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## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

### UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS COLLEGE OF LAW

*Professor of Law & Philosophy & Thomas Mengler Faculty Scholar*  
*Director, Illinois Center for Interdisciplinary and Comparative Jurisprudence*  
*Faculty Affiliate, Illinois Program in Law, Behavior, and Social Sciences*  
*Faculty Affiliate, Illinois Program in Law and Philosophy*  
*Visiting Professor of Law*

**Champaign, IL**  
Fall 2009 – Present

Spring 2008

Courses Taught: Contract Law; Morals, Markets and the Law;  
Introduction to IP; Theories of IP; Philosophy of Law;  
Law and Philosophy; Theories of Justice; Legal Theory Colloquium

### USC GOULD SCHOOL OF LAW

*Visiting Professor of Law*

**Los Angeles, CA**  
Fall 2008

### YALE CENTER FOR LAW AND PHILOSOPHY

*Associate Faculty Member*

**New Haven, CT**  
2006

### LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL

*Professor of Jurisprudence and Law*  
*Associate Professor of Law*

**Los Angeles, CA**  
2008 - 2009  
2004 – 2008

### LOYOLA CENTER FOR INTERDISCIPLINARY AND COMPARATIVE JURISPRUDENCE

*Deputy Director*

2004-2009

## EDUCATION

### YALE LAW SCHOOL

J.D.

*Activities:*

Yale Law Journal; Thurman Arnold Prize Finalist (Moot Court)  
Yale Journal of International Law; Lowenstein Human Rights Clinic  
Prison Clinic, *Supervisor*; Capital Punishment Clinic  
Moot Court, *Participant, Boardmember*

**New Haven, CT**  
1997

### HARVARD UNIVERSITY

B.A., *magna cum laude*, Philosophy

B.S. equivalency, Honors Physics

*Honors/Awards:*

John Harvard Scholar; Harvard College Scholar; *Magna Plus* on Senior Thesis;  
*Magna Plus* on Thesis Defense; Dean's List (all semesters); Early Admittee;  
Student of Advanced Standing

**Cambridge, MA**  
1994  
1994

### UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

Ph.D., Philosophy

*Areas of Specialization:*

Philosophy of Law; Ethics; Meta-Ethics; Decision/Game Theory; Moral Psychology;  
Social and Political Philosophy

**Ann Arbor, MI**  
2004

*Fellowships:*

Charlotte Newcombe Fellow, *Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation*  
Rackham Predoctoral Fellow; Rackham Merit Fellow

## **FEDERAL CLERKSHIP EXPERIENCE**

**LAW CLERK TO THE HONORABLE JUSTICE SONIA SOTOMAYOR**  
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

**New York, NY**  
Fall 1998 – Fall 1999

**LAW CLERK TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE JOHN G. KOELTL**  
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Southern District of New York

**New York, NY**  
Fall 2001- Fall 2002

## **SELECTED PUBLICATIONS**

*On the Origins of Western Law and Western Civilization (in the Indus Valley)*, 2012 UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS LAW REVIEW vol. 2 (forthcoming 2012).

*The Two Faces of Morality: How Evolution Both Vindicates and Debunks Morality (with a Special Nod to the Importance of Law)*, NOMOS VOLUME LIII: EVOLUTION AND MORALITY (NYU Press) (forthcoming 2012).

*The Second-Person Standpoint and the Law* (under submission) (revise and resubmit at LEGAL THEORY (Cambridge University Press)).

*On the Prospects of a Naturalized Jurisprudence*, NOTRE DAME PHILOSOPHICAL REVIEWS (2010) (reviewing Brian Leiter, *Naturalizing Jurisprudence*).

*Contract Law and the Second Person Standpoint*, 40 LOYOLA OF LAW ANGELES LAW REVIEW (2008) (invited symposium piece).

*The Second Person Standpoint and the Law: Symposium Introduction*, 40 LOYOLA OF LOS ANGELES LAW REVIEW (2008).

*Hart's Response to Exclusive Legal Positivism*, 95 GEORGETOWN LAW JOURNAL 393 (2007).

*The Deep Structure of Law and Morality*, 84 TEXAS LAW REVIEW 877 (2006) (winner of 2008 SEAL Junior Faculty Prize).

*Legal Parallelism*, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN DISSERTATIONS (2005).

*Harm: Its Meaning in Ethics* (encyclopedia entry in ETHICS (2d rev. ed.) (Salem University Press 2004)).

*H.L.A. Hart* (encyclopedia entry in ETHICS (2d rev. ed.) (Salem University Press 2004)).

*What Can Bankruptcy Law Tell Us about Article III and Vice Versa?*, 60 MONTANA LAW REVIEW 415 (1999).

*Legal Analysis and the Perversions of Theory*, 106 YALE LAW JOURNAL 685 (1997) (book review).

## **SIGNIFICANT WORKS IN PROGRESS**

*Contractualism about Contract Law*

*On the Origins of Western Law and Western Civilization (in the Indus Valley) Part II: The Linguistic and Archaeological Evidence*

## **SELECTED PRESENTATIONS AND SYMPOSIUM CONTRIBUTIONS**

*Roundtable on the Meta-Ethics of Legal Judgment*, Organizer, Participant and Contributor, University of Illinois Law and Philosophy Program, Champaign, IL (March 2011).

*On the Origins of Western Law and Western Civilization (in the Indus Valley)*, 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for the Evolutionary Analysis of Law, Loyola Law School, Los Angeles, CA (February 2011).

*On the Origins of Western Law and Western Civilization (in the Indus Valley)*, University of Illinois Colloquium on Law, Science and Behavior, Champaign, IL (January 2011).

*The Problem of Moral Baggage*, 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for the Evolutionary Analysis of Law, Early Ideas Session, William & Mary School of Law, Williamsburg, VA (April 2010).

*On the Value of Political Theology and the Cultural Study of Law*, Conference on BIOS: Life, Death and History, Illinois Unit for Criticism and Interpretive Theory (introduction to keynote speech by Paul Kahn, Yale Law School, *Criminal and Enemy in the Political Imagination*) (April 2010).

*The Second-Person Standpoint and the Law*, New Voices in Legal Theory Conference, St. Louis Law School, St. Louis, MO (Spring 2010).

*The Deep Structure of Law and Morality*, University of Illinois Faculty Colloquium, Champaign, IL (April 2010).

*The Second-Person Standpoint and the Law*, Faculty Workshop, University of San Diego Law School, San Diego, CA (Spring 2010).

*The Second-Person Standpoint and the Law*, Faculty Workshop, University of Illinois College of Law, Champaign, IL (November 2009).

*Conference on Rethinking the Genealogy of Morals*, Invited Participant and Contributor, Center for Law, Philosophy and Human Values, University of Chicago Law School, Chicago, IL (October 2009).

*Sonia Sotomayor's Future Impact on the Supreme Court*, Invited Lecture for Supreme Court Day, University of Illinois College of Law, Champaign, IL (September 2009).

*Television Interview on Sonia Sotomayor's Supreme Court Appointment*, Illinois Law (September 2009).

*Evolution, Biocultural History, and the Deep Structure of Law*, Gruter Institute Conference on Law, Biology and the Brain, Squaw Valley, CA (May 2009).

*Evolution, Biocultural History, and the Deep Structure of Law*, Invited Special Talk to the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for the Evolutionary Analysis of Law (Special Tribute for the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Darwin's Birth), Vanderbilt Law School, Nashville, TN (April 2009) (other invited speakers included Frans de Waal, C. H. Candler Professor, Psychology Department, Emory University Director of the Living Links Center, Yerkes National Primate Research Center, and John Mikhail, Professor of Law, Georgetown University Law Center).

*On the Prospects of a Naturalized Jurisprudence*, Prawfsfest Conference, Florida State University School of Law, Tallahassee, FL (Spring 2009).

*Roundtable on Promissory Obligation*, Invited Participant and Contributor, University of Illinois Law and Philosophy Program (Spring 2009).

*Contractualism about Contract Law*, UCLA Legal Theory Workshop, UCLA Law School, Los Angeles, CA (October 2008).

*Contractualism about Contract Law*, Faculty Workshop, USC Gould School of Law, Los Angeles, CA (October 2008).

*Vindicating a Naturalistic Ethics*, Annual Meeting of the Society for Political and Legal Philosophy, Boston, MA (August 28, 2008) (to be published in *NOMOS* (NYU Press) (other panelists were Philip Kitcher, John Dewey Professor of Philosophy and James R. Barker Professor of Contemporary Civilization at Columbia University, and Jonathan Beckwith, American Cancer Society Professor of Microbiology and Molecular Genetics, Harvard Medical School).

*Contractualism about Contract Law*, Faculty Workshop, University of Illinois College of Law, Champaign, IL (September 2008).

*Contractualism about Contract Law*, New Voices in Legal Theory Workshop, Cardozo Law School, NY, NY (May 2008).

Moderator for Panel on Moral Obligations of an Occupier to an Occupied, Conference on *Transformation in Iraq: From Ending a Modern War to Creating a Modern Peace* (Spring 2008) (panelists were Jules Coleman (Yale), Jeff McMahon (Rutgers) and Jeremy Waldron (Columbia)).

*Justice in the Private Law*, presented at 2008 Association for the Study of Law, Culture and the Humanities, Boalt Hall (March 2008) (other panelists were Peter Alces (William & Mary), Nathan Oman (William & Mary), Alan Calnan (Southwestern) and Jeff Lipshaw (Seton Hall)).

*Contractualism about Tort Law*, presented at Conference on *Frontiers of Tort Law*, Loyola Law School (Spring 2008) (other panelists was Gregory Keating (USC Gould School of Law)).

Commentator (provided written comments) for Conference on *Exploring the Boundaries of Contract Law*, London, Ontario (January 2008).

*Contract Law and the Second-Person Standpoint: Why Efficiency Maximization Principles Can Neither Explain Nor Justify the Expectation Damages Remedy*, 2007 Annual Prawfsfest Conference, Loyola Law School (December 2007)).

*Contractualism about Contract Law*, Southern California Law and Philosophy Discussion Group (November 2007).

*Evolutionary Psychology and Our Natural Sense of Obligation*, 2007 Annual Conference for the Society for the Evolutionary Analysis of Law, University of Indiana—Bloomington (October 2007).

*Contractualism about Contract Law*, Loyola Law School Faculty Workshop (September 2007).

*Contractualism about Contract Law*, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Conference, Palm Beach, FL (August 2007).

*The Deep Structure of Law and Morality*, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (Spring 2007).

*The Deep Structure of Law and Morality*, The Gruter Institute Conference on Law, Behavior and the Brain, Squaw Valley (May 2007).

*Hart's Response to Exclusive Legal Positivism*, Yale Center for Law and Philosophy (Spring 2006).

*How an Understanding of the Second-Person Standpoint Can Change Our Understanding of the Law*, Southern California Law and Philosophy Discussion Group (Fall 2005).

*The Deep Structure of Morality and Law*, Southern California Law and Philosophy Discussion Group (Spring 2005).

Commentary on Gideon Yaffe, *Mens Rea and Conditional Intent*, presented at the University of Michigan Spring Colloquium in Philosophy on Moral and Legal Responsibility (2003).

### **LEGAL EXPERIENCE**

#### **DEBEVOISE & PLIMPTON**

*Litigation Associate* (specializing in intellectual property and white collar criminal law)  
*Summer Associate*. Received (and briefly accepted) offer for permanent associate position.

**New York, NY**  
Summers 2000 & 2001  
Summer 1998

#### **PAUL, WEISS, RIFKIND, WHARTON & GARRISON**

*Summer Associate*. Received offer for permanent associate position.

**New York, NY**  
Summer 1997

#### **DAVIS POLK & WARDWELL**

*Summer Associate*. Received offer for permanent associate position.

**New York, NY**  
Summer 1996

### **SELECTED SERVICE**

Appointments Committee, Illinois College of Law (2010-2011)  
ABA Self-Study Committee, Illinois College of Law (2010-2011)  
Faculty Retreat/Colloquium Committee, Co-Chair, Illinois College of Law (2009-2010)

Dean Search Committee, Loyola Law School (2008-2009)  
Entry-Level Faculty Recruitment Committee, Loyola Law School (2008-2009)  
Lateral Faculty Recruitment Committee, Loyola Law School (2008-2009)  
Instructional Technology Committee, Loyola Law School (2005-2008)  
Curriculum Committee, Loyola Law School (2005-2007)  
Sayre MacNeil Scholars Committee, Chair, Loyola Law School (2004-2005).

*Society for Evolutionary Analysis of Law*, Vice President (2011-Present) (Treasurer 2009-2011).

*Legal Theory*, Editorial Board (Cambridge University Press) (2008-Present).

*AALS Section on Jurisprudence*, Executive Committee Member (2007-Present).

External Peer Reviewer for Numerous Publications, such as Harvard University Press, Stanford University Press, *Legal Theory* (Cambridge University Press), and many others (complete list available upon request).

## REFERENCES

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