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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA SCHOOL OF LAW, Charlottesville, Virginia
S.J.D., May 2026

Research Focus: Taxation and Poverty Relief

LL.M., May 2020

Focus: Tax Law

Awarded through the Fulbright Foreign Student Program

Activities:

- Head Coach, UVA Law's Willem C. Vis Moot Team
- Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Co-Chair, Virginia Law Women
- President, Legal Research Forum
- Senator and Diversity Advisory Committee Member, Student Bar Association

THE HAGUE ACADEMY OF INTERNATIONAL LAW, The Hague, Netherlands
Private International Law (Summer Courses), August 2018

SAINT JOSEPH UNIVERSITY, Beirut, Lebanon

Bachelor of Lebanese Law and Master 1 in Corporate Law, June 2018

Awarded the Scholarship of Excellence for four consecutive years (top five in the class) and selected to be part of the "College of Law" in-depth program Exchange semester at Montesquieu University, Bordeaux, France

SCHOLARLY INTERESTS

Taxation and Poverty Relief; Tax Administration and Accessibility; Tax and Informal Labor; Comparative Tax Policy

PUBLICATIONS AND WORKS IN PROGRESS

Waiter, Extra Tip, No Tax: A Tax and Poverty Law Analysis, 33 *GEORGETOWN JOURNAL ON POVERTY LAW & POLICY* 181 (2026)

Featured on Jotwell: *The Journal of Things We Like (Lots)*, September 30, 2025.

Frequently Unanswered Questions: Scrutinizing the IRS's Informal Guidance, 32 *VIRGINIA JOURNAL OF SOCIAL POLICY & THE LAW* 200 (2025)

Rate Your Experience: Comparative Lessons for Gig Work, 18 *COLUMBIA JOURNAL OF TAX LAW* ___ (forthcoming 2026)

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Rate Your Experience: Comparative Lessons for Gig Work

Richmond Junior Faculty Forum, University of Richmond School of Law, May 2026

Virginia Law Young Alumni Workshop, July 2026

Waiter, Extra Tip, No Tax: A Tax and Poverty Law Analysis

Business and Tax Roundtable for Upcoming Professors (BATR-UP), UCLA School of Law, May 2025

University of Virginia School of Law, S.J.D. Workshop, April 2025

Frequently Unanswered Questions: Scrutinizing the IRS's Informal Guidance

2025 Conference on Empirical Legal Studies (CELS), October 2025

Emerging Scholars Conference in Public Law, UT Austin, March 2025

Maurer School of Law Poverty Law Conference, September 2024

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

TULANE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, New Orleans, Louisiana

Forrester Fellow, July 2026 – Present

- Teach two sections of first-year (1L) Legal Research and Writing each semester
- Produce scholarship in tax law, poverty relief, and social welfare policy
- Contribute to Tulane's scholarly community as a full-time faculty member

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA SCHOOL OF LAW, Charlottesville, Virginia

Head Coach of Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Team, September 2024 – April 2026

- Designed and led an intensive oral advocacy and legal writing training program for JD and LLM students
- Provided individualized feedback on written memoranda and oral pleadings, fostering students' skills in contract law, arbitral procedure, and international legal analysis
- Mentored a diverse team through every stage of the competition process, including tryout selection, team coordination, and professional development

SAINT JOSEPH UNIVERSITY, Beirut, Lebanon

Contract Law Instructor, October 2020 – July 2022

- Instructed multiple groups of 30 1L students in legal methodology and substantive law
- Assisted Lebanon's Justice Minister
- Provided remedial instruction and career counseling

EMPLOYMENT

Prof. Cathy Hwang, UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA SCHOOL OF LAW, Charlottesville, Virginia

Research Assistant, May 2025 – June 2026

- Conducted nationwide data collection on contract cases filed in limited jurisdiction courts across all 50 states
- Analyzed jurisdictional structures and reporting practices to assess the accessibility and granularity of court data across states
- Surveyed legal and empirical literature on contractual disputes and small claims litigation in lower courts

Prof. Naomi Cahn, UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA SCHOOL OF LAW, Charlottesville, Virginia

Research Assistant, June 2024 – June 2026

- Edited 15 chapters of a teacher's manual on Trusts and Estates
- Researched and edited scholarly work on older women caregivers and the low-wage caregiving workforce
- Researched legal coverage of domestic workers under U.S. labor standards laws

Prof. Ruth Mason, UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA SCHOOL OF LAW, Charlottesville, Virginia

Research Assistant, June 2020 – June 2026

- Researched the concept of nexus under Pillar II's Undertaxed Profits Rule (UTPR)
- Conducted comparative legal analysis across Germany, Canada, Switzerland, Australia, and the United States
- Examined tax literature related to fiscal equalization in depth

Prof. Mila Versteeg, UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA SCHOOL OF LAW, Charlottesville, Virginia

Research Assistant, June 2023 – November 2023

- Conducted comparative research on transitional constitutions and organic laws in Egypt, France, and Tunisia
- Wrote a historical analysis of constitutional developments in Tunisia
- Performed detailed citation checks for publication readiness

Law as Science, United States of America

Coordinator, March 2023 – August 2025

- Coordinated Fall and Spring conference programming for the *Law as Science* academic series
- Moderated academic talks with leading scholars
- Created interdisciplinary legal academic series

Siren Associates, Beirut, Lebanon

Junior Researcher, April 2022 – July 2022

- Conducted an in-depth study of the institutions in charge of controlling Lebanon's public administration
- Benchmarked with France and Tunisia
- Examined decentralization and deconcentration in France and Tunisia

Profs. Ashley Deeks and Andrew Hayashi, UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA SCHOOL OF LAW, Charlottesville, Virginia

Research Assistant, June 2020 – August 2020

- Translated legal documents from Arabic and French to English
- Conducted empirical research on investment activity by Arab companies
- Analyzed issues at the intersection of taxation and geopolitics

Lexminster SAS, Paris, France

Project Manager, March 2019 – August 2019

- Translated legal documents and ensured GDPR compliance
- Managed and coordinated a team of coders responsible for website design
- Created content and led digital marketing efforts

CEDROMA (Centre d'études des droits du monde arabe), Beirut, Lebanon

Assistant Researcher, September 2017 – June 2018

- Translated academic papers from Arabic to French and from French to English
- Conducted research in inheritance law
- Organized regional legal conferences, including the first-ever academic conference on the decriminalization of homosexuality in the Arab world

Foodblessed, Beirut, Lebanon

Volunteer Coordinator and Co-Director, November 2013 – July 2019

- Led soup kitchens and directed fundraising efforts
- Coordinated volunteers and organized events
- Delivered public speeches and led awareness campaigns

AWARDS

The Queer Virginia Alumni Network's Wavelength Award (2023–26)

P.E.O. International Peace Scholarship (2023–24, 2025–26)

Raven Society Member (2024)

AAUW International Doctoral Fellowship (2022–23)

Fulbright Grant (2019–20)

University of Virginia School of Law's Dean's Scholarship (2019–20)

Eric E. Bergsten Award Honorable Mention (25th Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot, 2017–18)

Université Saint Joseph de Beyrouth, Scholarship of Excellence (2014–18)

Collège Notre-Dame de Jamhour, Second Prize of Excellence (2014)

SKILLS & INTERESTS

Languages: Arabic (native), English (fluent), French (fluent), Spanish (beginner)