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### EDUCATION

**YALE LAW SCHOOL**, New Haven, CT

J.D., June 2006

*Yale Law Journal*, Comments Editor

*Yale Law and Policy Review*, Symposium Editor

*Yale Human Rights and Development Law Journal*, Notes Editor

Jerome N. Frank Legal Services Organization, Co-Chair

**TRINITY HALL, CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY**, Cambridge, England

MPhil, Land Economy, October 2003, *Gates Scholar*

**RICE UNIVERSITY**, Houston, TX

B.A., History, May 2001, *magna cum laude*

Phi Beta Kappa

Honors in sociology, philosophy, legal studies and political philosophy

### EXPERIENCE

**Duke Law School**, Durham, NC

*Professor*, July 2014-Present

*Associate Professor*, July 2012-July 2014

*Assistant Professor*, July 2009-July 2012

**Hon. Guido Calabresi, 2d Circuit Court of Appeals**, New Haven, CT, June 2008-June 2009

*Law Clerk.*

**O'Melveny & Myers LLP**, Washington, DC, September 2007-June 2008

*Associate.* Assisted merits briefing for *District of Columbia v. Heller*, 554 U.S. 570 (2008), and drafted defense motions in the military tribunal trial of Omar Khadr.

**Hon. Rosemary Barkett, 11th Circuit Court of Appeals**, Miami, FL, August 2006-July 2007

*Law Clerk.*

**School of Government, University of North Carolina**, Chapel Hill, NC, July-August 2006

*Law Clerk.*

**Jenner & Block LLP**, Washington, DC, May-July 2006

*Summer Associate.*

**O'Melveny & Myers LLP**, San Francisco, CA, May-August 2005  
*Summer Associate.*

**Center for Death Penalty Litigation**, Durham, NC, May-August 2004  
*Summer Intern.*

**Institute for Economic Affairs**, Accra, Ghana, August 2001-July 2002  
*Fulbright Scholar.*

## PUBLICATIONS

*New Problems for Subsidized Speech*, 55 WM. & MARY L. REV. \_\_ (forthcoming 2015)  
(invited contribution)

*The State of Gun Scholarship*, 49 TULSA L. REV. \_\_ (forthcoming 2015) (invited contribution)

*Good Cause Requirements for Carrying Guns in Public*, 127 HARV. L. REV. F. 218 (2014)

*Selling State Borders*, 162 U. PA. L. REV. 241 (2014)

*Nonsense and the Freedom of Speech: What Meaning Means for the First Amendment*,  
62 DUKE L.J. 1423 (2014)

*Gun Rights Talk*, 94 BOSTON U. L. REV. 813 (2014) (invited contribution)

*Ukraine and Russia: "You Break It, You Bought It"*, 3 FINANCIAL HISTORY 28 (2014)  
(with Mitu Gulati)

*Firearm Localism*, 123 YALE L.J. 82 (2013)

*Implementing First Amendment Institutionalism*, 47 NEW ENG. L. REV. ON REMAND 43 (2013)  
(invited contribution)

*Second Things First: What Free Speech Can and Can't Say About Guns*,  
91 TEXAS L. REV. SEE ALSO 37 (2013) (invited contribution)

*The Right Not to Keep or Bear Arms*, 64 STAN. L. REV. 1 (2012)

*Rights To and Not To*, 100 CAL. L. REV. 761 (2012)

*Order Without Judges: Customary Adjudication*, 62 DUKE L.J. 579 (2012)

*Public Discourse, Expert Knowledge, and the Press*, 87 WASH. L. REV. 409 (2012)  
(invited contribution)

*What We Fret About When We Fret About Bootstrapping*, 75 L. & CONTEMP. PROBS. 146 (2012)  
(invited contribution)

District of Columbia v. Heller, in THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY ENCYCLOPEDIA OF AMERICAN  
POLITICAL AND LEGAL HISTORY (Donald T. Critchlow & Phil R. VanderMeer eds., 2012)  
(invited contribution)

*Reverse Incorporation of State Constitutional Law*, 84 S. CAL. L. REV. 323 (2011)

*Viewpoint Neutrality and Government Speech*, 52 B.C. L. REV. 695 (2011)

*Government Property and Government Speech*, 52 WM. & MARY L. REV. 1413 (2011)

*Popular Constitutionalism and State Attorneys General*, 122 HARV. L. REV. F. 108 (2011)

*What State Constitutional Law Can Tell Us About the Federal Constitution*, 115 PENN. ST. L.  
REV. 1035 (2011) (invited contribution)

*Roberts' Rules: Assertiveness and Rules-Based Jurisprudence*, 46 TULSA L. REV. 431 (2011)  
(invited contribution)

*Constitutionalizing Local Politics*, 46 HARV. C.R.–C.L. L. REV. AMICUS (2011) (with Ilan Graff)  
(invited contribution), available at <http://harvardcrcl.org/discussion/the-case-for-local-constitutional-enforcement/>

*Transforming Property Into Speech*, LEGAL WORKSHOP (2011), available at  
<http://legalworkshop.org/2011/04/15/transforming-property-into-speech>

*Schrödinger's Cross: The Quantum Mechanics of the Establishment Clause*, 96 VA. L. REV. IN  
BRIEF 51 (2010)

*Influence of Land Tenure Practices on Artisanal Mining Activity in Ghana*, 35 RESOURCES  
POLICY 47 (2010) (with Frank K. Nyame)

*Categoricalism and Balancing in First and Second Amendment Analysis*,  
84 N.Y.U. L. REV. 375 (2009)

*Property and Speech in Summum*, 104. NW. U. L. REV. COLLOQUY 83 (2009)

*Heller's Problematic Second Amendment Categoricalism*, LEGAL WORKSHOP (2009),  
available at <http://legalworkshop.org/2009/10/02/heller's-problematic-second-amendment-categoricalism>

*Reputation as Property in Virtual Economies*, 119 YALE L.J. POCKET PART 120 (2009)

*Institutions in the Marketplace of Ideas*, 57 DUKE L.J. 821 (2008)

*Amending the Exceptions Clause*, 92 MINN. L. REV. 971 (2008)

*Questions About Tax Increment Financing in North Carolina*, 5 CMTY. ECON. DEV. BULL. 1 (Aug. 2008) (with Jonathan Q. Morgan)

*School Naming Rights and the First Amendment's Perfect Storm*, 96 GEO. L.J. 1 (2007)

*The Guantanamo Three Step*, 117 YALE L.J. POCKET PART 1 (2007)

*Combatant Status Review Tribunals: Flawed Answers to the Wrong Question*, 116 YALE L.J. 667 (2006) [noted in GREEN BAG ALMANAC & READER OF GOOD LEGAL WRITING (2008)]

*Selling the Name on the Schoolhouse Gate: The First Amendment and the Sale of Public School Naming Rights*, 37(4) SCH. L. BULL. (Fall 2006)

*Private Business as Public Good: Hotel Development and Kelo*, 24 YALE L. & POL'Y REV. 363 (2006)

*Building on Custom: Land Tenure Policy and Economic Development in Ghana*, 9 YALE HUM. RTS. & DEV. L.J. 166 (2006) [winner of the Edward D. Robbins Memorial Prize]

Book Note, 7 YALE HUM. RTS. & DEV. L.J. 202 (2004) (reviewing HENRI A.L. DEKKER, *THE INVISIBLE LINE* (2003))

### **WORKS IN PROGRESS**

“Hunting and the Second Amendment”

“A Market for Sovereign Control”

“What is Gun Control? Direct Burdens, Incidental Burdens, and the Boundaries of the Second Amendment”

“Romance and Reason in Constitutional Law”

### **TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Constitutional Law, the First and Second Amendments, Property, Capital Punishment, Urban Legal History

*Duke Law School Distinguished Teaching Award*, 2012

**SELECTED PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS**

“Firearm Localism,” Symposium on “Firearms in America: Safety and Liberty,” Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA, February 10, 2015

“Law and Place: A History of Durham,” Duke Law School, January 21, 2015

Panelist, American Constitution Society Symposium on “The Second Amendment’s Past, Present, and Future,” National Press Club, Washington, DC, July 31, 2014

“New Problems for Subsidized Speech,” Symposium on “The Contemporary First Amendment: Freedom of Speech, Press, and Assembly,” William & Mary Law School, Williamsburg, VA, February 21-22, 2014

“Firearm Localism,” discussion with the editors of the *Yale Law Journal*, New Haven, CT, November 22, 2013

“Gun Rights Talk,” Symposium on “America's Political Dysfunction: Constitutional Connections, Causes, and Cures,” Boston University School of Law, Boston, MA, November 15-16, 2013

“Gun Rights Talk,” Symposium on “America's Political Dysfunction: Constitutional Connections, Causes, and Cures,” Boston University School of Law, Boston, MA, November 15-16, 2013

“From Dodge City to First Street: A Case Study in the Use of Tradition to Create, Define, and Regulate a Constitutional Right,” Conference on “The Role of Custom, Convention, and Tradition in U.S. Constitutional Law,” Duke Law School, November 9, 2013

“Colleges and Universities: Legal Issues in the Halls of Ivy,” New York University Law School, National Center on Philanthropy and the Law, October 24-25, 2013

“Selling State Borders,” Rutgers School of Law, October 7, 2013

“Progressive Constitutionalism at Gunpoint,” American Constitution Society Constitution Day Lecture, Duke Law School, September 17, 2013

“The American and Ghanaian Constitutional Systems,” Ghana Law School, March 13, 2013, Accra, Ghana,

“Selling State Borders,” Loyola Law School, February 7, 2013

“The Second Amendment and Gun Control,” Carol Woods Community Center, Chapel Hill, NC, February 5, 2013

“Firearm Localism,” University of Wisconsin Center for Liberal Democracy, November 1, 2012

Commenter, Culp Colloquium, Duke Law School, May 10, 2012

“The Right Not to Keep or Bear Arms,” Second Amendment Litigation and Jurisprudence Conference, Chicago, IL, May 9-10, 2012

Panel Organizer and Moderator, “International Human Rights Law: Lessons Learned and Challenges for the Future,” Center for Law, Ethics and National Security Annual Conference, Duke Law School, April 13, 2012

Judge, “We the People” high school competition state finals, March 9, 2012

“Rights To and Not To,” George Washington University Law School, February 27, 2012

“Rights To and Not To,” William & Mary Law School, February 2, 2012

Participant, Roundtable Discussion on First Amendment Institutions, Notre Dame Law School, September 29-30, 2011

Participant, 27<sup>th</sup> Young Leaders Conference, The Council for the United States and Italy, Philadelphia, PA, September 22-24, 2011

Supreme Court Preview, Duke Law School, August 23, 2012

“*Brown v. Entertainment Merchants Association*,” Supreme Court Workshop, University of North Carolina Law School, Chapel Hill, NC, July 28, 2011

“Rights To and Not To,” Duke Law School Faculty Workshop, July 8, 2011

Advisor, Entry Level Professor Workshop, Duke Law School, May 19-20, 2011

“*JDB v. North Carolina*,” Panel Discussion, Duke Law School, April 6, 2011

“Capitalism, Institutions, and Economic Growth: ‘Thin’ Rule of Law,” Seminar, Sanford School of Public Policy, Durham, NC, February 10, 2011

“The Very Idea of Judicial Takings,” Organizer and Moderator, Duke Journal of Constitutional Law and Public Policy Annual Symposium, Durham, NC, February 4, 2011

“Reverse Incorporation,” Federalism Seminar, Duke Law School, Durham, NC, January 21, 2011

“State Constitutional Law: Why Practice It, Why Study it,” Panel Discussion with the Hon. Jeff Sutton, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, Duke Law School, Durham, NC, January 11, 2011

“Reverse Incorporation,” Constitutional Law Colloquium, Cornell Law School, Ithaca, NY,  
November 8, 2010

“When and How Is It Appropriate for Federal Courts to Borrow State Constitutional Law?”  
Penn State Law School, State College, PA, September 22, 2010

“*McDonald v. City of Chicago*,” Duke Law School, Durham, NC, September 21, 2010

“Introduction to American Law,” Asia-America Institute in Transnational Law, Hong Kong,  
July 12-23, 2010

“Reverse Incorporation,” Duke Law School Faculty Workshop, June 12, 2009

“Government Property and Government Speech,” Duke Law School Faculty Workshop,  
March 20, 2011

“Federalism and the Second Amendment” (presentation and debate with Alan Gura), inaugural  
event of the Triad Federalist Society, Winston Salem, NC, November 16, 2009

“Government Property and Government Speech,” Brooklyn Law School, Brooklyn, NY,  
September 24, 2009

The Janus Forum Lecture, “The Right to Bear Arms: *DC v. Heller* Revisited,” Sponsored by the  
Political Theory Project at Brown University, September 17, 2009

Junior Faculty Federal Courts Workshop, American University Washington College of Law,  
April 3-4, 2008

“School Naming Rights,” Fortieth Annual School Attorneys’ Conference,  
School of Government, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, February 2, 2007

### **OTHER ACTIVITIES**

Clerkship Committee, 2009-Present; Chair, 2013-Present

Duke University Academic Council, Law School Representative, 2009-2012, 2014-Present

Curriculum Committee, 2014-Present

Student Conduct Committee, 2011-Present

Workshops Committee, 2012-2013

Co-Organizer, Duke-UNC Junior Faculty Forum, 2011-2014

Organizer, Duke Junior Faculty Workshops, 2011-2013

Entry-level Hiring Committee, 2010-2011

Student Awards Committee, 2010

Fair Trial Initiative; Executive Committee, 2010-2012; Board of Directors 2009-2012

Occasional guest blogger, *Prawfsblawg* and *Concurring Opinions*

Member, North Carolina Bar, 2010-Present

Lecturer, Themis Bar Review