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**CURRENT ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

**Duke University School of Law**

Harry R. Chadwick, Sr. Professor of Law (2009- )  
Co-director, Center for International and Comparative Law (2009- )

**Permanent Visiting Professor**

**iCourts: Danish National Research Foundation Center of Excellence for International Courts,**  
University of Copenhagen Faculty of Law (2015- )

**COURSES OFFERED**

- International Human Rights
- Reconciling Human Rights & Intellectual Property
- Authority and Legitimacy in Int'l Adjudication
- Seminar: Violence Against Women in Haiti
- Seminar: Land Rights for Afro-Brazilians
- International Forum Shopping: Theory & Practice
- International Law
- International Law in the U.S. Legal System
- Transnational Litigation
- International Human Rights Courts: Design, Effectiveness, and Legitimacy

**EDUCATION**

**University of Copenhagen**

Honorary Doctorate in Law, 2014

**New York University School of Law**

J.D. *magna cum laude*, 1992

- Order of the Coif
- Articles Editor, New York University Law Review
- 1991 Rubin Prize for Best Law Review Note on Public International Law

**Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University**

M.P.A. 1992

- Woodrow Wilson Fellowship

**Yale University**

B.A. *magna cum laude*, 1987

- Academic Distinction in the Russian and East European Studies Major

## ***SELECTED LEGAL EXPERIENCE***

**Rabinowitz, Boudin, Standard, Krinsky & Lieberman, P.C.**, Associate (1994-1997)  
Areas of practice: international law, copyright litigation, civil liberties

**Chief Judge Dolores K. Sloviter, United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit**  
Law Clerk (1992-1993)

## ***SELECTED HONORS, AWARDS AND GRANTS***

- Member, Advisory Committee on International Law, U.S. Department of State (2021- )  
*Serve as expert to provide independent views and advice on current issues of international law*
- Co-Editor-in-Chief of the *American Journal of International Law* (2018-2022)  
*Lead international law's preeminent peer review journal; evaluate 500+ manuscripts each year*
- Honorary Doctorate in Law, University of Copenhagen (2014)  
*In recognition of extensive contributions to the study of international law and international courts*
- Haiti Violence Against Women Legislative Drafting Project (Clifford Chance Foundation, 2010)  
*Grant awarded to prepare draft statute on violence against women for Haitian Women's Ministry*

## ***SELECTED PROFESSIONAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE***

American Society of International Law

- Co-Editor-in-Chief, *American Journal of International Law* (2018-2022)
- Member, Board of Editors, *American Journal of International Law* (2010-2018)
- Member, Executive Council (2005-2009)
- Co-Chair, 2005 Annual Meeting Program Committee (2004-05)

Duke University Law School

- Co-director, Center for International and Comparative Law (2009- )
- Co-Director, JD-LLM in International and Comparative Law (2015- )
- Chair, Dean Search Committee (2017-2018)
- Chair Lateral Appointments Committee (2021-2022, 2011-2012)

Panelist, Violence and Discrimination on the Basis of Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity,  
United Nations Human Rights Council (March 7, 2012)

## **SELECTED KEYNOTE ADDRESSES, LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS**

Co-presenter: *Closing International Law's Innocence Gap*

- Association of Human Rights Institutes Conference, Maastricht (August 28, 2021) (Zoom)
- ICON-S 2021 Mundo Conference (July 6, 2021) (Zoom)

Keynote Address: *Withdrawals from Human Rights Treaties*, Programa Diallogo sobre nuevos retos en el Sistema Interamericano de Derechos Humanos, Universidad de los Andes Facultad de Derecho (November 19, 2020) (Zoom)

Presenter: *Populism and International Human Rights Institutions*, European Society of Int'l Law Annual Conference, Athens (September 14, 2019)

Keynote Address: *The Life Cycle of International Adjudication*, PluriCourts Annual Lecture, University of Oslo Faculty of Law (June 27, 2019)

Co-presenter: *Walking Back Human Rights in Europe?*

- iCourts 2.0 Conference, University of Copenhagen (May 21, 2019)
- Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva (May 6, 2019)

Keynote Address: *Using Intellectual Property Tools to Achieve Human Rights Ends – The Example of the Marrakesh VIP Treaty*

- University of Nankai Symposium on Intellectual Property Law, Tianjin, China (May 13, 2017)
- Centre for Intellectual Property and Information Law, University of Cambridge (March 11, 2017)

Co-Presenter: *The World Blind Union Guide to the Marrakesh Treaty: Facilitating Access to Books for Print-Disabled Individuals*, World Intellectual Property Organization, Standing Committee on Copyright & Related Rights, Geneva (May 2, 2017)

Invited academic expert: *High Level Expert Symposium on the Future of the European Court of Human Rights* (Copenhagen, April 20-21, 2017)

Bell Distinguished Lectureship in Law: *LGBTQ Rights in International and Comparative Law: Progress and Contestation*, Wooster College, Wooster, Ohio (April 7, 2016)

Presenter: *African Sub-regional Courts and Human Rights: Access, Interpretation and Remedies*

- European Society of Int'l Law Annual Meeting, Oslo (September 11, 2015)
- Koç University Law School, Istanbul (January 10-11, 2015)

Lecture: *Backlash Against International Courts in Africa: Implications for Judicial Independence*, Renmin University of China Law School (September 23, 2014)

Presenter: *The Crisis in Syria and the International Law of Humanitarian Intervention*, University of Hong Kong Faculty of Law (October 15, 2013)

Keynote Address: *Mapping the Interface between Human Rights and Intellectual Property*, Conference on Human Rights and Intellectual Property: From Concepts to Practice, European Court of Human Rights, Strasbourg (April 5, 2013)

## **SELECTED BOOKS, ARTICLES, ESSAYS AND SHORTER WORKS**

*State Silence in the European Human Rights System* in *THE SILENCE OF STATES ACROSS INTERNATIONAL LAW* \_\_ (Danae Azaria, ed. 2023) (with Olivia C. Daniels)

*Closing International Law's Innocence Gap*, 95 So. Cal. L. Rev. \_\_ (2021) (with Brandon Garrett and Jayne Huckerby)

*LGBT Rights as Mega-Politics: Litigating Before the ECtHR*, 85 L. & Contemp. Probs. \_\_ (2021) (with Clare Ryan)

[\*Is the Facebook Oversight Board an International Human Rights Tribunal?\*](#), Lawfare Blog (May 13, 2021) (with Molly Land)

[\*Rethinking Derogations from Human Rights Treaties\*](#), 115 Am. J. Int'l L. 20-40 (2021) (peer review journal), reprinted as [\*Repensando as derrogações aos tratados de direitos humanos\*](#), 11(2) Revista Brasileira de Políticas Públicas 141-166 (2021) (Portuguese)

[\*Populism and International Human Rights Institutions: A Survival Guide\*](#) in *HUMAN RIGHTS IN A TIME OF POPULISM: CHALLENGES AND RESPONSES* 218-249 (Gerald L. Neuman, ed. 2020)

[\*Walking Back Human Rights in Europe?\*](#) 31 Eur. J. Int'l L. 797-827 (2020) (peer review journal) (with Erik Voeten)

[INTERNATIONAL COURT AUTHORITY](#) (edited with Karen J. Alter & Mikael R. Madsen) (2018) (Oxford University Press)

[\*Sub-regional Courts in Africa: Litigating the Hybrid Right to Free Movement of Persons\*](#), 16 I•CON: INT'L J. CONST. L. 235 (2018) (peer review journal)

[THE WORLD BLIND UNION GUIDE TO THE MARRAKESH TREATY: FACILITATING ACCESS TO BOOKS FOR PRINT-DISABLED INDIVIDUALS](#) (2017) (with others) (Oxford University Press)

[\*Opposing International Justice: Kenya's Integrated Backlash Strategy Against the ICC\*](#), 17 INT'L CRIM. L. REV. 1-46 (2017) (peer review journal) (with Anne E. Showalter)

[\*Backlash Against International Courts in West, East and Southern Africa: Causes and Consequences\*](#), 37 EUR. J. INT'L L. 293-328 (2016) (peer review journal) (with Karen J. Alter & James Gathii)

[\*International Courts as Agents of Legal Change: Evidence from LGBT Rights in Europe\*](#), 68 INT'L ORG. 77-110 (2014) (peer review journal) (with Erik Voeten)

[\*A New International Human Rights Court for West Africa: The Court of Justice for the Economic Community of West African States\*](#), 107 AM. J. INT'L L. 737 (2013) (peer review journal) (with Karen J. Alter and Jacqueline McAllister)

[\*Emergency and Escape: Explaining Derogations from Human Rights Treaties\*](#), 65 INT'L ORG. 673 (2011) (peer review journal) (with Emilie M. Hafner-Burton and Christopher Farris)

[HUMAN RIGHTS AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY: MAPPING THE GLOBAL INTERFACE](#) (Cambridge University Press 2011) (with Graeme W. Austin).

[International Law and the U.S. Common Law of Foreign Official Immunity](#), 2010 SUP. CT. REV. 213 (2011) (peer review journal) (with Curtis A. Bradley)

[HUMAN RIGHTS, SECOND EDITION, University Casebook Series, Foundation Press](#) (2009) (with Louis Henkin, Sarah H. Cleveland, Gerald L. Neuman and Diane F. Orentlicher)

[Redesigning the European Court of Human Rights: Embeddedness as a Deep Structural Principle of the European Human Rights Regime](#), 19 EUR. J. INT'L L. 125 (2008) (peer review journal)

[Nonconsensual International Lawmaking](#), 2008 U. ILL. L. REV. 71

[Understanding Change in International Organizations: Globalization and Innovation in the ILO](#), 59 VAND. L. REV. 649 (2006)

[Exiting Treaties](#), 91 VA. L. REV. 1579 (2005)

[Why States Create International Tribunals: A Response to Professors Posner and Yoo](#), 93 CALIF. L. REV. 899 (2005) (with Anne-Marie Slaughter)

[Overlegalizing Human Rights: International Relations Theory and the Commonwealth Caribbean Backlash Against Human Rights Regimes](#), 102 COLUM. L. REV. 1832 (2002)

*Will the U.N. Human Rights Committee Require Recognition of Same-Sex Marriages?*, in THE LEGAL RECOGNITION OF SAME-SEX PARTNERSHIPS (Robert Wintemute & Mads Andenas eds. 2001)

[Forum Shopping for Human Rights](#), 148 U. PA. L. REV. 285 (1999)

[Toward a Theory of Effective Supranational Adjudication](#), 107 YALE L.J. 273 (1997) (with Anne-Marie Slaughter)

[Sexual Orientation and Human Rights: Toward a U.S. and Transnational Jurisprudence](#), 9 HARV. HUM. RTS. J. 61 (1996) (with Alice Miller)

### **SELECTED AMICUS BRIEFS AND POSITION PAPERS**

Written observations to the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, Advisory Opinion OC-26/20: The Obligations in Matters of Human Rights of a State that has Denounced the American Convention on Human Rights and the Charter of the Organization of American States (2020)

Amicus brief of Foreign and Comparative Law Experts in support of Petitioners, United States Supreme Court, *Obergefell v. Hodges* (2015) and *Perry v. Hollingsworth* (2013)

Position Paper, "U.S. Obligations Under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights," Submitted by Int'l Human Rights Law Group to the U.N. Human Rights Committee (1995)