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**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

**Emory University School of Law**

*Associate Professor of Law (with tenure)*

*Associate Professor of Law*

*Atlanta, GA*

2024 – present

2022 – 2024

**Syracuse University College of Law**

*Associate Professor of Law*

*Syracuse, NY*

2020-2022

- Courses taught in constitutional law, natural resources law (energy focus), climate change law, and law of the global commons (law of the sea, space law, climate change law, cyberlaw).

**U.S. Naval Academy**

*Class of 1971 Distinguished Professor of Leadership & Law*

*Annapolis, MD*

2019-2020

**University of Pennsylvania Law School**

*George Sharswood Fellow, Lecturer-in-Law*

*Philadelphia, PA*

2017-2019

- Courses taught on climate change law & policy and national security law.
- Awarded the Stuart Feldman Award for “outstanding service & mentorship to Penn’s veteran community.”

**ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS**

*On Arctic Law, Climate Change, and National Security (work in progress)*

*Justice in the Legal Margins: Structural Constraints and Strategic Openings for Small Island Developing States in Climate Litigation (with Stacy-ann Robinson)(under review)*

*Sovereign Immunity for a Warming World (work in progress).*

*The Army’s Forgotten Term-Limit (with Matthew Lawrence, work in progress).*

*When Climate Change Forces Flight: Legal Duties in the Age of Retreat* 111 IOWA LAW REVIEW \_\_\_\_ (2026).

- Presented at the University of Virginia Law’s Climate Change Conference, Berkeley Law Environmental Colloquium, and 2025 AALS Environmental Law Work in Progress Workshop.
- Presented at the University of Michigan Law School (Oct. 2025).

*Energy Infrastructure Planning & Management in the Age of Climate Change* (book chapter with “Climate Change and Infrastructure Law” with the Sabin Center at Columbia Law School)(forthcoming 2025).

*Constitutionalizing Climate Rights*, 19 FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIV. LAW REVIEW 1060 (2025) (invited symposium).

*Destroy, Rebuild, Repeat: How to Break the Climate Disaster Cycle*, 78 VANDERBILT LAW REVIEW 493 (2025).

- Presented at the UCLA/CU-Boulder Environmental Law Symposium; UGA Law/Emory Law Summer Research Symposium; 2024 AALS Environmental Law Work in Progress Workshop
- Invited presentation – University of Pennsylvania Law School (Oct. 2023)
- Interviewed by the *America Adapts* podcast and Article featured on *Lawfare*.

*Climate Science & Law for Judges: Overview of Sea Level Rise*, ENVIRONMENTAL LAW INSTITUTE: CLIMATE JUDICIARY PROJECT (2025) (co-authored with Dr. Anne Halberstadt).

*Climatizing National Security*, UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO LEGAL FORUM 239 (2024).

*Climate Risk, Insurance Retreat, & State Response*, 58 GEORGIA LAW REVIEW 1603 (2024) (with Michael Pappas).

*The Legal Crisis Within the Climate Crisis*, 76 STANFORD LAW REVIEW 1051 (2024).

- Selected for presentation at AALS Environmental Law & Natural Resource Law Sections, 2022.
- Presented at Southeastern Junior/Senior Conference, Florida State University College of Law
- Presented at the University of Tennessee College of Law Distinguished Speaker Series (Feb. 2023).
- Key findings presented on *America Adapts* podcast and featured in *Lawfare*.

*What the Russia-Ukraine Conflict Means for Climate Change & Energy Security*, 84 OHIO STATE LAW JOURNAL 1359 (2024) (invited symposium).

*Climate Change and the Specter of Statelessness*, 35 GEORGETOWN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW REVIEW 331 (2023).

*Climate Change and the Law of National Security Adaptation*, 118 NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW ONLINE 126 (2023).

*Climate Security Insights from the COVID-19 Response*, 98 INDIANA LAW JOURNAL 815 (2023).

- Article featured on *Lawfare* Blog, presented at the University of Maryland Law School.

*Delegating Climate Solutions*, 39 YALE JOURNAL OF REGULATION 777 (2022).

- Featured on Professor Solum's Legal Theory Blog.

*Can Environmental Law Solve the "Forever Chemical" Problem?*, 57 WAKE FOREST LAW REVIEW 239 (2022) (with Robert V. Percival).

- Selected for presentation at Richmond Law School's Junior Faculty Forum (Sept. 2021).
- Featured on Professor Solum's Legal Theory Blog; Reviewed on "JOTWELL"

*The Remaking of the Supreme Court: Implications for Climate Change Litigation*, 42 CARDOZO LAW REVIEW 101 (2022) (invited).

*Is Climate Change a National Emergency?*, 55 U.C. DAVIS LAW REVIEW 591 (2021) (lead article).

- Selected for presentation at AALS Environmental Law & National Security Law Sections, 2021.
- Selected for presentation at the University of Michigan Law School Junior Scholars Conference, 2021.
- Key Findings presented at the University of Chicago's Center for Effective Government.

*Is Climate Change a Threat to International Peace and Security?* 42 MICHIGAN JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW 527 (2021).

- Presented at Duke Law School, Florida Law School, St. John's Law School, and Syracuse Law.

*The Climate Security Century: Three Climate Hotspots*, TUFTS FLETCHER SECURITY REVIEW (2021).

- Featured in Syracuse University College of Law's Yearbook, 2021.

*Domestic Military Authority and the Coronavirus Pandemic*, 11 JOURNAL OF NATIONAL SECURITY LAW & POLICY 107 (2020) (peer reviewed).

- Article featured in *Just Security*.

*Climate Adaptation Strategies: How Do We "Manage" Managed Retreat?*, UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA KLEINMAN CENTER FOR ENERGY POLICY (2020) (Grant project sponsored by the University of Pennsylvania Kleinman Center).

*On Environmental Law, Climate Change, and National Security Law*, 44 HARVARD ENVIRONMENTAL LAW REVIEW

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321 (2020) (lead article).

- Presented at Harvard Law School & Harvard Environmental Law Review author roundtable.
- Selected for presentation at Columbia Law's Sabin Colloquium on Environmental Scholarship.
- Featured on Penn Law's *Regulatory Review*.
- Presented at faculty workshops at Penn, Georgetown, and Texas A&M Law School.

*The Operational and Administrative Militaries*, 53 GEORGIA LAW REVIEW 905 (2019).

- Selected for presentation: 2018 AALS Annual Meeting & 2018 SEALS Junior Scholars Conference.
- Featured on Yale Journal of Regulation's blog; "Recommended" on Prof. Solum's Legal Theory Blog.

*Could Official Climate Denial Revive the Common Law as a Regulatory Backstop?* 96 WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 441 (2018) (with Robert V. Percival).

- Invited presenter at Maryland Law (Sep. 2018) and Northwestern Law (Apr. 2019).

*Polar Opposites: Assessing Environmental Law in the World's Polar Regions* 59 BOSTON COLLEGE LAW REVIEW 1655 (2018) (with Robert V. Percival).

- Selected for presentation: Pace Law School Future Environmental Law Professor Symposium, 2017.

*Reflections on How Everything Became War and the Military Became Everything*, 32 TEMPLE INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE LAW JOURNAL 69 (2018) (invited symposium).

*The Commander in Chief's Authority to Combat Climate Change*, 37 CARDOZO LAW REVIEW 438 (2015).

- Presented at Yale Law School's New Directions in Environmental Law, March 2017.

*Unintended Consequences: The Posse Comitatus Act in the Modern Era*, 36 CARDOZO LAW REVIEW 119 (2014).

- Featured on Prof. Solum's Legal Theory Blog.

*The National Historic Preservation Act: Preserving History, Impacting Foreign Relations?*, 32 BERKELEY JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW 388 (2014).

*Defending the Environment: A Mission for the World's Militaries*, 36 HAWAII LAW REVIEW 27 (2014).

## BOOK

ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION: LAW, SCIENCE, AND POLICY (11th ed. 2027) (forthcoming) (with Robert V. Percival) (under contract as co-author for 11<sup>th</sup> edition)

## BOOK CHAPTER & ANTHOLOGY CONTRIBUTIONS

*The Climate-Security Nexus, ANTHOLOGY OF NATIONAL SECURITY LAW TRANSFORMATION (60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY)*, AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION (2023) (invited contribution).

*Environmental Law in Military Operations*, in U.S. MILITARY OPERATIONS: LAW, POLICY, AND PRACTICE (OXFORD UNIV. PRESS 2016).

- Key findings presented at *Protection of the Environment in Military Operations*, United Nations International Law Committee (ILC), New York, NY (Oct. 2015).

## BOOK REVIEW

*Book Review of Military Justice: A Very Short Introduction*, 9 JOURNAL OF NATIONAL SECURITY LAW & POLICY 653 (2018).

## CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY

U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary, *Hearing on How Mass Deportations Will Separate American Families, Harm our Armed Forces, and Devastate our Economy*, (Dec. 10, 2024) (written statement for the record).

## OTHER SELECT SCHOLARLY CONTRIBUTIONS

Frequent Contributor to *Just Security*, *Lawfare*, and Penn Law's *Regulatory Review*. Contributions include:

*Killing Shipwrecked Survivors is Not Just Illegal—It Endangers U.S. Servicemembers*, JUST SECURITY (Dec. 1, 2025).

*Soldiers in Robes: Why Military JAGs Cannot and Should Not Serve as Immigration Judges*, JUST SECURITY (Nov. 13, 2025).

*The Caribbean Strikes and Collapse of Legal Oversight in U.S. Military Operations*, JUST SECURITY (Oct. 23, 2025).

- Article also linked and cited in the [Washington Post](#)

*Using Labels, Not Law to Justify Lethal Force: Inside the Venezuelan Boat Strike*, JUST SECURITY (Sep. 5, 2025).

*Trump, the National Guard, and the District of Columbia: What You Need to Know*, JUST SECURITY (Aug. 18, 2025).

- Interviewed for Just Security Podcast, (Aug. 20, 2025)

*Eight Takeaways from the Texas Flood Tragedy*, LAWFARE, (Jul. 28, 2025).

*The Mounting Crisis of Militarizing Immigration Enforcement*, JUST SECURITY, (Jun. 11, 2025).

*Congress Must Clarify the National Guard's Section 502 Legal Authorities*, CENTER FOR A NEW AMERICAN SECURITY (May 13, 2025).

*The New National Defense Area at the Southern Border: What You Need to Know*, JUST SECURITY (Apr. 29, 2025).

*How the Pentagon Personnel Firings Threaten our Apolitical Military*, JUST SECURITY (Feb. 24, 2025).

*What Just Happened: Unpacking Executive Orders on National Emergency at the Southern Border*, JUST SECURITY (Jan. 21, 2025).

*On the United States, China, and COP29: Assessing the State of International Climate Progress After Baku*, JUST SECURITY (Dec. 3, 2024).

*Destroy, Rebuild, Repeat: Breaking the Climate-Disaster Cycle*, LAWFARE (Jul. 2, 2024).

*Climate Challenges & Opportunities in Morocco and Beyond*, JUST SECURITY (Jun. 13, 2024).

*The Environmental Law of the Gaza Port Construction*, DUKE LAW LAWFIRE BLOG (MAR. 17, 2024).

*Assessing COP28 & The New Global Climate Agreement in Dubai*, JUST SECURITY (Dec. 18, 2023).

- Interviewed for Just Security podcast, Dec. 22, 2023.

*The Environmental Law of the Border Wall*, LAWFARE (Oct. 11, 2023).

*Sen. Tuberville's Dangerous Military Promotion Ploy*, JUST SECURITY (Jul. 25, 2023).

*Can Law Adapt to Meet the Climate Crisis?*, LAWFARE, (Jun. 23, 2023).

*Can we Reconcile Clean Energy Goals with National Security?*, DUKE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, LAWFIRE (Apr. 27, 2023).

*Assessing Military Operations in the Black Sea a Year Into Russia's Full-Scale Invasion of Ukraine*, JUST SECURITY (Feb. 21, 2023).

*Think Globally, Act Locally on Climate: Ban Gas-Powered Leafblowers*, UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA CAREY LAW SCHOOL REGULATORY REVIEW (Feb. 2023) (research cited in [Martha Stewart Living Magazine](#)).

*The Egypt Climate Change Summit: Four Key Questions to Help Frame COP27*, JUST SECURITY (Nov. 8, 2022)

- Featured on Just Security's podcast (Dec. 2, 2022).

*Book Review of "To Rule the Waves: How Control of the World's Oceans Shapes the Fate of the Superpowers*, DUKE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, LAWFIRE (Nov. 6, 2022).

*Climate Justice and Loss and Damage in the Pakistan Flood Crisis*, LAWFARE (Sep. 2, 2022).

*Climate Change, Energy Security, and the Russia-Ukraine War*, JUST SECURITY (May 11, 2022).

- Key findings presented at the American Security Project, Washington, D.C., July 2022.

*Four Climate Security Insights from the COVID-19 Pandemic Response*, LAWFARE (Mar. 14, 2022).

*The Operational & Legal Risks of a Ukrainian No Fly Zone*, JUST SECURITY (Mar. 10, 2022).

- Key findings presented at University of Ludz, Poland

*The Russia-Ukraine Conflict, the Black Sea, and the Montreux Convention*, JUST SECURITY (Feb. 28, 2022).

- Reprinted in SLATE
- Interviewed & featured on the Center for International Maritime Security's Podcast.

*Good Governance Update: Domestic Military Operations*, JUST SECURITY (Jan. 25, 2022).

*Book Review: Teaching and Learning Environmental Law, Pedagogy and Practice (Edgar)* 12 INTERNATIONAL UNION FOR CONSERVATION OF NATURE (IUCN) JOURNAL OF ENVIRONMENTAL LAW 191 (2022).

[\*Is it Time to "Climatize" the UN Security Council?\*](#), CENTER FOR CLIMATE & SECURITY (DEC. 17, 2021).

*Key Takeaways from the Glasgow Climate Pact*, LAWFARE (Nov. 2021).

*The Climate Change Security Reports: What You Need to Know*, LAWFARE (Oct. 26, 2021).

- Interviewed and featured on "Lawfare Live" podcast.

*China, Climate Change, and Credibility: Why the United States (Finally) Must Join the Law of the Sea Convention*, JUST SECURITY (Sep. 23, 2021).

*NATO's Renewed Focus on Climate Change & Security: What You Need to Know*, JUST SECURITY (Jun. 23, 2021).

*Should the COVID-19 Vaccine be Required for the Military?*, JUST SECURITY (Apr. 12, 2021).

- Named one of Just Security's most read articles for 2021.
- Article featured and interviewed on the Michael Smerconish show.
- Reprinted in SLATE at <https://slate.com/technology/2021/04/covid-vaccine-military-legal-requirement.html>

*Is Climate Change a National Emergency?*, JUST SECURITY (Feb. 25, 2021).

*Tragedy at the Capitol: Four Questions that Demand Answers*, JUST SECURITY (Jan. 9, 2021).

*Important Context Missing from the Austin Nomination Debate*, JUST SECURITY (Dec. 17, 2020).

*Good Governance Paper: The Role of the National Guard and Posse Comitatus Act*, JUST SECURITY (Oct. 21, 2020).

*Good Governance Paper: Reforming the Insurrection Act*, Just Security (Oct. 20, 2020).

- Cited in the Brennan Center for Justice's Report on Insurrection Act Reform to the House of Representatives January 6<sup>th</sup> Committee.

*Climate Change, Arctic Security, & Why the U.S. Should Join the U.N. Convention on Law of the Sea*, Penn Law, Center for Ethics of Rule of Law (Sep. 2020).

*Climate Change: A Threat to International Peace and Security?*, OPINIO JURIS (Aug. 2020).

*Secretary Pompeo's Surprising Defense of International Law, Allies, and the Law of the Sea Convention*, JUST SECURITY (Jul. 15, 2020).

*The President and Domestic Deployment of the Military*, JUST SECURITY (Jun. 2020)

- Named the [eleventh most read](#) Just Security Article for 2020.
- Highlighted and reprinted in SLATE at <https://slate.com/news-and-politics/2020/05/trump-cannot-legally-use-looting-to-justify-shooting.html>

*Our New Climate Advocates*, PENNSYLVANIA GAZETTE, Jan/Feb 2020.

*Climate Change Denialism Poses a National Security Threat*, JUST SECURITY (Sep. 20, 2019).

*As We Adapt to Climate Change, Legal Doctrine Must Also Adapt*, WHARTON SCHOOL CLIMATE SOLUTIONS (Aug. 2019).

*The Missing Piece in the U.S.-Iran Drone Dispute: Navigational Freedoms*, JUST SECURITY (June 28, 2019).

*Listen to National Security Professionals on Climate Change*, WHARTON SCHOOL CLIMATE SOLUTIONS (June 2019).

*Climate Change: Our Greatest National Security Threat?*, JUST SECURITY (Apr. 17, 2019).

*The South China Sea's Muddled and Increasingly Militarized Future*, JUST SECURITY (June 1, 2018).

*The Military, Mexico, and Posse Comitatus*, JUST SECURITY (Apr. 4, 2018)

- [Named](#) one of Just Security's most read articles for 2018.
- Cited in the Brennan Center for Justice's Report on Insurrection Act Reform to the House of Representatives January 6<sup>th</sup> Committee.

*The Transgender Military Personnel Fight Continues Amid Uncertainty*, PENN LAW REGULATORY REVIEW (Mar. 28, 2018).

*Two Notable Omissions from the Mattis Defense Strategy*, JUST SECURITY (Jan. 24, 2018).

- Highlighted and reprinted in NEWSWEEK.

*Wishing Away Climate Change as a National Security Threat*, JUST SECURITY (Dec. 21, 2017).

- Highlighted and reprinted in NEWSWEEK.

*Military Planning for the Climate Century*, JUST SECURITY (Oct. 19, 2017).

*Why Posse Comitatus is Not Immediately Applicable to the Military's Mission in Puerto Rico*, JUST SECURITY (Oct. 3, 2017).

*Climate Change and Arctic Security: Five Key Questions Impacting the Future of Arctic Governance*, JUST SECURITY (Sept. 14, 2017).

*Trump’s Proposed Transgender Ban Breaks Faith with Servicemembers*, PENN LAW REGULATORY REVIEW (Aug 17, 2017).

*Should Arctic Environmental Governance Follow the Antarctic Model?*, 18 AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION, ENVIRONMENTAL AND RESOURCES LAW COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER 4 (March 2016) (with Robert V. Percival).

*The Commander in Chief, Congress, and Climate Security: Who Has the Authority?*, THE WILSON CENTER: NEW SECURITY BEAT (Feb. 22, 2016).

*Insights From an Ethics Attorney*, U.S. NAVAL INST. PROCEEDINGS (June 2014).

## POPULAR COMMENTARY & PODCASTS

*Vietnam War Still is Not Over for My Father and other Agent Orange Victims*, ATLANTA JOURNAL-CONSTITUTION, (Nov. 8, 2025) (named the Atlanta Journal-Constitution’s fifth “most impactful essay” for 2025)

*Constitutional Barriers to Climate Adaptation*, AMERICA ADAPTS PODCAST (Apr. 2023).

*The Egypt Climate Change Summit: Four Key Questions to Help Frame COP27*, JUST SECURITY PODCAST (2022).

*Understanding the Montreux Convention*, CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL MARITIME SECURITY’S PODCAST (2022).

*Climate Security*, LAWFARE PODCAST (Oct. 2021) (interviewed with Erin Sikorsky).

*Climate Change: How do we “Manage” Managed Retreat?*, WHARTON SCHOOL ENERGY NOW PODCAST (Sep. 2020).

*Climate Security and the Changing Threat Landscape*, AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION NATIONAL SECURITY LAW TODAY PODCAST (Jul. 2019).

*Actually, the U.S. already has a Carbon Tax*, WASHINGTON POST (Jan. 23, 2019) (with Prof. Cary Coglianese).

*Where Does the Military Stand on Climate?*, WHARTON SCHOOL ENERGY NOW PODCAST (Jan. 22, 2019).

*What the Space Force Means for National Security*, THE HILL (Aug. 22, 2018) (with Prof. Claire Finkelstein).

*The Future of the South China Sea*, BIDEN CENTER-PENN PERRY WORLD HOUSE GLOBAL CABLE PODCAST (May 2018).

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS & PANELS

*Coastal Resilience Symposium*, University of Georgia, Athens, GA (Sep. 2025).

*Leadership, Law, and Ethics*, Regional Legal Service Southwest Asia, Naples, Italy (May 2025).

*Climate Change & Energy Security*, Duke University School of Law (Mar. 2025).

*When Climate Change Forces Flight: Legal Duties in the Age of Retreat*, University of California, Berkeley School of Law (Feb. 2025).

*Climate Change and Insurance Retreat*, University of Georgia School of Law, (Mar. 2024).

*The National Security Challenges of Climate Change*, Georgetown University Law Center, (Mar. 2024).

*Green Amendments: Rights-Based Environmentalism*, Florida International University’s Environmental Law Forum, Miami, FL (Feb. 2024).

*The State of American Climate Adaptation & Resilience*, TRUMAN NATIONAL SECURITY PROJECT (Jan. 2024).

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*Climate Change's Legal Destabilization*, Emory Law's Center for International & Comparative Law (Dec. 2023).

*Climate Change, Arctic Security, and Law of the Sea*, ABA National Security Conference (Nov. 2023) (panel organizer with Admiral (ret.) Thad Allen, Vice Admiral Kevin Lunday, and Ms. Sherri Goodman).

*Reimagining National Security*, University of Chicago Law School (Nov. 2023).

*The Inflation Reduction Act: One Year Later*, Truman National Security Project, (Sep. 2023).

*The Power of Environmental Law*, U.S. Navy Judge Advocate General's Corps Western Pacific, Yokosuka, Japan (Aug. 2023).

*Destroy, Rebuild, Repeat*, University of Colorado, UCLA Environmental Law Symposium (Aug. 2023).

*Water Security & National Security*, Truman National Security Project Conference, Washington, D.C. (Jun. 2023).

*Maritime Environmental Security*, U.S. Naval War College Cushing Conference, Newport, RI (May 2023) (panel organizer and commentator).

*Climate Law, Policy, and Planning*, Georgia Climate Conference, Athens, GA (May 2023)(panelist and co-organizer).

*The Role of International Law and Naval Conflicts*, Virginia Journal of International Law, Charlottesville, VA (Feb. 2023) (panelist).

*The Ukraine War and Its Legal Ramifications*, Ohio State Law Journal, Columbus, OH (Feb. 2023) (panelist).

*The Legal Crisis Within the Climate Crisis*, University of Tennessee College of Law, Distinguished Speaker Series, Knoxville, TN (Feb. 2023).

*Can Legal Doctrine Adapt to Meet the Climate Crisis?*, Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Environmental Law Works in Progress, San Diego, CA (Jan. 2023)(selected for presentation).

*Why Should National Security Lawyers Care About Climate Change?*, American Bar Association Section on National Security Law, Washington, D.C. (Nov. 2022) (panel organizer and moderator).

*Should Climate Change be Framed as a National Security Issue?*, American Board of International Law, New York, NY (Oct. 2022).

*Water's Role in National Security*, THE WATER COUNCIL, Milwaukee, WI (Oct. 2022).

*All-4-One: Aligning Federal Agencies to Meet the Biden Environmental Agenda*, American Bar Association Section on Environmental Law, Nashville, TN (Sep. 2022) (moderator).

*The Russia-Ukraine Conflict and Energy Security*, American Security Project, Washington, D.C. (Jul. 2022).

*Arctic Security and Legal Governance*, Ted Stevens Center for Arctic Security, Anchorage, AK (May 2022).

*Climate Change and National Security*, Office of the Judge Advocate General, Washington, D.C. (Mar. 2022).

*Climate Change and International Peace & Security*, Syracuse University Atrocity Studies, Syracuse, NY (Mar. 2022).

*National Resource Weaponization*, International Institute of Security Studies, London, UK (Feb. 2022).

*Is Climate Change our Greatest National Security Threat?*, Azure Forum on Climate Change, Ireland (Oct. 2021).

*Is Climate Change a National Emergency?*, Univ. of Maryland Environmental Faculty Forum (2021).

*Climate Change and National Security Law*, U.S. Naval War College (May 2021).

*Climate Change and Law of the Sea*, St. John's Law, Invited Panelist with Fijian Ambassador to the United Nations on (Feb. 2021).

*The Climate-Security Century*, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA (Mar. 2020).

*Climate Change and National Security: Top 10 Questions that Demand Answers*, Law, Ethics, and National Security Symposium, Duke Law School (Feb. 2020) (remarks blogged for Lawfire [here](#)).

*Civil-Military Relations in the Forever War*, National Security Law Symposia, Army JAG School (Oct. 2019) (panel member and conference co-organizer).

*The Environment, Climate Change, and National Security*, University of Virginia Law School, Center for National Security Law, Charlottesville, VA (Jun. 2019 & Jun. 2018).

*Is There a Constitutional Right to a Clean Environment?*, University of Pennsylvania Law School, (Mar. 2019).

*National Security, Climate Change, and the Changing Arctic*, Tufts University (Nov. 2018) (keynote speaker).

*National Security and Climate Change*, U.S. Naval War College, Lecture of Opportunity (Nov. 2018).

*Arctic, Climate Change, and Law of the Sea*, Ninth National Security Workshop, Charlottesville, VA (Sep. 2018) (panel lead and conference co-organizer).

*The Operational and Administrative Militaries*, Southeastern Association of Law Schools (SEALS) Prospective Law Teachers Workshop (Aug. 2018).

*The Future of the South China Sea*, Penn Biden Center - Washington Briefing (May 2018).

*The Arctic and Maritime Polar Initiatives*, The Wilson Center, Washington D.C. (Apr. 2018).

*The End of the World as We Know It? The Consequences of Extreme Climatic Disruption for Business and Democracy*, The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania (Apr. 2018).

*Melting Ice, Growing Islands: The Law of the Sea in a National Security Context*, American University Washington College of Law, Washington, D.C. (Mar. 2018).

*The Covert Commander in Chief*, Brigham Young University, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) War in Cities Forum, Provo, Utah (Feb. 2018).

*The Operational and Administrative Militaries*, New Voices in National Security Law, AALS Mid-Year Meeting, San Diego, CA (Jan. 2018).

*The Future of Arctic Governance*, Pace Law Future Environmental Law Professor Symposium, Pace Law School (Oct. 2017).

*New Directions in Environmental Law, National Security Policymaking in a Changing Climate*, Yale Law School & Yale School of Forestry (Feb. 2017).

*Protection of the Environment in Military Operations*, United Nations International Law Committee (ILC), Seminar on the Protection of the Environment (Oct. 2015).

## EDUCATION

### Georgetown University Law Center

Master of Laws, Environmental Law, *with distinction*

Washington, D.C.

**Honors:** Dean's List; Attended while serving as an active-duty naval officer

### U.S. Naval War College

Joint Professional Military Education, National Security Diploma

Newport, RI

### Georgetown University Law Center

Juris Doctor

Washington, D.C.

**Honors:** Dean's List; Attended while serving as an active-duty naval officer

- Selected to serve as White House Military Social Aide to the President of the United States

### University of Pennsylvania, Wharton School of Business

Bachelor of Science in Economics

Philadelphia, PA

**Honors:** Dean's List; Full Tuition Navy Scholarship

### U.S. NAVY ACTIVE DUTY EXPERIENCE (1997-2017)

- Commissioned as a naval officer via University of Pennsylvania Naval ROTC.
- Served as both a naval tactical jet aviator and attorney ("JAG") in assignments throughout the world.
- Honorably served in the rank of Commander after 20 years of service through July 2017.
- Awards include Meritorious Service Medal (four awards), Air Medal, Navy Commendation Medal.

### Attorney-Advisor & Deputy Division Director, Administrative Law

Office of the Judge Advocate General

Pentagon

2015-2017

- Supervised 15 attorney-advisors on all aspects of administrative law impacting the Department of the Navy and Marine Corps, including personnel law, ethics, professional responsibility, constitutional law, diversity initiatives, and legislative review.
- Selected as Massachusetts Institute of Technology Seminar XXI Fellow (2015-16).

### International Law Advisor, U.S.-Iran Farsi Island Incident

Commander, U.S. Fifth Fleet/Naval Central Command

Manama, Bahrain

Feb.-Mar. 2016

- Senior legal advisor, U.S. investigation into Iranian detention of U.S. sailors, Farsi Island, Iran.
- Led legal team of five attorneys in comprehensive investigation addressing law of the sea, international law, national security law and ethical decision-making.

### Department of Defense Regional Environmental Counsel

Region Legal Service Office Mid-Atlantic

Norfolk, VA

2012-2015

- Lead counsel for climate change and sea level efforts in the Mid-Atlantic. Led the Navy's legal and policy position on a whole-of-government climate change pilot project.

### Executive Assistant/Flag Aide to Rear Admiral Steven Talson, Office of the Judge Advocate General

Washington Navy Yard

2010-2011

### International Law & Ethics Attorney

Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Europe/Africa, Sixth Fleet

Naples, Italy

2008-2010

- Advised four-star Admiral staff on all areas of international and national security law in a 101-nation region including international agreements, rules of engagement, piracy, and law of the sea.

**Criminal Defense & Family Law Attorney***Naval Legal Service Office Lemoore**Lemoore, CA*

2006-2008

- Led legal office of over 10 personnel, performing all Navy criminal defense and legal assistance services in Northern California and Nevada.

**Tactical Jet Aviator***Sea Control Squadron Thirty-Eight, USS Constellation, Carrier Air Wing Two**San Diego, CA*

1999-2003

- Mission Commander: S-3B “Viking” aircraft; 1,100 flight hours, 290 aircraft carrier arrested landings.
- Awarded Navy Air Medal for “meritorious achievement in flight operations and completion of 50 combat missions in the face of hazardous flying conditions.”

**Academic Service**

Emory University School of Law

- Service: 2025-26: Dean’s Advisory Committee (elected); Curriculum Committee (Chair); Emory Law Journal (Faculty Advisor); Community Building Committee
- 2024-25: Dean’s Advisory Committee (elected); Curriculum Committee (Co-chair); Emory Law Journal (Faculty Advisor)
- 2023-24: Dean’s Advisory Committee (elected); Curriculum Committee (spring); Community Building Committee (co-chair)
- 2022-23: Appointments Committee; Tax Appointments Subcommittee – 2022-23; Community Building Committee

**OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

- Elected Fellow, American College of Environmental Law (2025 – present)
- Editorial Board Member, *Just Security* (2025- present)
- Masthead Member, *Lawfare* (2024 – present)
- Editorial Board Member, *Journal of National Security Law & Policy* (2023- present)
- Board of Advisors, Naval War College *International Law Studies*.
- Defense Council Member, Truman National Security Project (2013-present)
- Consensus Member, American Security Project (2022-present)
- Peer reviewer for submissions to *Journal of National Security Law and Policy*, *Melbourne Journal of International Law*, *Oxford Univ. Press*, *University of Wales Press*, *Stanford Law Review*.
- Member, District of Columbia Bar (active); Maryland Bar (inactive).
- Media: *NY Times*, *Washington Post*, *Economist*, *WSJ*, *The Guardian*, *NPR*, *Time*, *Politico*, *USA Today*, *Slate*, *Bloomberg*