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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Professor of Law

Co-Director, International Law Concentration

Suffolk University Law School

Boston, MA
1999-Present

Courses: Property I and Property II, Constitutional Law, International Law: Human Rights Law, Human Rights Project (Law Lab), Federal Indian Law, Indigenous Peoples Rights

Awards: Dean's Faculty Fellowship Recipient

Law School Committee Chairs: Co-Director, International Law Concentration (2007-present); Co-Chair, Appointments Committee (2017-2020); Co-Chair, Diversity Committee (2016-2017); Chair, Tenure Committee (2015-2016); Co-Chair, Tenure Committee (2014-2015); Chair, Professional Development Committee (2011-2013); Co-Chair, Curriculum Committee, Subcommittee on Legal Writing (2010-2011)

Visiting Professor of Law

Harvard Law School

Cambridge, MA

Courses: International Law & Human Rights (first year 4-credit course 2014), Indigenous Peoples in International Law (2019 & 2015), Federal Indian Law (1998, Lecturer)

Visiting Professor

Legal Studies Department

University of Massachusetts-Amherst

Amherst, MA

Courses: Environmental Justice & Human Rights, International Children's Rights; Indigenous Peoples Rights.

Director

Harvard University Native American Program

Cambridge, MA

Hired as Interim Director following my LL.M. at Harvard to create and implement an interdisciplinary program, focused on research, policy and student/faculty involvement. Under my leadership, the Program implemented a comprehensive community-based outreach project, created an active university-wide faculty advisory board, improved its academic and research output, tripled its staff, operated under a balanced budget, raised over \$1 million dollars in current use and endowment funds, and worked to secure funding for an endowed Chair in federal Indian law at Harvard Law.

Course: Native Americans in the Twenty-First Century: Nation Building (co-lecturer and co-creator of interdisciplinary course).

Attorney

Litigation Associate

Kramer, Levin, Naftalis & Frankel

New York, NY

Client representation involving real estate, product liability, and securities; pro bono work in housing, criminal appeals, and discrimination cases.

Law Clerk

Judge Richard D. Simons

New York State Court of Appeals

Albany, New York

Researched, analyzed, and provided written reports on cases pending before the Court; drafted opinions and memoranda; reviewed criminal leave applications and civil motions for leave to appeal.

Legislative Aide

New York State Senate

Senator Tarky Lombardi, Jr.
Albany, NY

Researched, analyzed and drafted legislative proposals relating to agriculture, children & education, energy, environmental conservation, and American Indian Affairs; performed extensive constituent work in these areas; served as legislative representative at meetings and on advisory boards and participated in formation of various community-based interest groups.

RECENT APPOINTMENTS

Appellate Judge, Penobscot Nation Appeals Court (2021-present)

Commissioner, Cambridge Conservation Commission (2024-present)

Board Member, Trust for Public Land (2024-present)

Visiting Legal Scholar, University of Edinburgh Research on Community Land Trust (Summer 2025)

EDUCATION

Harvard Law School, LL.M.

Syracuse University College of Law, J.D., *summa cum laude*

Class Rank: Second; Law Review: Associate Editor; Justinian Honorary Law Society;
Scholastic Excellence Award; Graduate Scholarship; Order of the Coif

S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications, Syracuse University

Bachelor of Science, Broadcast Journalism

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS & WRITINGS

- *International Law: Examples and Explanations* (with Valerie Epps, Daniel Rietiker, Amy Van Zyl-Chavarro) (Wolters Kluwer, 3rd ed, Fall 2024)
- *Education, Media, and UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* (with Amy Van Zyl-Chavarro) (Carolina Academic Press)
- *Fundamentals of Intellectual Property* (with Stephen McJohn) (American Bar Association Publishing)
- Expert Testimony Before the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, CASO PUEBLOS INDÍGENAS MAYA KAQCHIKEL DE SUMPANGO Y OTROS VS. GUATEMALA, at https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3904881 cited in [Case of Maya Kaqchikel indigenous community of Sumpango, et al. v. Guatemala](#)
- *Unmarked: Geography and Intellectual Property*, 24 *Minnesota J. of Law and Technology* 181, (2023) (with Stephen McJohn)
- *The Uniform Commercial Code Embraces Blockchain*, *Uniform Commercial Code Law Journal*

(2023-24) (with Stephen McJohn)

- *Resale Restrictions on Artworks*, Virginia Sports and Entertainment L.J. (2021) (with Stephen McJohn)
- *Intellectual Property's First Sale Doctrine and the Policy Against Restraints On Alienation*, Texas A&M Law Review (2020) (with Stephen McJohn)
- *Indigenous Education and the UNDRIP: Article 14*, in The UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples: A Commentary, Oxford University Press (2019).
- *A Human Rights Perspective on Education and the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*, 8 Northeastern Univ. L. J. (2016) (with Amy Chavarro)
- *If Truth be Told*, Editorial, The Hill, June 25, 2015 at <http://thehill.com/blogs/congress-blog/civil-rights/245996-if-truth-be-told>
- *The UN has an Obligation to Act in Syria*, Op-Ed, LA Times, March 4, 2014 at <http://articles.latimes.com/2014/mar/04/opinion/la-oe-graham-un-security-council-syria-20140304>
- *Human Rights to Culture, Family, and Self-Determination: The Case of Adoptive Couple v. Baby Girl* (2014) http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/Papers.cfm?abstract_id=2401886
- *Review - Intellectual Liberty: Natural Rights and Intellectual Property*, Law & Politics Book Review, Vol. 23, No. 12 (2013) (with Stephen McJohn)
- *Reconciling Individual and Collective Rights*, 15.1 UCLA J. of Int'l & Foreign L. 101 (2012).
- *Final and Interim Reports*, International Law Association, Committee on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Sofia 2012 (contributing author), found at <http://www.ila-hq.org/en/committees/index.cfm/cid/1024>.
- *Indigenous Sovereignty, Culture, and Human Rights*, 110 South Atlantic Quarterly 2 (2011) (with Siegfried Wiessner) (CELJ Award for best special issue)
- *Indigenous Peoples, Human Rights and the Environment*, Yale Human Rights and Environment Dialogues, at http://environment.yale.edu/uploads/ejay/Indigenous_Peoples_Human_Rights_and_the_Environment.pdf (2011) (with Nicole Friederichs)
- *Thirty-Two Short Stories*, 3 Hastings Science & Technology L.J. 1 (2011) (with Stephen McJohn)
- *A Right to Media?*, 42.1 Colum. Hum. Rights. L. Rev. 101 (2010)
- *Reparations, Self-Determination, and the Seventh Generation*, in The Indian Child Welfare Act at 30: Facing the Future, Michigan Press (2009).
- *Cognition, Law, Stories*, 10 Minn. J. L. Sci. & Tech. 255 (2009) (with Prof. Stephen McJohn)
- *Reparations, Self-Determination, and the Seventh Generation*, 21 Harv. H. Rights J. 47(2008). *The Racial Discourse of Federal Indian Law: A Review Essay of 'Like a Loaded Weapon': The Rehnquist Court, Indian Rights and the Legal History of Racism in America*, 42 Tulsa L. Rev. 1003

(2007).

- *Indigenous Peoples and Intellectual Property, in Traditional and Indigenous Knowledge: IP Perspective*, Amicus Books, (2007) (with Stephen McJohn).
- *Indigenous Peoples and Intellectual Property*, 19 Wash. U.J. of L. & Pol’y 313 (2006) (with Prof. Stephen McJohn).
- *An Interdisciplinary Approach to American Indian Economic Development*, 80. N.D. L Rev. 598 (2005).
- *Economic Development*, in Felix Cohen’s Handbook of Federal Indian Law, Michie Publishing (2005) (participating author).
- *Resolving Indigenous Claims to Self-Determination*, 10 Int’l & Comp. L. 383 (2004).
- *Duane Champagne and Ismael Abu-Saad’s The Future of Indigenous Peoples: Strategies for Survival and Development*, 3 Holy Land Studies 120 (2004) (book review).
- *Securing Economic Sovereignty through Agreement*, 37 N.E. L. Rev. 523 [2003].
- “*The Past Never Vanishes:*” *A Contextual Critique of the Existing Indian Family Doctrine in Mixed Race America and the Law: A Reader*, Kevin R. Johnson ed., N.Y.U. Press (2003).
- “*The Past Never Vanishes*” in Feminist Legal Theory: An Anti-Essentialist Reader, Nancy Dowd and Michelle S. Jacobs eds., N.Y.U. Press (2003).
- *Aristotle’s Ethics and the Virtuous Lawyer in Aristotle and Modern Law*, Richard Brooks and James B. Murphy eds., Ashgate Publishing Limited (2003).
- *In Caleb’s Footsteps: Harvard University Native American Program in Native American Studies in Higher Education: Models for Collaboration between Universities and Indigenous Nations*, AltaMira Press (2002) (with Peter Golia).
- *Reparations and the Indian Child Welfare Act*, 25 Legal Stud. F. 619 (2001).
- *Self-determination for Indigenous Peoples after Kosovo: Translating Self-determination "Into Practice" and "Into Peace"*, 6 J. of Int’l & Comp. L. 455 (Spring 2000).
- “*The Past Never Vanishes:*” *A Contextual Critique of the Existing Indian Family Doctrine*, 23 Am. Indian L. Rev. 1 (1998-1999)
- *The Indian College at Harvard*, Harvard College News, Vol. IX, No. 3 (Spring 1997).
- *Aristotle’s Ethics and the Virtuous Lawyer: A Study on Legal Ethics and Clinical Legal Education*, 20 J. L. Prof. 5 (Spring 1996)

SELECTED ENGAGEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS & EVENTS

- *Visiting Scholar, University of Edinburgh, Summer 2025*
- *Suffolk Law Women of Color Law Association, Guest Speaker, Screening of School-to-Prison Pipeline Documentary with Ann-Michelle Roberts, Spring 2025.*

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- *Indian Law and History Conference*, Participant, Fall 2024.
- *Property, Indigenous Peoples and More*, Prof. Lorie Graham at <https://open.spotify.com/episode/4YtS686C1w23fOefuE16UR>
- *NARF's Indigenous Peoples' Guide to the United Nations*, Participant, 2024, 2023.
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- ILSA Conference, *International Law: Practice and Engagement*, Speaker, Fall 2023.
- Conference, *What will be the Future of Federal Indian Law?*, Speaker, Spring 2023.
- Roundtable, *Practicing in the Fields of Federal Indian Law & Policy*, Participant, Spring 2022.
- Roundtable, *Tribal Justice in New England*, Participant, Spring 2022.
- Biennial Conference of the International Law Association, *Committee on the Implementation of Indigenous Rights*, Participant, December 2020.
- *Lawyering and Native American Nations*, Moderator, April 2019.
- *Tribal Courts in New England (faculty initiative grant)*, Suffolk University, Conference Organizer & Chair, April, 2018.
- *Careers in Federal Indian Law*, Moderator, Suffolk University April 2017.
- *The Indigenous Rights Movement: Tribal, Domestic, International Dimensions*, Harvard Law School, Conference Organizer & Chair of the International Panel, October 2016.
- *Listening Sessions with Massachusetts Native Peoples*, Moderator for the Working Group on Youth, Children and Families, May 2016.
- *Model UN Conference*, Harvard University, Speaker, February 2016.
- *Careers in Federal Indian Law*, Moderator and Chair, Suffolk University, November 2015.
- *Negotiation Simulation on Tribal/State Compacts*, Harvard Law School, Problem Solving Workshop, January 2015.
- *Indigenous Rights to Culture, Family and Self-Determination*, Speaker, U-MASS Boston, December 2014.
- “*Rethinking Education Reform: A Human Rights Perspective*,” Northeastern University School of Law, Conference Roundtable Participant, November 2014.
- *United Nations World Conference on Indigenous Issues*, NYC, prepared remarks for *Roundtable 2: Implementing the Rights of Indigenous Peoples at the National and Local Level*, September 2014.
- *Universal Periodic Review: A Discussion with Indigenous Representatives*, Participant, Harvard University Native American Program, June 2014.
- *Reflections on Baby Veronica*, Roundtable Discussion, Moderator, Harvard Law School, April 2014.
- *Risks of Engagement: Indigenous Rights, State-Centric Legality, and Possibilities for Justice*, Law & Society Conference, Boston, Panelist, May 2013.

- *Reflections on the Fifth Anniversary of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples with UN Special Rapporteur for the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*, Chair and Moderator, Suffolk University Law School and Harvard University Native American Program, April 2013.
- *Indigenous Peoples Movement and Human Rights: Linkages and Disconnects*, UMass-Boston, Keynote Speaker, April 2013.
- *Local Memory, Global Ethics, Justice: The Politics of Historical Dialogue in Contemporary Society*, Speaker, Columbia University, December 2012.
- *The Road to Engagement: Indigenous Justice and Sovereignty in New England*, Native American and Indigenous Studies Association, Panel Chair, Moderator & Panelist, June 2012.
- *The International Human Rights Framework: Opportunities for Attorneys and Social Justice Advocates*, Moderator, sponsored by the International Justice Resource Center, Physicians for Human Rights, and the ACLU of Massachusetts, May 2012.
- *The UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*, Speaker, Boston Bar Association's Committee on International Public Law, April 2012.
- *Resolving Indigenous Claims through International Human Rights Mechanisms*, Keynote Speaker, UMASS Boston, January 2012.
- *Cultural Protocol Workshop*, NYU Law School, Participant, August 2011.
- *Indigenous Peoples, International Human Rights Law, and the Environment*, Yale Law School, Presenter, April 2011.
- *Indigenous Peoples Rights and International Human Rights Law*, Boston University Law School, Presenter, BU NALSA, April 2011.
- *Sovereignty, Indigeneity, and the Law Conference*, Cornell University, Paper Presented, October 2010.
- *Gaining Acceptance, Retaining Identity: Tribal Court Jurisprudence in a Shrinking World*, Moderator, Suffolk Law School, November 2010.
- *Reconciling Individual and Collective Rights*, UCLA Law School, Presenter, January 2010.
- *Tribal Justice, the Supreme Court and the Future of Federal Indian Law*, Moderator/Commentator, Harvard Law School, April 2009.
- *Emerging Scholars Panel*, Commentator, Harvard Law School, October 2007.
- *350 Years of the Harvard Indian College: A Wampum Gifting Ceremony*, Planning Committee, Harvard University, October 2006.
- *Indian Tribes and Federal Courts: A Discussion on the Well-Pleaded Complaint Rule*, Moderator, Suffolk Law School, March 2005.
- *Interpreting New England Settlement Acts*, Moderator, "In the Tradition of Sovereignty: Past, Present and Future of Tribal Settlement Acts in New England," Suffolk Law School, March 2004.

- *Resolving Indigenous Claims to Self-Determination*, Panelist, International Law Associations Annual Conference, October 2003.
- *Native Americans: A Conversation on Indigenous and Civil Rights*, Moderator, Greater Boston Civil Rights Coalition, Suffolk University, July 2003.
- *The Role of Jurisdiction in the Quest for Sovereignty*, Panelist, New England Law School, October 2002.
- *Native Americans and Reparations*, Co-Presenter, to the Fellows of “The Question of Reparations: The U.S. Context”, Kahn Liberal Arts Institute, Smith College, September 2002.
- *Bridging Self-determination and Territorial Integrity: Intermediate Sovereignty*, Roundtable Panelist, sponsored by Carnegie Corporation, October 2001.
- *Self-determination After Kosovo and East Timor*, Panelist, International Law Association’s Annual Conference, November 1999.
- *Environmental Conflict Resolution: Indigenous Peoples, Dispute Resolution, and the Net*; Participant, ADR Cyberweek, UMASS-Amherst, November 1998.
- *Indigenous Peoples and Legal Education at Harvard Law School*, Panelist, Harvard Law School, May 1998.
- *Conflict Resolution in Indian Country*, Program Chair, ABA-SONREEL’s Annual Conference on Environment and Development, November 1997.
- *A Model National Environmental Policy Act for Indian Tribal Governments*, Program Chair and Moderator, ABA-SONREEL 4th Annual Fall Meeting, Boston, MA, October 1996.
- *Federal Indian Trust Symposium*, Facilitator, U.S. EPA/New England, September 1996.
- *The Draft United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples: U.S. and Tribal Government Perspectives*, Conference Organizer and Facilitator, J.F.K. School of Government, Harvard University, May 1996.
- *Women of Color Collective*, Panelist, Women of Color and Legal Academy; Participant, Native American Women Legal Caucus. Harvard Law School, February 1996.
- *Tribal Courts and Self-Governance*, Conference Organizer with Harvard Law School & U.S. Department of Justice, Harvard University, December 1995.
- *Indian Environmental Law Roundtable*, Conference Facilitator and Organizer, July 1995.

SELECTED PRO BONO ACTIVITIES

- *Volunteers Lawyers Project, Civil Appeals Clinic*
- *Expert Witness, Cultural Survival, Inc. v. Republic of Guatemala, In relation to the prohibition on indigenous people’s community radio stations*, Inter-American Court of Human Rights

- *Volunteer Ranger, Lincoln Conservation Department*
- *Amicus Brief, Kitras v. Town of Aquinnah, et al.*, MA Supreme Judicial Court (co-author)
- *Law Day in the Schools Program*, Boston Bar Association
- *Stakeholder Report on the Welfare and Best Interests of Indigenous Children in the United States*, Universal Periodic Review Process, U.N. Human Rights Council, (co-author)
- *Alternative Report on the Removal of Indigenous Children from Their Families and Communities and its Impact on the Right to Culture*, Submission to the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination for the National Indian Child Welfare Association on the Examination of the United States, (co-author)
- *Statement of Information on the Welfare and Best Interests of “Veronica” and similarly situated Indigenous Children in the United States*, UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, (co-author)
- *Original Petition, Cultural Survival, Inc. v. Republic of Guatemala, In relation to the prohibition on indigenous peoples community radio stations*, Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, (co-author)
- *Amicus Brief, KG Urban Enterprises v. Deval Patrick*, First Circuit (co-author)
- Mashpee Tribal Court Project (co-participant)
- *Indigenous Peoples Rights and Federal Indian Law Clinic*, Suffolk University Law School (co-founder)

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Appointed Member, Pleiades Network, 2023-present
- Volunteer, Lincoln Conservation Department, 2024-present
- Appointed Member, Advisory Board, *Inter Gentes - McGill Journal of International Law & Legal Pluralism*
- Co-Chair, Governance Committee, YWCA Cambridge (2018—2019)
- Appointed Member, Board of Trustees YWCA Cambridge (2016 – 2020)
- Appointed Member, International Law Association, Committee on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (2007-2012) and Committee on the Implementation of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (2014)
- Appointed Member of the Leadership Circle, Harvard University Native American Program (appointed 2015)

- Member, American Branch of the International Law Association
- Member, American Society of International Law (Human Rights Group, Indigenous Peoples Rights Group, and International Law and Technology Group)
- Member, United Nations Association of Greater Boston
- Member, Boston Bar Association
- Faculty Advisor, Native American Law Student Association, Suffolk University Law School

ATTORNEY BAR MEMBERSHIP

- Massachusetts & New York