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ACADEMIC & TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Indiana University Maurer School of Law, Bloomington, IN

Visiting Assistant Professor of Law, July 2024 – June 2026

- Courses: Constitutional Law II; Seminar in Constitutional Design

Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for Constitutional Democracy, May 2023 – May 2024

- Served as the Center's interim Assistant Director
- Course taught: Seminar in Constitutional Design, Spring 2024

Indiana University, College of Arts and Sciences, Bloomington, IN

Associate Instructor, Department of International Studies, Aug. 2021 – May 2023

- Diplomacy, Security & Governance (Prof. Justyna Zajac), Fall 2022 & Spring 2023
- Peace and Conflict (Prof. Gardner Bovington), Fall 2021

Associate Instructor, Department of Political Science, Aug. 2019 – May 2021

- Constitutional Rights and Liberties (Prof. Judith Failer), Spring 2021
- Introduction to Political Theory (Prof. Judith Failer), Fall 2020
- Introduction to Law (Prof. Jacek Dalecki), Spring 2020
- Introduction to Political Theory (Prof. William E. Scheuerman), Fall 2019

Indiana State University, College of Arts and Sciences, Terre Haute, IN

Part-time Lecturer, Department of Political Science, Jan. – May 2022

- Survey of Political Thought, Spring 2022 (taught online)

Indiana University, Intensive English Program, Bloomington, IN

Instructor, Legal English Topics, June–July 2019

- Designed and taught a summer course introducing non-American students to the U.S. legal system

EDUCATION

Indiana University Maurer School of Law, Bloomington, IN

J.D. Magna Cum Laude, Ph.D. in Law and Democracy, January 2024

- Ph.D. dissertation: “Constituting the Demos: Constitutionalism, Constituent Power, and the Articulation of Democratic Boundaries” (advisor: Susan H. Williams)
- *Indiana Journal of Global Legal Studies*, Executive Notes Editor, 2015-16; Associate, 2014-15
- Honors:
 - Order of the Coif
 - Best PhD Dissertation Award
 - Highest grade in class: Contracts (Fall 2013); Property (Spring 2014); Human Rights (Spring 2015); Seminar on War Crimes (Spring 2015); After Atrocities (Spring 2016)
 - Milton Stewart Fellowship, India Program, 2015 (competitive externship-placement fellowship)

Universidad de Navarra, Pamplona, Spain

LL.B. equivalent (Grado en Derecho), May 2013

- Class rank: 7/105
- Diploma in Anglo-American Law

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

ARTICLES & ESSAYS

- Review Essay, *Towards an Institutional Vision of Constituent Power?*, 19 EUR. CONST. L. REV. 390 (2023)
 - Reviewed works: Joel Colón-Ríos, *CONSTITUENT POWER AND THE LAW* (Oxford U. Press, 2020); Markus Patberg, *CONSTITUENT POWER IN THE EUROPEAN UNION* (Oxford U. Press, 2021); Lucia Rubinelli, *CONSTITUENT POWER: A HISTORY* (Cambridge U. Press, 2020)
- *Constitutional Self-Negation in Venezuela: Problematizing Constitutionalism's Internalization of the Theory of Constituent Power*, 19 INT'L J. CONST. L. 943 (2021)

OTHER PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS

- *Reglamentos de Órganos Constituyentes: Panorama Comparado* [Rules of Procedure for Constituent Assemblies: A Comparative Overview], International IDEA Constitution Briefs (Mar. 8, 2021)
- *The Voice of the People: Public Participation in the African Continent*, IND. J. CONST. DESIGN (2016)

SCHOLARLY BLOG POSTS

- *Constitutional Triumph or Constitutional Aberration? Kenya's BBI Judgment and the Problem of Judicial Entanglement with the Theory of Constituent Power*, VERFASSUNGSBLOG (June 10, 2021) ([linked here](#))
- *A Constitutionally Enabled Crisis? The Problem of Venezuela's Self-Negating Constitution*, IACL-AIDC Blog Symposium: "Crisis in Venezuela" (May 13, 2019) ([linked here](#))
- *The Venezuelan Presidential Crisis: A Response*, I•CONNECT BLOG (Mar. 14, 2019) ([linked here](#))

PRESENTATIONS

- Presenter, **University of Texas at Austin**, conference on "Constitution-Making and Constitutional Change," *Constitutional Self-Negation in Venezuela: A Case-Study of "Constituent Power" in Action* (Jan. 18, 2020)
- Presenter, **Center for Constitutional Democracy Seminar Series**, *Constitutional Self-Negation and the Current Political Crisis in Venezuela* (Feb. 21, 2019)
- Presenter, **IU Maurer School of Law Graduate Colloquium Series**, *The Heteronomous Sovereign* (Feb. 14, 2019)
- Presenter, **10th World Congress of Constitutional Law in Seoul** (South Korea), *The Heteronomous Sovereign: Redefining "the People" Through Popular Constitution-Making in Venezuela*, (June 19, 2018)
- Presenter, **Center for Constitutional Democracy PhD Plenary Panel**, *Constituent Power and the Problems of Constitutional Reform in Venezuela* (Apr. 13, 2018)
- Presenter, **IU Maurer School of Law Faculty Workshop Series**, Inaugural Graduate Student Research Exposition, *Constitutional Reform and the Rule of Law in Hugo Chávez's Venezuela* (Mar. 7, 2018)

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

Center for Constitutional Democracy, Bloomington, IN

PhD Fellow, 2016–2023; *Managing Fellow*, 2015–2016; *J.D. Fellow*, 2014–2015

- Coordinated and produced research in support of the Center’s mission to assist with rule-of-law reform in post-conflict societies; travelled to Myanmar and Thailand with the Center’s Directors to assist in the preparation of meetings and workshops with various participants in the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement; assumed a leading role in redesigning the Center’s J.D. Fellows program

International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA)

Consultant, Nov. 2020 – Dec. 2021

- Drafted and published a memorandum on comparative approaches to the design of rules of procedure in constituent assemblies, in anticipation of the then-upcoming constituent process in Chile

Indiana University, Institute for European Studies, Bloomington, IN

Graduate Assistant, Aug. 2017 – May 2019

- Edited the Institute’s Fall and Spring Newsletters; assisted with the organization and preparation of events, including the Midwest Model European Union, hosted by the Institute

American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative (ABA ROLI), Washington, D.C.

Intern, Research Division, June–Aug. 2016

- Engaged in research and translation work for the Latin America division

Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative, New Delhi, India

Intern, Prisons Reform Team, June–Aug. 2015

- Produced a state-by-state report on the level of disclosure of information by the Indian prison authorities

Executive Secretariat, Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (OAS),

Washington, D.C.

Intern, Rapporteurship on the Rights of Persons Deprived of Liberty, June–Aug. 2014

- Drafted reports on the admissibility of individual complaints, and produced other documents, such as press releases and correspondence with national governments

Clifford Chance, Madrid, Spain

Intern, Competition/EU Law Department, July–Aug. 2012

- Engaged in legal research, drafting of memoranda, and translation of documents

LANGUAGES

- **Spanish**: Native Proficiency
- **English**: Full Professional Proficiency