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EMPLOYMENT

- Associate Professor. Michigan State University College of Law (June 2025–Present).
- Senior Lecturer. Monash University Faculty of Law (January 2020–April 2025).
- SSHRC Postdoctoral Research Fellow & Hauser Global Fellow. New York University School of Law (2018–19).
- Postdoctoral Fellow. National University of Singapore Faculty of Law (2016–18).

EDUCATION

- DPhil (PhD). University of Oxford Faculty of Law & Somerville College (2011–16).
- LL.M. University of Toronto Faculty of Law (2009–10).
- Juris Doctor (JD). Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law (2006–09).
 - Research Assistant. Professor Marci Hamilton (2008–09).
- BA Honours with Distinction in Philosophy & Political Science. University of Toronto (2000–04).

PUBLICATIONS

Monographs

- I. TRUSTEES' RIGHTS OF INDEMNITY AND THEIR CREDITORS' RIGHT OF SUBROGATION (LexisNexis Butterworths 2025).
- II. THE ARCHITECTURE OF RIGHTS: MODELS AND THEORIES (Palgrave Macmillan 2021).

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

1. *Characteristic Uses of Trusts: A Response to Bennett & Hofri*. 140(July) LAW Q. REV. 453–72 (2024).
2. *Review of James Penner's PROPERTY RIGHTS: A RE-EXAMINATION*. 42(5) LAW AND PHIL 525–33 (2023). Solicited review.
3. *Realism and Positivism*, 13(4) JURIS.: AN INT'L J. L. & POL. THOUGHT 569–612 (2022).
4. *Legal Realism and "Working" Rules*, 35(2) CAN. J. L. & JURIS. 321–64 (2022).
5. *The Case Against the Theories of Rights*, 40(2) OXFORD J. L. STUD. 320–46 (2020).
6. *What is the Will Theory of Rights?*, 32(4) RATIO JURIS 455–72 (2019).
7. *Hohfeld vs. the Legal Realists*, 24(4) LEGAL THEORY 291–344 (2018).
8. *The Theories of Rights Debate*, 9(3) JURIS.: AN INT'L J. L. & POL. THOUGHT. 566–88 (2018).
9. *Down the Methodological Rabbit Hole*, 49(147) CRÍTICA 41–73 (2017). (Special issue on methodology.)
10. *Kramer's Delimiting Test for Legal Rights*, 62(2) AM. J. JURIS. 197–207 (2017).
11. *Rights Modelling*, 30(1) CAN. J. L. & JURIS. 125–57 (2017).

Volume Chapters

1. *Rights Correlativity*, in WESLEY HOHFELD A CENTURY LATER: EDITED WORK, SELECT PERSONAL PAPERS & ORIGINAL COMMENTARIES, ed. Shyam Balganes, Ted Sichelman & Henry Smith, Cambridge University Press (2022) 112–37.

Works in Progress

- RULES, RIGHTS, AND LEGAL REALISM. (Monograph under contract with Cambridge University Press. Due: 2026).
- *On the Strict Bilaterality Thesis*

PRESENTATIONS & COMMENTARIES

1. “Trustees’ Indemnity Rights.” Oxford University Faculty of Law’s Obligations & Property Discussions Groups joint meeting. Wadham College, University of Oxford. January 28, 2025.
2. “Hart versus Principled Positivism.” The Australasian Society of Legal Philosophy Annual Conference. Deakin Law School. July 19, 2024.
3. “Realism and Legal Positivism.” University of Virginia School of Law. April 2, 2024.
4. “The Characteristic Uses of Trust Law.” The Australasian Society of Legal Philosophy Annual Conference. University of Sydney Law School. July 14-15, 2022.
5. Comment on Sonali Walpola’s “Discretionary Trusts and Tax Avoidance.” Critical Junctures/Critical Perspectives—a Call for New Voices in Tax Reform. Conference hosted by Monash University. July 15-16, 2021.
6. “Realism and Positivism.” University of Melbourne Legal Theory Workshop. March 26, 2021.
7. “Legal Realism and ‘Working’ Rules.” University of Melbourne Legal Theory Workshop. December 12, 2020.
8. “Rights Exercise & Enforcement.” Global/Emile Noël Fellows Forum. NYU School of Law. September 15, 2018.
9. “The Case Against the Theories of Rights.”
 - (i) Singapore Management University Law School. May 8, 2019.
 - (ii) The Nature of Rights Revisited: Philosophical, Legal, and Political Implications Workshop. Stanford Law School. June 16, 2018.
10. “Hohfeld vs. the Legal Realists.” Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore. March 14, 2017.
11. “Theories of Rights.” Faculty Research Seminar. Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore. February 1, 2017.
12. Comment on H. Hurd & M. Moore’s “Moral Combat.” Wesley Hohfeld Centennial Workshop. Yale Law School. October 14-15, 2016.
13. “A Foray Down the Methodological Rabbit Hole.”
 - (i) NUS-University of Sydney “Law, Values, and Reason” Conference. Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore. September 30, 2016.
 - (ii) University of Oxford Faculty of Law’s Jurisprudence Discussion Group. All Souls College, University of Oxford. June 13, 2016.
14. “On Raz on Rights.” University of Oxford Faculty of Law’s Jurisprudence Discussion Group. Faculty of Law, University of Oxford. May 8, 2014.

15. “Are Hohfeldian Claims Exercisable?” Edinburgh-Harvard-Oxford Legal Philosophy Colloquium. University College, University of Oxford. November 28, 2013.

TEACHING

Training

- Monash University’s Teaching Excellence Program (2023).

Michigan State University College of Law

- 2025 Semester 1 *Trusts & Estates* LAW501D
- 2026 Semester 2 *Property* LAW500G

Monash University Faculty of Law

- 2024 Semester 2 *Trusts* 4170 (LLB) (two streams) [Chief Examiner (“CE”)]
- 2024 Sem 2 *Legal Philosophy* (LLB) 4137 (LLB) [CE]
- 2023 Sem 2 *Trusts* 4170 (two streams) [CE]
- 2023 Trimester 3 *Legal Philosophy Seminar* (PhD students)
- 2023 Sem 1 *Trusts* 4170 (two streams) [CE]
- 2022 Tri 3 *Legal Philosophy Seminar* (PhD students)
- 2022 Tri 3 *Principles of Trusts* 5010 (JD) [CE]
- 2022 Tri 2 *Principles of Trusts* 5010 [CE]
- 2022 Sem 1 *Legal Philosophy* 4137 [CE]
- 2022 Sem 1 *Trusts* 4170 [CE]
- 2021 Tri 3 *Principles of Trusts* 5010 (two streams) [CE]
- 2021 Tri 3 *Legal Philosophy Seminar* (PhD students)
- 2021 Tri 1 *Principles of Trusts* 5010
- 2021 Sem 1 *Trusts* 4170
- 2020 Sem 2 *Property B* 3402
- 2020 Sem 2 *Trusts* 4170
- 2020 Sem 1 *Trusts* 4170

National University of Singapore, Faculty of Law

- 2018 *Property Theory* (with J. Penner)
- 2017 *Equity and Trusts* (with J. Penner)

University of Oxford, Faculty of Law

- 2016 BA “Mini-option”: *Property Theory*
- 2015 BA “Mini-option”: *Models & Theories of Rights*
- 2015 BA *Jurisprudence* tutorials, Mansfield College
- 2014 BCL seminar: *The Nature of Rights* (with P. Eleftheriadis)

Oxford Summer Courses, Somerville College, Oxford, UK

- 2013–15 Law teacher: Summers 2013–15, Winter 2014. Taught jurisprudence to visiting undergraduate and high school students, ran tutorials, and graded final papers.

SERVICE

Monash Faculty & University Service Roles

- Academic Progress Committee (2021–2025).
- Academic Research Committee (2023–2025). Director, Research Assessment & Ethics.
- Monash University Human Research Ethics Committee (2022–2025).
- Centre for Commercial and Regulatory Affairs (faculty center). Committee member (2021–2025).

Peer-Review Refereeing

Canadian Journal of Law and Jurisprudence (2024), *Crítica* (2019), Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy (2022–23), Legal Theory (2019, 2022, 2025 x 2), Oxford Journal of Legal Studies (2022 x two, 2023, 2024), Philosophers' Imprint (2021, 2022–23), *Philosophia* (2022), *Philosophy* (2023–24), *Ratio Juris* (2020), Routledge (*invited* proposal reviewer 2023), The Age of Human Rights Journal (2022), The Swiss National Science Foundation (2020), UNSW Law Journal (2024), Yale Law Journal (2024, *invited* vol 135).

Supervision: Undergraduate and PhD Theses

1. 2023–2025. Carlo Dellora (Monash Faculty of Law), “The Moral Origins of Representative Government in Australia” (co-supervisor, PhD thesis).
2. 2021–2023. Anubhav Tiwari (Monash Faculty of Law), “Refugee Rights and the Indian Constitution” (co-supervisor, PhD thesis).
3. 2024. Cameron Sedgwick (Monash Faculty of Law), “Wittgenstein vs Hohfeld on rights modelling” (LLB Honours thesis).
4. 2023. Callum McDonald (Monash Faculty of Law), “Does Australia Need a Bill of Rights?” (LLB Honours thesis).
5. 2022. Noah Abelman (Monash Faculty of Law), “Social Media, Free Speech, and the Rule of Law: A Normative Call for Government Action” (LLB Honours thesis).

BAR ADMISSIONS

- I. New York. July 2009 exam.
- II. Victoria Australia. October 2021.
- III. Canadian NCA (FLSC) Certificate of Qualification. December 2011.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP & EXPERIENCE

- Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (“STEP”): “Full” and Academic member.
- STEP International Trusts Management diploma. Earned by exams (2019–2021).

GRANTS

- Postdoctoral Research Fellowship. Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada. \$45, 000 CAD (2018–19).