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EDUCATION:

J.S.D., Yale Law School, 1987

LL.M., Yale Law School, 1983

B.A., LL.B. (First Class Honors), Macquarie University (Australia), 1980

POSITIONS

W.R. Irby Chair, 2014-present

William Ray Forrester Professor of Public and Constitutional Law, 2001-present

Visiting Professor, Passau University (Germany), Fall 2017

Visiting Professor, City University of Hong Kong, Spring 2012

Visiting Professor, City University of Hong Kong, Summer 2011

Visiting Professor, Chuo University, Tokyo, Japan, 2009

Visiting Professor, University of Melbourne, Australia, 2006

Visiting Scholar, Center for Comparative Constitutional Studies, University of Melbourne, Australia, 2004

Professor, Tulane University School of Law, 1996-2001

Visiting Professor, Cornell University School of Law, 1998-1999

Associate Professor (tenured), Tulane University School of Law, 1993-1996

Visiting Associate Professor, Duke University School of Law, 1991

Associate Professor, Tulane University School of Law, 1990-1993

Visiting Associate Professor, Boston University School of Law, 1989-1990

Associate Professor, Loyola University School of Law, New Orleans, 1989-1990

Assistant Professor, Loyola University School of Law, New Orleans, 1986-1989

Tutor, Macquarie University School of Law, Australia, 1981-1982

Affiliate Faculty, Stone Center for Latin American Studies (Tulane University), 2021-present

PUBLICATIONS:

The Dignity of Belonging, in HUMAN FLOURISHING: THE END OF LAW (W. Michael Reisman and Roza Pati eds. Martinus Nijhof Publishers, 2023)

Justice Kennedy on Dignity, 60 Houston Law Review 101 (2023)

The Unbearable Thinness of National Citizenship in a Country Organized as a “Nation of Nations”: The Case of Ethiopia, in BETWEEN FAILURE AND REDEMPTION: THE FUTURE OF THE ETHIOPIAN SOCIAL CONTRACT (Northwestern and Addis Ababa Universities, 2022)

The Making of Strangers: Reflection on the Ethiopian Constitution, 38 *Journal of Developing Societies* 421 (2022)

From a Nation of Citizens to a Nation of Nations: Citizenship without Depth, 14 *International Journal of Ethiopian Studies* 141 (2021)

Dignity, Integrity and the Concept of a Person, 13 *International Constitutional Law Journal* 323 (2020)

Constitutional Preambles as Narratives of Peoplehood 12 *Vienna Journal of International Constitutional Law* 125 (2018)

Genocide and Belonging: Processes of Imagining Communities, 38 University of Pennsylvania International Law Journal 1041 (2017)

Human Dignity in Comparative Constitutional Context: In Search of an Overlapping Consensus, 2 Journal of International and Comparative Law 1 (2015)

Special Temporary Measures and the Norm of Equality, 45 Netherlands Yearbook of International Law 311 (2015)

The Concept of Human Dignity in a World of Plural Values and Ethical Commitments, 31 Netherlands Quarterly of Human Rights 403 (2013)

Imagining the Homeland from Afar: Community and Peoplehood in the Age of the Diaspora, 45 Vanderbilt Journal of Transnational Law 963 (2012)

Community and Jurisdictional Authority, in BEYOND TERRITORIALITY: TRANSNATIONAL LEGAL AUTHORITY IN AN AGE OF GLOBALIZATION 13 (Gunther Handl, Joachim Zekoll, and Peer Zumbansen eds., Martinus Nijhoff Publishers, 2012).

Constitutions as Autobiographies of Peoples (Nations), in FUTURE OF COMPARATIVE STUDY IN LAW: THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INSTITUTE OF COMPARATIVE LAW IN JAPAN, CHUO UNIVERSITY 1 (The Institute of Comparative Law in Japan, Chuo University Press, 2011).

Law as a Process of Communication: Reisman Meets Habermas, in LOOKING TO THE FUTURE: ESSAYS IN INTERNATIONAL LAW IN HONOR OF W. MICHAEL REISMAN 33 (Mahnoush H. Arsanjani, Jacob Katz Cogan, Robert D. Sloan & Siegfried Wiessner, eds., Martinus Nijhoff Publishers, 2011).

Targeted Sanctions as a Counterterrorism Strategy, 19 Tulane Journal of International and Comparative Law 187 (2010).

Authority and Community, 18 Asia Pacific Law Review 63 (2010).

Torture as a Counterterrorism Strategy, XLIV Revue de Droit Compare/ Comparative Law Review 127 (2010).

Identitarian Anxiety and the Nature of Inter-Tribunal Dialogue, 9 Chicago Journal of International Law 613 (2009) (with Jonathan Nash)

Deliberative Democracy in Severely Fractured Societies, 16 Indiana Journal of Global Legal Studies 59 (2009).

Imagining the International Community: The Constitutive Dimension of Universal Jurisdiction, 31 *Human Rights Quarterly* 129 (2009). (included in *GLOBALIZATION AND COMMON RESPONSIBILITIES OF STATES* (Koen de Feyter ed. Ashagte, 2012))

The Concept of Critical Mass in Legal Discourse 29 *Cardozo Law Review* 97 (2007).

“Informal” Suspension of Normal Processes: The “War on Terror” as an Autoimmunity Crisis, 87 *Boston University Law Review* 323 (2007).

Constitutionalizing Deliberative Democracy in Multilingual Societies, 25 *Berkeley Journal of International Law* 117(2007).

Review Essay (reviewing Fatsah Ouguerouz, *The African Charter on Human and People's Rights* (2003)), 98 *American Journal of International Law* 879 (2004).

The Kurdish Issue and Beyond: Territorial Communities Rivaling the State, 98 *American Society of International Law Proceedings* 108 (2004).

The Thin State in Thick Globalism: Sovereignty in the Information Age, 37 *Vanderbilt Journal of Transnational Law* 1 (2004).

Economic Sanctions and the Problem of Evil, 25 *Human Rights Quarterly* 573 (2003).

Strangers to the Constitution? Resident Aliens, Military Tribunals and the Laws of war, 37 *Valparaiso University Law Review* 627 (2003). (The Third Annual Indiana Supreme Court Lecture.)

Cultural Integrity and Political Unity: The Politics of Language in Multilingual States, 33 *Arizona State Law Journal* 719 (2001) (excerpted in Jeanne M. Woods & Hope Lewis, *HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE GLOBAL MARKET: ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL DIMENSIONS* 540-545 (2005)).

Looking at Economic Sanctions from the Corner, 95 *American Society of International Law Proceedings* 23 (2001).

Who's Afraid of Foreigners? The Restriction on Alien Ownership of the Electronic Media, 32 *Columbia Human Rights Law Review* 133 (2000) (reprinted in 22 *Immigration and Nationality Law Review* 387 (2001)).

Parochialism and Intercourse: The Question of Language in Multilingual States, 93 *American Society of International Law Proceedings* 371 (1999).

On Human Diversity and the Limits of Toleration, in *NOMOS XXXIX: ETHNICITY AND GROUP RIGHTS* (Ian Shapiro and Will Kymlicka eds., N.Y.U. Press, 1997).

Role Models and the Politics of Recognition, 144 *University of Pennsylvania Law Review* 1377 (1996). (excerpted in the 1998 Supplement of the third edition of Geoffrey R. Stone, Louis Seidman, Cass Sunstein and Mark Tushnet, *CONSTITUTIONAL LAW*.)

Recycling in Hell, 67 *Tulane University Law Review* 2253 (1993).

'Hell Man, They Did Invent Us': The Mass Media, Law, and African Americans, 41 *Buffalo Law Review* 523 (1993).

In Defense of Crookedness, 1992 *University of Illinois Law Review* 947.

Individualism, Communitarianism, and the Rights of Ethnic Minorities, 67 *Notre Dame Law Review* 615 (1992). (excerpted in Louis Henkin, Sarah H. Cleveland, Laurence R. Helfer, Gerald L. Neuman, and Diane F. Orentlicher, *HUMAN RIGHTS* 318-322 (Second ed. 2009). The article was also included in the first edition of the book.

On Research on the State, Law, and the Legal Process of Development (With Bereket Selassie & Robert Seidman), in *TWENTY-FIRST-CENTURY AFRICA: TOWARDS A NEW VISION OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT* (Ann Seidman and Frederick Anang eds. 1992).

Adjudication and Institutional Legitimacy, 71 *Boston University Law Review* 161 (1991) (review essay, reviewing Melvin A. Eisenberg, *The Nature of the Common Law* (1988)).

International Propaganda and Developing Countries, 21 *Vanderbilt Journal of Transnational Law* 491 (1988).

The Empire Strikes Back, 40 *University of Florida Law Review* 585 (1988) (review essay, reviewing Ronald Dworkin, *Law's Empire* (1986)).

Critical Legal Studies and the Question of Constructive Alternatives, 34 *Loyola Law Review* 277 (1988).

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

The Making of Strangers: The Ethiopian Constitution as a Suicide Pact, *Ethiopia Insight* (September, 2020)

International Academy of the Belt and Road, *Dispute RESOLUTION MECHANISMS FOR THE BELT AND ROAD* (Hong Kong, 2016)

Oh, That Veto Power, *TULANE LAWYER* 10 (Spring-Summer, 2003).

International Human Rights Regimes: A Brief Introduction (ISCEPC Publication, 1997).

WORKS IN PROGRESS:

The Dignity of Belonging and the Indignity of Statelessness and Internal Displacement (Book Project)

On the Relationship between Dignity and Equality: A Jurisprudential Inquiry (article)

Ethiopia at Constitutional Crossroads: In Search of a Fair and Durable Settlement (editing a book with Keadu Mekonnen Gebremariam • Adem Kassie Abebe • Abdulatif Kedir Idris)

SELECTED CONFERENCES, SPEECHES AND INTERVIEWS:

SELECTED INTERVIEWS

Interviewed on the Voice of America on Constitutional Democracy (twice in 2021)

Interviewed by the Voice of America on terrorism and freedom of expression (2014)

Interviewed by German Radio (Deutsche Welle) on human rights and the rule of law, 2013

Interviewed by the Voice of America on human rights, July, 2012.

Interviewed by the Voice of America about press freedom in Ethiopia, 2010.

Gave two interviews to the Voice of America (VOA). The subject was genocide. The interviews, each of which ran for almost half an hour, were broadcast in May and November, 2006.

Interviewed by German Radio (Deutsche Welle) on international human rights with specific emphasis on ethnic conflicts, April, 2001.

Interviewed by the Voice of America (VOA) on international human rights, 2000.

Interviewed by the Associated Press on the Pinochet Case, 1999.

PRESENTATION AT CONFERENCES

From a Nation of Citizens to a Nation of Nations: Citizenship without Depth (May 9, 2022, delivered at the gathering of Ethiopian scholars' conference in Addis-via zoom)

The Dignity of Belonging and the Pathogen of Statelessness (February 17, 2021)

The Dignity of Belonging and the Indignity of Displacement: Statelessness in an Era of Human Rights (presented at Zhejiang University, China, June 1 2019)

Roundtable on the Belt and Road Initiative (participated at a roundtable of experts on legal regimes for Belt and Road (Zhejiang University, Hangzhou, China, June 3-4)

Belonging and “the Abstract Nakedness of Being Human”: Statelessness in the Era of Human Rights, paper to be delivered at the International Refugees Conference entitled “Refugees Endure: WWII Displaced Persons Versus Today and the Lessons Learned”, to be held at Tulane, November 16-17, 2018.

Presented a paper at the 2015 International Society of Public Law (I*CONS) Conference held at New York University School of Law (July 1-3, 2015). The theme of the conference was “Public Law in Uncertain World” and the theme of my panel was “Temporality in Law.”

Delivered a paper at a conference with the theme of the rule of law in a globalized world, held at City University of Hong Kong. The paper was entitled “What is the Harm in Borrowing?” (March, 2015)

Delivered a paper entitled “Genocide and Belonging” at a conference held at Guanghua Law School of Zhejiang University (China)

Gave a faculty workshop at Emory University School of Law (April, 2014)

Presented a paper entitled “Troubled Waters: Dealing with Conflicts over Shared Rivers” at a conference at City University of Hong Kong (September, 2013)

Lectured at a conference in Doha, Qatar (October, 2012). The conference was entitled “The Comparative Law Triangle: The Influence of Common Law, Civil Law and Islamic Law on Each Other.” My paper was entitled “The Notion of Human Dignity in Comparative Context.”

Gave one of the plenary lectures at an international human rights conference held at the University of Antwerp, May, 2011. The conference was entitled “Beyond Territoriality: Globalisation and Transnational Human Rights.” My lecture was on shared responsibility in the area of human rights law, with special emphasis on universal jurisdiction and the responsibility to protect.

Presented a paper at the Second Annual International law conference on the New Haven School of Jurisprudence held at the City University of Hong Kong (November 22-23,

2009). The title of the presentation was “The Concept of Human Dignity in a World of Plural Values and Ethical Commitments.”

Delivered a lecture at the Rapoport Human Rights Center at the University of Texas. The lecture was entitled “Neither Members nor Strangers: Imagining ‘The People’ in the Age of the Diaspora” (March, 2010).

Was a respondent to a paper presented at public international law and theory workshop held at Washington University School of Law (St. Louis) (February, 2010).

Presented a paper at an international law conference on the New Haven School of Jurisprudence held at the City University of Hong Kong (November, 2009).

Gave a lecture at Chuo University (Tokyo, Japan). The topic: *Torture as a Counterterrorism Strategy*. Also gave two faculty seminars: on universal jurisdiction and on deliberative democracy in multilingual states. (July 13-August 2, 2009).

Was invited as part of a group of experts in the field of international criminal law, human rights, and post-conflict justice to attend an international conference on the topic, *Fighting Impunity and Promoting International Justice*. The conference was organized by Cherif Bassiouni and was held at the Peace Palace, at The Hague. Besides academics, and government officials, the conference also brought together all the presidents of the international courts and tribunals. The conference’s aims were to highlight the need for enhancing post-conflict justice mechanisms with a view towards reducing impunity and enhancing compliance with international law. The conference was held on June 8, 2009.

Presented a paper at a conference (*Realistic Idealism*) held in April of 2009 in honor of Professor Michael Reisman of Yale Law School. The paper was entitled *Law as a Process of Communication: Reisman Meets Habermas*. The essay was published as part of a collection of essays honoring Reisman.

Presented a paper, *On Judicial Deliberation* (with Jonathan Nash), at the Workshop on Law, Politics and Human Rights (Emory University School of Law), March 20-21, 2009.

Deliberative Democracy in Severely Fractured Societies (presented at a symposium held at Indiana University at Bloomington, April, 2008).

‘Informal’ Suspension of Normal Processes: The ‘War on Terror’ as an Autoimmunity Crisis, (presented at a symposium at Boston University School of Law entitled “Extraordinary Power in Ordinary Times”, September, 2006).

Was an expert consultant at a human rights conference organized by Northeastern University School of Law (Boston), (June, 2005).

The Kurdish Issue and Beyond: Territorial Communities Rivaling the State. Presentation at the annual meeting of the American Society of International Law, (Washington, D.C., March 30-April 2, 2004).

Economic Sanctions in Defense of Human Rights: Do We Need to Speak with One Voice on Matters of Evil. Presentation at a faculty colloquium at Valparaiso University School of Law, Oct. 2001. This was in connection with my visit to the school to give the Annual Indiana Supreme Court Lecture.

Was invited to, and took part at, a roundtable conference on “*International Law and International Organizations in Situations of Civil War*” organized by Thomas Franck, the then director of the Center for International Studies at New York University School of Law, (February, 2002). The attendees were prominent international legal scholars and diplomats representing a number of countries.

Looking at Economic Sanctions from the Corner. Presentation as part of a panel entitled “Does Method Matter?” at the 95th Annual Meeting of the American Society of International Law. The panel included W. Michael Reisman of Yale Law School, Ann-Marie Slaughter of Harvard Law School at the time, and David Wippman who was then at Cornell. The panel presented and defended various jurisprudential approaches to international law, (April, 2001).

Was a panelist on a panel entitled *Unmasking International Law: Stories and Discourses of Empire, Progress, Exclusion, and Inclusion* at the 94th Annual Meeting of the American Society of International Law, (April, 2000).

Parochialism and Intercourse: The Question of Language in Multilingual States. Presentation at a faculty colloquium, Cornell Law School, (April, 1999).

Parochialism and Intercourse: The Question of Language in Multilingual States. A presentation on a panel entitled “The Rule of Law and the Authority of Culture.” Annual Meeting of the American Society of International Law. (March, 1999).

Scarcity in the Midst of Abundance: Informational Shortage in the Communication Age. Paper presented at the Institute for African Development, Cornell University, (March, 1999).

On Human Diversity and the Limits of Toleration. Paper presented at a symposium on “Ethnicity and Group Rights” organized by the American Society for Political and Legal Philosophy. January, 1995. The presentation was part of a comment on a paper delivered by Chandran Kukathas (*Cultural Toleration*). Michael Walzer was the other commentator on Kukathas’ paper.

In Defense of Crookedness. A paper presented at a symposium on “Race Consciousness and Legal Scholarship.” University of Illinois School of Law, (February, 1992).

Individualism, Communitarianism and the Rights of Ethnic Minorities. Paper presented at a symposium entitled “The Rights of Ethnic Minorities” at Notre Dame Law School, (February, 1991).

Chaired a panel on *State and Law* at the 1990 annual meeting of the African Studies Association in North America

PUBLIC AND NAMED LECTURES

Constitutional Developments in the Era of Trump (December, 2017, University of Passau, Germany)

The Role of Human Dignity in a World of Plural Values and Ethical Commitments. The City University of Hong Kong, April, 2012.

The Role of Human Dignity in a World of Plural Values and Ethical Commitments. The University of Hong Kong, March 2012.

Neither Members nor Strangers: Imagining ‘The People’ in the Age of the Diaspora. The Rapoport Human Rights Center at the University of Texas, at Austin, March 28, 2010.

Torture as a Counterterrorism Strategy. Chuo University, Tokyo, Japan, July 24, 2009

Strangers to the Constitution? Resident Aliens, Military Tribunals and the Laws of War. The Third Annual Indiana Supreme Court Lecture. Valparaiso University School of Law, October, 2002.

Sovereignty in the Information Age. The International Law Lecture at St. Thomas University School of Law, Miami, March, 1998.

The Mass Media and African Americans. Address to the entire freshman class (about 700 undergraduates) at Dillard University (New Orleans), October, 1995.

Plenary speaker and discussion leader at the AALS Workshop for New Law Teachers, Washington, D.C., June, 1992.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

SELECTED LAW SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES

Director, International and Comparative Law Certificate Program

Chair, Energy and Environment Chairs Committee

Chair, Energy Chair Search Committee, 2015-2017

Chair, Intellectual Life Committee, 2013-2014

Chair, Graduate Affairs Committee, 2014-2015

Chair, Library Director Search Committee, 2007-08

Chair, Academic Affairs Committee, 2003-04

Chair, Promotion and Tenure Committee, 2000-01, 2001-02, 2009-10, 2013-14, 2018-19

Chair, Faculty Appointments Committee, 1997-98, 2016-17

Co-chair, First Amendment Speakers Series 1992-96

LAW SCHOOL JOURNAL ADVISORY BOARD

Faculty Advisor, Tulane Journal of International and Comparative Law

UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES

Member, Provost Search Committee, 2000-01

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES OUTSIDE TULANE UNIVERSITY

Member, Advisory Board, International Academy of the Belt and Road Initiative, Hong Kong

Advisory Board Member, Human Rights and the Global Economy (scholarly journal).

Advisory Board Member, Tsehai Publishers (publishes books and scholarly journals).

Editorial Board, *Laws: Open Access Journal*

Senior Fellow, Ethiopian Institute for Nonviolence Education and Peace Studies.

Member, Awards Committee, American Society of International Law, 2005-06. (Members of the Committee are appointed by the President of the Society and are charged to recommend to the Executive Council of the Society three authors of works (books or monographs) in international law that are preeminent contributions to creative scholarship and exhibit high technical craftsmanship.)

Member, Executive Council, American Society of International Law, 2003–06. This is the highest governing body of the Society.

Member, Equivalency Determination Panel of the Louisiana Bar Admission Committee. Appointed by the Supreme Court of Louisiana (2002-2009).

Chair, Committee on the Goler T. Butcher Human Rights Medal, 1998-99. (This is a committee set up by the President of the American Society of International Law to recommend an individual, American or a citizen of another country for the medal.)

Coordinator, Task Force on State and the Legal Order in Africa, 1990-91. (The Task Force was established by the Board of Directors of the African Studies Association in North America to develop research agenda on the role of law in development as well as to develop institutional links between Africanists in North America and African researchers on the field.)

Member, Macquarie University Council, 1980-81. Elected as the student representative on the University Council (the Board of Trustees, the highest governing body of the University).

Member, Executive Board, Macquarie University Faculty Association, 1981-82.

REVIEWR OF MANUSCRIPTS

I have reviewed book manuscripts for several publishers including Cambridge University Press and University of Pennsylvania Press. I have also reviewed several articles for peer-reviewed journals from various parts of the world for legal, philosophy, political science journals. .

I have acted as an external examiner for PhD theses from several universities such as Australian National University and Macquarie University (Australia).

MEMBERSHIPS

American Society of International Law
American Society for Political and Legal Philosophy
International Society of Public Law (ICON*S)

TEACHING:

Award:

Won the Felix Frankfurter Award for Distinguished Teaching, the school's most prestigious teaching honor (2020)

Course Taught:

Communications Law; Constitutional Law; Foreign Affairs & the Constitution; Foreign Affairs and National Security; International Communications Law; International Human Rights; Public International Law; Terrorism and Counterterrorism; Torts.

Seminars Taught:

Terrorism and Counterterrorism; The Security Council in a Unipolar World; Images of Community: Legal Theory and Legitimacy; International Communications; The Dignity of Belonging and the Indignity of Statelessness

Teaching Package for 2023-24:

Fall: International Human Rights

Spring: Constitutional Law I; Foreign Affairs and National Security Law

Other Areas of Teaching and research Interest:

Comparative Constitutional Law; Comparative Law; International Organizations; Jurisprudence; National Security Law