

EDUCATION

Columbia Law School, New York, NY

J.D., December 2002

- ❖ James Kent Scholar (awarded to the top 1 to 3 percent of class)
- ❖ Parker School Certificate for Achievement in International and Comparative Law
- ❖ *Pro bono* Service Recognition, Center for Public Interest Law

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

A.B. *cum laude* in English and American Literature and Language, June 1997

- ❖ Frederick Sheldon Prize Fellowship (the annual prize recognizes only one graduate with “an outstanding academic record” and “unique personal characteristics”)
- ❖ John Harvard Honorary Scholarships (awarded to students qualifying for Rank List Group I, the highest of six GPA categories)

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Seattle University School of Law, Seattle, WA

Professor of Law, January 2020 – present

Associate Professor of Law, November 2011 – December 2019

Assistant Professor of Law, August 2008 – November 2011

Teach international human rights law, international law, and the International Human Rights Clinic.
Direct the law school’s Latin America Program.

Notre Dame Law School, Indiana

Visiting Associate Professor of Law, August 2018 – December 2018

Taught two courses required for the Human Rights LL.M. degree: Regional Human Rights Systems and Accountability for Gross Human Rights Violations.

PUBLICATIONS

Law Review Articles, Books, and Book Chapters:

- ❖ *The Americas*, in INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW, 4th Ed., Oxford University Press (2022)
- ❖ *A “Dignified Life” and the Resurgence of Social Rights*, Vol. 18, No. 1 of NORTHWESTERN JOURNAL OF HUMAN RIGHTS (2020)
- ❖ THE AMERICAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS: ESSENTIAL RIGHTS, Oxford University Press (2017) (with Alejandra Gonza)
- ❖ *Social, Economic, and Cultural Rights: The Inter-American Court at a Crossroads*, in THE INTER-AMERICAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS: THEORY AND PRACTICE, PRESENT AND FUTURE, Intersentia Press (2015)
- ❖ *A Dark Side of Virtue: The Inter-American Court and Reparations for Indigenous Peoples*, Vol. 25, No. 1 of DUKE JOURNAL OF COMPARATIVE & INTERNATIONAL LAW (2014)
- ❖ Two chapters, *El Principio de Legalidad y de Retroactividad* (“The Legality and Retroactivity Principles”) and *El Derecho a Indemnización* (“The Right to Compensation”) in LA CONVENCION

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AMERICANA SOBRE DERECHOS HUMANOS COMENTADA (“Commentary on the American Convention on Human Rights”), Konrad-Adenauer Foundation (2014). Translated into Italian and published by Editoriale Scientifica (2017).

- ❖ *Rights, Resources, and Rhetoric: Indigenous Peoples and The Inter-American Court*, Vol. 35, No. 1 of UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW (2013)
- ❖ *La Corte Interamericana de Derechos Humanos y sus reparaciones centradas en la víctima* (“The Inter-American Court of Human Rights and its Victim-Centered Reparations”), in PERSPECTIVA IBEROAMERICANA SOBRE LA JUSTICIA PENAL INTERNACIONAL (“An Ibero-American Perspective on Int’l Criminal Justice”), European Union / Tirant Lo Blanch (2012)
- ❖ *An Emerging Mandate for International Courts: Victim-Centered Remedies and Restorative Justice*, Vol. 47, No. 2 of STANFORD JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW (2011)
- ❖ *Remedial Approaches to Human Rights Violations: The Inter-American Court of Human Rights and Beyond*, Vol. 46, No. 2 of THE COLUMBIA JOURNAL OF TRANSNATIONAL LAW (2008)
- ❖ VICTIMS UNSILENCED: THE INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS SYSTEM AND TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE IN LATIN AMERICA, United States Institute of Peace and The Due Process of Law Foundation (2007) (Co-Editor, with Katya Salazar)
- ❖ *Moiwana Village v. Suriname: A Portal into Recent Jurisprudential Developments of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights*, Vol. 25, No. 2 of THE BERKELEY JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW (2007)
- ❖ *Truth as Right and Remedy in International Human Rights Experience*, Vol. 23, No. 4 of THE MICHIGAN JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW (2002)

Other Publications and Fellowships:

- ❖ “Challenges for Critical Human Rights Institutions in the Americas,” Oxford University Press Blog, May 23, 2017
- ❖ *Nicaragua’s Canal Initiative Endangers the Rights of Indigenous and Afro-Caribbean Communities*, Vol. 47, No. 2, Symposium Issue, THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PACIFIC LAW REVIEW (2016)
- ❖ “Warlord’s Conviction Gives Hope to Victims of His Crimes,” Op-Ed in *The Seattle Times*, April 19, 2012
- ❖ *El derecho a la consulta en las Américas: marco legal internacional* (“The [Indigenous] Right to Consultation in the Americas: International Legal Framework”), APORTES, the triannual publication of The Due Process of Law Foundation (Sept. 2010) (with Alejandra Gonza)
- ❖ *Un modelo innovador en materia de reparaciones: El esquema de la Corte Interamericana de Derechos Humanos* (“An Innovative Reparations Model: The Scheme of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights”), Edition 233 of EL DERECHO, the legal scholarship journal of the Catholic University of Argentina (2009)
- ❖ Fellow, *Americas Project 2000*: named one of the hemisphere’s 21 “most promising young leaders” and invited to participate in a three-day seminar, sponsored by the Organization of American States and held at Rice University, Houston, Texas.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- ❖ “The Right to a ‘Dignified Life’ and Reparations for the U’wa Indigenous People,” Expert Opinion presented in *U’wa Indigenous People v. Colombia*, Inter-American Court of Human Rights, April 2023
- ❖ “The Right to Equality in the Inter-American Human Rights System,” Colloquium with African international judges and commissioners, Centre for Human Rights of the University of Pretoria, South Africa, December 2022
- ❖ “The Intersection of Environmental and Human Rights Advocacy,” 27th Annual Braun Memorial Symposium on Environmental Justice and Human Rights in the Americas and the Caribbean, University of Illinois-Chicago, November 2022
- ❖ “Litigating Indigenous Rights Cases,” International Human Rights Clinicians Conference, University of Miami Law School, February 2022
- ❖ “Indigenous Rights and the Right to a ‘Dignified Life,’” Second International Colloquium on the Inter-American System of Human Rights, organized by the National Autonomous University of Mexico, Boston College Law School, and Harvard Law School, November 2021
- ❖ Commentator, *The Construction of the Customary Law of Peace* Book Symposium, University of Oslo, Norway, October 2021
- ❖ “Regional Human Rights Bodies as Instruments of International Law,” American Society of International Law Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, March 2019
- ❖ “A Resurgence of Social Rights: Assessing Recent Conceptual Breakthroughs at the International Human Rights Courts,” presented at:
 - The Hague University of Applied Sciences, The Netherlands, November 2019
 - Notre Dame Law School, Indiana, November 2018
 - American Society of International Law, Midwest Scholarship Workshop, Southern Illinois University College of Law, September 2018
- ❖ Chair and moderator of panel on Inter-American Human Rights System, American Society of International Law Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, April 2017
- ❖ “The Inter-American Court of Human Rights: Innovations and Setbacks from a Victim-Centered Perspective,” presented at:
 - The University of Quebec in Montreal Law School, September 2017
 - Annual Conference of the International Law Association, University of Denver Sturm College of Law, February 2017
- ❖ Discussant and moderator, “New Directions in Human Rights” panel, Research Forum of the American Society of International Law, Univ. of Washington School of Law, November 2016

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- ❖ “The American Convention on Human Rights” (on aspects of my 2017 book), scholarship panel organized by the International Courts and Tribunals Interest Group, American Society of International Law Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, April 2016
- ❖ Co-Chair and moderator, conference on the human rights and environmental implications of the proposed Nicaraguan Canal, sponsored by the American Society of International Law’s Latin America Interest Group, George Washington University School of Law, Washington, DC, March 2016
- ❖ Presenter and participant at expert roundtable on regional human rights systems, sponsored by Ghent University and University College London, Ghent, Belgium, Jan 2016
- ❖ “A New Structural Basis for Indigenous Rights,” Research Forum of the American Society of International Law, Washington, DC, October 2015
- ❖ “Challenges for International Human Rights Clinics in the ‘New Normal,’” AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education, Palm Springs, CA, May 2015
- ❖ “An Inter-American Right to Property: Indigenous and Afro-Latin Communities,” Annual Symposium of the Global Center at Pacific McGeorge Law School, CA, March 2015
- ❖ “The American Convention on Human Rights” (on aspects of my 2017 book), University of Washington School of Law’s Faculty Colloquium, Seattle, February 2015
- ❖ “A Dark Side of Virtue: The Inter-American Court and Reparations for Indigenous Peoples,” presented at:
 - Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Conference, Florida, August 2014
 - Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, June 2014
- ❖ “The Right to Equality in the Inter-American Human Rights System,” AALS Mid-Year Meeting: Transnational Perspectives on Equality Law, Washington, DC, June 2014
- ❖ “Using International Legal Mechanisms to Assist the Wrongfully Convicted,” Innocence Network National Conference, Portland, Oregon, April 2014
- ❖ “Rights, Resources and Rhetoric: Indigenous Peoples and the Inter-American Court,” Annual Conference of the Junior International Law Scholars Association, NY, February 2013
- ❖ “The Right to Compensation of the American Convention on Human Rights,” University of Buenos Aires, Argentina, sponsored by the Konrad Adenauer Foundation, May 2012
- ❖ “Pursuing Victim-Centered Remedies through African Human Rights Mechanisms and the ICC,” Africa and International Law Conference, sponsored by the American Society of International Law and Albany Law School, NY, April 2012

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- ❖ “Achieving Victim-Centered Redress in Peru,” Conference on Enacting Justice in the Wake of Violence, sponsored by Brandeis University and Northeastern University School of Law, Boston, December 2011
- ❖ “International Law and Victim-Centered Remedies,” Víctor García-Moreno Conference in Bogotá, Colombia, co-sponsored by the International Criminal Court, February 2011
- ❖ “Considering Selection Criteria for Human Rights Projects,” Annual Conference for International Human Rights Clinicians, Northwestern University School of Law, April 2010
- ❖ “An Emerging Mandate for International Tribunals: Victim-Centered Remedies and Restorative Justice,” New Voices in Human Rights Panel, AALS Annual Meeting, New Orleans, January 2010
- ❖ “Peru’s International Legal Obligations Concerning Its Indigenous Populations,” Indigenous Rights Conference at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, sponsored by The Due Process of Law Foundation and the Washington Office on Latin America, Washington, DC, November 2009
- ❖ “Remedial Approaches to Human Rights Violations,” Conference on the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, sponsored by the Organization of American States and the Catholic University of Argentina, Buenos Aires, Argentina, November 2008

CLIENT AND PRACTICE ACTIVITIES

- ❖ *Puracal v. Nicaragua*, Inter-American Commission on Human Rights: counsel (2012 to present)
- ❖ Representing several indigenous and Afro-Caribbean communities in Nicaragua before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights: co-counsel (2014 to 2019)
- ❖ Collaborated with human rights organizations in West Africa in preparation for litigation before the ECOWAS Community Court of Justice (2018)
- ❖ *Salgado v. Mexico*, United Nations Working Group on Arbitrary Detention and Inter-American Commission on Human Rights: co-counsel (2013 to 2016)
- ❖ *Laparra v. Mexico*, Inter-American Commission on Human Rights: co-counsel (2009 to 2016)
- ❖ Legal counsel provided to Sexual Minorities Uganda and its attorneys in order to challenge Uganda’s anti-LGBT legislation (2013 to 2014)
- ❖ Technical assistance to the African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights concerning its referral of petitions to the African Court on Human and Peoples’ Rights (2010)
- ❖ “The Indigenous of Peru and their Right to Consultation,” thematic hearing before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights: co-authored brief and presented oral arguments before the Commission (2009)

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- ❖ *Advisory Opinion 21* on the role of *ad hoc* judges, Inter-American Court of Human Rights: co-authored brief and presented oral arguments before the Court (2009)
- ❖ Extradition of former Peruvian President Alberto Fujimori, Supreme Court of Chile: principal author of legal brief submitted in support of extradition, endorsed by numerous legal academics (2007)
- ❖ *Vélez v. Colombia*, Inter-American Commission of Human Rights: co-counsel (2005-2006)
- ❖ Numerous other collaborations with civil society and inter-governmental organizations in the defense of international human rights, most often in conjunction with the International Human Rights Clinic of Seattle University School of Law (which I direct)

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

The George Washington University Law School, Washington, DC

Adjunct Professor, August 2007 – December 2007

Visiting Scholar and Supervising Attorney at the Human Rights Clinic, November 2005 – Dec. 2006

Taught seminar on international human rights law and advocacy. Designed and supervised legal advocacy projects at the Human Rights Clinic. Researched and published on topics of int'l law.

The Due Process of Law Foundation, Washington, DC

Program Director, February 2007 – May 2008

Directed the Equal Access to Justice Program. Provided technical assistance to civil society organizations for domestic and international litigation. Conducted workshops on international law for attorneys, judges, government officials, and advocates. Supervised research initiatives and published on critical human rights issues of Latin America.

Inter-American Court of Human Rights, San José, Costa Rica

Senior Attorney, September 2003 – October 2005

Directed over 20 cases in various procedural stages and managed a legal team of eight persons. Researched and drafted judgments, orders and memoranda for the Tribunal's judges. Monitored state compliance with Court orders. Represented the Court at various international conferences, courses, seminars, and events.

Dr. Oscar Arias, 1987 Nobel Peace Laureate and President of Costa Rica, San José, Costa Rica

Special Assistant, October 1997 - August 1998

Authored speeches that Dr. Arias delivered around the globe. Researched and co-wrote various works appearing in international publications. Advised Dr. Arias at assorted conferences and meetings on international development issues.

Summer Associate Positions during Law School:

- ❖ *Office of the Legal Adviser, United States Department of State*, Washington, D.C.
- ❖ *Wilmer, Cutler and Pickering, LLP (now WilmerHale)*, Washington, D.C.
- ❖ *White and Case, LLP*, Washington, D.C.

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SELECTED MEDIA APPEARANCES

Appear in local, national, and international media (TV, print/online and radio) to comment on my cases and other international human rights topics. Selected appearances:

- ❖ **National:** Associated Press, *New York Times*, *The New Yorker*, NPR, *Washington Post*, *The Christian Science Monitor*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, *Vice News*, *Univision*, *Free Speech Radio News*, *Smithsonian Magazine*
- ❖ **International:** *The Guardian* (UK); *El Universal*, *El Proceso* and *La Jornada* (Mexico); *El Comercio* (Peru); *La Prensa* (Nicaragua); EFE (Spanish-language int'l news agency); *GOOD Magazine*

BAR ADMISSIONS AND ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- ❖ Admitted in Massachusetts and the District of Columbia
- ❖ American Society of International Law
 - Co-Founder and former Co-Chair of the Latin America Interest Group
- ❖ American Bar Association
- ❖ Peer reviewer for Oxford University Press and Cambridge University Press, as well as for various journals on international law.