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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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| Emory University School of Law
<i>Associate Professor of Law (with tenure)</i>
<i>Associate Professor of Law</i> | <i>Atlanta, GA</i>
2024 – present
2022 – 2024 |
| Syracuse University College of Law
<i>Associate Professor of Law</i> | <i>Syracuse, NY</i>
2020-2022 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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
<i>Class of 1971 Distinguished Professor of Leadership & Law</i> | <i>Annapolis, MD</i>
2019-2020 |
| University of Pennsylvania Law School
<i>George Sharswood Fellow, Lecturer-in-Law</i> | <i>Philadelphia, PA</i>
2017-2019 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 11th edition)

BOOK CHAPTER & ANTHOLOGY CONTRIBUTIONS

The Climate-Security Nexus, ANTHOLOGY OF NATIONAL SECURITY LAW TRANSFORMATION (60TH 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 6th 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 6th 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

Washington, D.C.

Master of Laws, Environmental Law, *with distinction*

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

U.S. Naval War College

Newport, RI

Joint Professional Military Education, National Security Diploma

Georgetown University Law Center

Washington, D.C.

Juris Doctor

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

Philadelphia, PA

Bachelor of Science in Economics

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

Pentagon

Office of the Judge Advocate General

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

Manama, Bahrain

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

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

Norfolk, VA

Region Legal Service Office Mid-Atlantic

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

Naples, Italy

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

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*