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Arlington, Virginia
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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Campbell Fellow

Hoover Institution, Stanford University July 2021-Present

Term Assistant Professor

Antonin Scalia Law School, George Mason University January 2021-Present
Subjects: federal Indian law, tribal sovereignty clinic, basic civil procedure

Director, Tribal Law & Economics Project

Law & Economics Center, George Mason University January 2021-Present

Research Fellow

Center for Governance and Markets, University of Pittsburgh January 2021-Present

Managing Fellow

Native American Law and Policy Institute May 2019-Present

Associate Professor

Southern University Law Center May 2019-Present
Subjects: basic civil procedure, obligations, contracts, statutory analysis, and federal Indian law

Associate Justice

Pascua Yaqui Tribe January 2019-Present

Visiting Assistant Professor

Southern University Law Center August 2018-May 2019
Subjects: basic civil procedure, obligations, statutory analysis, and federal Indian law

Law and Policy Consultant

Adam Crepelle & Associates, LLC. June 2016-Present
Experience: federal Indian law; zoning; traffic violations; contract drafting and defense; business certification; marijuana possession

Policy Analyst

Reason Foundation May 2015-May 2016
Experience: analyzing public pension systems, civil asset forfeiture, licensing laws, and privatization

PUBLICATIONS

Conservatorship Trampled Indigenous Rights Long Before Britney Spears Spotlight Problem

- [USA Today](#), October 7, 2021

Getting Smart About Tribal Commercial Law: How Smart Contracts Can Transform Tribal Economies

- Delaware Journal of Corporate Law, Volume 45 (Forthcoming, 2022)

Holding the United States Liable for Indian Country Crime

- Kansas Journal of Law and Public Policy, Vol. 31 (Forthcoming, 2022)

“Commentary on *Oliphant v. Suquamish Indian Tribe*”

- Chapter in *Feminist Judgments: Criminal Law* (Forthcoming, 2022)

Finding Ways to Empower Tribal Oil Production

- Wyoming Law Review, Volume 22 (Forthcoming, 2022)

Tribes, Vaccines, and COVID-19: A Look at Tribal Responses to the Pandemic

- Fordham Urban Law Journal, Volume XLIX (Forthcoming, Winter 2022)

The Time Trap: Addressing the Stereotypes that Undermine Tribal Sovereignty

- Columbia Human Rights Law Review (Forthcoming, Fall 2021)

The Law and Economics of Crime in Indian Country

- The Georgetown Law Journal (Forthcoming, Spring 2022).

Legal Issues in Tribal E-Commerce

- American University Business Law Review (Forthcoming, Spring 2022)

The Chronic Uncertainty of American Indian Property Rights, with Ilia Murtazashvili, Eric Alston, and Wilson Law

- [Journal of Institutional Economics](#) (Winter 2021)

The Per Cap Conundrum: Governance, Culture, and Incentives

- [Gonzaga Law Review](#), Vol. 56 (Spring 2021)

How Federal Indian Law Prevents Business Development in Indian Country

- [University of Pennsylvania Journal of Business Law](#), Vol. 23 (Summer 2021)

COVID-19, Indian Reservations, and Self-Determination, with Ilia Murtazashvili

- [Mercatus Center](#), July 20, 2020

Broken Treaties with Native Americans Not Fixed by Supreme Court Ruling, with Terry Anderson

- [The Hill](#), July 16, 2020

Protecting the Children of Indian Country: A Call to Expand Tribal Court Jurisdiction and Devote More Funding to Indian Child Safety

- [Cardozo Journal of Equal Rights and Social Justice](#), Vol. 27 (Spring 2021)

White Tape and Indian Wards: Removing the Federal Bureaucracy to Empower Tribal Economies and Self-Government

- [University of Michigan Journal of Law Reform](#), Vol. 54 (Spring 2021)

Lies, Damn Lies, and Federal Indian Law: The Ethics of Citing Racist Precedent in Contemporary Federal Indian Law

- [New York University Review of Law & Social Change](#), Vol. 44 (Spring 2021)

Taxes, Theft, and Indian Tribes: Seeking Parity in Tribal-State Taxation,

- [West Virginia Law Review](#), Vol. 122 (Spring 2020)

Tribal Courts, VAWA, and Supplemental Jurisdiction: Expanding Tribal Court Jurisdiction to Improve Public Safety in Indian Country

- [Montana Law Review](#), Vol. 81 (Spring, 2020)

Standing Their (Shrinking) Ground: The Isle de Jean Charles Relocation Ignores Realities for Native Residents

- [64 Parishes](#) (2020)

Tribal Recognition, Consultation, and Lessons from the First Climate Relocation

- [Natural Resources & Environment](#) (Winter 2020)

Louisiana's Not So Civil Asset Forfeiture Laws

- [Pelican Institute for Public Policy](#), Policy Brief 2019

Should You Go to Jail if Someone Puts an Undersized Catfish in Your Cooler? Mens Rea in Louisiana, with Greg Glod

- [Pelican Institute for Public Policy](#), Policy Brief 2019

The Reservation Water Crisis: American Indians and Third World Water Conditions

- [Tulane Environmental Law Journal](#), Vol. 32 (Summer 2019)

“Colonization by Another Means: How the Federal Recognition Process Has Undermined the United Houma Nation’s Governance Institutions”

- Chapter in *Governing for Indigenous Self-determined Development: An International Perspective* (Forthcoming 2020)

Decolonizing Reservation Economies: Returning to Private Enterprise and Trade

- [Journal of Business, Entrepreneurship, and the Law](#), Vol. 12 (2019)

“What’s a ‘Real Indian Tribe’? The Federal Recognition Process”

- Chapter in *The Legal Status of Indigenous Peoples in the Legal Systems of Russia and Foreign Countries* (2021)

Think Taxation Is Theft? Try Being an Indian Tribe

- [Indian Country Today Media Network](#), October 10, 2018

Shooting Down Oliphant: Self-Defense as an Answer to Crime in Indian Country

- [Lewis & Clark Law Review](#), Vol. 22.4 (Winter 2019)

From Tribes to Nations: Revitalizing International Trade among Native Nations with Joseph Austin

- [Tribal Business Journal](#), April 2018

The United States First Climate Relocation: Recognition, Relocation, and Indigenous Rights at the Isle de Jean Charles

- [Belmont Law Review](#), Vol. 6 (Winter 2019)

Standing Rock in the Swamp: Oil, the Environment, and the United Houma Nation’s Struggle for Federal Recognition

- [Loyola Law Review](#), Vol. 64 (Spring 2018)

All Roads Lead to Chaco Canyon: Revitalizing Trade Between Native Nations with Joseph Austin

- [Tribal Business Journal](#), March 2018

Tribal Lending and Tribal Sovereignty

- [Drake Law Review](#), Vol. 66, No. 1, Winter 2017-2018

Tribes & Cannabis: Where Things Stand

- [American Gaming Lawyer](#), Vol. 13, No. 1 (Spring 2017)

Property Rights and Freedom: The Keys to Improving Life in Indian Country with Walter Block

- [Washington & Lee Journal of Civil Rights and Social Justice](#), Vol. 23 (2017)

Concealed Carry to Reduce Sexual Violence Against American Indian Women

- [Kansas Journal of Law and Public Policy](#), Vol. 27 (2017)

Probable Cause to Plunder: Civil Asset Forfeiture and the Problems It Creates

- [Wake Forest Journal of Law & Policy](#), Vol. 7 (Spring 2017)

Guest Column: Civil Law—but Not-so-Civil Forfeiture

- [The Advocate](#), January 24, 2017

Arbitrary Process: The Struggle for Federal Recognition of Louisiana's Indian Tribes

- [Louisiana Cultural Vistas](#), Winter 2016-17

Guest Column: Louisiana Licensing Rules Stifle Free Market

- [The Advocate](#), August 14, 2016

Guest Column: Louisiana Needs to Address Pension Reform

- [The Advocate](#), June 7, 2016

A Market for Human Organs: An Ethical Solution to the Organ Shortage

- [Indiana Health Law Review](#), Vol. 13 (2016)

Illinois Supreme Court Strikes Down Pension Law

- [Out of Control Policy Blog](#), March 29, 2016

Proposed Pension Initiative Threatens the California Rule

- [Out of Control Policy Blog](#), July 22, 2015

How Will State Courts Rule on Pension Reforms? Pension Law Map Gives Guidance

- [Out of Control Policy Blog](#), June 17, 2015

Taking Inventory of Louisiana's Outdated Tax

- [The Pelican Post](#), April 7, 2015

Louisiana Pensions: A Bargain for Teachers, a Burden for Taxpayers, with Lance Christensen

- [The Pelican Post](#), September 3, 2014

James Q. Wilson and Public Policy Education

- [Pepperdine Policy Review](#), Volume 7 (May 2014)

Indian Santa: Garnering Support for the United Houma Nation Through an Award Winning Documentary

- [Bridge the Gulf](#), November 26, 2012

Our Fight for Federal Recognition

- [Bridge the Gulf](#), November 18, 2011

PRESENTATIONS

Governance, Liberty, and Prosperity for American Indians

- Presenter, An Overview of Legal Issues in Tribal Online Lending, American Bar Association Annual Meeting, May 4, 2021

Governance, Liberty, and Prosperity for American Indians

- Discussant, Workshop by the Hoover Institution at Stanford University and the Law and Economics Center at Antonin Scalia Law School of Law, George Mason University, May 13-15, 2021

“Lies, Damn Lies, and Federal Indian: How Racism Undermines Tribal Sovereignty”

- Keynote Speaker, Nazareth College, [Women & Gender Studies Spring Symposium](#), April 9, 2021
- “Why a Gulf States American Indian Chamber of Commerce”
- Presenter, Native Edge Institute, National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development, at Coshatta Casino Resort, February 18, 2021
- “The Law and Economics of Indian Country Crime”
- Presenter, Indigenous Student Seminar, The Alliance for Renewing Indigenous Economies, January 25, 2021
- “Legal Issues in Tribal Online Lending”
- Presenter, Public Law 280 Jurisdiction and Tribal Online Lending: Two Indian Law Flashpoints, Conference of Western Attorneys General and Thompson Reuters, December 7, 2020
- “Tribal Laws Federal Indian Law Problem”
- Presenter, Indigenous Private Law Conference, Journal of Commonwealth Law in conjunction with the Faculties of Law at the Université de Montréal, the University of Cape Town, and Western University, December 4, 2020
- “The Law and Economics of Crime in Indian Country”
- Presenter, Virtual Seminar on Policing and Police Reform in the United States, Center for Governance and Markets at the University of Pittsburgh, October 20, 2020
- “The Law and Economics of Crime in Indian Country”
- Presenter, Faculty Workshop Series, Albany Law School, October 14, 2020
- “Tribes and Online Lending”
- Presenter, Conference of Western Attorneys General, Western Attorneys General Litigation Action Committee Fall Meeting, October 12, 2020
- “Economic Development and State Recognized Tribes”
- Presenter, Tribal Governance Strategies: A Virtual Workshop to Engage State-Recognized Tribes, Native Nations Institute at the University of Arizona, September 18, 2020
- “*McGirt* and the Indian Country Jurisdictional Puzzle”
- Presenter, Southeastern Association of Law Schools, Online due to COVID-19, August 3, 2020
- “The Per Cap Curse: How Per Capita Payments Undermine Tribal Sovereignty”
- Presenter, Legal Reforms for Indigenous Economic Growth Workshop, Honolulu, Hawaii March, 18-21 2020
- “Truth, Lies, and Federal Indian Law: How Antiquated Beliefs Continue to Undermine Tribal Sovereignty”
- Presenter, All Roads Lead to Chaco Canyon: Creating Trade and Business in Indian Country, March 11, 2020
- “Environmental Human Rights: Indigenous Peoples in Louisiana and Around the World”
- Panelist, Tulane Environmental Law & Policy Summit, March 6, 2020
- “Are Business Killing Trust Restrictions on Tribal Land Constitutional”
- Presenter, 2020 Federalist Society Annual Faculty Conference at Association of American Law Schools, Washington, D.C., January 4, 2020
- “Indians and the Law in Louisiana”

- Presenter, 2019 Legislative Legal Seminar, Louisiana State Capitol, Baton Rouge, Louisiana December 5, 2019
- “Business Structures Available to Indian Tribes”
- Presenter, Legal Reforms for Indigenous Economic Growth, Springhill Suites, San Diego, California November 23, 2019
- “White Tape and Indian Wards: Removing Unconstitutional Barriers to Indian Entrepreneurship”
- Presenter, “Indigenous Capital, Growth, and Property Rights: The Legacy of Colonialism,” Hoover Project on Renewing Indigenous Economies at Stanford University November 18-19, 2019
- “Tribal Sovereignty and Recognition”
- Presenter, Southern University Law Center, Second Annual Tribal Courts and Tribal Sovereignty Symposium October 25, 2019
- “Obstacles to Indigenous Economic Development in the United States”
- Presenter, Legal Reforms for Indigenous Economic Growth Workshop, University of Saskatchewan College of Law, September 14, 2019
- “Tribal Courts, VAWA, and Supplemental Jurisdiction”
- Presenter, Southeastern Association of Law Schools, Boca Raton, Florida, July 28, 2019
- “Indian Law in Louisiana: What Lawyers Should Know”
- Presenter, Louisiana Judicial College and Louisiana State Bar Association Joint Summer School, June 4, 2019
- “Is Indian Law Ethical?”
- Presenter, All Roads Lead to Chaco Canyon: Creating Trade and Business in Indian Country, March 13, 2019
- “The Development of Federal Indian: Pre-Contact to Today”
- Southern University Law Center, First Annual Tribal Courts and Tribal Sovereignty Symposium November 2, 2018
- “How to Start Your Career in Environmental Law”
- Tulane Law School, October 15, 2018
- “Missing Property Rights on Native American Lands”
- [Cato Institute Daily Podcast](#), October 9, 2018
- “Renewing Indigenous Economies: Removing Barriers to Economic Development and Entrepreneurship in Indian Country”
- Roundtable Discussion, Hoover Institution at Stanford University, October 2, 2018
- “Why VAWA and How to Implement It”
- Presenter, Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas 5th Judicial Symposium September 20-21, 2018
- “Web-based Payday Lending and Tribal Sovereignty”
- Presenter, Cleveland Legal Practice Group Meeting, May 2018
- “Relocation, Recognition, and the Rights of Indigenous Peoples”
- Panelist, Tulane Environmental Law & Policy Summit, March 9-10, 2018
- “The Native Trade Organization”

- Panelist, All Roads Lead to Chaco Canyon: Revitalizing Trade Between Native Nations, University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law March 24, 2018

“An Introduction to Indian Law” & “VAWA & TLOA: The Why, What, and How”

- Presenter, Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana, Violence Against Women Act, Tribal Law and Order Act, and Indian Child Welfare Act Training to Enhance Tribal Judicial Practices, February 20-21, 2018

"Doing Business in Indian Country: Identifying and Navigating Business Opportunities on Tribal Lands"

- Moderator, [Louisiana International Trade Week and World Trade Center New Orleans](#), October 2017

“Introduction to Indian Law”

- Guest Lecturer, Southern University Law Center, April 2017

"Tribal Sovereignty, Jurisdiction, and Recognition"

- Guest Lecturer, Tulane University, March 2017

"Tribal Sovereignty, Jurisdiction, and Recognition"

- Guest Lecturer, University of Southern Mississippi, February 2017

"Recent Developments in Tribal Tax Law"

- Panel Moderator, California Indian Law Association's 16th Annual Conference, October 2016

"Concealed Carry to Reduce Sexual Violence on Indian Reservations"

- Presenter, 2016 Austrian Economics Research Conference hosted by the Mises Institute

"Indian Law 101"

- Guest Lecturer, Southern University Law Center, November 2015

"PL 280: A Path to Repeal"

- Panel Moderator, California Indian Law Association's 15th Annual Conference, October 2015

"Human Organs for Sale: An Ethical Solution to the Organ Shortage"

- Presenter, 2015 Los Angeles Policy Symposium hosted by the RAND Corporation

"Editor-in-Chief Panel"

Panelist, 2015 National Journal Conference hosted by the University of Virginia

EDUCATION

Master of Laws

Specialization: Indigenous Peoples Law and Policy

University of Arizona—Tucson, Arizona

May 2018

Master of Public Policy

Specializations: Economics and State and Local Government

Pepperdine University School of Public Policy—Malibu, California

April 2015

- Valedictorian

2015

- Editor-in-Chief, Pepperdine Policy Review

2014-2015

- Editor, Pepperdine Policy Review

2013-2014

Juris Doctor

Southern University Law Center—Baton Rouge, Louisiana

May 2013

- CALI Award for Excellent Achievement in Legal Writing

Spring 2011

- Winner Southern University Law Center's Chancellor's Leadership Award

2012-2013

Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS, CERTIFICATIONS, & LICENSES**Association of American Law Schools**

- Secretary, Indian Nation & Indigenous Peoples Section January 2021- Present
- Treasurer, Indian Nation & Indigenous Peoples Section January 2020-January 2021

American Bar Association

- Member November 2013- Present
- Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence August 2019-August 2022

National American Indian Court Judges Association

- Member January 2019-Present
- Board of Directors October 2019-Present
- Secretary October 2019-Present

Louisiana Judicial College

- Faculty October 2018-2020

Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana, Tribal Court

- Admitted to practice October 2018-Present

Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana, Tribal Court

- Admitted to practice May 2018-Present

United States District Court, Western District of Louisiana

- Admitted to practice May 2018-Present

Gulf States American Indian Chamber of Commerce

- Co-Founder August 2019
- Board of Directors August 2019-2020

New Orleans World Affairs Council

- Board of Directors March 2016-December 2019

National Native American Bar Association

- Member October 2015- Present

New Orleans Bar Association

- Member August 2015- August 2017

California Indian Law Association

- Vice President October 2014-2015
- Board of Directors October 2014-2017

Louisiana State Bar Association

- Member October 2013- Present
- Criminal Justice Committee, appointment 2017-Present

PRODUCTIONS

- Conference Chair: “Tribal Courts and Tribal Sovereignty,” October 16, 2020
- Conference Chair: “All Roads Lead to Chaco Canyon: Creating Indigenous Law, Entrepreneurship, and Trade” March 11-13, 2020
- Conference Chair: “Tribal Courts and Tribal Sovereignty,” October 24-25, 2019

- Conference Chair: “All Roads Lead to Chaco Canyon: Creating Trade and Business in Indian Country,” March 13-15, 2019
- Conference Chair: “Tribal Courts and Tribal Sovereignty,” November 1-2, 2018
- Conference Co-Chair: “All Roads Lead to Chaco Canyon: Revitalizing Trade Between Native Nations,” March 23-24, 2018: <https://law.arizona.edu/native-trade>
- Film: *Indian Santa*: <https://vimeo.com/54584760>
 - New Orleans Film Festival 2012
 - Life Film Festival 2012, Winner of Best Documentary
 - American Indian Film Festival 2012
 - Big Sky Documentary Film Festival 2013
 - Smithsonian Institute’s National Museum of the American Indian "Louisiana Stories" Film Program, April 2013
 - Smithsonian Institute's National Museum of the American Indian and the Southwestern Association for Indian Arts (SWAIA) Native Cinema Showcase, August 2013

TRAININGS

Introduction to the Economics of Information, Advertising, Privacy, and Data Security Workshop

- Law & Economics Center May 2021

Essential Skills for Tribal Court Judges

- National Judicial College September 2019

Economics Institute for Law Professors

- Law & Economics Center June 2019

Leadership Certificate

- Collaborative Bar Leadership Academy June 2016

TRIBAL EXPERIENCE

National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development 40 under 40 Award 2019

- Demonstrating “leadership, initiative, and dedication and making significant contributions in business, their professions, or in their communities”

Advisor on Tribal Matters to the 2018 Tricentennial Commission and the President/CEO of the 2018 NOLA Foundation

- Coordinating with Louisiana’s tribes about Indian involvement in the Tricentennial 2017

United Houma Nation Advocate Award

- Demonstrating great skill and perseverance speaking on behalf of the Houma Indians 2012

United Houma Nation’s Election Committee

- Developing and implementing election rules 2012-2014

United Houma Nation's Tribal Security and Community Service Committee

- Developing plans for disaster relief in the United Houma Nation's service area 2011-2015

United Houma Nation's Diabetes Coalition

- Developing a program to reduce the rate of type 2 diabetes in the United Houma Nation 2011- 2015