergraduate and Graduate Student Research (CUGSR), Chair of Speaker Subcommittee, 2010-2011

University of San Francisco School of Law

Visiting Professor, summers of 2011 & 2012

- Taught Natural Resources Law in 2011 & Environmental Law in 2012

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

THE LAW OF BIODIVERSITY AND ECOSYSTEM MANAGEMENT (Foundation Press University Casebook Series, Third Edition, 2013) (with John Copeland Nagle and J.B. Ruhl)

THE LAWS OF NATURE: REFLECTIONS ON THE EVOLUTION OF ECOSYSTEM MANAGEMENT LAW AND POLICY (University of Akron Press, Kalyani Robbins ed., 2013) (edited collection with chapters by Robert W. Adler, Jamison E. Colburn, Robert B. Keiter, Judith A. Layzer, Martin Nie, Daniel J. Rohlfs, J.B. Ruhl, Lynn Scarlett, and co-authoring pairs Susan G. Clark & David N. Cherney; Sara O'Brien & Sara Vickerman; and Deborah McGrath & Travis Greenwalt)

Books in Progress:

THE LAW AND POLICY OF ENVIRONMENTAL FEDERALISM: A COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS (Edward Elgar Publishing, Kalyani Robbins ed., 2014) (edited collection with chapters by William L. Andreen, William W. Buzbee, Ann Carlson, Kirsten H. Engel, Robert L. Glicksman, Keith H. Hirokawa, Blake Hudson, Alice Kaswan, Alexandra B. Klass, Robert V. Percival, Erin Ryan, and Hannah Wiseman)

Chapters:

An Ecosystem Management Primer: History, Perceptions, and Modern Definition, in THE LAWS OF NATURE: REFLECTIONS ON THE EVOLUTION OF ECOSYSTEM MANAGEMENT LAW AND POLICY (University of Akron Press, Kalyani Robbins ed., 2013)

- http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2083707

Symposium: The Next Generation of Environmental & Natural Resources Law: What Has Changed in 40 Years and What Needs to Change as a Result - Introduction, 46 Akron L. Rev. ___ (forthcoming 2013, based on symposium in September 2012)

Constitutional Law: 2012 Annual Report, in ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY, AND RESOURCES LAW: THE YEAR IN REVIEW (ABA Section of Environment, Energy & Resources, 2013, co-author)

- http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2255044

First Day Jitters: Coming to Terms with Yesterday's Passing and Stepping Forward into a New Day of Species Protection in the Post-Climate-Change Era, in CLE materials for ABA Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources, 20th Section Fall Meeting, Austin, TX, October 10-13, 2012

- http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2147726

Constitutional Law: 2011 Annual Report, in ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY, AND RESOURCES LAW: THE YEAR IN REVIEW (ABA Section of Environment, Energy & Resources, 2012, co-author)

- http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2061813

Chapters in Progress:

The Shared Regulation of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Management, in *THE LAW AND POLICY OF ENVIRONMENTAL FEDERALISM: A COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS* (Edward Elgar Publishing, Kalyani Robbins ed., 2014)

Articles:

(collectively cited in over 50 law review articles and over 75 total publications)

Awakening the Slumbering Giant: How Horizontal Drilling Technology Brought the Endangered Species Act to Bear on Hydraulic Fracturing, 63 *Case Western Reserve L. Rev.* 1143 (2013)

- http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2262442

Cooperating with Wildlife: The Past, Present, and Future of Wildlife Federalism, 43 *Environmental Law Reporter* 10501 (2013, special edition based on January 2013 AALS Annual Meeting program, *40 Years of Environmental Law and Natural Resources Law – A Prospective Look*)

- http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2268737

Towards Engaged Scholarship, 33 *Pace L. Rev.* ___ (forthcoming 2013, generated by symposium in May 2012, co-authored with John Nolon, Michelle Bryan Mudd, Michael Burger, Elizabeth Burleson, Kim Diana Connolly, Nestor Davidson, Matthew Festa, Jill I. Gross, Lisa Heinzerling, Keith Hirokawa, Tim Iglesias, Patrick C. McGinley, Sean Nolon, Uma Outka, Jessica Owley, Jonathan Rosenbloom, and Christopher Serkin)

- http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2225283

Paved With Good Intentions: The Fate of Strict Liability under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, 42 *Envtl. L.* 579 (2012) (symposium edition, presented at Lewis & Clark MBTA symposium)

- Cited in *West's Oregon Revised Statutes Annotated*
- http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2083685

Recovery of an Endangered Provision: Untangling and Reviving Critical Habitat under the Endangered Species Act, 58 *Buffalo L. Rev.* 1095 (2010)

- http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1678760

Strength in Numbers: Setting Quantitative Criteria for Listing Species under the Endangered Species Act, 27 *UCLA J. Env'tl L. & Pol.* 1 (2009)

- Cited in *Western Watersheds Project v. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service*, 2012 WL 369168 (D. Idaho 2012)
- http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1360911

Missing the Link: The Importance of Keeping Ecosystems Intact and What the Endangered Species Act Suggests We Do About It, 37 *Envtl. L.* 573 (2007)

- Cited in *West's Oregon Revised Statutes Annotated*
- http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2086857

Framers' Intent and Military Power: Has Supreme Court Deference to the Military Gone Too Far?, 78 *Or. L. Rev.* 767 (1999)

- http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2089001

No-Drop Prosecution of Domestic Violence: Just Good Policy, or Equal Protection Mandate?, 52 Stan. L. Rev. 205 (1999)

- Reprinted in Douglas E. Beloof, VICTIMS IN CRIMINAL PROCEDURE
- Cited in *McClure v. Rehg*, 2007 WL 3352389 (E.D. Mo. 2007)
- Cited in amicus curiae Supreme Court briefing for *Iowa v. Tovar*, 541 U.S. 77 (2004)
- http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2088982

Implications of the Tax Reform Proposals for Fraud – or – How to Shift to a Consumption Tax Without Helping the Cheaters, published simultaneously by consent at 83 Tax Notes 1371 (1999); and Taxes, June 1999, at 41

- http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2088986

Articles in Progress:

Responsible, Renewable, and Redesigned: How the Renewable Energy Movement can make Peace with the Endangered Species Act, Minnesota Journal of Law, Science & Technology (forthcoming 2013, symposium edition)

The Biodiversity Paradigm Shift: Adapting the Endangered Species Act to Climate Change

- Primary current law review scholarship project
- For submission in August 2013

Fractured Federalism: How the Endangered Species Act Will Change State Regulation of Hydraulic Fracturing (project for fall 2013)

SCHOLARSHIP AGENDA

I expect that my primary focus will remain on issues relating to biodiversity and ecosystems. Lately that work has begun to overlap with an increased interest in climate change and energy development, such that the intersection of biodiversity law with each of these areas is the focus of my most recent scholarship and that currently in progress. I am especially intrigued by “life after climate change” work, envisioning what the new ecological landscape might be like and how our regulatory approaches will have to change to govern it. Besides my primary work in progress listed above, this has also given me some ideas about changes in land use regulation that may become necessary in the face of mass human migration. Once my existing works in progress are complete, I see some potential for my climate change work to dovetail with my federalism work, as there are several avenues for each work to inform the issues raised in the other. I have also developed an increased interest in Ocean & Coastal Law (while teaching Natural Resources Law, of which it is a subset), which I would like to teach at some point to possibly spark some related scholarship. This field has a very strong relationship with climate change as well. Finally, a goal of mine for years has been (and remains) to eventually design a casebook that focuses on the scientific issues that non-scientist environmental lawyers need to understand. It will be a survey of key environmental and natural resources statutes and cases, but with a focus on understanding the relevant science, likely titled LAW, SCIENCE, AND THE ENVIRONMENT.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Colorado-Duke Climate Change Works-in-Progress Symposium, August 8-9, 2013, Boulder, CO

- Invited to workshop *The Biodiversity Paradigm Shift: Adapting the Endangered Species Act to Climate Change*
- Annual in-depth scholarship workshop limited to about 15 invited participants

Natural Resources Law Teachers Institute, Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation, May 29-31, 2013, Flagstaff, AZ

- Invited to present *Awakening the Slumbering Giant: How the New Horizontal Drilling Technology Brought the Endangered Species Act to Bear on Hydraulic Fracturing*

Consortium on Law and Values in Health, Environment & the Life Sciences 2013 Annual Conference: Legal & Policy Pathways for Energy Innovation, April 24-25, 2013, University of Minnesota School of Law

- Invited to present *Responsible, Renewable, and Redesigned: How the Renewable Energy Movement can make Peace with the Endangered Species Act*

71st Annual MPSA Political Science Conference, April 11-14, 2013, Chicago, IL

- Selected to serve as Discussant for session, *Generating and Communicating Scientific Information for Environmental Issues*
- Discussants are allotted 20 minutes after the presentations and before audience participation is invited, in order to provide expert analysis of the works presented

J.B. and Maurice C. Shapiro Conference: Laying the Foundation for a Sustainable Energy Future: Legal and Policy Challenges, George Washington University Law School, April 10-11, 2013

- Invited to present *Responsible, Renewable, and Redesigned: How the Renewable Energy Movement can make Peace with the Endangered Species Act*
- Resulting papers to be published in the George Washington Journal of Energy and Environmental Law

Environmental Law Virtual Guest Speaker Series, March 25-April 5, 2013

- Invited to present *Awakening the Slumbering Giant: How the New Horizontal Drilling Technology Brought the Endangered Species Act to Bear on Hydraulic Fracturing*
- Presentation recorded and posted online for students from a large group of participating law schools (hosted by Mercer Law School), followed by one week participating in a discussion forum to answer questions about my presentation

14th Annual Northeast Florida Environmental Summit, February 28, 2013, Jacksonville, FL

- Invited to present *Awakening the Slumbering Giant: How the New Horizontal Drilling Technology Brought the Endangered Species Act to Bear on Hydraulic Fracturing*

Environmental Capstone Colloquium / Spring Speaker Series, February 7, 2013, University of Florida Levin College of Law

- Guest speaker on the topic, *Endangered Species and Climate Change*

Law & Economics Center (LEC) at George Mason University School of Law, Workshop on Public Choice Economics for Law Professors, January 25-28, 2013, Captiva, FL

- Invited/funded Participant

AALS Annual Meeting, January 4-7, 2013, New Orleans, LA

- Presented *Cooperating with Wildlife: The Past, Present, and Future of Wildlife Federalism* as part of the AALS Sections on Natural Resources Law and Property Law joint program, *40 Years of Environmental and Natural Resources Law-A Prospective Look*
- Resulting papers to be published in the Environmental Law Reporter

Symposium: The Law and Policy of Hydraulic Fracturing: Addressing the Issues of the Natural Gas Boom, November 16, 2012, Case Western Reserve University School of Law

- Invited to present *Awakening the Slumbering Giant: How the New Horizontal Drilling Technology Brought the Endangered Species Act to Bear on Hydraulic Fracturing*
- Resulting papers to be published in the Case Western Reserve Law Review

Central States Law Schools Association 2012 Scholarship Conference, October 19-20, 2012, Cleveland, OH

- Presented work in progress, *The Biodiversity Paradigm Shift: Adapting the Endangered Species Act to Climate Change*

ABA Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources (SEER) 20th Annual Fall Meeting, October 10-13, 2012, Austin, TX

- Invited to present on the Endangered Species Act and Climate Change
- On panel, *Wind, Water, Weather and the Endangered Species Act*

Anderson-Libecap Manuscript Roundtable, October 4-5, 2012, the Law & Economics Center (LEC) at George Mason University School of Law

- Invited/funded participant in manuscript roundtable for book on Environmental Markets

Symposium: The Next Generation of Environmental & Natural Resources Law: What Has Changed in 40 Years and What Needs to Change as a Result, September 28-29, 2012, University of Akron School of Law

- Developed symposium (all aspects: creation/description, obtaining funding, promotion and call for proposals, selecting presenters and moderators, arranging for symposium publication in Akron Law Review, field-trip planning, and event planning)
- Hosted conference and wrote introduction to symposium edition

Presented Work-in-progress to faculty at University of San Francisco School of Law, August 1, 2012

- Presented *Cooperating with Wildlife: The Past, Present, and Future of Wildlife Federalism*

Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences 2012 Annual Meeting and Conference: Preparing for our Environmental Future, June 21-24, 2012, Santa Clara University

- Presented work in progress, *Cooperating with Wildlife: The Past, Present, and Future of Wildlife Federalism*

AALS 2012 Mid-Year Meeting, Conference on Torts, Environment, and Disaster, June 8-10, 2012, Berkeley, CA

- Co-presented workshop, *Generations of Environmental Law*

Engaged Scholarship/Practically Grounded Symposium, May 4, 2012, Pace Law School

- Invited Participant in small (about 20 participants) discussion gathering and co-author of publication to result therefrom

Northeast Ohio Faculty Colloquium, March 23, 2012, Cleveland area, OH

- Presented work in progress, *Cooperating with Wildlife: The Past, Present, and Future of Wildlife Federalism*

Public Interest Environmental Law Conference, February 29 - March 3, 2012, University of Oregon School of Law

- Co-organized and presented on panel, *What is the Value of Critical Habitat?*
 - Presented *The Troubled History of Critical Habitat under the Endangered Species Act*
- Co-organized and presented on panel, *Environmental Law and New Frontiers in Cooperative Federalism*
 - Presented work in progress, *Cooperating with Wildlife: The Past, Present, and Future of Wildlife Federalism*

Northeast Regional Scholarship and Teaching Development Workshop, February 3-4, 2012, Albany Law School

- Presented idea-stage work in progress, *Cooperating with Wildlife: The Past, Present, and Future of Wildlife Federalism*

AALS Annual Meeting, January 4-8, 2012, Washington, DC

- Organized and moderated a “hot topic” panel, *The ESA Implementation Tipping Point: Can the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Keep Up with Multiple New Demands?*

Symposium: The Migratory Bird Treaty Act: Reshaping a Powerful Conservation Tool, October 20-22, 2011, Lewis & Clark Law School

- Invited/funded to write and present symposium article, *Paved With Good Intentions: The Fate of Strict Liability under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act*

Presented Work-in-progress to faculty at University of Akron School of Law, October 5, 2011

- Presented *Paved With Good Intentions: The Fate of Strict Liability under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act*

Presented Work-in-progress to faculty at University of San Francisco School of Law, July 13, 2011

- Presented *Paved With Good Intentions: The Fate of Strict Liability under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act*

ABA Quick Teleconference: Is 2010 a Critical Year for Critical Habitat?, November 2010

- Organized and moderated panel discussing 2010 cases impacting the implementation of the critical habitat provisions of the Endangered Species Act

Northeast Ohio Faculty Colloquium, October 8, 2010, Cleveland area, OH

- Hosted day of scholarly presentations by and for faculty of several Ohio law schools

Regulation by Litigation Roundtable at the Center for Business Law and Regulation, September 25, 2009, Case Western Reserve University School of Law

- Invited Roundtable Participant

Public Interest Environmental Law Conference, February 26 - March 1, 2009, University of Oregon School of Law

- Organized and moderated panel, *The Future of the ESA: Suggestions for the New Administration*
- Added to a panel to discuss teaching climate change materials in environmental courses

Law, Science, and the Environment Forum, April 19-20, 2007, Lewis & Clark Law School

- Invitational workshop; invited to serve as a discussant

Additional events attended:

- ABA Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources, 2012 Spring Council Meeting (participated as Chair of the Endangered Species committee), April 27-28, 2012, Vancouver, BC
- Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, June 2-5, 2011, San Francisco, CA
- RMMLF Natural Resources Law Teachers Institute, May 25-27, 2011, Stevenson, WA
- AALS Annual Meeting, January 2011, San Francisco, CA
- Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Institute, July 23-25, 2009, San Francisco, CA
- RMMLF Natural Resources Law Teachers Institute, May 27-29, 2009, Chico Hot Springs, MT
- AALS Annual Meeting, January 6-10, 2009, San Diego, CA
- AALS Workshop for New Law School Teachers, June 25-29, 2008, Washington, DC
- Public Interest Environmental Law Conference, March 1-4, 2007, University of Oregon School of Law

PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE

Sequoia ForestKeeper, Kernville, CA (telecommuted from Oregon during LL.M. work)

Legal Director, January 2007 – March 2008

Managed legal program for non-profit organization working to protect the Sequoia National Forest and Giant Sequoia National Monument. Work included drafting comment letters and administrative appeals, planning and implementing litigation strategies, responding to various legal questions from the executive director, hiring and supervising law student interns, and attending related conferences.

New York County District Attorney's Office, New York, NY

Assistant District Attorney, August 2002 – November 2005

Investigated and prosecuted large caseload, negotiated plea deals, presented over a hundred cases to grand juries, had dozens of court hearings and eight trials, all solo. In addition to prosecuting a broad spectrum of felonies, had partial specialization in domestic violence cases.

The Honorable Faith S. Hochberg, District Judge

United States District Court for the District of New Jersey (Newark)

Law Clerk, 2001-2002

The Honorable Norman H. Stahl, Circuit Judge

United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit (Boston)

Law Clerk, 2000-2001

McCutchen, Doyle, Brown & Enersen, San Francisco, CA

Associate, 1999-2000; Summer Associate, 1998

Conducted legal research and drafted briefs, complaints, answers, and internal memoranda. Did a significant amount of pro bono work, including constitutional matters.

Jenner & Block, Chicago, IL

Summer Associate, 1997

Conducted legal research and drafted internal memoranda. Worked on pro bono death penalty case that resulted in a reduction to a life sentence. Received an offer of permanent employment.

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Washington, DC

Intern Investigator, Summer 1994 & Winter 1994-95

Investigated possible Title VII violations through witness interviews, document requests, and other tools. Drafted the Commission's determination of each case based on that research.

PUBLIC SERVICE

National Academy of Sciences, Institute for Laboratory Animal Research Journal, Oxford University Press

February 2013: Reviewed article for peer-reviewed scientific journal

Conservation Biology

March 2012 & January 2013: Reviewed article for peer-reviewed scientific journal

AALS Section on Natural Resources and Energy Law

2013-14: Treasurer

2012-14: Executive Committee Member

AALS Section on Environmental Law

2012-14: Executive Committee Member

ABA Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources, Endangered Species Committee

2011-2013: Committee Chair (Co-chair 2012-13)

2011 & 2012: Summer Diversity Fellowship selection committee member

2010-2011: Vice Chair for Quick Teleconferences

AALS House of Representatives

2010-2014: Elected Law School Representative for University of Akron School of Law

New York County District Attorney's Office, Community Affairs

2002-2005: Taught the office's public interest curricula in Manhattan schools, provided on-site lectures and tours for groups, either judged or coached for many mock trials, was involved in mentor program for middle school children.

San Francisco Bar Association, Volunteer Legal Services Program

Volunteer Attorney, Summer 2000

Represented tenants on a pro bono basis in eviction defense cases.

Governor's Blue Ribbon Panel on Hate Groups

Deputy Counsel, Fall 1999

Conducted interviews and other research related to combating hate activity. Reported and discussed

results at regular meetings of the Panel, chaired by Warren Christopher and George Deukmejian. Drafted portions of the Panel's final report and recommendations to Governor Gray Davis.

San Francisco Homeless Advocacy Project

Advocate, Summer 1998

Represented an indigent man in his administrative appeal after he was denied disability benefits.

Human Rights Advocates

Intern, Spring-Summer 1998

Drafted written statement for the NGO to submit to the United Nations Human Rights Commission.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Bar Admissions: California, New York, and the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California.

Teaching: I organize at least one educational field trip for every course I teach. I have found this to be pedagogically valuable to my students, as well as a great bonding experience for all of us. I take my Criminal Law students on a trip to New York City for an insider's tour of the criminal justice system there (where I was once a prosecutor). My environmental courses typically tour wetland restoration projects with instruction by professors in related disciplines as well as professionals working with the projects.

World Travel: I have traveled to all seven continents, including dozens of countries, and have twice published in the travel section of the London Independent. These travels often included significant wildlife viewing, either by safari or scuba diving, which fueled my interest in biodiversity. My 2004 Antarctica trip (the seventh continent) resulted in the decision to transition into Environmental and Natural Resources Law.

Geographic Background: I was born in San Francisco and spent sizable portions of my childhood in India. We settled down in Berkeley around my ninth birthday, and I stayed there through college and beyond.