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CURRENT **Assistant Professor of Law, Brooklyn Law School (2015-)**
Fellow, New America Foundation
Four Freedoms Center Fellow, Roosevelt Institute

EDUCATION **HARVARD LAW SCHOOL, J.D., *cum laude*, June 2012**
Reginald Lewis Fellowship for Law Teaching (2012-2014)

HARVARD UNIVERSITY, GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT, Ph.D., June 2013
Dissertation: “Governing the Economy: Experts, Markets, and Citizens”
Advisors: Michael Sandel, Nancy Rosenblum, Eric Beerbohm, Gerald Frug
Fellowships: Harvard Center for American Political Studies Fellow (2011-2012)
Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics, Graduate Fellow (2010-2011)

OXFORD UNIVERSITY (RHODES SCHOLAR), United Kingdom
Master of Studies in Socio-legal Studies, July 2007
Master of Science in Economics for Development (Distinction), June 2006

HARVARD UNIVERSITY, A.B. *summa cum laude* with highest honors in Social Studies, June 2005
Phi Beta Kappa. Detur Prize. Harvard College Scholarships
Activities: Harvard Writing Center; Mozart Society Orchestra; *Harvard International Review*,
Senior Editor; Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Undergraduate Associate
Thesis: *Development, Empowerment, and Political Space: the Depoliticization of the NGO
Sector in Bangladesh* (Hoopes Prize for excellence in thesis research)

RESEARCH

Publications

- *Democracy Against Domination*. Oxford University Press, 2017.
- “Domination, Democracy, and Constitutional Political Economy in the New Gilded Age: Towards a Fourth Wave of Legal Realism?” 94 *Texas Law Review* 1329 (2016).
- “Democracy Against Domination: Progressivism, Republicanism, and Economic Freedom Today,” *Contemporary Political Theory* (April 2016).
- “Democracy and Productivity: The Glass-Steagall Act and the Discourse of Regulatory Reform,” *Journal of Policy History* 24:4 (2012).
- “Envisioning the Regulatory State: Technocracy, Democracy, and Institutional Experimentation in the 2010 Financial Reform and Oil Spill Statutes,” *Harvard Journal on Legislation* 48:2 (2011).
- “Conceptualizing the Economic Role of the State: Keynes, Technocracy, and the Democratic Alternative,” *Polity* 43:2 (2011).
- “Social Capital and What it Represents: the Experience of the Ultra-Poor in Bangladesh,” *Journal of Power* 1:3 (2008). Co-authored with Karishma Huda and Catherine Guirguis.
- “Development, Democracy, and the NGO Sector: Theory and Evidence from Bangladesh,” *Journal of Developing Societies*, 22:4 (2006).

White papers and policy briefs

- “Rethinking Public Goods,” American Constitution Society, “What’s the Big Idea?” White paper series, forthcoming.
- “Untamed: How to Check Corporate, Financial, and Monopoly Power” (May 2016) (available online at: <http://rooseveltinstitute.org/untamed-how-check-corporate-financial-and-monopoly-power/>) -- Section I.A, “Restoring Competition in the US Economy” (with Lina Khan); Section III, “Fixing the Regulatory State” (with Devin Duffy, Kathryn Milani, Lenore Palladino)
- “Rethinking Regulation.” Roosevelt Institute white paper (April 2016) (available online at: <http://rooseveltinstitute.org/rethinking-regulation/>)
- “What Worked in the Fight for Net Neutrality,” Case Study, Gettysburg Project on Civic Engagement (August 2015) (with Edward Walker, Michelle Miller, and Jenny Weeks)

- “Democratizing the Fed: Context and Opportunities”. Policy brief, Center for Popular Democracy, June 2014.
- “The Only Legitimate Fountain of Power: Initiatives, Courts, and Same-Sex Marriage in California”. Case study developed for Harvard College course on the History of American Democracy, and Harvard Business School. With David Moss and Timothy Lambert. Nov. 2013.

Presentations

- “Policymaking as Power-building,” Scholars Strategy Network / Ford Foundation Money-in-politics symposium (June 2016)(invited panelist)
- “Chevron under fire,” American Constitution Society annual convention panel discussion (June 2016) (invited panelist)
- “Labor, Citizenship, and the Gig Economy,” Roundtable, Law and Society Association annual convention (June 2016) (invited panelist)
- “Popular Administration”. Administrative Law Roundtable, Michigan State University / University of Michigan (June 2016) (peer-reviewed CFP)
- “Producing Democratic Vibrancy,” Brooklyn Law School Free Speech Under Fire symposium (Feb 2016) (invited panelist)
- “Private power, public values,” Harvard Law School, Public Law Workshop (February 2016) (invited presentation)
- “Constitutional political economy and fourth wave legal realism,” Columbia Law School Public Law Workshop (February 2016) (invited presentation)
- “Private power and public purpose,” American Association of Law Schools annual convention, Business Associations / Law and Economics sections (January 2016) (Peer-reviewed CFP)
- “Disrupting Democracy: Reinventing the Social Contract,” Stanford History of Capitalism workshop (November 2015) (invited presentation)
- “The Constitution and Inequality,” Yale American Constitution Society “Law and Inequality” Conference (October 2015) (invited presentation)
- “Democracy Against Domination,” US Society for Intellectual History annual conference (October 2015) (Peer-reviewed)
- “Managerialism, Democracy, and the New Deal Order,” Rethinking the New Deal Order conference, University of California – Santa Barbara (September 2015). (Peer-reviewed CFP)
- “Private Power, Public Utilities, and the Curse of Bigness Revisited,” Normative Theory section, 2015 American Political Science Association Annual Conference (September 2015). (Peer-reviewed CFP)
- “Private Power, Public Goods, and the Legacy of Legal Realism,” National Business Law Scholars Conference, Loyola Law School, Los Angeles, June 2014; Fordham Law School Junior Faculty Colloquium, May 2014. (Peer-reviewed CFP)
- “Democracy, Domination, and the Fourth Wave of Legal Realism,” Law and Society Association Annual Conference, May 2014; American Society of Legal History Annual Conference November 2014. (Peer-reviewed CFP)
- Chair / Discussant, “Contemporary Issues of Participatory Democracy.” 2014 Law and Society Conference. (Invited)
- “The Social Value of Finance: Moral Judgment, Technocracy and the Pathologies of Financial Regulation.” American Association of Law Schools conference panel “Taking Stock of Post-Crisis Reforms: Local Global and Comparative Perspectives in Financial Sector Regulation,” Section on Financial Institutions. January 2014. (Peer-reviewed CFP)
- “Expertise, Markets, and Democratic Judgment in Financial Regulation.” Presented at 2013 Harvard Law School Legal History Colloquium. (Invited presentation)
- “Power, Regulation, and Democratic Agency: A Progressive Theory of the Public.” Presented at 2013 American Political Science Association annual conference. (Peer-reviewed CFP)
- “Private Power, Public Politics.” 2011 London School of Economics Writing Cities Conference
- “The Literary Public Sphere in Post-Authoritarian Transitions: Gao Xingjian, Orhan Pamuk, and J. M. Coetzee,” with Sheena Chestnut. Wilson Carey McWilliams prize for best paper in Politics, Literature, and Film Section, 2008 American Political Science Association. (Peer-reviewed CFP)

PRACTICE

GETTYSBURG PROJECT FOR CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Design Director (January 2014 - 2016); *Steering Committee* (2013-2016)

Part of executive team launching Ford Foundation-funded research-practitioner network to cultivate innovative approaches to civic engagement and democratic participation. Responsible for project strategy, program design, and execution. Built strategic partnerships and managed stakeholder relationships with practitioners, policymakers, and academics. Designed, curated, and edited research process to generate high-impact findings actionable by practitioners. Designed and facilitated convenings and collaborative learning sessions to develop collective vision, cross-sector collaborations, and institute new insights among practitioners. Helped raise over \$500,000 over two years to launch project.

OPEN SOCIETY FOUNDATION, “INCLUSIVE GOVERNANCE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT”

Project co-chair and co-convenor (May 2015 - 2016)

Co-chaired new research initiative backed by Open Society Foundation to explore opportunities for leveraging inclusive governance and civic engagement to promote sustainable economic development. Particular focus on informing US policy and practice with insights arising from international and global development practice.

NYC OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY MAYOR, HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,

Special Advisor (2014-2015)

Led high-level inter-agency strategy processes to formulate administration’s long-term economic development strategy. Designed and led process to develop proposed regulatory framework for the innovation and sharing economy. Developed inter-agency policies on place-based development, homelessness. Framework formed basis of 2015 State of the City Speech, and 2015 OneNYC comprehensive policy agenda.

BRENNAN CENTER FOR JUSTICE, *Strategy and Research Advisor*

Spring 2014

Developed research strategy for advocacy group on campaign finance reform and redistricting reform, including through partnerships with academic researchers.

GOVERNANCE LAB @ NYU, *Consultant*

Spring 2013

Member of team developing and launching interdisciplinary research and practice network, fostering innovation in open and collaborative government. Backed by MacArthur and Knight Foundations. Developed strategic advice for government of British Columbia on open government best practices.

OFFICE OF INFORMATION AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS, EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Analyst

Summer 2010

Conducted policy and legal analysis on proposed federal regulations and draft legislation, including oil spill regulation reform, healthcare reform, pension and labor rules. Developed memos for OIRA Administrator, Cass Sunstein, on civic participation, and for VP’s Middle Class Task Force.

GLOBAL ECONOMIC GOVERNANCE PROGRAM, Oxford, UK

2006-2007

Program manager

Developed program improving accountability in World Bank and IMF in collaboration with Prof. Ngaire Woods. Organized major international conference on “New Directions in Development Assistance.” Drafted final report on policy implications of conference discussions.

Previous:

McKinsey & Company; Associate (New York, NY, 2006)

BRAC, Research and Evaluation Division (Dhaka, Bangladesh, 2004)

Federal Reserve Bank of New York (New York, NY, 2003)

ENGAGEMENT **Public speaking, Teaching sessions, and Consulting engagements (Selected)**

- New America, Family Centered Social Policy, “Reinventing Social Policy” – designed and facilitated workshop.
- New America, “Reinventing the Social Contract.” Invited lecture / opening remarks. Washington DC, December 2015.
- William K. Kellogg Foundation, “Civic engagement and economic security”, Invited speaker and consultant, learning session for WKKF board, September 2015.
- New America Foundation, “Millennials Rising” conference, invited panelist, October 2014
- Roosevelt Institute, Campus Network Annual Leadership Summit, August 2014. Keynote speaker.
- Frontiers of Democracy, Tufts University, June 2014. Invited speaker, “Democratic Freedom”.
- Roosevelt Institute, Campus Network “Braintrust” Retreat, June 2014. Invited speaker, “Progressive Cities”.
- Stoneman Foundation / Mott Philanthropic, Board Meeting, May 2014: Invited speaker, “Catalyzing Progressive Change”.

Popular Writings

- “The New Curse of Bigness,” *The American Prospect* (forthcoming, Fall 2016) (exploring how Progressive Era public utility regulations might be adapted to respond to new forms of private power among internet giants and financial firms).
- “The Key to Making Economic Development More Equitable Is Making It More Democratic,” *The Nation*, April 26, 2016 (reporting new research on participation in urban economic development projects) (available online at: <https://www.thenation.com/article/the-key-to-making-economic-development-more-equitable-is-making-it-more-democratic/>)
- “Economics of Power,” *New America Weekly Wonk*, also syndicated in *Pacific Standard Magazine*, April 22, 2016 (discussing the implications of the changing nature of work in “gig” and contingent labor markets) (available online at: <https://www.newamerica.org/weekly/the-economics-of-power/>)
- “What’s Constitutional about Constitutional Political Economy?” *Balkinization Blog*, [January 25](#), 2016, and [February 3](#), 2016.
- “What Clinton and Sanders are Really Fighting About,” *The Atlantic*, February 16, 2015.
- “How to Revive Progressive-Era Economics for the New Gilded Age,” *The Nation*, July 21, 2015.
- “Curbing the New Corporate Power,” *Boston Review*, May/June 2014 [Forum / cover article].
- “Fighting Inequality in the New Gilded Age,” *Boston Review*, September 16, 2014.
- “Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death Star,” *Veritalk podcast*. Feb. 2013.
- “Giving Citizens Control Over Government Will Revive It,” *New Deal 2.0*, Apr. 4, 2012.
- “Is Participatory Rulemaking Possible?,” *The Nation*, Mar. 23, 2012.
- “Beyond the Free Market,” *Salon*, Mar. 4, 2012.
- “The Progressive Vision America Needs,” *Salon*, Feb. 5, 2012.
- “Brandeis’ Key Components of Citizenship” *New Deal 2.0*, Jan. 30, 2012.
- “What do Obama, the Tea Party, and Occupy have in common?” *New Deal 2.0*, Jan. 30, 2012.

TEACHING

BROOKLYN LAW SCHOOL , Brooklyn, NY <i>Assistant Professor of Law</i> Courses include: Administrative Law, Constitutional Law, Law and Inequality	2015- present
HARVARD LAW SCHOOL , Cambridge, MA <i>Teaching Fellow, Law and Social Movements, (Prof. Lani Guinier)</i>	2011-2012
HARVARD COLLEGE , Cambridge, MA <i>Head TF, Government 97: Sophomore Tutorial (Profs. Nancy Rosenblum & Dan Ziblatt)</i> <i>Instructor, Government 90sb: “Public Law and American Democracy”</i> <i>Teaching Fellow, Moral Reasoning 22: Justice (Prof. Michael Sandel)</i> <i>Research Assistant, Government 97: Sophomore Tutorial (Prof. Nancy Rosenblum)</i>	2008-2013 2011-2012 Fall 2011 Fall 2008 2008-2009

AFFILIATIONS Tobin Project, Democracy and Markets Scholars' Network; Roosevelt Institute Four Freedoms Center; New America foundation; Gettysburg Project on Civic Engagement; Civic Collaboratory / Citizens' University

INTERESTS Politics, podcasts, musical performance (clarinet), innovative pedagogy, literature and science fiction