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Research interests

Civil procedure, constitutional law, interpretation, legal history
Conflict of laws, federal courts, legal theory

Appointments

Duke University School of Law

2016–present Professor of Law
2014–2016 Associate Professor of Law
2011–2014 Assistant Professor of Law

University of Chicago Law School

Winter 2020 Visiting Professor of Law

Harvard Law School

2015–2016 Visiting Associate Professor of Law

Education

2007 **J.D.**
Yale Law School

Joseph Parker Prize, for the best paper on legal history or Roman law [\[www\]](#)

Jewell Prize, for the best 2L contribution to a secondary journal [\[www\]](#)

Yale Law Journal, Executive Editor

Yale Law & Policy Review, Executive Editor, Articles Editor

2004 **BA (Hons) in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (First Class)**
Merton College, Oxford University

Rhodes Scholar

MA (Oxon), June 2008

2002 **A.B. in History (*summa cum laude*)**
Harvard University

First in the graduating class (Sophia Freund Prize), Phi Beta Kappa

Thomas T. Hoopes Prize, for outstanding scholarly work

Philip Washburn Prize, for the best thesis on a historical subject
THESIS: “The ‘Law Merchant’ and the Fair Court of St. Ives, 1270–1324” [\[www\]](#)
The Harvard Crimson, Editorial Co-Chair

Experience

- 2010–2011, 2008–2009 **Mayer Brown LLP**
Litigation Group (Appellate), Washington, D.C.
Associate
- 2009–2010 **Supreme Court of the United States**
Chambers of Chief Justice John G. Roberts, Jr.
Law clerk
- 2007–2008 **U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit**
Chambers of Judge Stephen F. Williams
Law clerk
- August 2006 **U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit**
Chambers of Judge Stanley Marcus
Judicial intern
- Summer 2006 **Mayer Brown LLP**
Litigation Group (Appellate), Washington, D.C.
Summer associate
- Summer 2005 **U.S. Department of Justice**
Civil Division, Appellate Staff
Legal intern
- Summer 2001, Summer 2000 **U.S. House of Representatives**
Judiciary Committee, Minority Staff
Legislative intern

Publications

Articles

- The Unlimited Jurisdiction of the Federal Courts**
106 Va. L. Rev. (forthcoming 2020)
[\[SSRN\]](#)
- The Misunderstood Eleventh Amendment**
169 U. Pa. L. Rev. (forthcoming 2020) (with William Baude)
[\[SSRN\]](#)
- Supreme Court as Superweapon: A Response to Epps & Sitaraman**
129 Yale L.J. F. 93 (2019)
[\[SSRN\]](#) [\[www\]](#)
- Originalism and the Law of the Past**
37 Law & Hist. Rev. 809 (2019) (with William Baude)
[\[SSRN\]](#) [\[www\]](#)
- Finding Law**
107 Cal. L. Rev. 527 (2019)
[\[SSRN\]](#)

Grounding Originalism

113 Nw. U. L. Rev. 1455 (2019) (with William Baude)

[SSRN]

Precedent and the Semblance of Law

33 Const. Comment. 417 (2018)

[SSRN]

The Law and Morals of Interpretation

13 Duke J. Const. L. & Pub. Pol'y 103 (2018)

[SSRN]

Originalism Without Text

127 Yale L.J. 156 (2017)

[SSRN]

***Pennoyer* Was Right**

95 Tex. L. Rev. 1249 (2017)

[SSRN]

The Law of Interpretation

130 Harv. L. Rev. 1079 (2017) (with William Baude)

[SSRN] [JOTWELL]

Originalism's Bite

20 Green Bag 2d 103 (2016) (with William Baude)

[SSRN]

Originalism as a Theory of Legal Change

38 Harv. J.L. & Pub. Pol'y 817 (2015)

[SSRN]

Five Questions After *Atlantic Marine*

66 Hastings L.J. 761 (2015)

[SSRN]

The Forum Selection Defense

10 Duke J. Const. L. & Pub. Pol'y 1 (2014)

[SSRN]

How Congress Should Fix Personal Jurisdiction

108 Nw. U. L. Rev. 1301 (2014)

[SSRN] [JOTWELL]

The “Constitution in Exile” as a Problem for Legal Theory

89 Notre Dame L. Rev. 2253 (2014)

[SSRN]

The “Unwritten Constitution” and Unwritten Law

2013 U. Ill. L. Rev. 1797

[SSRN]

Constitutional Backdrops

80 Geo. Wash. L. Rev. 1813 (2012)

[SSRN]

The Uneasy Case for the Affordable Care Act

75 Law & Contemp. Probs., no. 3, at 17 (2012)

[SSRN]

**Corruption, Clients, and Political Machines:
A Response to Professor Issacharoff**

124 Harv. L. Rev. F. 62 (2011)

[\[SSRN\]](#) [\[WWW\]](#) [\[PDF\]](#)

Full Faith and Credit in the Early Congress

95 Va. L. Rev. 1201 (2009)

[\[SSRN\]](#)

Why John McCain Was a Citizen at Birth

107 Mich. L. Rev. First Impressions 49 (2008) (Commentary)

[\[SSRN\]](#)

**From St. Ives to Cyberspace:
The Modern Distortion of the Medieval “Law Merchant”**

21 Am. U. Int’l L. Rev. 685 (2006)

[\[SSRN\]](#)

Saving Toby: Extortion, Blackmail, and the Right to Destroy

24 Yale L. & Pol’y Rev. 251 (2006) (Comment)

[\[SSRN\]](#)

Works in collection

Full Faith and Credit Clause

in The Heritage Guide to the Constitution 345

(David L. Forte ed., 2d ed. 2014) (with Erin O’Hara O’Connor)

[\[WORLDSCAT\]](#)

Conflict Resolution at a Medieval English Fair

in Eine Grenze in Bewegung: Öffentliche und private Justiz im Handels- und Seerecht 19

(Schriften des Historischen Kollegs Kolloquien 81, Albrecht Cordes & Serge Dauchy eds., 2013)

[\[SSRN\]](#) [\[WORLDSCAT\]](#)

Working papers

John McCain’s Citizenship: A Tentative Defense

Aug. 19, 2008

[\[SSRN\]](#)

The Feigned Issue in the Federal System

Nov. 26, 2007

[\[SSRN\]](#)

Alternative Theories of the Crime

May 24, 2007

[\[SSRN\]](#)

Amicus briefs

Franchise Tax Board v. Hyatt

139 S. Ct. 1485 (2019) (No. 17-1299) (with William Baude)

[\[SSRN\]](#) [\[WWW\]](#)

BNSF Railway Co. v. Tyrrell
137 S. Ct. 1549 (2017) (No. 16-405)
[\[SSRN\]](#) [\[WWW\]](#) [\[OPINION\]](#)

Atlantic Marine Construction Co. v. U.S. District Court
571 U.S. 49 (2013) (No. 12-929) (with Jeffrey S. Bucholtz & Daniel S. Epps)
[\[SSRN\]](#) [\[WWW\]](#) [\[OPINION\]](#) [\[REPRINT\]](#)

Commentary

Volokh Conspiracy
Contributor, 2019–present
[\[WWW\]](#)

Post-Decision SCOTUScast, *Franchise Tax Board v. Hyatt*
Federalist Society, July 19, 2019
[\[WWW\]](#)

Ipse Dixit Podcast: “Finding Law”
Apr. 30, 2019 (with Brian L. Frye)
[\[WWW\]](#)

Speaker Sidebar: “The Official Story”
University of Georgia School of Law, Apr. 1, 2019 (with Nathan S. Chapman)
[\[WWW\]](#)

Post-Argument SCOTUScast, *Franchise Tax Board v. Hyatt*
Federalist Society, Mar. 14, 2019
[\[WWW\]](#)

First Mondays Podcast: “From Scratch”
Jan. 28, 2019 (with Dan Epps)
[\[WWW\]](#)

Courthouse Steps Oral Argument: *Franchise Tax Board of California v. Hyatt*: Reviving Sister-State Sovereign Immunity
Federalist Society, Jan. 14, 2019
[\[WWW\]](#)

First Mondays Podcast: “Animal Magnetism”
Nov. 19, 2018 (with Dan Epps & Marin K. Levy)
[\[WWW\]](#)

Letter to the Hon. Michael A. Chagares, Chair, Advisory Committee on Appellate Rules, on the Participation of Former Judges (No. 18-AP-D)
Aug. 13, 2018
[\[WWW\]](#)

SCOTUS O.T. 2017 Symposium
Prawfsblawg, June 2018
[\[WWW\]](#)

Oral Argument Podcast: “Brooding Omnipresence”
Apr. 1, 2018 (with Christian Turner & Joe Miller)
[\[WWW\]](#)

SCOTUS O.T. 2016 Symposium
Prawfsblawg, June 2017
[\[WWW\]](#)

Comment, Restatement (4th) of the Foreign Relations Law of the United States (Treaties), Tentative Draft No. 2

American Law Institute, May 20, 2017

[[www](#)]

Letter to Rep. Trey Gowdy et al. on H.R. 38, the “Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act”

Mar. 23, 2017 (with Randy Barnett & William Baude)

[[www](#)]

Stephen Sachs on the Wrong Way To Criticize Originalism

The Volokh Conspiracy, Feb. 7, 2017 (guest post) (posted by Will Baude)

[[www](#)]

Full Faith and Credit in Court and in Congress

National Constitution Center, Sept. 12, 2016

[[www](#)]

Article IV, Section 1: Full Faith and Credit Clause

National Constitution Center, Sept. 12, 2016 (with Steve Sanders)

[[www](#)]

Talking About Standing in Zivotofsky and Robins

Prawfsblawg, May 17, 2015 (with Richard M. Re & Chris J. Walker) (posted by Richard M. Re)

[[www](#)]

Saving Originalism’s Soul

Library of Law & Liberty, Dec. 17, 2014, *reprinted in* Steven D. Smith et al., *The New and Old Originalism: A Discussion* (San Diego Legal Studies Paper No. 15-178, Feb. 9, 2015)

[[SSRN](#)] [[www](#)]

‘Calvinball’ with the US Constitution

San Francisco Daily Journal, Nov. 18, 2014, at 7

[[WORLDCAT](#)]

Post-Decision SCOTUScast, *Atlantic Marine Construction Co. v. U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas*

Federalist Society, Feb. 3, 2014

[[www](#)]

Post-Argument SCOTUScast, *Atlantic Marine Construction Co. v. U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas*

Federalist Society, Nov. 12, 2013

[[www](#)]

Professor Stephen Sachs and *Atlantic Marine v. U.S. District Court*

The Volokh Conspiracy, Oct. 11, 2013 (guest post) (posted by Will Baude)

[[www](#)]

The Case for “Constitutional Backdrops”

SCOTUSreport, Aug. 29, 2012

[[www](#)]

Signed and Sealed

Slate, Oct. 12, 2010

[[www](#)]

Projects in progress

“The Official Story” (with William Baude)

“Arms and Agents of the State”
“Truth in Legal Fiction”
“Jurisdiction, Allegiance, and Corporate Persons”
“Full Faith and Credit to Laws”
“The Common Law in the Federal System”

Code

ColdCall

An algorithm for randomly selecting students for cold-calling.

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Service

Public and professional

2016–present Advisory Committee on Appellate Rules, Judicial Conference of the United States
2016–present American Law Institute
2015–present Adviser, Restatement of the Law (Third), Conflict of Laws
2018 Academic Advisory Board, Supreme Court Fellows Program
2017 Invited Referee, *Oxford Journal of Legal Studies*
2014.04.25 Amdt. 12-CV-F, Fed. R. Civ. P. 77(c)(1) (effective Dec. 1, 2014) (with Logan T. Mohs) [[www](#)]

Academic

2019 Co-Convener, Impeachment Reading Group, Duke University School of Law
2017–2018 Chair, Workshops Committee, Duke University School of Law
2017–2018 Faculty Advisor, Duke Law Students for Life

Awards

2020 Joseph Story Award, Federalist Society [[www](#)]
2013 Exemplary Legal Writing, *Green Bag Almanac & Reader* [[SSRN](#)]
2007 Kathryn T. Preyer Scholars (honorable mention), American Society for Legal History [[SSRN](#)]
1999 Dante Prize, Dante Society of America

Conferences organized

2018.02.02 “Amending the Constitution: 2018 Spring Roundtable,” Duke University School of Law (with the *Duke Journal of Constitutional Law & Public Policy*) [[www](#)]
2017.04.01 “Law and Theoretical Disagreement,” Duke University School of Law [[www](#)]
2014.09.19 “Forum Selection After *Atlantic Marine*,” U.C. Hastings School of Law (with Scott Dodson & Brad Shannon) [[www](#)]

Courses taught

Civil Procedure [\[SYLLABUS\]](#)

Conflict of Laws [\[SYLLABUS\]](#)

Originalism and Its Discontents (Seminar) [\[SYLLABUS\]](#)

The Common Law in the Federal System (Reading Group) [\[SYLLABUS\]](#)

Conservative Legal Thought (Readings) (with Ernest Young) [\[www\]](#)

Abortion: Law, Policy, Ethics (Readings) (with Amanda Schwoerke) [\[www\]](#)

Professional memberships

American Historical Association

American Society for Legal History

Center for the Study of Constitutional Originalism, USD School of Law (Affiliated Scholar)

Federalist Society

Bar admissions

- 2011 Supreme Court of the United States
- 2011 U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit
- 2010 U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit
- 2009 District of Columbia
- 2008 Massachusetts

Presentations

- 2020.03.14 “Remarks from the 2020 Joseph Story Award,” 2020 Student Symposium, *Federalist Society* [\[www\]](#)
- 2020.03.14 Panelist, “Originalism and Interstate Relations,” 2020 Student Symposium, *Federalist Society* [\[www\]](#)
- 2020.03.05 “The Official Story,” Legal Theory Workshop, *Yale Law School*
- 2020.02.21 “The Misunderstood Eleventh Amendment” (with William Baude), Eleventh Annual Originalism Works-in-Progress Conference, Center for the Study of Constitutional Originalism, *University of San Diego School of Law*
- 2020.02.06 “The Unlimited Jurisdiction of the Federal Courts,” Works-in-Progress Workshop, *University of Chicago Law School*
- 2020.01.23 Discussant, Ilan Wurman, “Can a Dead Constitution Bind the Living?,” Federalist Society, *Duke University School of Law*
- 2020.01.04 Panelist, “Is Everything Political?,” 22nd Annual Faculty Conference, *Federalist Society* [\[www\]](#)
- 2020.01.04 Panelist, “Luncheon Debate: Resolved: The Electoral College Should Be Abrogated,” 22nd Annual Faculty Conference, *Federalist Society* [\[www\]](#)
- 2019.12.12 Discussant, Samuel Bray, “Equity Will Not . . .,” Judicial Administration Roundtable, *Duke University School of Law*
- 2019.11.14 Panelist, “What is Originalism?,” National Lawyers Convention, *Federalist Society* [\[www\]](#)
- 2019.11.08 “Fee-Shifting as Access to Justice,” Civil Rules Planning Conference, Bolch Judicial Institute, *Duke University School of Law*
- 2019.10.17 “Truth in Legal Fiction,” Ideas Lunch, *Duke University School of Law*

- 2019.09.25 “Suing the Government: Politics and Procedure,” Miami Lawyers’ Chapter, *Federalist Society*
- 2019.09.25 “Suing the Government: Politics and Procedure,” Federalist Society, *FIU College of Law*
- 2019.09.19 Panelist, “Supreme Court Wrap-Up and Preview,” Program in Public Law, Federalist Society & American Constitution Society, *Duke University School of Law*
- 2019.09.17 Panelist, “Originalism vs. Living Constitution,” Federalist Society & American Constitution Society, *NCCU School of Law*
- 2019.09.13 Discussant, Richard R.W. Brooks, “Economic (or Core) Irreparability & Equity’s Response to Legal Uncertainty,” Equity Workshop, *Notre Dame Law School*
- 2019.07.23 “*Franchise Tax Board v. Hyatt*,” Supreme Court Lunch Series, *UNC School of Law*
- 2019.06.25 “Jurisdiction, Allegiance, and Corporate Persons,” Conflict of Laws Roundtable, *UNC School of Law*
- 2019.05.21 “Original Law Originalism,” Originalism Summer Seminar, *Georgetown University Law Center*
- 2019.05.16 Discussant, Sunita Patel, “Cracking Open the Courthouse Door to Sue Police,” Culp Colloquium, *Duke University School of Law*
- 2019.05.16 Discussant, Portia Pedro, “The Chancellors’ New Clothes,” Culp Colloquium, *Duke University School of Law*
- 2019.05.14 “Precedent,” Federalist Society, *Stanford Law School*
- 2019.04.25 “Originalism v. Living Constitution” (with Eric J. Segall), Workshop for Judges of the Eleventh Circuit, *Sarasota, Fla.*
- 2019.04.01 “The Official Story,” Faculty Workshop, *University of Georgia School of Law*
- 2019.03.13 “Finding Law,” Public Law Workshop, *Harvard Law School*
- 2019.03.09 Moderator, Plenary Session 5, National Conference of Constitutional Law Scholars, Rehnquist Center, *University of Arizona James E. Rodgers College of Law*
- 2019.02.28 Panelist, “Originalism Where the Text Runs Out,” Federalist Society, *University of Virginia School of Law*
- 2019.02.12 “Immunity is for Sovereigns,” Ideas Lunch, *Duke University School of Law*
- 2019.02.08 Panelist, “Originalism as Faith or Originalism as Law?,” Federalist Society & American Constitution Society, *UNC School of Law* [www]
- 2019.02.01 Panelist, “Stare Decisis and Precedent,” 2019 Annual Florida Chapters Conference, *Federalist Society* [www]
- 2018.11.27 Panelist, “Chief Justice Roberts: The Supreme Court’s New Center?,” Program in Public Law, *Duke University School of Law*
- 2018.11.08 Discussant, Ilan Wurman, “A Debt Against the Living: An Introduction to Originalism,” Federalist Society, *UNC School of Law*
- 2018.10.25 “Was *Pennoyer* Right? The Future of Personal Jurisdiction,” Federalist Society, *University of Pennsylvania Law School*
- 2018.10.23 “Of Law and Politics” (with Jedediah Purdy), American Constitution Society & Federalist Society, *Duke University School of Law*
- 2018.10.22 “The Official Story of the Law,” Faculty Workshop, *Duke University School of Law*
- 2018.10.10 “Finding Law,” Faculty Workshop, *George Washington University Law School*
- 2018.10.09 “Finding Law,” Faculty Workshop, *Antonin Scalia Law School, George Mason University*
- 2018.09.22 “The Official Story of the Law,” Law & Philosophy Workshop, *Dartmouth College*
- 2018.09.18 Discussant, Suja Thomas, “Is Summary Judgment Constitutional?,” Federalist Society, *Duke University School of Law*
- 2018.09.04 “Text vs. Precedent in Constitutional Law” (with Steven Calabresi), Federalist Society, *Yale Law School*
- 2018.06.14 “Grounding Originalism” (with William Baude), Workshop on the Law of Interpretation, Surrey Centre for Law & Philosophy, *University of Surrey*
- 2018.06.12 “Finding Law,” Jurisprudence Discussion Group, *Oxford University*
- 2018.05.22 “Original Law Originalism,” Originalism Summer Seminar, *Georgetown University Law Center*

- 2018.04.20 “Precedent and the Semblance of Law,” *Settled Versus Right*: Book Talk with Randy Kozel, *University of Richmond School of Law*
- 2018.03.02 “Originalism v. Living Constitution” (with Eric J. Segall), U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Georgia Advisory Committee, *Amelia Island, Fla.*
- 2018.02.08 Discussant, Bradley A. Smith, “Citizens Disunited,” Federalist Society, *Duke University School of Law*
- 2018.02.02 Discussant, Andrew Coan, “Amending the Law of Constitutional Interpretation,” Amending the Constitution: 2018 Spring Roundtable, *Duke University School of Law*
- 2018.01.05 Panelist, “The Constitution and Campus Politics: A Conversation for Young and Nearly Young Law Professors,” 20th Annual Faculty Conference, *Federalist Society*
- 2018.01.05 “Finding Law,” 20th Annual Faculty Conference, *Federalist Society*
- 2017.09.26 “Finding Law,” Public Law Workshop, *University of Pennsylvania Law School*
- 2017.09.18 “Originalism v. Living Constitution” (with Eric J. Segall), Augusta Lawyers Chapter, Federalist Society, *Augusta University*
- 2017.09.12 “Originalism Without Text,” Contemporary Issues in Legal Scholarship Workshop, *Yale Law School*
- 2017.05.31 “Originalism vs. Living Constitution” (with Jorge Farinacci Fernós), Puerto Rico Lawyers Chapter, Federalist Society, *Interamerican University of Puerto Rico School of Law*
- 2017.05.18 Discussant, Aaron Tang, “Reverse Political Process Theory,” Culp Colloquium, *Duke University School of Law*
- 2017.04.20 “Finding Law,” Elmer J. Schaefer Workshop, *William & Mary Law School*
- 2017.04.19 “Finding Law,” Faculty Scholarship Retreat, *Duke University School of Law*
- 2017.04.12 “What is Originalism? (And Why Does It Matter?),” Federalist Society, *Duke University School of Law*
- 2017.04.05 “Finding Law,” Faculty Workshop, *Washington University School of Law*
- 2017.04.01 “What We Can All Disagree On,” Roundtable on “Law and Theoretical Disagreement,” *Duke University School of Law*
- 2017.02.18 Discussant, Mitchell N. Berman, “Our Principled Constitution,” Eighth Annual Originalism Works-in-Progress Conference, Center for the Study of Constitutional Originalism, *University of San Diego School of Law* [www]
- 2017.01.31 Panelist, “Can He Do That?: The Constitutionality and Force of President Trump’s Executive Orders,” *Duke University School of Law*
- 2017.01.05 “*Pennoyer* Was Right,” Young Legal Scholars Paper Presentations, 19th Annual Faculty Conference, *Federalist Society*
- 2016.11.15 “*Pennoyer* Was Right,” Federalist Society, *Yale Law School*
- 2016.11.07 “Statutory Interpretation: How Much Should Interpreters Care How Congress Really Works?,” Federalist Society, *Duke University School of Law*
- 2016.11.03 “Finding Law,” Legal Theory Workshop, *UCLA School of Law*
- 2016.09.15 “Living Constitution vs. Originalism” (with Steve Vladeck), Federalist Society, *University of Texas School of Law* [www]
- 2016.08.03 “Original Law,” Faculty Workshop, *Duke University School of Law*
- 2016.07.14 “*Pennoyer* Was Right: Jurisdiction and General Law,” Civil Procedure Workshop, *University of Washington School of Law*
- 2016.06.29 “The Law of Interpretation” (with William Baude), Harvard/Stanford/Yale Junior Faculty Forum, *Yale Law School*
- 2016.06.17 Guest Lecturer, “Law and Legal Reasoning 4: Legal Theory,” College of Professional Studies, *Northeastern University*
- 2016.03.31 “*Pennoyer* Was Right: Jurisdiction and General Law,” Faculty Workshop, *Harvard Law School*
- 2016.03.07 “The Law of Interpretation,” Faculty Workshop, *St. John’s University School of Law*

- 2016.02.20 “The Law of Interpretation,” Seventh Annual Originalism Works-in-Progress Conference, Center for the Study of Constitutional Originalism, *University of San Diego School of Law*
- 2016.02.05 “The Law of Interpretation,” Constitutional Interpretation: Comparative Perspectives, *University of Notre Dame in London*
- 2016.01.25 Guest Lecturer, “Understanding the Modern Supreme Court,” *Northeastern University*
- 2016.01.09 Moderator, “7 Minute Presentations of Works in Progress Panel 2-A,” 18th Annual Faculty Conference, *Federalist Society*
- 2015.11.30 “The Law of Interpretation,” Constitutional Law Colloquium, *Georgetown University Law Center*
- 2015.09.28 Panelist, “Fix the Court,” American Constitution Society, *Harvard Law School*
- 2015.05.06 “The Law Is What We Say It Is,” Jurisprudence Discussion Group, *Oxford University*
- 2015.05.05 “Originalism as a Theory of Legal Change,” Jurisprudence Discussion Group, Constitutional Studies Programme & Public Law Discussion Group, *Oxford University*
- 2015.04.21 “Why Federalists Should Learn to Love the Federal Courts,” Federalist Society, *Yale Law School*
- 2015.04.20 “Originalism as a Theory of Legal Change,” Federalist Society, *Yale Law School*
- 2015.04.02 “Originalism & Today’s Laws,” Federalist Society / American Constitution Society, *University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law*
- 2015.02.11 Discussant, Richard A. Epstein, “How Progressives Rewrote the Constitution: Theories of Originalism in Constitutional Interpretation,” *Duke University School of Law*
- 2015.01.04 “The Law of Interpretation,” 17th Annual Faculty Conference, *Federalist Society*
- 2014.11.11 “Originalism as a Theory of Legal Change,” Public Law Colloquium, *Northwestern University School of Law*
- 2014.09.19 “Five Questions After *Atlantic Marine*,” Forum Selection After *Atlantic Marine*, *U.C. Hastings College of the Law*
- 2014.06.17 “*Walden v. Fiore*, *Daimler AG v. Bauman*, and *Atlantic Marine Construction Co. v. U.S. District Court*,” Supreme Court Lunch Series, *UNC School of Law*
- 2014.06.13 “Originalism as a Theory of Legal Change,” Junior Scholars Colloquium, *Federalist Society*
- 2014.04.11 “Originalism as a Theory of Legal Change,” Carolina Junior Scholar Series, *NCCU School of Law*
- 2014.03.31 “Forum Selection and *Atlantic Marine*: Where Do We Go from Here?,” CLE Lecture, *Federal Bar Association (EDNC Chapter)*
- 2014.03.24 “Originalism as a Theory of Legal Change,” Legal Theory Workshop, *Columbia Law School*
- 2014.03.01 Panelist, “Liquidation: Theory, Techniques, and Problems,” The Role of History in Constitutional Law, Constitutional Law Center, *Stanford Law School*
- 2014.02.21 “Originalism as a Theory of Legal Change,” Fifth Annual Originalism Works-in-Progress Conference, Center for the Study of Constitutional Originalism, *University of San Diego School of Law*
- 2014.01.25 “Originalism as a Theory of Legal Change,” Faculty Scholarship Retreat, *Duke University School of Law*
- 2013.12.06 Panelist, “Originalism and the Good Constitution,” Searle Center Book Preview Roundtable, *Northwestern University School of Law*
- 2013.12.05 “Originalism as a Theory of Legal Change,” Constitutional Law Workshop, *University of Chicago Law School*
- 2013.11.09 “The ‘Constitution in Exile’ as a Problem for Legal Theory,” The Role of Custom, Convention, and Tradition in U.S. Constitutional Law, *Duke University School of Law*
- 2013.11.01 “The ‘Constitution in Exile’ as a Problem for Legal Theory,” The Evolution of Theory: Discerning the Catalysts of Constitutional Change, *University of Notre Dame Law School*
- 2013.10.02 Panelist, “Supreme Court Moot: *Kaley v. United States*,” *Duke University School of Law*
- 2013.08.07 Panelist, “Choice of Law in the Post-*Nicastro* Era,” 2013 Annual Conference, *Southeastern Association of Law Schools*
- 2013.07.31 “Originalism as a Theory of Legal Change,” Faculty Workshop, *Duke University School of Law*
- 2013.07.18 “Originalism as a Theory of Legal Change,” Inazu Colloquium, *Duke University School of Law*

- 2013.06.04 “Forum Selection Clauses and *Atlantic Marine Construction Co.*,” Ad Hoc Junior Scholars Conflicts/Federal Courts Workshop, *Duke University School of Law*
- 2013.04.17 “Constitutional Backdrops,” Faculty Workshop, *St. Louis University School of Law*
- 2013.04.15 “Constitutional Backdrops,” Constitutional Law Colloquium, *University of Illinois College of Law*
- 2013.04.05 “What Is a Fundamental Right?,” Advancements in Healthcare and Patent Law, Biotechnology & Pharmaceutical Law Review, *NCCU School of Law*
- 2012.10.28 “How Congress Should Fix Personal Jurisdiction,” Junior Faculty Federal Courts Workshop, *William & Mary Law School*
- 2012.10.15 “Constitutional Backdrops,” Constitutional Law and Theory Colloquium, *Cornell University Law School*
- 2012.10.12 “The ‘Unwritten Constitution’ and Unwritten Law,” Symposium on Akhil Amar’s *America’s Unwritten Constitution*, *University of Illinois College of Law*
- 2012.09.27 Panelist, “Supreme Court Moot: *Lozman v. City of Riviera Beach*,” *Duke University School of Law*
- 2012.09.04 “How Congress Should Fix Personal Jurisdiction,” Junior Faculty Workshop, *UNC School of Law & Duke University School of Law*
- 2012.09.04 Panelist, “It’s Constitutional, What Now?,” American Constitutional Society, Federalist Society & Health Law Society, *Duke University School of Law*
- 2012.06.25 “Constitutional Backdrops,” Inazu Colloquium, *Duke University School of Law*
- 2012.06.12 *Zivotofsky v. Clinton*, Supreme Court Lunch Series, *UNC School of Law*
- 2012.06.06 “How Congress Should Fix Personal Jurisdiction,” Faculty Workshop, *Duke University School of Law*
- 2012.04.21 Panelist, “You Can Call It Obamacare, but Can You Call It Unconstitutional?,” Duke Law Alumni Association, *Duke University School of Law*
- 2012.03.23 Invited Class Lectures, *U.S. Naval Academy*
- 2012.02.27 Panelist, “The Court and the Affordable Care Act,” Program on Public Law, *Duke University School of Law*
- 2012.02.10 Moderator, “Policies, Proposals, and Practical Implications,” The Consequences and Constitutional Dilemmas of State Debt, *Duke Journal of Constitutional Law and Public Policy*, *Duke University School of Law*
- 2012.02.04 “Constitutional Backdrops,” Third Annual Originalism Works-in-Progress Conference, Center for the Study of Constitutional Originalism, *University of San Diego School of Law*
- 2012.01.27 “Constitutional Backdrops,” Faculty Workshop, *Duke University School of Law*
- 2011.11.04 “Constitutional Backdrops,” A Symposium to Mark the 100th Anniversary of Farrand’s Records of the Federal Convention, *George Washington University Law School*
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