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# Academic Experience (Domestic)

**Georgetown University**, Washington, D.C. 2017 to present

***Scott K. Ginsburg Professor of Urban Law and Policy***, Law Center

***Professor of Public Policy***, McCourt School of Public Policy

* *Courses*: Property Law, Land Use Law, State and Local Government Law, Urban Law and Policy, Environmental Justice
* *Leadership/Service*: Inaugural Associate Dean for DEI; Chair, Rank and Tenure Committee (Law); Member, Dean Search Committee (McCourt); Chair, Search Committee, campus-wide Racial Justice Initiative (McCourt)

**Fordham University**, New York, NY 2002 to 2017

***University Professor***

***Albert A. Walsh Professor of Real Estate, Land Use and Property Law***

* *Courses*: Property Law, Urban Lab, Land Use Law, Environmental Law, Antidiscrimination Law, Climate Change Law
* *Leadership/Service (Law)*: Inaugural Vice Dean; Associate Dean for Academics; Chair, Faculty Hiring Committee; Chair, Long-Range Planning Committee

**Rutgers University**, Camden, NJ 1994 to 2002

***Professor of Law***

* *Courses*: Tort Law, Environmental Law, Environmental Justice, Race and American Law, Antidiscrimination Law
* *Leadership/Service*: Chair, Faculty Hiring Committee

# Academic Experience (International)

**LUISS Guido Carli,** Rome, Italy Spring 2021 and

*Visiting Professor*  Fall 2015

**GIMPA University**, Accra, Ghana July 2018

*Faculty, African Center on Law and Ethics*

**Scuola Superiore Sant’Anna,** Pisa, Italy Fall 2014

*Visiting Professor*

**Swiss Institute of Comparative Law,** Lausanne, Switzerland May to June 2013

*Visiting Researcher and Lecturer*

**University of Paris X (Nanterre),** Paris, France June 2007 and

*Visiting Professor*  June 2008

**Imperial College,** London, England April to June 2004

*British Academy Visiting Professor*

**Karl-Franzens University School of Law**, Graz, Austria May to June 1999

*Visiting Professor*

**University of California at Berkeley, School of Law** 1990 to 1994

*Lecturer and Coordinator of Academic Support*

# Administrative Experience

**Georgetown University**, Law Center 2021 to 2022

***Associate Dean for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (Inaugural)***

* Work closely with Interim Director of DEI office, Assistant Dean of Students, Associate Deans for Curriculum, Research, Clinical and Experiential Education
* Oversee Strategic Planning, including new structure and staffing for DEI office
* Created Inclusion Council consisting of faculty, staff, students, alumni
* Assist in designing and leading inclusive pedagogy workshops for faculty
* Communicate law school DEI strategies to law school faculty, alumni board, university board, and university administration

**Fordham University**, School of Law 2011 to 2014

***Vice Dean***

* Oversaw many aspects of the law school administration: Faculty and Curriculum, Admissions, Library, Registrar, Student Affairs, International and non-JD programs, Centers and Institutes, Finance and Budgeting
* Participated in budget planning for the law school, working closely with Dean and Provost’s office
* Responsible for drafting law school Annual Report – Strategic Planning Report submitted to University Provost at the end of each academic year
* Managed direct reports, including Associate Dean of Experiential Education, Associate Dean of Research, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs, Assistant Dean of International and non-J.D. programs, Director of Library, and Registrar
* Worked closely with Assistant Dean for Development on fundraising for new law school building and student scholarships
* Redesigned the upper-level curriculum, working closely with the Curriculum Committee, Long Range Planning Committee, and Dean’s Planning Council
* Designed and implemented faculty course load reform, resulting in more full-time faculty in core courses and lesser reliance on adjuncts and visitors

***Associate Dean for Academic Affairs*** 2008 to 2011

* Oversaw law school curriculum, full-time and adjunct faculty teaching schedules; hiring of adjunct faculty; staffing faculty committees
* Initiated and implemented lateral hiring strategy resulting in the addition of seven new faculty with established scholarly profiles
* Oversaw significant curriculum change to first-year curriculum, including addition of a course on Legislation and Regulation to the first-year year
* Revised and implemented new Legal Process course for first year Orientation program
* Instrumental in establishment of Fashion Law Center and Center on National Security
* Improved online curriculum guide and course listing web interface for faculty and students; instituted curriculum chat room for student-advising
* Worked closely with Assistant Dean of International Affairs to expand LLM programs and other non-JD programs
* Devised and implemented, with Assistant Dean of Admissions and Assistant Dean of Student Affairs, a program designed to increase the number of African American and Latino students at the law school and to increase academic support services

# Publications

## Books

* Co-Cities: Innovative Transitions Toward Just and Self-Sustaining Communities, MIT Press, 2022 (with Christian Iaione)
* The Cambridge Handbook of Commons Research Innovations, Cambridge University Press, 2021 (with Chrystie Swiney)
* Comparative Equality and Antidiscrimination Law: Cases, Codes, Constitutions and Commentary, Edward Elgar Press, 3rd 3d., 2020 (with David Oppenheimer, UC Berkeley, Richard Ford, Stanford; and Sora Han, UC Irvine
* The Law of Environmental Justice: Theories and Procedures to Address Disproportionate Risks, American Bar Association, 2nd ed., 2008 (with Michael B. Gerrard)
* From the Ground Up: Environmental Racism and the Rise of the Environmental Justice Movement, New York University Press, 2001 (with Luke Cole)

## Journal Articles

* *Can Micropolitan Areas Bridge the Urban/Rural Divide*, forthcoming in Journal of Theoretical Inquiries in the Law, 2022 (with Clayton Gillette)
* *Innovation and Equality: An Approach to Constructing a Community Governed Network Commons*, Journal of Responsible Innovation, forthcoming 2022 (with Rider W. Foley and Olivier Sylvain)
* *Reimagining and Governing the Commons in an Unequal World: A Critical Engagement*, Current Research in Environmental Sustainability, Vol 3: 100102 (2021) (with Prakash Kashwan, Praneeta Mudaliar, and Floriane Clement)
* *The City as a Commons*, 34 Yale Law and Policy Review 281 (2016) (with Christian Iaione)
* *Breaking Up Payday: Anti-Agglomeration Zoning and Consumer Welfare*,75 Ohio State Law Journal 57 (2014)
* *The Mobility Case for Regionalism*, 47 UC Davis Law Review 63 (2013) (with Nestor Davidson)
* *Collective Action and the Urban Commons*, 87 Notre Dame Law Review 57 (2011)
* *Integrative Lawyering: Navigating the Political Economy of Urban Development*, 95 California Law Review 1999 (2007) (with Brian Glick)
* *The City as an Ecological Space: Social Capital and Urban Land Use* 82 Notre Dame Law Review 527 (2006)
* *Causation in Antidiscrimination Law: Beyond Intent vs. Impact*, 41 Houston Law Review 1469 (Spring 2005)
* *The World Trade Organization’s Anti-Discrimination Jurisprudence: Free Trade, National Sovereignty and Environmental Health in the Balance*, 15 Georgetown International Environmental Law Journal 633 (2003) (with Ari Afilalo)
* *Environmental Justice in an Era of Devolved Collaboration*, 26 Harvard Environmental Law Review 459 (2002)
* *Intent and Incoherence,* 72 Tulane Law Review 1065 (1998)
* *Justice From the Ground Up: Distributive Inequities, Grassroots Resistance and the Transformative Politics of The Environmental Justice Movement,* 86 California Law Review 775 (1998)
* *Difference and Equality:* *A Critical Assessment of the Concept of "Diversity"*, 1993 Wisconsin Law Review 105

## Journal Essays

* *The New Urban Commons: Enabling Land and Resource Stewardship in Cities*, 37 Journal of Land Use & Environmental Law \_\_\_, forthcoming (2022) (invited Distinguished Lecture, Florida State University College of Law)
* *Who Owns the City? Public Property and Land Stewardship*, Wolf Family Lecture Series on the American Law of Real Property, University of Florida Levin College of Law, published in Michael Allan Wolf, Powell on Real Property (2020) (LexisNexis Matthew Bender).
* *From Smart Cities to Co-Cities: Emerging Legal and Policy Responses to Urban Vacancy*, 47 Fordham Urban Law Journal 1 (2020) (reprinted in Zoning and Planning Law Handbook, 2021 ed) (with Dan Wu)
* *The Limits of Mobility and the Persistence of Urban Inequality* 127 Yale Law Journal Forum480, (2017) (invited response to lead article by David Schleicher)
* *Comparative Urban Governance for Lawyers,* 42 Fordham Urban Law Journal1(2015) (with Fernanda Nicola) (Symposium Introduction)
* *The Social Function of Property: A Comparative Perspective* (Introduction to Symposium), 80 Fordham Law Review 1003 (2011)
* *Environmental Justice and the Constitution*, News and Analysis, 39 Environmental Law Reporter 10347 (2009) (response)
* *Urban Informality as a Commons Dilemma*, 40 U. Miami Inter-American L.Rev. 261 (2009)
* *From Harlem to Havana: Sustainable Urban Development*, 16 Tulane Environmental Law Journal 783 (2003) (symposium contribution)
* *Race(ial) Matters: The Quest for Environmental Justice*, 20 Ecology Law Quarterly 721 (1994) (book review essay)

## Book Chapters

* *Local Initiatives* in Global Climate Change and U.S. Law, American Bar Association, Michael B. Gerrard, Jody Freeman, and Michael Burger, eds., 3rd ed. (2022) (with Chiara Pappalardo)
* *Who Governs? Public, Private, Community, Civic, and Knowledge Actors in Place Governance* in Hyperlocal: Place Governance in a Fragmented World, Brookings Institute Press, Jennifer Vey and Nate Storring, eds. (2022)
* *City Networks and The Glocalization of Urban Governance:* in The Elgar Research Handbook of International Law and Cities 368-380, Janne Nijman and Helmut Aust, eds. (2021) (with Chrystie Swiney)
* *Bean v. Southwestern Waste Management* in Critical Race Judgments: Rewritten U.S. Court Opinions on Race and the Law, Cambridge University Press, Bennet Capers, Devon W. Carbado, R.A. Lenhardt, and Angela Onwuachi-Willig, eds. (2021)
* *Urban Commons, Property and the Right to the City* in Property Rights From Below: Commodification of Land and the Counter-Movement, Routledge Press, Balakrishnan Rajagopal and Olivier De Schutter, eds. (2020)
* *City Power and Powerlessness on the Global Stage* in Urban Futures: Alternative Models for Global Cities, Barcelona Centre for International Affairs, Eva Garcia Chueca and Lorenzo Vidal, eds. (2019) (with Chrystie Swiney)
* *Ostrom in the City: Design Principles and Tools for the Urban Commons* in Routledge Handbook of The Study Of The Commons, Blake Hudson, Jonathan Rosenbloom, Dan Cole, eds. (2019) (with Christian Iaione)
* *Il Diritto e I Beni Comuni Urbani* in La Co-Città: Diritto Urbano e Politiche Publiche Per I Beni Comuni e La Rigenerazione Urbana, A cura di Paola Chirulli e Christian Iaione, Jovene Editore (2018)
* *Vulnerability, Equality and Environmental Justice* in Handbook of Environmental Justice*,* Routledge Press,  Jayajit Chakraborty and Gordon Walker eds. (2017)
* *Human Rights and Climate Change: Building Synergies for a Common Future* in Climate Change Law, Elgar Encyclopedia of Environmental Law series, Daniel Farber and Marjan Peeters, eds. (2016) (with Paolo Galizzi)
* *The Racial Subject in Legal Theory* in Oxford Handbook of Law and Politics, Keith E. Whittington, R. Daniel Kelemen, Gregory A. Caldeira, eds, Oxford University Press, (2008) (with Robin Lenhardt)
* *Race, Agency, and Equal Protection: A Retrospective on the Warren Court* in Earl Warren and the Warren Court: A 50 year Retrospect, Lexington Press (2006)
* *Meeting the Environmental Justice Challenge: Evolving Norms in Environmental Decision making*, 30 Environmental Law Reporter 10992 (November 2000).
* *Impact Assessment* and *Citizen Participation* in The Law Of Environmental Justice (2nd Edition) (Michael Gerrard and Sheila Foster, eds. 2008) (ABA)

## Other Publications

(Peer-Reviewed Reports)

* *Local Responses to Climate-Forced Displacement & Migration:﻿Uniting Mayors and City Leaders as ﻿Global Champions*, Report prepared for the Global Parliament of Mayors and the British Council, June 2021 (with Kamal Amakrane)
* *Urban Commons*, Oxford Bibliographies in Urban Studies New York: Oxford University Press, Richardson Dilworth, ed. (2020) (with Christian Iaione)
* *New York City Panel on Climate Change 2019 Report Chapter 6: Community-Based Assessments of Adaptation and Equity,* Ann. N.Y. Acad. Sci. 1439 (1):126-173 (March 2019) (with Robin Leichenko, Khai Ngyuen, et. al.)
* *New York City Panel on Climate Change 2019 Report Chapter 7: Resilience Strategies for Critical Infrastructures and Their Interdependencies*, Ann. N.Y. Acad. Sci. 1439(1):174-229:126-173 (March 2019) (with Rae Zimmerman, Jorge Gonzalez, et.al.)

(Op-Eds and Media)

* *Why D.C. Should Become Our 51st State*, The Hill, March 21, 2021 (with Meryl Chertoff)
* *Health Justice Is Racial Justice: A Legal Action Agenda For Health Disparities*, Health Affairs, July 2, 2020 (with Yael Cannon Gregg Bloche)
* *The City and State Diplomacy Act in Congress Reflects a New World Order*, CityLab, October 30, 2019 (with Chrystie Swiney)
* *Cities Are Rising in Influence and Power on the Global Stage*, CityLab, April 15, 2019 (with Chrystie Swiney)
* *Paralysis of Nations Is Empowering Cities,* The Hill, December 27, 2019 (with Chrystie Swiney and others)

# Recent (Selected) Presentations and Invited Lectures

**Panelist Presentation**, UN HABITAT Urban Law Day (with North-West University, CLES and the University of the Witwatersrand), *Rebuilding a More Just, Climate Resilient and Equitable Urban Future for All: The Role of Law*, October 28, 2021 (online)

**Panelist Presentation**, Localism Without Borders, UK Labour Foreign Policy Group, June 3, 2021 (online)

**Keynote Speaker and Opening Panel Chair**, Opening Session: *LabGov and the “Praxis” of the Urban Commons*, IASC Conference on the Urban Commons, May 6, 2021 (online)

**Keynote Address,** *The New Era of Glocalism***,** 15th International Karl Polanyi Conference on “The Role of the State in the post-COVID 21st Century,” April 24, 2021 (online)

**Featured Speaker,** *The Co-Cites Project*, Cities@Tufts Virtual Colloquium, April 7, 2021 (online)

**Paper Presentation**, Faculty Workshop, *Revisiting Place Governance*, Texas A&M School of Law, March 31, 2021 (online)

**Panelist Presentation**, *Environmental Justice: Lessons From History And A Look To The Future*, Resources for the Future and Urban Institute Series on Environmental Justice, March 24, 2021 (online)

**Distinguished Lecture**, *Mapping the New Urban Commons: Land and Resource Stewardship in the City*, Invited Spring 2021 Distinguished Lecture, Florida State University College of Law, February 24, 2021 (online)

**Distinguished Lecture**, *Co-Cities: Reimagining the City as a Commons*, Sylvester Baxter Lecture Series, Harvard University Graduate School of Design, November 19, 2020 (online)

**Plenary Address**, *The New Era of Glocalism*, Democracy Beyond the Nation State, Pardee Center for the Study of the Longer-Range Future, Boston University, October 28, 2020 (online)

**Keynote Speaker,** *Who Owns the City?,* Festival of the Future City, Bristol UK, October 16, 2019

**Distinguished Lecture**, *Who Owns the City? Public Property and Polycentric Governance*. Wolf Family Lecture on Real Property Law, University of Florida Levin College of Law, February 21, 2019

# Honors and Awards

**Georgetown Earth Commons Institute Eco Impact Award**

*Modeling Energy Democracy in a Federal and Localist System*2022

**IUCN Distinguished Scholarship Award** 2018

*International Academy of Environmental Law Senior Scholar Award*

**Georgetown Environmental Initiative Award** 2017

*Seeding Commons Research at Georgetown*

**Rockefeller Foundation Bellagio Residency Award** 2017

*Accelerating Citywide Civic Engagement in**North America:*

*An Exercise in the Co-City Approach (LabGov)*

**Ford Foundation Award** 2003, 2005

*Camden Redevelopment Project*

*International Environmental Justice Project*

**Walter Rand Institute for Public Affairs** 1999 to 2000

*Faculty Fellow*

**Christian R. & Mary F. Lindback Foundation** 1999 to 2000

*Minority Junior Faculty Award*

# Professional Affiliations

**LabGov, *Co-Director*** 2014 to present

Co-founded and co-direct international applied research laboratory with regional outposts in Europe (Italy), U.S. (Washington, D.C.), Latin America (Costa Rica), and Asia (Hong Kong). Supervise Ph. D and postdoc fellows who conduct quantitative and qualitative empirical research. Organize and sponsor workshops and convenings. Advise and work directly with public officials and city agencies to craft and implement innovative policies and projects.

**Global Parliament of Mayors, *Advisory Committee Chair***  2017 to 2020

Chair of Advisory Committee for international network of mayors from all continents. Responsible for coordinating and organizing an international team of urban and governance experts to advise the Executive Committee on the development of the GPM and setting the policy agenda and substantive priorities for the GPM.

# Professional Service

**New York City Mayor’s Panel on Climate Change** 2016 to present

**Founding Editor, SLoGLaw Blog** 2021 to present

**Faculty Advisor, Georgetown SALPAL** 2019 to present

**Board Member, Environmental Law Institute** 2013 to 2016

**Advisory Committee**, **NYU Marron Institute for Urban Management** 2016 to 2019

**Member**, **Aspen Institute Working Group on Urban Innovation** 2013 to 2015

**Member,** **AALS Committee on Professional Development** 2014 to 2016

**Chair**, **AALS Planning Committee for 2013 Workshop** 2012 to 2013

**Advisory Board**, **Next American City** 2007 to 2009

**New York City Board of Directors***,* **American Constitution Society** 2009 to 2011

**Founding Member Scholar***,* **Center for Progressive Reform** 2002 to 2004

**Committee on Legal Education**, **New York State Bar Association** 2008 to 2010

**Board of Directors**, **NYC Environmental Leadership Institute** 2006 to 2008

**Environmental Law Subcommitte**e, **New York City Bar Association**, 2002 to 2005

# Prior Professional Experience

**Morrison and Foerster,** San Francisco, CA 1988 to 1990

*Associate Attorney, Litigation*

# Education

**J.D.** University of California, Berkeley

**B.S.** University of Michigan, English (Honors)

# Languages

**English** (Native); **Spanish** (Advanced), **Italian** (Intermediate)