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Employment

Professor of Political Science, December 2003 – present

Interim Chair, Department of Political Science, 2011- 2012

Joint appointments:

Gould School of Law 2012-

Price School of Public Policy 2011-

Anthropology 2005-

World Bank, Lead Cultural Heritage Specialist, September 2024-

Affiliated Faculty, Promise Institute for Human Rights, UCLA, 2019 -2021

Fellow, Los Angeles Institute for the Humanities, 2018 - 2025

Affiliated Faculty, Department of American Studies and Ethnicity 2009 –present

Fellow, Center for Public Diplomacy, 2012 – 2015, 2019 -present

President, *Phi Kappa Phi*, all university-wide honor society, 2009 - 2010; V-P 2008-2009; Exec. board 2006 - 2021. Chair, Faculty Awards committee, 2008-2009, 2010-2013, 2015-2019.

Vice-Chair, Department of Political Science, USC, 1995 – 2002, 2005 - 2007, 2009 - 2011

Director, Unruh Institute of Politics, 2005- 2007; Acting Director, 1995 - 1996

Associate Professor of Political Science, USC, 1993 – 2003

Assistant Professor of Political Science, USC, 1987 - 1993

Distinguished Faculty Fellow, Center for Excellence in Teaching, 2005 - present

Faculty Fellow, USC Center for Excellence in Teaching, 2001- 2005

Research Associate, USC Center for Religion and Civic Culture, 2000 – 2007

Visiting Scholar, Institute of Governmental Studies, UC Berkeley, 1996 – 1997

Lecturer and Acting Director, Law and Society Program, UCSB, 1986 – 1987

Courses offered:

- Law, Politics and Public Policy
- Human Rights
- Law and Society
- International Law
- International Human Rights Law and Policy
- Theory and Practice of American Politics
- The Politics of Peace: Human Rights in National and International Politics
- Civil and Political Rights and Liberties
- Comparative Judicial Policies, Processes and Behavior
- Proseminar: Law and Public Policy
- Cultural Diversity & the Law
- Bioethics Policies Around the World
- Global Health and Human Rights
- Law, Culture and Identity (Symbols and Conceptual Systems)
- Justice and Freedom
- The Politics of Human Differences: Diversity and Discrimination

Education

University of Southern California, Gould School of Law, J.D. 1991

University of California at Berkeley, School of Law

- Jurisprudence and Social Policy, Ph.D. May 1987
- Entered program 1982, Masters May 1985
- Fields of specialization - International Law and International Human Rights, Constitutional Law, American Politics, and Political and Legal Theory

London School of Economics, legal studies program, September 1981 - June 1982

Radcliffe College, Harvard University, 1977 – 1981

- B.A. in History and Literature - Modern Europe (France and England)

Publications

Books:

International Human Rights: Universalism Versus Relativism. Newbury Park, California: Sage Publications, 1990. [Reissued by Quid Pro Books, 2014].

Folk Law: Essays on the Theory and Practice of *Lex Non Scripta*. (Co-edited with Alan Dundes).
New York: Garland, 1994. Paperback, University of Wisconsin Press, 1995.

The Cultural Defense. New York: Oxford University Press, 2004. *Choice* Outstanding
Academic Title 2005. Recipient USC *Phi Kappa Phi* Award for Creativity in Research 2006.

Multicultural Jurisprudence: Comparative Perspectives on the Cultural Defense (co-edited with
Marie-Claire Foblets). Oxford: Hart, 2009.

Cultural Diversity and the Law: State Responses From Around the World (co-edited with Marie-
Claire Foblets and Jean-Francois Gaudreault-Desbiens). Brussels: Bruyant, 2010.

Cultural Law: International, National, and Indigenous (co-authored with James Nafziger and
Robert Paterson). New York: Cambridge University Press, 2010.

Global Bioethics and Human Rights: Contemporary Perspectives (co-edited with Wanda Teays
and John-Stewart Gordon). Rowman and Littlefield, 2014. Second edition coedited with
Wanda Teays, 2020. Third edition, 2024.

Images and Human Rights: Local and Global Perspectives (co-edited with Nancy Stein).
Cambridge Press Scholars, 2017.

Personal Autonomy in Plural Societies: A Principle and Its Paradoxes (co-edited with MC
Foblets and M. Graziadei). Routledge (Law & Anthro. series), 2018

International Human Rights: A Survey (co-authored with Cher Weixia Chen). Cambridge
University Press, 2023.

The Ethical University: Transforming Higher Education (co-edited with Wanda Teays).
Rowman and Littlefield, 2023.

Articles:

Peer-reviewed

"The Unanswered Challenge of Relativism and the Consequences for Human Rights." *Human
Rights Quarterly* **7** (1985) 514-540.

"Relativism and the Search for Human Rights." *American Anthropologist* **90** (1988) 56-72.

"The Concept of Human Rights." *Anthropos* **83** (1988) 343-364.

"Sex Selection and Reproductive Freedom." *Women's Studies International Forum* **15** (1992),
405-426.

"Is the Cultural Defense Detrimental to the Health of Children?" *Law and Anthropology* **7**
(1994), 27-106.

"A Psychohistorical Analysis of the Japanese American Internment." *Human Rights Quarterly* 17 (1995), 618-648.

"In Defense of Culture in the Courtroom". In Richard Shweder, Martha Minow, and Hazel Rose-Markus (Eds.), Engaging Cultural Differences: The Multicultural Challenge in Liberal Democracies. New York: Russell Sage, 2002, 194-215.

"The Use and Abuse of the Cultural Defense." *Canadian Journal of Law and Society*, special issue "Cross-Cultural Jurisprudence: Culture in the Domain of Law, 20 (1), 2005, 47-67. (reprinted in Multicultural Jurisprudence).

"Apologies: A Cross-Cultural Analysis." In Mark Gibney et al. (Eds.), The Age of Apology. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2008, pp. 61-76.

"The Emergence of Gender Justice at the International Criminal Court." In Julie Fraser and Brianne McGonigle Lehy (Eds.), Intersections of Law and Culture at the International Criminal Court. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, 2020, 102-125

"The Cultural Defense". In Foblets et al. (Eds.), Oxford Handbook on Law and Anthropology. 2021.

"Impact and Influence of the Institutional Review Board". In Lee Jussim, Jon Krosnick, and Sean Stevens (Eds.), Research Integrity in the Behavioral Sciences. New York: Oxford University Press, 2021.

"Considering the Consequences of Poor Legal Translation". *International Journal of the Semiotics of Law*, 38 (8), pp. 2595-2603, 2025.

Invited

"Anthropology and Human Rights: A Selective Annotated Bibliography." Human Rights Teaching Bulletin 6 (1987) 74-144. (With Jennifer Schirmer and Laurie Wiseberg of Human Rights Internet).

"Culture and Culpability: A Study in Contrasts." *Beverly Hills Bar Association Journal* 22(1) (1987/1988) 17-27. Reprinted in the *Newsletter of the Commission on Folk Law and Legal Pluralism*, 16 (January 1989) 32-42 and in Peter Sack and Jonathan Aleck (Eds.) Law and Anthropology (pp. 487-497). Aldershot: Dartmouth, 1992.

"A Cross-Cultural Approach to Validating International Human Rights: The Case of Retribution Tied to Proportionality." In David Cingranelli (Ed.), Human Rights: Theory and Measurement (pp. 7-40). London: MacMillan, 1988.

"The Introduction of Human Rights Issues in the Undergraduate Curriculum." *Focus on Law Studies* 8(1) (1992) 8-9.

- "A Justification of the Cultural Defense as Partial Excuse." *Southern California Review of Law and Women's Studies* **2** (1993), 437-526.
- "The Implications of the Vendetta Worldview for the Former Yugoslavia." *Whittier Law Review* **16** (1995), 374-380.
- "Some Thoughts on Using the Law to Protect the Intellectual Property Rights of Indigenous Peoples." *The Common Property Resource Digest* **36** (Dec. 1995), pp. 9-11.
- "Who's Afraid of the CRC: Objections to the Convention on the Rights of the Child." *ILSA Journal of International and Comparative Law* **3** (2) (1997), 629-640.
- "Raising Cultural Defenses". In L.F. Ramirez (Ed.), Cultural Issues in Criminal Defense (3rd ed.). New York: Juris Publishing, Inc., 2010; (2nd ed., 2007; (1st ed., 2000).
- "Cultural Rights" and "Criminal Defenses." International Encyclopedia of Social and Behavioral Sciences, eds., Paul Baltes and Neil Smelser (Elsevier) (2002), 2nd ed., 2015.
- "The Rights of the Dead: Autopsies and Corpse Mismanagement in Multicultural Societies." *South Atlantic Quarterly* **100** (4) (2001), 1005-1027. (special issue: Law and Culture). Published in Russian in an issue of *Sociology of Power*, 2016.
- "Human Rights Law" and "Indigenous and Folk Legal Systems." Legal Systems of the World: A Political, Social, and Cultural Encyclopedia, ed. Bert Kritzer. ABC-CLIO (2002).
- "Anthropology and Law", "Culture", "Custom," and "Race and Ethnicity." The Oxford Companion to American Law, ed., Kermit Hall (2002).
- "Autopsies," "Repatriation," "Religion and Law." Encyclopedia of Religion and American Cultures, ed. Gary Laderman ABC-CLIO (2003).
- "Cross-Cultural Dispute Resolution: The Consequences of Conflicting Interpretations of Norms." *Willamette Journal of International Law & Dispute Resolution*, special symposium issue commemorating 50th anniversary of the American Society of Comparative Law, 10 (2002), 103-115. Reprinted in Ann L. Estin (Ed.), The Multi-Cultural Family. Aldershot, UK: Ashgate, 2008.
- "Cross-Cultural Perceptions of Disability: Policy Implications of Divergent Views." In Stan Herr, Lawrence Gostin, and Harold Koh (Eds.), The Human Rights of People with Intellectual Disabilities: Different but Equal (pp. 59-81). Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2003.
- "Visual Religious Symbols and the Law". *American Behavioral Scientist* **47** (2004), 1573-1596.
- "Environmental Rights vs. Cultural Rights." *Human Rights Dialogue*, series 2, no. 11, Spring 2004, 17-18.

- “When Rites are Rights: Cultural Challenges to Marriage”. *Human Rights Dialogue*, series 2, no. 12, Spring 2005, 22-24.
- “Human Rights.” In Neal Tate (Ed.), *Governments of the World*, 2, Detroit: Thomson/Gale, 2006, pp. 215-220.
- “The Cultural Defense”. *Encyclopedia of Globalization*, Roland Robertson and Jan Aart Scholte (Eds.), New York: Routledge, 2006, 253-257.
- “Political Science and Law”, “Relativism”, and “The Cultural Defense.” *Encyclopedia of Law and Society*, ed. David Clark, 2007, 355-359, 1137-1142, 1283-1287.
- “The Cultural Defense.” *Encyclopedia of Violence, Peace, and Conflict (3rd ed.)*, L. Kurtz (Ed.), Amsterdam: Elsevier, 1999, 2008, 2021.
- “Human Rights”. *Encyclopedia of Violence, Peace, and Conflict*. L. Kurtz (Ed.), Amsterdam: Elsevier, 199, 2008, 2021.
- “Reparations and Human Rights: Why the Anthropological Approach Matters.” In Barbara Rose Johnson and Susan Slyomovics (Eds.), Waging War and Making Peace. Walnut Creek, California: Left Coast Press, 2008, pp. 241-255.
- “The Influence of Culture on the Determination of Damages: How Cultural Relativism Affects the Analysis of Trauma.” In Ralph Grillo et al. (Eds.), Legal Practice and Cultural Diversity, Aldershot, U.K.: Ashgate, 2009, pp. 199-218.
- “When Westerners Run Afoul of the Law in Other Countries.” *Judicature* 92, 238-242, 2009. (special issue on cross-cultural justice).
- “The Importance of Culture for the Justice System” (coauthored with Rene Valladares). *Judicature* 92, 193-201, 2009. (special issue on cross-cultural justice). Reprinted in the *Nebraska Lawyer Magazine* 15 (5), September/October 2012, pp. 5-14.
- “The Cultural Defense: Challenging the Monocultural Paradigm.” In Marie-Claire Foblets, Alison Dundes Renteln, and Jean-Francois Gaudreault-Desbiens (Eds.) Cultural Diversity and Law: State Approaches From Around the World. Brussels: Bruylant, 2010.
- “Making Room for Culture in Court.” *The Judges’ Journal* 49 (2), Spring 2010, 7-15. Published in Italian as **Più spazio alla Cultura nelle aule giudiziarie** (Special issue: Multiculturalism and the Courts). QUESTIONE GIUSTIZIA - Quarterly Journal- Online (Democratic Magistrature Association, Roma), 2017.
- “Corporal Punishment and the Cultural Defense.” *Law and Contemporary Problems* 73 (special issue), Spring 2010, 253-279. Reprinted in Marianne Blair, Merle Weiner, Barbara Stark, and Solangel Maldonado, Family Law in the World Community: Cases, Materials and Problems in Comparative and International Family Law, Press, 2015

- “Ethnicity”. In *Max Planck Encyclopedia of Public International Law*, ed. Rudiger Wolfrum, Oxford University Press, 2011.
- “Folklore: Legal and Constitutional Power”. In Regina Bendix and Galit Hasan-Rokem (Eds.) (2012), *Companion to Folklore Studies*. Blackwell-Wiley, pp. 535-552.
- “The Significance of Cultural Differences for Human Rights.” In Cindy Holder and David Reidy (Eds.), *Human Rights: The Hard Questions*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2013, pp. 79-99.
- “Cutting Edge Debates: A Cross-Cultural Consideration of Surgery.” In Wanda Teays, John-Stewart Gordon and Alison Dundes Renteln (Eds.), *Global Perspectives on Bioethics*, 2014, pp. 220-241.
- “What Do We Have to Fear from the Cultural Defense?” In Will Kymlicka, Claes Lernerstedt, and Matt Matravers (Eds.), *Criminal Law and Cultural Diversity*, Oxford University Press, 2014, pp. 177-204..
- “Analyzing ‘Authenticity’ in the Litigation of Cultural Claims: Reflections on the Role of Expertise” (co-authored with M.C. Foblets). In Geoffrey Brahm Levey (Ed.), *Authenticity, Autonomy, and Culture*, 2015.
- “The Tension Between Religious Freedom and Noise Law: The Call to Prayer in a Multicultural Society”. In Hanoach Dagan et al. (Eds.), *Human Rights in Religious Discourse*. Jerusalem: Israel Democracy Institute, 2014, pp. 375-411.
- “Human Rights and Art”. (co-authored with Michel Angela Martinez). *The SAGE Handbook of Human Rights*. London: Sage, 2014, pp. 433-459.
- “Sensational Jurisprudence: Human Rights and Visual Culture”. *Emerging Trends*, 2015 (new online publication edited by Steven Kosslyn and Robert Scott).
- “The Human Right to Photograph” (co-authored with Michel Angela Martinez. In Stein and Renteln (Eds.), *Images and Human Rights*, chapter 2. Cambridge Scholars, 2017.
- “The Human Rights Dimensions of Virginity Restoration Surgery”. In Foblets et al. (Eds.), *Personal Autonomy in Plural Societies*. Routledge, 2018, 206-219. Reprinted in Teays and Renteln (Eds.), *Global Bioethics and Human Rights*, pp. 294-307.
- “Images of suffering bring about change, but are they ethical? *The Conversation* September 18, 2018 <https://theconversation.com/images-of-suffering-can-bring-about-change-but-are-they-ethical-100809>
- “Impact and Influence of the Institutional Review Board: Protecting the Rights of Human Subjects in Scientific Experiments”. In Teays and Renteln (Eds.), *Global Bioethics and Human Rights* (2nd ed.). Lanham: Rowman and Littlefield, 2020, pp. 124-143.

- “When Supreme Court Justices Defy Expectations” The Conversation June 23, 2020.
<https://theconversation.com/when-supreme-court-justices-defy-expectations-140910>
- “Judicial Policies to Facilitate the Consideration of Culture”. In Luis Efren Rios Vega, Ilenia Ruggiu, and Irene Spigno (Eds.), *Justice and Culture: Theory and Practice Concerning the Use of Culture in the Courtroom*. Editoriale Scientifica, 2019.
- “Reconsidering Acoustic Attacks”. In Teays and Renteln (Eds.), *Bioethics and Human Rights* (3rd ed.) Rowman and Littlefield.
- “ICANN: Naming conflicts and Global Governance”. In preparation.
- “Reflections on Intangible Cultural Heritage and the Politics of Cultural Appropriation”. In preparation.
- “Contributions of Political Science to Human Rights”. In F. Tibbits et al. (Eds.), *Human Rights Education*. Cambridge University Press. Forthcoming, 2025.
- “Public Health and Human Rights”. In F. Tibbits et al. (Eds.), *Human Rights Education*. Cambridge University Press. Forthcoming, 2025.

Other

- "Encountering Counterclaims." *Denver Journal of International Law and Policy* **15** (1987) 379-394.
- "The Interpretation and Distortion of Culture: A Hmong Marriage by Capture Case in Fresno, California." Co-authored with Deirdre Evans-Pritchard. *Southern California Interdisciplinary Law Journal* **4** (1994), 1-48.
- “Cultural Bias in International Law.” *American Society of International Law. Proceedings of the 92nd Annual Meeting. The Challenge of Non-State Actors* **92** (1998), 232-243.
- “The Child Soldier: The Challenge of Enforcing International Standards”. *Whittier Law Review* (1999), 91-204.
- “The Cultural Defense in International Criminal Tribunals: A Preliminary Consideration of the Issues”. *Southwestern Journal of International Law* **18** (2011), 267-285. Symposium – 2021: International Law 10 Years From Now.

Book Reviews:

- R.J. Vincent. Human Rights and International Relations. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1986. R.J. Vincent (ed.) Foreign Policy: Issues and Responses. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1986. *American Journal of Comparative Law* **36** (1989) 901-907.

Karel Vasak and Philip Alston (Eds.) The International Dimensions of Human Rights (2 volumes). Westport, Connecticut: Greenwood Press, 1982. *Human Rights Quarterly* 14 (1992) 513-526.

Ken L. Kersh. Constructing Civil Liberties: Discontinuities in the Development of American Constitutional Law. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. *Perspectives on Politics* 4 (2006) 366-368.

Review Essay. "The Duty to Rescue: Approaches to Global Justice. *Political Theory* 40 (5) (October 2012), 663-674.

Toward Comparative Jurisprudence: Differing Approaches to Culture in Law and Society Scholarship. *Law and Society Review* 50 (2016) 1037-1043.

Professional

Conferences/Lectures:

Presented a paper entitled "Culture and Culpability" at the International Political Science Association meeting on Comparative Judicial Studies in Rotterdam, the Netherlands. August 1987.

Delivered a paper at the conference "Women and the Constitution" in Atlanta, Georgia. (Panel was Constitutional Interpretation and Reproductive Freedom). February 10-12, 1988.

Gave a paper at the Western Political Science Association in San Francisco, California. "Cultural Relativism and Female Circumcision" (Panel was Reproduction, Civil Liberties, and Public Policy). March 11, 1988.

Discussant at the Western Political Science Association panel "Comparative Analysis of National Human Rights Policy." March 11, 1988.

Gave a talk at the University of California, at Irvine. "Culture Conflict and the American Legal System." May 27, 1988.

Presented a paper at the American Political Science Association meeting in Washington, D.C. "A Comparative Analysis of the Role of Culture in Judicial Decision-making." (Panel was Culture, Ideology, and the Integrative Function of Courts). Presented this research also at the International Political Science Association interim meeting of the Research Committee on Comparative Judicial Studies. August 1988.

Delivered a paper at the Western Political Science Association meeting in Newport Beach. "Judicial Attitudes Toward the Cultural Defense." March 1990.

Presented a paper at the Law and Society Association meetings, Berkeley, California. "Cultural Defenses in the Criminal Law." June 1990.

Gave a paper at the American Political Science Association meetings, San Francisco, California. "A Psychohistorical Analysis of the Japanese American Internment." August 1990.

Gave presentation on the Cultural Defense to the Law Faculty and an International Human Rights talk to Urban Morgan Human Rights Fellows (law students). University of Cincinnati Law School, Urban Morgan Institute for Human Rights. October 1990.

Attended International Law and Organizations Workshop at Boalt Hall School of Law, University of California, Berkeley. March 16, 1991.

Participant in workshop on "Sovereignty and Security: Emerging Norms of International Intervention" sponsored by the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. Irvine, California. April 30, 1992.

Delivered a paper at the Western and Pacific Association of Criminal Justice Educators in Irvine and at the Western Political Science Association in Pasadena. "Is the Cultural Defense Detrimental to the Health of Children?" October 31, 1992; March 20, 1993.

Gave a paper at the Association for Asian Studies meetings in Los Angeles. "The Cultural Defense and Gender Justice in a Pluralistic Society." March 28, 1993.

Attended International Law and Organizations Workshop at Boalt Hall School of Law, University of California, Berkeley. Met with Conrad Harper, Legal Adviser to the Department of State. March 19, 1994.

Gave a paper at the American Philosophical Association (Pacific Division) Meeting in Los Angeles. "Ethnic Identity and Human Rights." April 2, 1994.

Presented a paper "Culture Conflict and the Politics of Attire." Law and Society Association Annual meeting, Phoenix, June 19, 1994.

Speaker at Whittier Law School annual Human Rights conference. "The Implications of the Vendetta Worldview for the Former Yugoslavia". July 9, 1994.

Lecture on International Cultural Rights. Urban Morgan Institute of Human Rights, University of Cincinnati, College of Law. January 19, 1995.

Lecture on Human Rights in Professor Jane Jaquette's World Diplomacy Series. Occidental College. February 1, 1995.

Speaker at Lewis & Clark College annual International Affairs Symposium. Conflicting Notions of Human Rights. Debate with Rhoda Howard. March 6, 1995.

Gave a talk at the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs. Syracuse University, March 29, 1995.

University Lecture, Human Rights in a Multicultural World. Colgate University. March 30, 1995.

Law and Society Association Annual Meeting. Toronto, June 1-4, 1995. Presented Paper “Culture Conflict and the Treatment of the Dead” on the Panel “Law and Culture.” Chair and Discussant for the Panel, “Determining Culture, Claiming Rights”.

Presented paper co-authored with Margaret Scully Granzeier. “Environmental Rights and Cultural Rights: Confluence and Conflict.” Western Political Science Association March 1996, International Studies Association April 1996, and American Political Science Association, August 1996.

APSA, September 1996, San Francisco.

Presentation on Panel “Teaching International Law to Undergraduates” at the American Political Science Association August 1996 meeting; co-sponsored by the American Society of International Law.

Presentation on Panel: “Addressing the Claims of Cultural Minorities in Domestic and International Tribunals.” Paper: “Interpretation of Cultural Rights in International and Domestic Tribunals.”

Attended Conference “Foreign Affairs and the Constitution”. October 11, 1996. U.C. Davis School of Law.

Brown Bag Lunch talk at the Center for the Study of Law and Society, University of California, Berkeley. “Cultural Rights.” October 21, 1996.

International Law Weekend, Annual Meeting of the International Law Association (American Branch). Chair of Panel and member of the Planning Committee. Panel: “Ratification of U.S. Human Rights Treaties.” Paper: “Who’s Afraid of the CRC?” October 31. New York City.

Conference on International Environmental Science, Policy, and Security in the 21st Century. November 18-19, 1996. Los Angeles.

Panel: “Environmental Security and Alternative Perspectives.”

Paper “Cultural Minorities, Security, and Environmental Protection in Domestic and International Tribunals.”

American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. November 20, 1996. San Francisco.

Panel: “The Politics of Culture, The Politics of Anthropology.” Paper: “The Cultural Defense and Public Policy.”

III World Congress of Bioethics, November 23, 1996, San Francisco.

Panel “Does Bioethics Lack Cultural Sensitivity?”

Presentation: “Culture Conflict and the Treatment of the Dead”.

Guest Lecture, International Human Rights undergraduate Political Science course, Stanford University (Instructor: Dr. Alison Brysk). Palo Alto, January 16, 1997.

Boalt Hall workshop on the International Court of Justice decision concerning the legality of the use of nuclear weapons, January 17-18, 1997.

Berkeley. Discussion with John Crook, Assistant Legal Adviser for United Nations Affairs, U.S. Department of State.

Gonzaga Conference “Maltreatment?: Multicultural Perspectives on Child Abuse and Neglect”, Continuing Legal Education program, February 1, 1997. Gonzaga School of Law, Spokane, Washington.

Talk at the Institute of Governmental Studies, University of California, Berkeley. “The Cultural Defense and Public Policy.” March 5, 1997.

Colloquium at Hastings School of Law. “Cultural Rights.” March 21, 1997. San Francisco.

The Cultural Defense. Stanford University, Social Psychology Lecture series. June 9, 1997. Palo Alto.

American Society of International Law, Annual Meeting. Chair and Panelist on The Clash of Civilizations: How Culture Influences the Development and Interpretation of International Law. April 3, 1998. Washington, D.C.

International Congress of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences. Gave two papers. One lecture “Marriage Practices and the Cultural Defense” was part of the “Legal Pluralism in Contemporary Societies” symposium sponsored by the Commission on Folk Law and Legal Pluralism. The other “The Cultural Defense and Sentencing” was part of the session on Justice, Peace, and Human Rights: Williamsburg, Virginia, July 30, 1998.

Social Science Research Council - “Free Exercise of Culture” Working Group Meeting Palo Alto - Presenter on Cultural Rights, November 1998
Also attended a meeting of the group in New York - April 30-May 2, 1999.

Attended Expert Meeting sponsored by the United Nations Division for Social Policy and Development, December 7-15, 1999. The expert meeting was organized by the Division for Social Policy and Development of the United Nations Secretariat in co-operation with the University of California at Berkeley, Boalt Hall School of Law (USA) and the World Institute on Disability (a non-governmental organization) to examine substantive developments in international norms and standards relating to disability. Led the working group on cross-cultural definitions of disability at the meeting co-sponsored by the UN and the Hong Kong EEOC, December 18-22, 2000.

Lecture, Bioethics series. “Culture Conflict and the Treatment of the Dead”. Center for Bioethics, University of Toronto. March 26, 1999.

American Society of International Law, Annual Meeting. Chair and Panelist on The Creation Story of Peoples. March 26-27, 1999. Washington, D.C. Served on the Program committee and was responsible for organizing four panels.

Attended International Commission for Freedom of Conscience Conference “The Role of Religious Pluralism in Contemporary Society: Comparative Perspectives”. Fuller Theological Seminary. April 19, 1999.

Speaker on the Child Soldier panel. Whittier Law School conference on the Rights of the Child. May 15, 1999.

Speaker at Faculty/Graduate Student Colloquium “A Discussion of Courts and Society”, part of annual “Politics, Administration, and Justice Days”. California State University, Fullerton. November 10, 2000.

International Law Weekend-West, Speaker on “International Disabilities Law” panel, January 27, 2001.

Western Political Science Association annual meeting, Los Vegas, Nevada. Delivered paper “The Cultural Dimensions of Illegal Drug Use” on “Law and Culture” panel, March 16, 2001. Discussant for “Comparative Perspectives on Judicial Politics” panel, March 15, 2001.

American Philosophical Association, Pacific annual meeting, Society for Women in Philosophy “Cultural Differences” panel. Gave paper “Tradition on Trial: The Cultural Defense in Law”, March 30, 2001.

American Political Science Association annual meeting. Delivered a paper “Do Children Have Cultural Rights?” August 2001.

American Society for Comparative Law, 50th anniversary conference. Speaker on “Cross-cultural dispute resolution” panel. Willamette University College of Law. October 5, 2001.

Speaker at conference “Children and Justice.” College Mount St. Mary’s College. April 12, 2002.

Gave a talk at the conference “Mapping the New Racial Landscape in California.” Stanford University, Institute for the Comparative Study of Race and Ethnicity. April 26, 2002.

Speaker at the conference “Mobile people, mobile law” at the Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle, Germany. November 7-9, 2002.

Lecture, “Human Rights”. College Mount St. Mary’s, October, 2003.

Speaker, Whittier Law School Conference on Human Rights, Environment, and Development, February 27, 2004.

Guest lecture in “Law, Language, and Culture.” Santa Barbara and Ventura Colleges of Law, July 17, 2004.

Book Colloquium, The Cultural Defense. Sponsored by the Institute for the Study of Social Change and the Center for the Study of Law and Society, UC Berkeley, September 22, 2004.

Speaker, Status of Cultural Rights in Law and Practice. Cultural Rights Workshop. Carnegie Council on Ethics and International Affairs. New York. September 23-24, 2004.

Gave a talk “Cultural Rights”. Panel on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights. Annual Meeting, American Society for Comparative Law, Theme: Comparative Law and Human Rights. University of Michigan Law School, October 21-24, 2004.

Gave a talk “Human Rights”. Development of Global Norms panel, International Law in World History. American Historical Association. Seattle, Washington. January 9, 2005.

Gave two lectures, “Cultural Defenses in Educational Institutions” and “Apologies: A Cross-Cultural Analysis.” University of Toronto, January 31, February 1, 2005.

Moderator, Panel “Cross-cultural Approaches to Bioethics, Disability, and Human Rights.” International Law Weekend-West. Whittier Law School. Costa Mesa. February 5, 2005.

Speaker, Human Rights in Crisis. Sam Nunn School of International Affairs, Georgia Tech., Atlanta, February 18-19, 2005.

Attended West Coast Law and Society Conference. Berkeley, March 2005.

Delivered a paper. Human Rights. International Studies Association. Honolulu, March 2005.

Panelist, Cultural Defense. Society for Applied Anthropology, Santa Fe. April 4, 2005.

Delivered paper at the Onati International Institute for the Sociology of Law, Spain. June 2005.

Gave a talk “Bringing Tyrants to Justice”, Panel: Emerging Legal Regimes, Terrorism, National Security, and the Law” conference. Sponsored by the Los Angeles Terrorism Early Warning (LA TEW) Group. Rand Corporation, Santa Monica. June 2, 2005.

Talk at UCLA Extension, “Law in a Multicultural World.” June 2, 2005.

Discussant, Cultural Diversity and Criminal Law Workshop. Columbia Law School. Organized by Jeremy Waldron, Will Kymlicka, and Claes Lernestedt. March 10-11, 2006.

Speaker, American Society of International Law, 100th annual meeting: A Just World Under Law. Cultural Law Panel, Washington, D.C., March 30, 2006.

Keynote Speaker, International Conference “State Responses to the Expression of Cultural Diversity”. Sponsored by the Francqui Foundation. Bruxelles, Belgium, September 28-October 1, 2006.

Gave a paper “Cultural Defense and Legal Ethics”, Cultural Defense panel, American Studies Association, Oakland, California. October 14, 2006.

Talk in Faculty workshop, Loyola Law School. “Apologies: A Cross-Cultural Analysis.” September 6, 2006.

Delivered a paper “The Influence of Culture on the Determination of Damages: How Cultural Relativism Affects the Analysis of Trauma” at a conference “Legal Practice and Cultural Diversity” sponsored by IMSCOE, European Union. Queen Mary University, London, July 11, 2007.

Gave a talk “Holocaust Denial Litigation: A Comparative Analysis” at USC Conference “International Law and the Armenian Genocide”. September 8, 2007.

Speaker, “The Meaning of Toleration in Comparative Political Theory and the Implications for Public Policy” EMSI/Shoah Foundation Institute conference on Tolerance and Intolerance, USC, Los Angeles, April 3, 2008.

Delivered a paper “The “Castle Doctrine” in Constitutional Law.” Panel: Justifying Law in Constitutional Regimes, Law and Society Association. Montreal, May 30, 2008.

Presentation “The Human Right to a Name and the Implications for Parental Naming of Children.” Conference “Whose Citizens? Whose Rights?” sponsored by the Centre for Research on Nationalism, Ethnicity, and Multiculturalism (CRONEM). University of Surrey, Guildford, UK, July 1, 2008.

Gave a talk (with Professor Marie-Claire Foblets) “Anthropologists as Expert Witnesses”, Law and Anthropology Colloquium, Faculty of Laws, University College, London July 7, 2008.

Lecture, “The Human Right to Identity: The Legal Regulation of Personal Names,” University of Wisconsin Law School, April 14, 2009.

Gave a talk “Cultural Rights”, Human Rights program, University of Palermo, May 3, 2010.

Lecture, “The Legal Protection of Culture.” University of Brescia, May 5-6, 2010.

Lecture “Environmental Human Rights”. Utrecht University, Working Group on Universalism and Relativism, June 25, 2010.

Delivered paper “Autonomy, Authenticity, Culture: An International Workshop.” Co-sponsored by the Australian Research Council and the Royal Flemish Academy of Belgium, Brussels, December 2-3, 2010.

Gave talk “The Right to a Name as a Human Right” at University of Montreal Law School, Montreal, January 31, 2011.

Speaker, Great Decisions lecture series. Skirball Center, Los Angeles, February 10, 2011.

Speaker in the Diana Jenkins International Human Rights lecture series, Stanford University, February 22, 2011.

“The Polymathic Political Scientist”, Faculty speaker, Academy for Polymathic Study, Friends Hall, Doheny Memorial Library, USC, February 23, 2011.

Speaker, “Cultural Defenses in International Tribunals. Southwestern Law School, International Law Weekend-West, 2021: International Law 10 years from Now”. Southwestern Law School, February 26, 2011.

Speaker, “The Interrelationship of Environmental Rights and Cultural Rights.” Global Justice conference, USC and the University of Paris VIII, Los Angeles, April 7, 2011.

Speaker, “The Right to a Name as a Human Right.” American Philosophical Association, Pacific division, San Diego, April 23, 2011.

Speaker, The Law of Names: An Analysis of the Politics of Nomenclature, Panel: Folklore, Politics and the Law. Western States Folklore Conference, USC, April 15, 2011.
Discussant, Disability panel. Law and Society Association annual conference, June 4, 2011.

Gave paper, “The Domestic Implementation of the Bangalore Principles of Judicial Conduct.” Comparative Judicial Studies Conference, University of California, Irvine, July 23, 2011.

Speaker, United Nations Seminar on the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Zagreb, Croatia, September 25, 2011.

Presentations on the Cultural Defense. Tel Aviv Faculty of Law, Bar Ilan University Law School, and Hebrew University, Law Faculty and Minerva Center for Human Rights. May 14, 15, and 22, 2012.

Gave a paper “The Tension between Religious Freedom and Noise Laws: The Call to Prayer in a Multicultural Society.” International Conference on Human Rights and Religion, Israel Democracy Institute, Jerusalem, May 17, 2012.

Delivered paper “A Comparative Analysis of Good Samaritan Laws: Toward a Global Duty to Rescue.” USC and the University of Paris VIII, Paris, November 19, 2012.

Speaker, Lessons from the Disability Rights Movement, Conference on Non-Communicable Disease, Health, and Human Rights, USC, May 30, 2013

Panelist, Conference “Relying on Culture to Protect Human Rights: the fight against HIV/AIDS and the stigma associated with it”. Shangdong University Law School, October 15-16, 2013. Jinan, China.

Participant, American Society of International Law, Human Rights Interest Group Workshop.

Berkeley Law (Boalt Hall), November 22, 2013.

Speaker, “The Right to Culture as a Human Right.” Humanities Center, University of Oregon. January 29, 2014, Eugene, Oregon.

Discussant, Centaur Jurisprudence: The Legalization of Culture and the Enculturation of Law. February 21 2014, McGill Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism, Montreal, Canada.

Presentation, The Right to Culture as a Human Right: Noise, Gender Violence, and the Cultural Defense. University of Capetown Law School, March 20, 2014, Capetown, South Africa.

Speaker, Panel “Religious Exemptions and Disability Rights“. Conference: Religious Accommodation in the Age of Civil Rights, Harvard Law School. April 2, 2014. Cambridge Massachusetts.

Lecture, Multiculturalism in Courts: A Comparative Analysis. October 20, 2014, School in Comparative Law, Department of Political Science, Second University of Napoli, Naples, Italy

Keynote Speaker, The Swan in Folklore and Folk Law, International Narrative Studies, October 22, 2014, Lisbon, Portugal, Institute of Study of Traditional Literatures, New University of Lisbon.

Chair, Religious and Cultural Diversity in Four National Contexts, Dpt, Law and Anthropology. Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle, Germany, June 26, 2015.

Speaker, 2015 Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference. Panel: “Changing Demographics in the 21st Century”. July 14, 2015. San Diego, California.

Speaker, “The Right to a Name”. American Political Science Association, September 2, 2015. San Francisco, California.

Talk, “Does Hymenoplasty Violate Human Rights?” Institute for Health Law and Policy, University of Houston Law Center. October 4, 2015. Houston, Texas.

Talk, “Should the State Grant Exemptions from Noise Laws: Balancing Religious Freedom against the Right to Quiet”. Graduate Institute for International Studies, Geneva, Switzerland, October 26, 2015.

Seminar, “The Right to Culture as a Human Right”. Distinguished Lecture. University of Vienna Law Faculty, Vienna, Austria, October 27, 2015.

Presentation, Recognizing the Right to a Name and the Implications for Giving and Changing Personal Names. First in lecture series: Norm Conflicts in Pluralistic Societies. Research Center for Global Islam Cluster of Excellence. Frankfurt, Germany. Goethe-Frankfurt University, October 28, 2015.

Cultural diversity and (criminal) law Epistemology and methodology in conducting research on cultural diversity and criminal law" sponsored by the Max Planck Institute for Foreign and International Criminal Law in Freiburg and the International Max Planck Research School for Comparative Criminal Law, Freiburg, Germany. October 30, 2015

Keynote speaker (with John Seeley Brown), Multicultural Jurisprudence, Conference on Public Management, University of California, Santa Barbara, October 19, 2016.

The Human Right to Photograph. Political Thought Colloquium. University of Victoria Law School, October 26, 2016; and International Studies lecture series, Northwestern University, May 17, 2017.

Techniques for Addressing Cultural Conflicts. Conference on Justice and Culture cosponsored by the Italian Supreme Court and the Inter-American Academy of Human Rights, Mexico. Cagliari, Faculty of Law, May 8, 2018.

Chair and Discussant, Panel: Dignity, Equality, and Cultural Difference in the Practice of Domestic Courts in Europe, Law and Society Association conference, Washington, D.C., May 30, 2019.

The Right to a Name as a Human Right. Australian National University College of Law August 21, 2019, University of New South Wales, September 4, 2019.

Interdisciplinary Approaches to Disability Rights. Paper and presentation at expert meeting, United Nations, New York, October 14-17, 2019.

Culture in Courtroom, Discussant on panel of the European Society of Social Anthropology, July 24, 2020.

Speaker, The Ethics of Human Challenge Trials, AAAS Science and Human Rights Panel (plenary), October 22, 2020.

Panelist. Assessing the 2020 US Elections & Their Implications for Australian-US Relations, November 5, 2020. ANU College of Law 60th Anniversary series
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4x1J1aOrLtk>

Name Change as Symbolic Reparation. American Names Society conference, January 24, 2021.

Talk. Human Rights. George Mason University, January 2022.

Talk. Human Rights and Images. University of Ottawa Law Faculty. September 18, 2022.

Lecture. Global Perspectives on the Cultural Rights of Persons with Disabilities. Syracuse School of Law. January 27, 2023.

Talk. The Human Right to Quiet. Urban Morgan Institute for Human Rights, University of Cincinnati, February 2023, MIT, March 2023, Institute for Urban June 2023.

Seminar. A Global Approach to Soundscapes & Environmental Human Rights. July 8, 2023. Singapore.

Talk. Weaponizing Sound. Wayne State University. January 24, 2023, SUNY Albany, September, 2023.

Reviewer for:

American Anthropologist, American Ethnologist, American Journal of Comparative Law, Am. Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, Political Theory, Canadian Journal of Law and Society, Contemporary Political Theory, Law & Social Inquiry, Law and Society Review, Law, Culture, and Humanities, Human Rights Quarterly, Human Rights Review, Women's Studies International Forum, Journal of Peace Research, University of Pennsylvania Press, Sage Publications, St. Martin's, Oxford University Press, CQ Press, Ohio University Press. NEH, NSF, Netherlands Social Sciences Organization for Scientific Research, Department of Social Science, and Research Council of Canada.

Editorial Advisory Board member:

Human Rights Quarterly, Encyclopedia of Violence, Peace, and Conflict, Academic Press, Inc., Social Justice. Anthropology, Peace, and Human Rights, Policy Studies Org.-JAI Law and Policy, KARAMAH: Muslim Women Lawyers for Human Rights, November 2000-08. Institute for Comparative Law, Whittier Law School, 2003-2005, Humanity, 2009-2011; Consultative committee, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle, 2016-, National Observatory for Cultural Diversity, Rome, 2017-, Law and Social Inquiry, January 2019-2021, Cross-Cultural Human Rights Review January 2019-, American Journal of Comparative Law 2020-, Human Rights Review 2021-

Professional service:

American Political Science Association. In 1987 served on APSA Committee, best Public Law paper presented by a graduate student.

Law and Society Association. In 1995 served on Committee for best award for undergraduate and graduate essays.

Commission on Folk Law and Legal Pluralism

Western Political Science Association, Professional Ethics Committee (1995, 1996),

Program chair for Public Law, 1999 conference.

American Society of International Law, Human Rights Interest Group

International Law Association, American Branch, Executive Council, 2001- 2006

Member of ILA Human Rights Committee.

American Society of Comparative Law, 2001- (Associate)

Member, APSA Committee to select best Law and Courts paper presented at APSA for the American Judicature Society Award (1998).

Member, APSA Committee to choose the best public law dissertation, 1998-1999.

Member "The Free Exercise of Culture" Group, Social Science Research Council, 1998-2003.
Steering Committee Member, USC Center on Law, History, and Culture, 2001-2003.
Law and Society Association, International Prize Committee, 2011-2012, 2012-2013, 2016-2017.
Law and Society Association, Chair, Best Dissertation Committee 2013-2014. Chair, Committee to Select Book Review Editor for the Law and Society Review, 2014-2015.
Member, APSA Committee to select best book for the Human Rights section, 2018 and 2019.
Vice-Chair, American Society of International Law, Cultural Heritage IG, 2018-2021.
Chair, APSA Committee on Professional Ethics, Rights & Responsibilities, 2018-2021.
International Law Association, U.S. member of International Committee "Participation in Global Cultural Heritage Governance", 2020-2023; U.S. member of Int'l Committees: Safeguarding Cultural Heritage in Armed Conflict; Enforcing the Rights of Children in Migration, 2023-2026.
Member, Board of Trustees, Law and Society Association, 2020-2023
Life Member, Council on Foreign Relations, 2021-present
Member, Board of Directors, International Law Association (American Branch), 2022, Award Committee for Best Book (2023-2026)
Law and Society Association, Annual Conference Program Committee Member, 2026.

Community

Speaker at United Nations Association annual meeting (Los Angeles chapter). "Cross-Cultural Perspectives on Human Rights in the UN." December 1, 1987.
Keynote Speaker at the annual meeting of the National Association of Foreign Student Affairs (Southern District). "The Cultural Defense in Law and Education." February 26, 1987.
Speaker at Meeting of the Advisory Board of "Operation Safe Schools" in Orange County. "Cultural Vendettas." January 21, 1988.
Speaker at the Los Angeles Refugee Forum, a meeting of Refugee Resettlement Organizations (organized by the International Rescue Committee). "Cultural Defense". April 19, 1988
Keynote speaker, California State Judges Association. Seminar on the Cultural Defense (90 minutes). September 15, 1991 (150 judges attended).
Speaker, National Association of Women Judges. Panel: "How Courts Address Cultural Diversity in a Changing America" (50 minutes). October 11, 1992 (80 judges attended).
Speaker, California Association of Administration of Justice Educators. Seminar on Cultural Diversity and Law Enforcement. (90 minutes). May 1, 1993.
Speaker, Delinquency Control Institute, Center for the Administration of Justice, School of Public Administration, USC. Seminar on the Cultural Defense (3 hours). September 15, 1993 & January 5, 1994 September 10, 1994 & January 10, 1995. (40 law enforcement professionals attended each).
Faculty, California Center for Judicial Education and Research, Jurisprudence and Culture Seminar (2 and 1/2 days). January 10-12, 1994, February 8-10, 1995, January 31-February 2, 1996, August 19-21, 1996. Each time 15 trial judges attended.
Coordinator for Contemporary Issues in Law and Public Policy lecture series, Pasadena Senior Curriculum, Pasadena Senior Citizens Center. Winter quarter, Eight afternoons, January - March 1994-2015 (except for 1997).
Faculty, Institute for Appellate Research Attorneys for the California Courts of Appeal, California Center for Judicial Education and Research, Cultural and Gender Bias Issues in Appellate Review Workshop. (2 hours). San Francisco, June 4, 1994 (60 attorneys attended).

Participant, Hearing of the U.S. Advisory Board on Child Abuse and Neglect. Los Angeles, July 21, 1994. Gave presentation on Cultural Understanding panel.

Cultural Diversity training for Whittier Police Department. (4 hours). February 16, March 16, April 18, 1995.

Faculty, California Center for Judicial Education and Research, Juvenile Law Institute (2 hours). Newport Beach, April 7, 1995 (120 judges attended).

Faculty, California Center for Judicial Education and Research, Criminal Law and Procedure Institute (1 and 1/2 hours). Berkeley, February 23, 1996 (25 judges attended).

Keynote speaker at 1996 Judges' Conference. Los Angeles County Municipal Court Judges. November 9, 1996. Palm Springs.

American Bar Association. Panel on the Prohibition of Female Genital Mutilation. Presentation: "Should the Cultural Defense be Allowed in FGM Prosecutions?" August 3, 1997. San Francisco.

Faculty, California Continuing Judicial Studies Program. Instructor for two-and-a-half-day course "Jurisprudence and Culture." San Francisco, January 8-10, 1997. (15 judges attended).

Speaker of the Week. "Lair of the Bear." University of California Alumni/ae Camp. June 14-21, 1997, First week August 1998.

Speaker, American Bar Association mid-year meeting February 6, 1999. Panel on Ratification of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. Century City.

Speaker, Human Rights Watch Lunch, International Women's Rights, March 1999. University of Southern California.

Lecture for the Delinquency Control Institute, School of Policy, Planning, and Development. Four hour presentation, September 15, 2000 and January 10, 2001 (40 law enforcement officers in each class).

National Association of Women Judges annual meeting, Los Angeles, CA. Speaker, Opening Plenary Session "Cultural Issues, October 23, 2000.

Speaker in the Leadership 2000 training program for the Los Angeles Police Department's senior-level command staff. Half-day presentation, given twice: March 20, 27, 2001.

Guest lecture for Annenberg Course, Intercultural Communication (Instructor Gillian Pierson), December 5, 2000.

Roundtable talk "Religious defenses", Center for Religion and Civic Culture, February 16, 2001.

California Court Interpreters Association Annual Conference. San Diego, CA. Gave 2 1/2 hour talk "Cultural Differences in the Courtroom". October 7, 2001.

Consultant for Cultural Awareness Project, State Bar of Michigan Open Justice Commission, September 2001-2003.

Speaker at the conference sponsored by the California Center for Judicial Education and Research "Ethnic and Racial Bias in the Judiciary." San Francisco. April 19, 2002

Speaker, Judicial Ethics Colloquium. Sponsored by the Philippine Supreme Court and the American Bar Association Asia Law Project, Manila, The Philippines, November 2005.

Gave a talk on the International Criminal Court, Global Security Seminar, UCLA, May 13, 2005.

Speaker, Comparative Legal Ethics Workshop. Conference sponsored by the Lawyers Council of Thailand and the ABA-Asia Law Project. Bangkok, Thailand, January 2006.

Speaker, "Law in a Multicultural Society: The Right to Culture as a Human Right. Lodestar Program, International House, Berkeley, California. March 7, 2006 (300 present).

Instructor, Session of Institute held at UCLA, "Middle East - United States Intersections: Integrating the Middle East into U.S. Politics, Society, and Culture." July 25, 2006.
 Keynote Speaker, entitled "In Defense of Culture: When is it a Viable Legal Strategy?"
 Workshop Cosponsored by the Wisconsin Asian Bar Association and the Wisconsin Organization of Asian Americans, Madison, Wisconsin, November 9, 2006.
 Speaker, American Bar Association Midyear meeting, Panel: "Stranger in a Strange Land: Cross-cultural issues in the Courts", Los Angeles, February 5, 2008.
 Speaker, California Judges Association Midyear Conference, Panel: "Hearing California's Voices: Multicultural Issues in the Courtroom", May 4, 2008, Indian Wells, California.
 Panelist, North American South Asian Bar Association (NASABA) annual conference, "Domestic violence", Chicago, June 28, 2008.
 Panelist, "When in Rome: Cross-cultural Issues in the Courts", New York city, August 9, 2008.
 Panelist, National Association of Women Judges, Plenary "Tradition on Trial: Cross-cultural Issues in the Courts". Chicago, August 28, 2008.
 Panelist, "Cultural Effect on The American Jury and Juries Around the World". American Society of Trial Consultants, Atlanta, June 6, 2009.
 Panelist, New York City Bar, "Stranger in a Strange Land: Cross-Cultural Issues in the Courts", June 8, 2009. "Great Hall" program of NY City Bar's Council on International Affairs.
 Speaker, Faculty Showcase Program, Law in a Multicultural World: The Right to Culture as a Human Right. USC Student orientation, June 18, 2009.
 Panelist, "Lost in Translation? -- Cross-Cultural Issues In The Courts", American Bar Association, annual meeting, Chicago, August 1, 2009.
 Panelist, Plenary: "Changing Demographics in Trial Courts in the 21st Century." Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference, July 14, 2015, San Diego. (500 judges).
 Opening speaker, "Human Rights in U.S. Courts". National Judicial College, January 2023. Beverly Hills.

Public Service:

Member, State Bar Access to Justice Commission (August 1997 – Feb.1999).
 Member, State Judicial Council Access & and Fairness Advisory Committee
 Member, State Judicial Council, Cultural Competency Committee, 2012 – present
 Member, California Committee for Human Rights Watch.
 Member, Attorney General Hate Crimes Commission (January 2000 – 2001).
 Member, California Advisory Committee, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 2020-2023.

Dissertation Committees

2025 Chair

- Saran Uthayakumar, Comparative Analysis of Diaspora Communities in North America: Tamils and Cambodians
- Francesco Mancuso, Cultural Rights in Italy
- Shenali Pilapitiya, Contentious Politics in Sri Lanka

2022 Chair

- Therese Franklin, Asylum Jurisprudence

-Alya Khemakhem, Cultural Heritage Protection, Middle East and North Africa

Second reader:

Michelle Cornelius, “Structural Media Bias Versus Participant Media Bias”

2020 Outside committee member

-Bita Minaravesh, “Environmental Determinants of Childhood Cognitive Development: A Spatio-Temporal Analysis of how Conditions, Perspectives, and Outcomes Evolve Spatial Studies Institute, Ph.D. in Population, Health, and Place.

2019 Outside committee member:

-Maria Francesca Piazzone. “Immigrant Others in Public Space: Street Vending in Touristic Rome.”. Ph.D., Price School of Public Policy.

2017 Chair:

-Keira Stearns, Women, Peace, and Security.

2015 Chair:

- Michel Angela Martinez, Photography in Movement: The Right to Photography, Ethics in Imaging, and the Art of Making Social Change.

2012 Co-chair (with Manuel Castells):

- Rook Campbell, “Global Governance of Sport in a Digital Age: The Political Economy of Sport Integrity Regulation”.
- Outside committee member:
- Diana Winkelman. “Discourse in Haiti. Doctorate in Rhetoric. Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism”. (Chair: Tom Goodnight).
- Xiao Wei. “Defending Rawls’s Law of Peoples Against Cosmopolitan Critiques. School of Philosophy”. (chair: Sharon Lloyd).
- Donna Frenzel. “Discrimination in Choral Director Hiring Practices. Doctorate in Sacred Music”. Thornton School of Music. (Chair: Woodward).

2009 Second reader:

Christine Jun, “Argentina’s economic crisis in 2001 & the IMF”.

2008 Chair:

- Archana Agarwal - “Crimes of Honor: An International Human Rights Perspective on Violence against Women in South Asia.”
- Roberta W. Baeta - “The Little Skingin That Could: An Affirmative Look at Off-Reservation Boarding Schools.”
- Cher Weixia Chen - “Compliance and Compromise: The Jurisprudence of Gender Pay Equity.” (Published by Martinus Nijhoff, 2011.)
- Jose Gomez - “Policing Accountability: An Analysis of State Sponsored Police Reform.”
- Jonathan N. Liljeblad - “The Elephant and the Mouse That Roared: The Prospects of International Policy and Local Authority in the Case of The Convention on the International Trade of Endangered Species (CITES).” (Quid Pro Books)

- Sanghamitra Padhy - “Greening Law: A Socio-Legal Analysis of Environmental Human Rights.”
- Laura Pellegrini - “An Argument for the Criminal Hoax.”
- Denise Tharnstrom - “Children's Environmental Health.”
- Linda Veazey - “A Woman's Right to Culture: An Argument for a Gendered Approach to Cultural Rights.”(Quid Pro Books).
- Nina Weiler - “Attacking Atheists: An Analysis of Doing One's Duty to God and Country in 21st Century America.” (Published by LFB Scholarly Publishing, 2011).

2nd reader:

- Nicholas Buccola - “In Pursuit of Liberty: The Civic Liberalism of Frederick Douglass” (Published by NYU Press, 2012.)
- Louis Gordon – “The Impact of 9/11 on the judicial treatment of Middle East asylum applicants in the U.S. courts.”
- Gloria Guevara – “Assessing the effectiveness of transnational activism: an analysis of the Anti-Whaling and Anti-Sealing Movements.”
- Sun-Young Kwak - "Policy Transfer and Diffusion in a Global and Regional World: Environmental Policy Reforms in France and Korea."
- Hovann Simonian – “The failure of democratic consolidation in the South Caucasus (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia)”.

Outside committee member:

- Lori J. Breeden, Occupational Science - “Transformative Occupations: Life Experiences of Performers with Disabilities in Film and Television.”
- Marc (Jung-Whan) de Jong, Sociology – “Gender and Sexuality in Dutch, British, and US Political Debates on Multiculturalism, Islam, and Muslims between 1999 and 2006.”

2007 Outside member:

- Theresa Allen, Sociology - “Petey and Chato: The pitbull's transition from mainstream to marginalized masculinity

2006 Co-chair (with Marita Sturken):

- Charles Tsung Tang Lee - “Deviant cosmopolitanism: transgressive globalization and traveling citizenship.”
- Maya Sabatello – “Children's Bioethics: The International Bio-Political Discourse On Harmful Traditional Practices and the Right of the Child to Cultural Identity.” (Published by Martinus Nijhoff, 2009).

2nd reader:

- Jinee Lokaneeta – “Legal discourses on torture in contemporary liberal democracies : the United States and India.” (Published by NYU Press.)

2005 Chair:

- Dongwook Cha - “The Role of the Korean Constitutional Court in the Democratization of South Korea.”

2nd reader:

- Stephanie Hszieh - "Mediated Justice: Local Media Coverage of the Trial of Scott Peterson."

Outside committee member:

- William Glenn, Education - "The Relationship Between School Finance Litigation and Student Achievement."
- Michelle Stewart-Thomas, Sociology - "Dual Devotions: African American Clergywomen and Work-Family Dilemmas."

2004 Outside committee member:

- Jerome Straghan, Sociology - "Belizean Immigrants in Los Angeles."

2003 2nd Reader:

- Melina Abdullah - "Greater than the Sum of Her Parts: A Multi-Axis Analysis of Black Women and Political Representation."
- Brian D. Goldberg - "Proposition 140: A Study of the Impact of Term Limits on the California Assembly."

Outside Member:

- Alice Prive, Religion - Religious Freedoms and Medical Care: Recommendations for Legislation."
- Terrence O'Sullivan, International Relations - "Disease, Death and Disruption: Globalization, Bioterrorism and the Politics of Catastrophic Infectious Disease Outbreaks."

2002 Chair:

- Gayl M. Anglin - "Childbirth Customs of Women's Culture: A Jurisprudence Argument for Protection Under International and American Legal Norms."
- Sonia Riera-Penney - "Cautionary Tales, U.S. Immigration and the Fauziya Kassindja Case: Toward a Theory of Cultural Romanticism."
- Viktoria Stamison - "A Policy Undressed: How Public Schools Fashion Conformism through Mandatory Uniforms."

2nd reader:

- Avi Davidi - "The Post-Revolutionary Iranian Triangle: The United States-Israel-Iran Tripartite Relations (1979-2001)."

Outside committee member:

Robert Hernan Cubillos, Religion - "Braving the streets of Brazil: Children, their rights, and the roles of local NGOs in northeast Brazil."

2001 Chair:

- Silvia Maier - "Multicultural Jurisprudence: A Study of the Legal Recognition of Cultural Minority Rights in France and Germany."

Outside member:

- Andrew Blum, International Relations - "Territory, Identity and the Rise of Minority Rights."
- Rosa Lin, Public Policy - "Organizational Representativeness and Performance."

1999 Chair:

- Kenneth Graham – “Litigating International Human Rights: Claims in U.S. Federal Courts and the Separation of Powers Dilemma.”

1998 Chair:

- Christopher Larkins – “The Legacies of Hyper-Presidentialism: Executive-Judicial Relations, Constitutional Cultures, and the Future of Democratic Governance in Argentina and Peru.”
- Samantha Winch – “The Responsibility of States to Provide Protect and Enhance Language Rights.”

2nd reader:

- Angela Pool Hegamin – “The Impact of State Abortion Policy on Selective Abortion Ratios in the United States.”

1997 Chair:

- Ladan Askari – “The Human Rights of Girl Children: An Argument for Establishing Gender Equality as a *Jus Cogens*.”
- Martin D. Dupuis – “The Politics of Rights in the Case for Same-Sex Marriage.”

2nd reader:

- Margaret A. Scully – “Human Rights and the Environment.”

1996 Outside Committee Member:

- Leigh G. Turner, Religion – “Religious Bioethics in a Pluralist World: Truth-Telling: Informed Consent, and Euthanasia.”

1994 2nd reader:

- Vacharin Chansilp – “Participation in Student Government and Students' Sense of Political Efficacy of Four Thai High Schools”

1992 Chair:

- Gregory G. Curtin – “Large Scale Harms in Canada and the U.S.: A Societal Rights Perspective.”
- Nancy Daly – “Justification and Wide Reflective Equilibrium.”

2nd reader:

- Majed Alhamwi – “International Terrorism: Challenges and Compromise in the Middle East”

Grants

Award from the Faculty Research and Innovation Fund for Summer 1988 to study the cultural defense.

Award from the Irvine Foundation for Summer 1991 to develop a new course: Cultural Diversity and the Law.

Award from the 1993 Faculty Fund for Innovative Teaching to create a "Guide to Research in Comparative Law" and 2000 Faculty Fund for seminar "Human Rights: Theory and Practice".

Award from the 1994 Zumberge Faculty Research and Innovation Fund for study of culture conflict in civil litigation.

Faculty Research Grant from the Center for Religion and Civic Culture for the Study of Religious Ethics and Apologies, 2005.

Grant from the Casden Institute for a study of Jewish Names and Public Policy, 2007.

Shoah Foundation, Faculty development grant, 2011.

Center for Feminist Research, New Directions faculty grant, violence against women, 2011.

Principal Investigator, Dornsife Faculty Interdisciplinary Research Grant for Human Rights Center, Spring 2019.

Grants from the Center for International Studies, 2019-2020, 2021-2022, 2023-2025

Awards

Council on Foreign Relations International Affairs Fellowship for Tenured International Relations Scholars, 2024-2025.

Raubenheimer Award for Excellence in Teaching, Research, & Service, Dornsife College, 2022

Vice Chancellor 'Australia and the World' Visiting Fellow, August 2019

Visiting Scholar, Faculty of Jurisprudence, University of Cagliari, Summer 2016.

Fellow, Human Rights Consortium, School of Advanced Study, University of London, Spr. 2014

Walter S. Owen and Douglas McK. Brown Visiting Chair in Law, University of British Columbia Faculty of Law, Vancouver, February 2014

Fellow, Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences (CASBS), Stanford University, Fall 2013, (Declined Spring 2014).

Phi Kappa Phi Award for Creativity in Research for The Cultural Defense, 2006

USC Associates Award for Excellence in Teaching (campus-wide), 2005

Mellon Excellence in Mentoring Award, Undergraduate, 2011; Graduate, 2005

Remarkable Woman Award, USC Women's Student Assembly/Campus Activities, 2005

Top Ten Faculty Fellows, 2005, Office of Residential Life

Mentor of Distinction by the Women's Caucus for Political Science, 1993

Mortar Board Teaching Award, 1995

Political Science Department Teaching Award, Fall 2001

Member, *Phi Kappa Phi*, all university wide honor society (served on Executive board 2006-present), Vice-President 2008-2009, President, 2009-2010.

USC Leshner Student Scholarship in Honor of Professor Renteln
California State University, Los Angeles, Alison Renteln Award

Listed in:

Who's Who of American Women (20th edition)
Who's Who in the West (26th edition)
Outstanding Young Women of America for 1997 (31st edition)
Dictionary of International Biography (26th edition)
The World Who's Who of Women (14th edition)
Who's Who in America (57th and 58th editions)
Who's Who in American Education (8th edition)

References

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