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CURRENT APPOINTMENT

Tulane Law School	2025
Murphy Visiting Assistant Professor of Law	
Centre for Law and Economy, Murphy Institute	

EDUCATION

University of Michigan Law School	
<i>Doctor of the Science of Laws (S.J.D)</i>	2026 (Expected)
Dissertation:	The Constitutional Morality of Federalism
Committee:	Daniel Halberstam (Chair), Rohit De, Don Herzog
<i>Master of Laws (LL.M)</i>	2022
Honours	Grade: 3.8/4 Michigan International and Comparative Law Scholar (merit scholarship) Clara Belfield and Henry M. Bates Overseas Fellow (merit scholarship)
Activities	Articles Editor, Michigan Journal of International Law Articles Editor, Michigan Journal of Law and Society Board Member, American Constitution Society

The West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences

<i>Bachelor in Arts and Bachelor of Laws (B.A. LL. B)</i>	2019
Honours	Gold Medal: Public International Law; Jurisprudence (ranked 1 st in batch) INSPIRE Scholar (merit scholarship)
Activities:	Articles Editor, Journal of Indian Law and Society

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

<i>Primary</i>	Constitutional Law, Contracts, EU Law, Comparative Law, Federalism, Legal History
<i>Secondary</i>	International Law, Trade Law, Gender and Law; Jurisprudence; Law and Inequality

PUBLICATIONS

Journals

Marriage, Courts and Substantive Equality: A Transformative Interpretation, 123(3) MICHIGAN LAW REVIEW 519 (2025).

Emergencies, Federalism and Constitutional Morality: Lessons in Democracy for India from the Collapse of the Weimar Republic, 19(2) JOURNAL OF COMPARATIVE LAW 603, 634 (2024).

Crisis Constitutionalism, 18(2) VIENNA JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL CONSTITUTIONAL LAW 203, 254 (2024).

The Language of Migration, 7 JOURNAL OF INDIAN LAW & SOCIETY 13 (2016).

Legal Aspects of Space Espionage, 6 INDIAN JOURNAL OF AIR & SPACE LAW (2016).

Book Chapters

Rights, Remedies and Paradigms of Constitutionalism in European Yearbook of Constitutional Law: Varieties of Constitutionalism 95 (Jurgen de Poorter, Gerhard van der Schyff, Maarten Stremmer, Maartje De Visser & Sophie Vonk eds., 2025).

Online Journals, Blogs and Podcasts

Constitutional Interpretation and the Transformation of Federalism, [IDEAS OF INDIA](#), Hosted by Shruti Rajagopalan and the Mercatus Centre, George Mason University (2024).

Finding Hope for the Hopeless: Detention, Statelessness, and International Criminal Law, 64 [HARVARD INTERNATIONAL LAW JOURNAL ONLINE](#) (2023, symposium on the Impact of International Law on Refugees and Migration).

Constitutional Pluralism and Article 370, [Verfassungsblog](#) (2023, Debate on Casting Light on Kashmir); cross-posted as: *Constitutional Pluralism in the Article 370 Hearings*, [CONSTITUTIONAL LAW & PHILOSOPHY](#). (2023).

How Not To Do Comparative Constitutionalism: Lessons from South Africa, [COMPARATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL & ADMINISTRATIVE LAW BLOG](#) (2023).

Always Left Looking Up, [MICHIGAN JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW BLOG](#) (2021).

Mumbai: The City Where No One Cares, [THE WIRE](#) (2020).

#MeToo and Section 499: The Story of a SLAPP, [JOURNAL OF INDIAN LAW & SOCIETY BLOG](#) (2018).

Works in Progress

A People For Certain Purposes? The Constitutional Morality of Federalism (book project)

Of Voice, Rights and Expertise: An Interpretive Theory of Transformative Federalism (American Law Review length article)

Subsidiarity Redux: Against Teleological Reasoning (peer review length article)

Towards a Political Theory of Trade Law: Subsidies, Countervailing Measures and the Public/Private Divide (peer review length article)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Chief Justice Mandisa Maya, Constitutional Court of South Africa <i>Foreign Law Clerk (then Deputy Chief Justice)</i>	2023
Permanent Mission of Cape Verde to the United Nations <i>Extern- Assisting the Permanent Representative with universal periodic reviews and submissions before the United Nations Human Rights Council</i>	2021-2022
AZB & Partners <i>Associate- Cross Border Mergers & Acquisitions</i>	2019-2021

RESEARCH AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Daniel Halberstam

Teaching and Research Assistant for courses on Global Constitutionalism and European Union Law 2024

Jindal Global Law School

Visiting Lecturer- Comparative Constitutional Law 2023

Catharine MacKinnon

Research Assistant for a project on philosophical inquiries into domination and substantive equality. 2021

Karima Bennoune, U.N. Special Rapporteur on Cultural Rights

Research Assistant involved in preparing thematic reports and assessing efficacy of communication procedures. 2021

University of Michigan Law School

Faculty Research Assistant at the Law Library 2021-2022

The West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences

Teaching Assistant- Jurisprudence 2017-2019

CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

Of Power and Rights: Federalism, Consociationalism and Devolution
International Society for Public Law (ICON S) Annual Conference (2025)

Unfortunately, It Was Paradise: Manufactured Silences and the Democratic Promise of Voice
EURAC, Winter School on Comparative Federalism: Separation of Powers (2025); The Global Summit on Constitutionalism, University of Texas, Austin (2025)

The Country Without a Post Office: Jammu and Kashmir and Imaginations of Freedom within a Federation
ICON S Winter/Summer School and Junior Scholars Conference, UNSW (2024); American Society for Legal History, Junior Scholars Roundtable (2024); Northeast Law and Society Retreat, University of Massachusetts, Amherst (2024)

The Amicable Union: The Indian Constituent Assembly's Design for Federalism
12th Intensive Doctoral Week, Sciences Po, Paris (2023); King's India Institute Graduate Conference, King's College, London (2023)

Marriage, Courts and Substantive Equality: Horizontal Rights in Transformative Constitutionalism
European Human Rights Law Conference, University of Cambridge (2023)

Sovereignty and Property in the Final Frontier: Neocolonialism and the Artemis Accords
British Institute of International and Comparative Law- SLS Conference, London (2023)

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Chair, 10th Annual Michigan Junior Scholars Conference 2024
Developed conference theme, oversaw selection of articles and the creation of panels from over 400 submissions, solicited faculty comments and keynote speeches, coordinated with the Law School's event's team.

Co-Chair, 9th Annual Michigan Junior Scholars Conference 2023

Increased participation from researchers based at Global South institutions

Coordinator, Michigan International and Comparative Law Research Colloquium <i>Organized the weekly graduate student and visiting researcher colloquium</i>	2022-2023
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Peer Reviewer, Global Journal of Comparative Law	2022-2025
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Peer Review, Global Jurist	2025
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Member and Contributor to Iconnect blog, ICON S	2025
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