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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Notre Dame Law School (Notre Dame, IN)

- Associate Professor of Law (2026–present)
- Visiting Associate Professor of Law (2025–2026)
 - Courses taught: Civil Procedure, Federal Courts, Historiography and Habeas (seminar)

The Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law (Washington, DC)

- Assistant Professor of Law (2023–2026)
 - Dean’s Research Award (“granted to a full-time law faculty member whose research over the past year reflects the traits of top legal scholarship,” including “rigor, creativity, [and] engagement with the broader legal scholarship community”), Spring 2024
 - Student Bar Association Award for Most Supportive Professor, Spring 2024
 - Courses taught: Civil Procedure, Criminal Law
- Managing Director, Center for the Constitution and the Catholic Intellectual Tradition (2024–2026)

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

- *Primary Interests:* Habeas corpus, federal courts/federal jurisdiction, civil procedure, criminal law, history of the common law, constitutional law
- *Secondary Interests:* Land use regulation, law and religion, legislation/statutory interpretation, American legal history, jurisprudence/legal philosophy, criminal procedure, First Amendment

EDUCATION

Yale Law School, J.D., 2020

- Honors in all but two graded courses
- Research Assistant to Professors William N. Eskridge, Jr., and Anthony T. Kronman
- Senior Editor, *Yale Journal on Regulation*
- President, Thomistic Institute; Vice President, Catholic Law Students Association; Vice President for Academic Affairs, Federalist Society; Member, Advisory Committee on Faculty Hiring; Graduate Fellow, Davenport College

Amherst College, B.A. (Political Science), *summa cum laude*, 2015

- Phi Beta Kappa, Densmore Berry Collins Prize for Best Honors Thesis in Political Science, Distinction in Political Science, Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Research Fellowship, David R. Dunlop Scholarship
- Research Assistant to Professors Javier Corrales (Political Science) and Barry O’Connell (English)
- Senior Thesis: *Religious Exemptions in American Free-Exercise Jurisprudence: A Constitutional and Ethical Critique*
- Varsity Men’s Heavyweight Crew (2012 New England Champion), Chi Psi Fraternity (President), Colloquium on the American Founding

PUBLICATIONS AND WORKS IN PROGRESS

- [*The Great Writ of Popular Sovereignty*](#), 77 **STANFORD LAW REVIEW** 297 (2025) (arguing that American habeas corpus should be reconceptualized as a tool for vindicating the sovereignty of We the People vis-à-vis their agents in government who exercise their delegated penal power)

- [*A More Luminous Beacon*](#), 59 UC DAVIS LAW REVIEW 1 (2025) (exploring how a popular-sovereignist theory of American habeas corpus might aid in resolving recent debates between Justices Kagan and Gorsuch over what to make of the common-law maxim that postconviction habeas review is limited to assessing “jurisdictional defects” in the court of conviction)
- [*The Writ to Know: Habeas as Supervision*](#), 175 UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA LAW REVIEW ____ (forthcoming 2027) (arguing that the qualified First Amendment right of public access to judicial proceedings and court filings should extend to habeas proceedings, that sovereign supervision of the delegated power to imprison is a core purpose of habeas corpus)
- *The Dismembered Sovereign* (work in progress) (arguing that habeas corpus is a proper vehicle for post-incarceration, post-parole challenges to felony convictions resulting in ongoing felon disenfranchisement)
- *Found Law as Made Law* (work in progress) (arguing, contrary to recent critiques of *Erie Railroad v. Tompkins*, that even if common-law judges can “find” or “discover” legal rules from widespread social practices or objective moral reasoning, they still inevitably exercise a lawmaking function when selecting *which* social practices or objective moral principles to give the force of legally binding rules of decision)

CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

- Moderator, *The Influence of the Catholic Intellectual Tradition on the Common Law* (with Professors Samuel Bray and John Stinneford), Project on Constitutional Originalism and the Catholic Intellectual Tradition, November 2022
- Participant, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Conference, August 2023
- Presenter, *The Great Writ of Popular Sovereignty*, ABA-AALS Criminal Justice Roundtable, November 2023
- Presenter, *The Great Writ of Popular Sovereignty*, Columbus School of Law Faculty Research Colloquium, December 2023
- Participant, American Association of Law Schools Annual Conference, January 2024
- Featured Speaker and Panelist, *Rethinking the Great Writ* (with Hon. Andrew Oldham and Professors Joel Alicea and Marah Stith McLeod), American Enterprise Institute, April 2024
- Presenter, *The Great Writ of Popular Sovereignty* (with commenter Professor Keith Whittington, Yale Law School), Federalist Society Junior Scholars’ Colloquium, June 2024
- Presenter, *A More Luminous Beacon*, Columbus School of Law Faculty Research Colloquium, December 2024
- Moderator, *Equity at the Founding and Beyond* (with Professors Renée Lerner and Aditya Bamzai), Center for the Constitution and the Catholic Intellectual Tradition, January 2025 (event rescheduled to February 2026)
- Moderator, *Erie and the Nature of Law* (with Professor Stephen Sachs), Center for the Constitution and the Catholic Intellectual Tradition, February 2025
- Presenter, *A More Luminous Beacon* (with commenter Professor Julian Davis Mortenson, University of Michigan School of Law), University of Surrey (Guildford, UK), March 2025
- Presenter, *A More Luminous Beacon*, George Washington University Law School, March 2025
- Presenter, *A More Luminous Beacon*, New York University School of Law, April 2025
- Moderator and Panelist, *Habeas Corpus and the Ends of Human Freedom* (with Micah Quigley and Professor Paul Halliday), Center for the Constitution and the Catholic Intellectual Tradition, April 2025
- Presenter, *A More Luminous Beacon*, Cornell Law School Junior Federal Courts Symposium, April 2025
- Introductory Speaker, *Student Debate on National Injunctions*, Notre Dame Law School, September 2025
- Moderator, *Mercy, Retribution, and the Sentencing Judge* (with Hons. Richard Sullivan and Stephanos Bibas), Center for the Constitution and the Catholic Intellectual Tradition, November 2025

- Moderator, *The Priesthood's Role in the Evolution of Anglo-American Criminal Procedure* (with Professors John Langbein and Tom McSweeney), Center for the Constitution and the Catholic Intellectual Tradition, February 2026
- Presenter, *The Writ to Know: Habeas as Supervision*, Notre Dame Law School, March 2026
- Presenter, *The Great Writ of Popular Sovereignty: Reconceptualizing American Habeas Corpus*, University of California College of Law, San Francisco, March 2026
- Participant, *Judgment in Rome* (Seminar co-sponsored by Lumen Christi Institute, Notre Dame Law School, Center for the Constitution and the Catholic Intellectual Tradition, University of Wisconsin Center for the Study of Liberal Democracy, Villanova University), June 2026

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS

- **Hon. Richard J. Sullivan**, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, 2022–2023
- **Hon. Diarmuid F. O'Scannlain**, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, 2020–2021

LEGAL AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Gibson Dunn & Crutcher LLP, Washington, DC (Summer 2019)

Summer Associate

Conducted legal research and drafted briefings in federal appeals of Fortune 100 clients' disputes in international tax, labor & employment, consumer protection, and government contracting matters. Worked on state supreme court appeal from the denial of a *pro bono* client's petition for writ of actual innocence.

The Becket Fund for Religious Liberty ♦ Washington, DC (Summer 2018)

Summer Associate

Drafted appellate briefs and dispositive motions for Free-Exercise, RLUIPA, and Ministerial Exception cases in federal and state courts.

Butler Rubin Saltarelli & Boyd LLP ♦ Chicago, IL (Fall 2016–Summer 2017)

Paralegal

Analyzed economic data, contractual documents, and other evidence for reinsurance and antitrust litigation. Prepared witness files for depositions, proofread legal briefs, and drafted reports on privilege status of discovery materials.

Sam Tanenhaus (Former *N.Y. Times Book Rev.* Editor) ♦ Chicago, IL (Spring 2016–Summer 2016)

Research Assistant

Reviewed 1.8 million pages of primary sources for Mr. Tanenhaus's biography of William F. Buckley, Jr. Synthesized information from various media to draw out overarching themes in Buckley's shaping of conservative thought and activism throughout the 1950s and 1960s.

St. Malachy School ♦ Chicago, IL (Fall 2015 – Summer 2016)

Title I Literacy Teacher

Taught nine classes of students (grades K–8) with goal of reducing deficits relative to grade-level reading standards. Gained intimate knowledge of obstacles facing youth in Chicago's most underserved neighborhoods.

Office of the Cook County Public Defender ♦ Chicago, IL (Summer 2015 – Summer 2016)

Law Clerk

Drafted and compiled a petition for the presidential commutation of a nonviolent drug offender's 20-year sentence in federal prison, as part of a *pro bono* project led by an Assistant Public Defender. Drafted a motion (granted) to strike major portions of the prosecution's pleadings in arguments over the admissibility of an expert witness in a first-degree homicide trial. Rewrote the language of the Office's boilerplate motion for discovery to improve comprehensiveness and clarity.

U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit ♦ Washington, D.C. (Summer 2014)

Judicial Intern to the Honorable Thomas B. Griffith

Wrote speeches addressing contemporary challenges to religious liberty for the Judge to deliver at the University of Oxford and a conference on rule-of-law implementation in Danang, Vietnam.

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation ♦ Amherst, MA (Summer 2013)

Undergraduate Research Fellow

Worked with Prof. Javier Corrales on a book analyzing power asymmetries between parties and between branches of government as determinant factors in the outcomes of constitutional reform efforts in Latin American countries. Conducted reviews of relevant academic literature; collected and ran regression analyses on economic, polling, and election data. Helped to create and apply an empirical framework to characterize and compare outcomes of constitutional reform efforts.

COURSES TAUGHT

Notre Dame Law School

- Civil Procedure (Fall 2025)
- Federal Courts (Spring 2026)
- Historiography and Habeas (Spring 2026)

The Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law

- Civil Procedure, Daytime Division (Fall 2023–Spring 2024, Fall 2024–Spring 2025)
- Civil Procedure, Evening Division (Fall 2024–Spring 2025)
- Criminal Law, Evening Division (Spring 2024)

Columbia Law School

- American Jurisprudence (Guest Co-Instructor with Hon. Richard J. Sullivan, Fall 2022)

Yale Law School

- *The Federalist* on Contemporary Issues (student-taught single-credit course, Spring 2019)
- Law and Religion (Teaching Assistant to Professors Anthony T. Kronman & Bryan Garsten, Spring 2019)
- Originalism: Evolution and Application (student-taught single-credit course, Fall 2018)

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Notre Dame Law School

- Mock Clerkship Interviewer (Fall 2025–present)
- Judge, Justice Amy Coney Barrett Moot Court (Fall 2025)
- Judge, Religious Freedom Moot Court Tournament (Spring 2026)

The Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law

- Admissions Committee (Fall 2023–present)
- Failing-Grades Committee (Fall 2023–present)
- Managing Director, Center for the Constitution and the Catholic Intellectual Tradition (Summer 2024–present)
- Fellow, Project on Constitutional Originalism and the Catholic Intellectual Tradition (Spring 2023–Summer 2024)
- Judge, Siegenthaler-Sutherland Moot Court (Spring 2023, Spring 2024)
- Mock Clerkship Interviewer, Office of Professional & Career Development (Spring 2023–present)

- Faculty Advisor, St. John Paul II Catholic Lawyers' Guild (Fall 2024–present)
- Faculty Advisor, Sports and Entertainment Law Society (Fall 2024–present)
- Expert Reader, *Catholic University Law Review* (Fall 2024–present)
- Expert Reader, *Catholic University Journal of Law & Technology* (Fall 2024–present)
- Commenter, Judicial Clerkship Writing Conference (Spring 2024)

OUTSIDE SERVICE

- Peer reviewer, *The Yale Law Journal* (Fall 2025)

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Illinois, January 2021
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, July 2021

LANGUAGES

- Native English; intermediate Latin and German; elementary Hebrew

REFERENCES

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