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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2025- Associate Professor
Seattle University School of Law, Seattle, WA
- 2022-25 Assistant Professor
Gonzaga University School of Law, Spokane, WA
- 2020-22 Assistant Professor
Northern Illinois University College of Law, DeKalb, IL
- 2018-20 Visiting Assistant Professor, Center for Civil and Human Rights
Gonzaga University School of Law, Spokane, WA
- 2016-18 Doctoral Fellow, ABF/National Science Foundation and Law & Society Association
American Bar Foundation, Chicago, IL
- 2015 Affiliated Researcher, Center for Technology and Society
Fundção Getúlio Vargas Law School, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- 2014 Teaching Fellow, Constitutional Law, Politics Department
University of California, Santa Cruz

EDUCATION

University of California, Santa Cruz
Ph.D., Anthropology, August 2018
Dissertation: Democracy and Digital Technology: Internet Governance and Social (In)exclusion in Rio de Janeiro.

University of Illinois College of Law, Champaign, IL
J.D., May 1999

Morehouse College, Atlanta, GA
B.A., *cum laude*, Business Administration/Marketing, May 1996

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS AND WORKS-IN-PROGRESS

(Forthcoming) Remembering Internet Openness: From the Information Age to the Disinformation Era,
Law & Social Inquiry —Invited review essay.

2025 *Political Disinformation in the Anthropocene*, 81 Washington & Lee Law Review 5.

2024 *New Legal Realism at 20: Rethinking Law in an Era of Populism and Social Movements* (with Pablo Rueda-Saiz and Richard Ashby Wilson), 57 Connecticut Law Review 1.

- 2024 *Informality and the Internet: A Study of Technological Governance in Brazil* in *Technology and Governance Beyond the State: The Rule of Non-Law* (Eds. Clara Voyvodic and Nicole Stremlau, Routledge Press) (co-authored book chapter with Jason Scott).
- 2022 *Civil Rights in Times of Uncertainty (The Anthropocene)*, 120 *Michigan Law Review* 1571 (invited symposium foreword).
- 2022 *Chronicles of Internet Openness: The Brazilian Case Study*, 20 *Colorado Technology Law Journal* 96.
- 2021 *Taking Aim at “Fake News”: Brazil’s Legislative Agenda for Online Democracy*. 66 *Saint Louis University Law Journal* 115 (invited symposium essay).
- 2020 Is Facebook the Internet? Ethnographic Perspectives on Open Internet Governance in Brazil. *Law & Social Inquiry*, 45(4): 1093-1112.
- 2018 Digital Access Amongst the Marginalized: Democracy and Internet Governance in Rio de Janeiro. *PoLAR: Political and Legal Anthropology Review* 41(2): 277-289.
- 2018 Copyright: From Historical Roots to Regulating the Contemporary Complexities of Human Creativity. Review of *Copyright Wars: Three Centuries of Transatlantic Battle* by Peter Baldwin and *Copyright Africa: How Intellectual Property, Media and Markets Transform Immaterial Cultural Goods* by Ute Röschenhalter and Mamadou Diawara (Eds). *PoLAR: Political and Legal Anthropology Review* (online only).
- 2010 Mix and Mash: The Digital Sampling of Music has Stretched the Meaning of the Fair Use Defense, *Los Angeles Lawyer* (September), 33: 35-41.

Other Publications

- 2025 Exporting Oligarchy: Lessons from Elon’s Free Speech Battle in Brazil, *Discernment –Blog of Seattle University’s Technology & Ethics Initiative*, January 25, <https://www.seattleu.edu/technology-ethics-initiative/blog/articles/exporting-oligarchy-lessons-from-elons-free-speech-battle-in-brazil-.php>.
- 2020 Undercutting Internet Governance in Brazil: The “Fake News Bill” and its Impact on Rights and Equality, *VerfBlog*, July 19, <https://verfassungsblog.de/undercutting-internet-governance-in-brazil/>.
- 2020 Postscript to “Digital Access Amongst the Marginalized: Democracy and Internet Governance in Rio de Janeiro,” *PoLAR: Political and Legal Anthropology Review*, March 16, <https://polarjournal.org/2020/03/16/2020-virtual-edition-on-digital-politics-jeffrey-omari/>.
- 2019 Seeing Red: A professor coexists with ‘MAGA’ in the classroom, *ABA Journal*, July 3, <http://www.abajournal.com/voice/article/coexisting-with-maga-in-the-classroom>.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- 2025 “Constitutionalizing the Anthropocene,” *Washington & Lee Law Review*, Symposium on Children and Constitutions in the Anthropocene Era, Lexington, VA, 7 March.

- 2024 “Political Disinformation in the Anthropocene,” Law & Society Association Annual Conference, Denver, CO, 8 June.
- 2023 “Disinformation and Legal Indeterminacy,” American Ethnological Society Spring Conference, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, 23-25 March.
- 2022 “Internet Governance in Brazil: Understanding the ‘Fake News’ Bill,” Law & Society Association Annual Conference, Online, 29 May.
- 2020 “Chronicles of Internet Openness: The Brazilian Case Study,” Northern Illinois University Junior Scholars Conference, Online, 2 October.
- 2019 “Is Facebook the Internet? Ethnographic Perspectives on Net Neutrality in Brazil,” Western Law Professor of Color & Conference of Asian Pacific American Law Faculty. UNLV Boyd School of Law, Las Vegas, NV, 18-20 October.
- 2019 “Internet Access and the Ideology of Openness: Lessons from Brazil,” Center of Civil and Human Rights, Gonzaga University School of Law, Spokane, WA, 28 September.
- 2019 “Is Facebook the Internet? The Anthropology of Net Neutrality in Brazil,” Law & Society Association Annual Conference, Washington DC, 30 June.
- 2019 “Internet Governance and the Ideology of Openness: Lessons from Brazil,” Internet Law WIP Conference, Santa Clara University School of Law, Santa Clara, CA, 2 March.
- 2018 “Internet Access Amongst the Marginalized in Rio de Janeiro,” Crime, Law & Society Workshop, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, 7 February.
- 2018 “Democracy and Digital Technology: Internet Governance and Social In/exclusion in Rio de Janeiro,” University of Chicago Ethnography Incubator, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, 8-9 March.
- 2017 “The Challenge of Being Smart: Internet Governance and Urban Development in Rio de Janeiro,” Law & Society Association Annual Conference, Mexico City, MX, 23 June.

Invited Talks

- 2023 “Political Disinformation and the End of the World as We Know It.” Spokane Country Democrats, featuring keynote speaker Arizona Secretary of State Adrian Fontes. 19 August.
- 2021 “Taking Aim at ‘Fake News’: Brazil’s Legislative Agenda for Online Democracy.” Saint Louis University School of Law, 27 October.
- 2019 “The Values of Internet Governance: Lessons from Brazil.” Seattle University School of Law, 10 September.

Panels and Conferences Organized

- 2019 Chair and co-organizer. American Bar Foundation Doctoral Fellows Alumni Workshop. Chicago, IL.

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

2006-11 Department of Music Legal Affairs, MGM Studios, Inc., Los Angeles, CA.

Music Licensing Consultant

Analyzed master use and synchronization licenses to determine music rights in company's film and television properties. Negotiated licenses to clear music content for new media programming. Identified copyright and licensing issues and resolved issues with music legal team.

2004-06 Department of Legal Affairs, Disney/ABC Cable Networks Group, Burbank, CA.

Attorney

Assessed company's film and television catalogue to assure new media clearances. Examined distribution agreements to determine new media rights in company's film and television properties. Analyzed master use licenses, synchronization licenses and cue sheets to clear music content for new media programming.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2022- Assistant Professor, Constitutional Law I; Administrative Law; Agency Law; Privacy Law.
Gonzaga University School of Law, Spokane, WA.

2020-22 Assistant Professor, Privacy Law, Constitutional Law II; Torts, Business Associations I.
Northern Illinois University College of Law, DeKalb, IL.

2018-20 Visiting Assistant Professor, Privacy Law; Constitutional Law II.
Gonzaga University School of Law, Spokane, WA.

2014 Teaching Fellow, Constitutional Law, Politics Department, UC Santa Cruz.

2006-11 Adjunct Instructor, Music Law, Emerson College, Burbank, CA.

2007-11 Adjunct Instructor, Business Law,
The Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising, Los Angeles, CA.

2006-08 Adjunct Instructor, Business Law, Moorpark College, Moorpark, CA.

2000 Adjunct Instructor, Media Law, Clark Atlanta University, Atlanta, GA.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

PoLAR: Political and Legal Anthropology Review, Book Reviews Co-editor.

Law & Society Association, Board of Trustees (2020-2023).

Law and Social Inquiry, Associate Editor (2017-2018).

American Association of Law Schools, member.

American Anthropological Association, member.

Bar Admission

State Bar of Georgia, 2001–present.

LANGUAGES

Brazilian Portuguese: Conversational level fluency.