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ACADEMIC, ADMINISTRATIVE, AND COURTESY APPOINTMENTS

University of Kansas School of Law	Lawrence, Kansas
Professor of Law	2017-present
Associate Dean for Faculty	2019-2022
- Responsibilities included institutional leadership in research and faculty development / advisory and support functions for law school Dean / mentoring support for junior faculty and adjunct faculty / chair faculty hiring committee / advance faculty promotions / shared oversight for compliance with ABA standards / all law school course scheduling / promoting faculty scholarship	
Associate Professor of Law	2011-17
<i>Faculty Affiliate</i> , Institute for Policy & Social Research / Center for Environmental Policy / Center for Compassionate and Sustainable Communities; <i>Courtesy Faculty</i> , Environmental Studies	
<i>Research and Teaching Interests:</i> Energy Law / Environmental Law / Energy and Environmental Justice / Electricity Regulation / Climate Change Law / Poverty Law / Property / Land Use Law	
<i>Courses:</i> Environmental Law / Energy Law & Policy / Environmental Justice / Climate Change Law / Property	
Washington University in St. Louis School of Law	St. Louis, Missouri
Visiting Professor of Law / Introduction to Climate Change Law (remote)	Spring 2023
Florida State University College of Law	Tallahassee, Florida
Visiting Scholar in Energy and Land Use Law	2009-11

DISTINCTIONS, GRANTS, AWARDS

Recognitions External to KU

Fulbright Specialist (2025-)

- Appointed by Fulbright Peer Review Panel to Fulbright Specialist Roster for three-year tenure in the areas of Energy and Natural Resources Law and Environmental Law
- The Fulbright Specialist Program is housed in the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs: "Specialists, who represent a wide range of professional and academic disciplines, are competitively selected to join the Fulbright Specialist Roster based on their knowledge, skill sets, and ability to make a significant contribution to projects overseas."

Official Delegate of the American Bar Association to the 29th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP29) (2024)

- Served as in-person speaking delegate under ABA's Official Observer status at COP29 in Baku, Azerbaijan; represented ABA on Blue Zone panel on the role of lawyers and bar associations in addressing climate change, co-hosted with the International Bar Association (IBA), Bar Association of Brazil (OAB)
- Further served as ABA Virtual Delegate to United Nations Midyear Climate Meeting (62nd sessions of the UN Climate Change Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and Subsidiary Body for Implementation) (SB 62) held in Bonn, Germany (2025)

Elected Member, American Law Institute (2022-)

- ALI is "the leading independent organization in the United States producing scholarly work to clarify, modernize, and otherwise improve the law"
- ALI members are attorneys, judges, and scholars nominated and "selected on the basis of outstanding achievement in the legal profession"

Fellow, American Bar Foundation (2021-)

- Nominated and admitted to "global honorary society of attorneys, judges, law faculty, and legal scholars whose public and private careers have demonstrated outstanding dedication to the highest principles of the legal profession"
- Fellows' membership is by invitation only and limited to 1% of licensed lawyers in a jurisdiction

2024 Environmental Law Distinguished Visitor - Lewis & Clark Law School (Sept. 2024)

- Plenary lecture and visit to Lewis & Clark Law School, engaging students and law school community

Member (by invitation), Scotia Group, Climate Majlis Dialogues (2021-23)

- International non-partisan network of leaders in politics, academia, law and business convened in support of urgent climate action at COP26 Glasgow; continuing dialogues through COP27 and COP28

Distinguished Scholar in Residence - University of Hawaii School of Law (2019)

- Selected for research and teaching residency in environmental law summer program

14th Stegner Center Young Scholar - University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law (2018)

- Recognition by the Center for Land, Resources and the Environment, University of College of Law

Invited Foreign Faculty - Rajiv Gandhi School of Intellectual Property Law, Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur, West Bengal, India (2018)

- Co-taught a two-week intensive "Renewable Energy: Law and Policy Perspectives" graduate course

Article Distinction - Land Use & Environmental Law Review Compendium 2018 (Thompson Reuters)

- *State Lands in Modern Public Land Law* selected through peer review as one of five to be republished in compendium of the best environmental law scholarship from over 100 articles published in 2017

Norman Williams Distinguished Lecture in Land Use Planning and Law - Vermont Law School (2017)

- Selected to deliver standing plenary lecture, "Shifting Energy Landscapes"

Recognitions Within KU

William R. Scott Law Professorship (2019-)

- Recognition based on scholarship, concern for students, colleagues and the law school, and service to the university, professional organizations, and communities at the local, state, national, and international level

Martin Dickinson Award (2024)

- Award honors Professor Emeritus Martin Dickinson; recipient selected as Marshal by the graduating class

KU Public Scholar (2020-21)

- Selected to KU Public Scholars Initiative cohort, launched in partnership with the Op-Ed Project

AALS Teacher of the Year for 2019 - University of Kansas School of Law (2020)

- Recognition at the annual American Association of Law Schools conference

Howard M. and Susan Immel Award for Teaching Excellence (2019)

- Recognizes a law school faculty member who is “considered to be outstanding in teaching of their students to be responsible citizens in their communities as well as fine lawyers”

KU Sustainability Leadership Faculty Award (2015)

- University-wide award that recognizes a faculty member for “outstanding leadership and creativity in addressing issues of sustainability at the University of Kansas”

KU Law Moreau Faculty Award (2013)

- Recognition by the Student Bar Association for a law school faculty member who, in the eyes of the students, is “particularly helpful in advising and counseling with students”

Grants & Research Sabbaticals

Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Grant (2022-25) - co-PI for \$499,000 three-year grant, *Just Energy Transitions and Place*, with multi-university team

Foundation for Natural Resources and Energy Law Visiting Lecture Program Grant (2019, 2025)

KU Research Sabbaticals (competitive selection) (Fall 2018; Fall 2025)

KU International Travel Fund Award (2024)

KU Commons Interdisciplinary Starter Grant (2015) - co-PI for \$10,000 supporting interdisciplinary project, *Localized Energy & Climate Adaptation: Advancing Community-Scale Social Justice Goals* (with KU colleagues)

KU Law Summer Research Grants (approved each year by application 2012-25)

KU Competition General Research Fund Award (2012, 2013, 2015, 2018, 2024)

Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation Research Assistance Grant (2015)

SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

Books

1. ENERGY LAW & POLICY (West Academic, 4th ed., in press - forthcoming 2025) (with Lincoln Davies, Alexandra Klass, Hari Osofsky, Joseph Tomain & Elizabeth Wilson)
2. ENVIRONMENTAL LAW IN CONTEXT (West Academic, 6th ed., under contract for 2026 publication) (joining Robin Craig)

Book Chapters

1. *Federalism and the Role of States in Controlling Greenhouse Gases and Other Air Emissions Under the Second Trump Administration*, in FOUNDATION FOR NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY LAW 71ST ANNUAL INSTITUTE PROCEEDINGS (2025) (with Christine Jochim)
2. *Implementing “Energy Communities” in the United States*, book chapter in *EL NUEVO MODELO ENERGÉTICO DESCENTRALIZADO Y DE PROXIMIDAD. LAS COMUNIDADES ENERGÉTICAS* (THE NEW DECENTRALIZED AND PROXIMITY ENERGY MODEL. THE ENERGY COMMUNITIES) (Endrius Cocciolo & Susana Galera Rodrigo, Eds., Tirant lo Blanch 2025)

[Tirant lo Blanch](#) is [ranked](#) the premier academic publisher in Spain

3. *Energy Communities: Comparative Perspectives from the EU and the United States* in HANDBOOK OF ENERGY LAW IN THE LOW-CARBON TRANSITION (Guiseppe Bellantuono, et al eds., De Gruyter 2023) (with Annalisa Savaresi)
4. *Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg’s Legacy in Environmental Law* in THE JURISPRUDENTIAL LEGACY OF JUSTICE RUTH BADER GINSBURG (Ryan Vacca & Ann Bartow, eds., NYU Press 2023)
5. *Affordable and Clean Energy* in GOVERNING FOR SUSTAINABILITY (John Dernbach & Scott Schang, eds., Env’tl Law Inst. 2023) (with Elizabeth Kronk Warner)
6. *Ethical Drivers in the Renewable Energy Transition* in RESEARCH HANDBOOK ON ENERGY LAW AND ETHICS (Malik R. Dahlan & Rosa Maria Lastra, eds., Edward Elgar 2022)
7. *Bioenergy Feedstocks* in LEGAL PATHWAYS TO DEEP DECARBONIZATION IN THE UNITED STATES (Michael B. Gerrard & John C. Dernbach, eds., Env’tl Law Inst. 2019) (with Blake Hudson)
8. *Fairness in the Low-Carbon Shift* in ENERGY JUSTICE: US AND INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES (Carmen Gonzalez, Raya Salter & Elizabeth Kronk Warner, eds., Edward Elgar 2018) (adapted from article)
9. *Legal Regimes for Land Use, Land Use Change, and Forestry in the United States* in RESEARCH HANDBOOK ON CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION LAW (G. Van Calster & W. Vandenberghe eds., Edward Elgar 2015)

Articles and Essays

1. *Implementing “Energy Communities,”* 55 ENVIRONMENTAL LAW REPORTER 10029 (2025)
2. *Energy Law and The Low-Income Household*, 54 ENVIRONMENTAL LAW 720 (2024)

[Reviewed](#) in JOTWELL (2025)

3. *Evolving Legal Conceptions of “Energy Communities,”* 78 UNIV. OF MIAMI LAW REVIEW 471 (2024) (invited contribution)
4. *Synthesizing Energy Transitions,* 39 GEORGIA STATE UNIV. LAW REVIEW 1087 (2023) (invited contribution) (with Nadia Ahmad, Danielle Stokes, & Hannah Wiseman)
5. *SDG7: Affordable and Clean Energy,* 53 ENVIRONMENTAL LAW REPORTER 10124 (2023) (adapted from book chapter) (invited contribution) (with Elizabeth Kronk Warner)
6. *Renewable Energy Siting in the Critical Decade,* 69 KANSAS LAW REVIEW 101 (2021) (invited contribution)
[Reviewed](#) in THE REGULATORY REVIEW (2022)
7. *Local Autonomy and Energy Law: Introduction,* 36 JOURNAL OF LAND USE & ENVIRONMENTAL LAW 1 (invited contribution) (2020)
8. *Accelerating Energy Transition in India: A Comparative Perspective,* 50 ENVIRONMENTAL LAW REPORTER 10459 (2020)
9. *“100 Percent Renewable”: Corporate Pledges and State Energy Law,* 2019 UTAH LAW REVIEW 661 (2019)
10. *Reversing Course on Environmental Justice under the Trump Administration,* 54 WAKE FOREST LAW REVIEW 393 (2019) (with Elizabeth Kronk Warner)
11. *State Lands in Modern Public Land Law,* 36 STANFORD ENVIRONMENTAL LAW JOURNAL 147 (2017)
Selected for republication in the LAND USE AND ENVIRONMENTAL LAW REVIEW - 2018 COMPENDIUM (Thomson Reuters/West 2018) of best environmental law scholarship of 2017
12. *Fairness in the Low-Carbon Shift: Learning from Environmental Justice,* 82 BROOKLYN LAW REVIEW 789 (2017) (invited contribution)
13. *Cities and the Low-Carbon Grid,* 46 ENVIRONMENTAL LAW 101 (2016)
14. *The Obama Administration’s Clean Air Act Legacy and the UNFCCC,* 48 CASE WESTERN RESERVE JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW 1 (2016) (invited contribution)
15. *Prospects for Public Power and Distributed Renewable Energy,* 45 ENVIRONMENTAL LAW REPORTER 10537 (2015)
16. *Intrastate Preemption in the Shifting Energy Sector,* 86 COLORADO LAW REVIEW 927 (2015)
17. *Environmental Law and Fossil Fuels: Barriers to Renewable Energy,* 65 VANDERBILT LAW REVIEW 1679 (2012) (invited contribution)
18. *Environmental Justice in the Renewable Energy Transition,* 19 JOURNAL OF ENVIRONMENTAL & SUSTAINABILITY LAW 60 (2012) (invited contribution)
19. *The Energy-Land Use Nexus,* 27 JOURNAL OF LAND USE & ENVIRONMENTAL LAW 245 (2012) (invited contribution)

20. *Local Promise for Climate Mitigation: An Empirical Assessment*, 36 WILLIAM & MARY ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND POLICY REVIEW 635 (2012) (with Richard Feiock)
21. *The Renewable Energy Footprint*, 30 STANFORD ENVIRONMENTAL LAW JOURNAL 241 (2011)
Reprinted, in part, in OSOFSKY & MCALLISTER, CLIMATE CHANGE LAW AND POLICY (2012)
22. *Siting Renewable Energy: Land Use and Regulatory Context*, 37 ECOLOGY LAW QUARTERLY 1041 (2010)
Reprinted in entirety, ZONING AND PLANNING LAW HANDBOOK 2012 (Thomson Reuters 2012)
23. *NEPA and Environmental Justice: Integration, Implementation, and Judicial Review*, 33 BOSTON COLLEGE ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS LAW REVIEW 601 (2006)
First Place winner, Third Annual American Bar Ass'n Environmental Justice Essay Competition
24. Student Comment, *Environmental Injustice and the Problem of the Law*, 57 MAINE LAW REVIEW 209 (2005)

White Papers, Book Reviews, Other Shorter Works, Media

1. White Paper, [ENERGY IN ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ACROSS THE US STATES](#) (Penn State Center for Energy Law & Policy Apr. 2025) (with Mike Helbing & Hannah Wiseman)
2. Invited Contribution, Environmental Justice Symposium (Online), [Federal-State Conflicts Over Environmental Justice - Part I and II](#) (Ctr. for Progressive Reform 2023)
3. Article, *Making America a Better Place for All: Sustainable Development Recommendations for the Biden Administration*, 51 ENVIRONMENTAL LAW REPORTER 10310 (2021) (with multiple co-authors)
4. White Paper, [CLIMATE, ENERGY, JUSTICE: THE POLICY PATH TO A JUST TRANSITION FOR AN ENERGY HUNGRY AMERICA](#) (Ctr. for Progressive Reform 2020) (with multiple co-authors)
5. Interview, "Corporate Renewable Energy Pledges," KMUW Public Radio (Oct. 2019)
6. Review, "Clean Power Politics: The Democratization of Energy" (Joseph P. Tomain), 39 ENERGY L. J. 541 (2018)
7. Interview, "Kansas Needs a Policy Vision for Clean Energy," CLEAN ENERGY FINANCE FORUM (ONLINE), Yale Center for Business and the Environment (Oct. 2018)
8. Article, *Towards Engaged Scholarship*, 33 PACE LAW REVIEW 821 (2013) (with multiple co-authors)

ONGOING RESEARCH AND WORKS IN PROGRESS

Local Energy Transitions at the Crossroads: Wind Energy Regulation and County-Level Policy in Kansas (with Ian Njuguna & Ward Lyles) (article) (submitted for review)

The Public Interest Intervenor and Public Utility Commissions (article) (work in progress)

Local Voices in Streamlined Siting Regimes (with Danielle Stokes) (article) (work in progress)

LECTURES, PRESENTATIONS, PANELS, AND SYMPOSIA

Scholarly Presentations and Invited Talks - International

International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Academy of Environmental Law Colloquium - Universidad Científica del Sur, Lima, Peru (remote) (July 2025)

- Panel Presenter, “Legal Dimensions of the Green Energy Transition”

Foundation for Natural Resources & Energy Law Annual Institute - Whistler, Canada (July 2025)

- Presenter, “Federalism and the Role of States in Controlling GHGs and Other Air Emissions”

Congreso Internacional: La Energia Ciudadana en Tiempos de Transicion - Universitat Rovira i Virgili, Tarragona, Spain (remote) (May 2025)

- Presenter Implementing “Energy Communities” in the United States

United Nations Climate Conference (COP29) - International Bar Association/American Bar Association Blue Zone Side Event, Baku, Azerbaijan (in person) (Nov. 2024)

- ABA Speaking Delegate, “Beyond National Frameworks: Lawyers & Law Associations Enhancing Ambition with Innovative Legal Approaches”

10th International Conference on International Law – Indian Society of International Law, New Delhi, India (remote) (Oct. 2024)

- Invited Speaker, “Global Energy Trends Looking Ahead to COP29”

World Congress on Environmental History – University of Oulu, Finland (remote) (Aug. 2024)

- Panel Presenter, “Pushing the Boundaries of Energy History”

“Taking Stock of Stockholm at 50” International e-Conference – Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata, India & National Law University & Judicial Academy, Assam, India (remote) (Nov. 2022)

- Inaugural Speaker, “Shared Goals of Stockholm in the Critical Decade”

Energy Law and Ethics Research Workshop – Energy Law Institute/Centre for Commercial Law Studies, Queen Mary University of London, UK (remote due to Covid) (June 2020)

- Presenter, “Ethical Drivers to Overcoming Barriers to Renewable Energy”

Association for Law, Property, and Society Conference – Vancouver, Canada (May 2014)

- Panel Organizer and Presenter – “Evolving Geographies in Energy Transition”

Invited Guest Lectures - International

Tashkent State University of Law, Tashkent, Uzbekistan (remote) (Dec. 2024)

- Guest Lecture, “COP29 and Global Energy”

Tashkent State University of Law, Tashkent, Uzbekistan (remote) (Dec. 2023)

- Guest Lecture, “Introduction to Climate Change Law”

Solar Energy, Law, Economics & Management Program (SOLEM), Université Savoie Mont Blanc, Chambéry, France (remote) (Dec. 2021)

- Guest Lecture, “Understanding Energy Insecurity and Energy Poverty”

Energy Law Institute/Centre for Commercial Law Studies, Queen Mary University of London, UK (remote) (Mar. 2021)

- Guest Lecture, “Law and Renewable Energy in the Critical Decade”

Plenary and Keynote Lectures - US

Environmental Law Distinguished Lecture – Lewis & Clark Law School (Sept. 2024)

- Plenary Lecture, “Centering Low-Income Households in Energy Law”

“Energy Justice: Prioritizing Equity in the Greener Grid” Conference – Center for Energy & Environmental Law, University of Connecticut School of Law (remote due to pandemic) (Apr. 2021)

- Keynote Lecture, “Giving Meaning to Energy Justice”

Stegner Young Scholar Lecture – Wallace Stegner Center, University of Utah College of Law (Nov. 2018)

- Plenary Lecture, “State Energy Law for a Modern Low-Carbon Grid”

Self Graduate Fellows Lecture – University of Kansas (Apr. 2018)

- Plenary Lecture, “Recent Developments and Ongoing Litigation in Energy Law”

Norman Williams Distinguished Lecture /Land Use Planning and the Law – Vermont Law School (April 2017)

- Plenary Lecture, “Shifting Energy Landscapes”

“Bringing the Rockies to the Bayou” Lecture – Louisiana State University Law Center (Mar. 2014)

- Plenary Lecture, “Intrastate Preemption in the Shifting Energy Sector”

Scholarly Presentations - US

Law and Rurality Workshop – University of South Dakota School of Law/University of Nebraska School of Law (virtual) (scheduled Nov. 2025)

- Presenter, “Local Voices in Streamlined Energy Siting”

Central States Law Schools Association Annual Conference – University of Kansas School of Law (scheduled Oct. 2025)

- Presenter, “The Public Interest Intervenor and Public Utility Commissions”

Climate Infrastructure Obstacles and Solutions Workshop –Vanderbilt Law School (Mar. 2025)

- Presenter, “Local Opposition Under Streamlined Siting Regimes”

Annual Red Clay Environmental Law Conference – University of Georgia School of Law (Feb. 2025) (remote)

- Presenter, “Energy Communities Under the Inflation Reduction Act”

4th Annual Environmental Law Scholars Workshop – Loyola University Chicago School of Law (Oct. 2024)

- Presenter, “The Public Interest Intervenor and Public Utility Commissions”

“Poverty Law: Building Connections” Conference – Indiana University Maurer School of Law (Sept. 2024)

- Presenter, “Energy Law and the Low-Income Household”

Great Lakes Offshore Wind Interdisciplinary Workshop – Center for Water Policy, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (remote) (Aug. 2024)

- Panel Presenter, “Lakebed Leasing, Interstate and Intrastate Legal Aspects”

Berkeley-Penn Energy Law Scholars Workshop – University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School (June 2024)

- Presenter, “The Public Interest Intervenor in Public Utility Commissions”

Natural Resources Law Teachers Institute – Estes Park, CO (May 2024)

- Panel Presenter, “Decarbonizing Electricity”

Just Energy Transition Forum and Colloquy – University of Richmond School of Law (Mar. 2024)

- Presenter, “Energy Law and the Low-Income Household”

“Permitting the Future” Workshop – Case Western Reserve University School of Law (Sept. 2023)

- Invited Discussant, “Energy Infrastructure Permitting”

5th Annual Natural Resources Law Teachers Workshop – University of Utah S.J. Quinney School of Law/Foundation for Natural Resources & Energy Law (July 2023)

- Presenter, “Evolving Legal Conceptions of ‘Energy Communities’”

“Unequal Burden: Environmental Justice and the Climate Crisis” Symposium – University of Miami School of Law (Feb. 2023)

- Panel Presenter, “Energy Law and a Just Transition for the Future”

ClassCrits Annual Conference – Thurgood Marshall School of Law (Oct. 2022)

- Presenter, “Advancing Energy Justice in Public Utility Commissions”

Natural Resources Law Teachers Institute – Monterey, CA (May 2022)

- Panel Presenter, “Social Justice and Energy Transition”

“Environmental Justice: Engaging the Law” Colloquium – Chapman University Dale E. Fowler School of Law (remote) (Nov. 2021)

- Panel Presenter, “Energy Justice: Emerging Contours in Energy Law and Regulation”

Central States Law Schools Association Annual Conference (virtual due to pandemic) (Sept. 2021)

- Panel Presenter, “Energy Law and the Low-Income Household”

Energy Transitions Research Workshop, Center for Energy Law & Policy – Penn State (remote) (May 2021)

- Invited Discussant, “Local Social and Economic Context of Energy Transitions”

Sustainability Conference of Legal Educators – Arizona State University Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law (remote due to pandemic) (May 2021)

- Panel Presenter, “Energy Law and the Low-Income Household”

Energy Transition & Climate Governance Series – University of Houston Law Center (remote) (Apr. 2021)

- Presenter, “Energy Law, COVID, and Energy Burden”

Clean Air Task Force/Niskanen Center Forum (virtual) (Apr. 2021)

- Invited Discussant, “Building Transmission and Other Clean Energy Infrastructure: Markets or Mandates?”

Public Utility Symposium, Financial Research Institute – University of Missouri (Nov. 2020) (virtual due to pandemic)

- Panel Presenter, “Legal Forces Driving Public Utility Regulatory Policy Redesign and Innovation”

“Accelerating Clean Energy: The Next Decade of Reform” Symposium – University of Kansas School of Law (virtual due to pandemic) (Oct. 2020)

- Presenter, “Renewable Energy Siting in the Critical Decade”

Association of American Law Schools Conference – Washington, DC (Jan. 2020)

- Panel Presenter, Environmental Law Section Plenary Session, “Reversing Course on Environmental Justice Under the Trump Administration”

10th Annual Energy Law Symposium – Texas A&M University School of Law (Feb. 2019)

- Presenter, “Between Markets and Regulation – Electricity Governance in Transition”

Faculty Speaker Series – University of Minnesota Law School (Jan. 2019)

- Presenter, “100 Percent Renewable: Corporate Pledges and State Energy Law”

Association of American Law Schools Conference – New Orleans, LA (Jan. 2019)

- Open Source Program Presenter, “Contributions of Energy Justice to Energy Reform Discourse”

Just Transitions Workshop – University of South Carolina School of Law (Mar. 2018)

- Presenter, “Coal Ash at the Intersection of Energy and Environmental Law” and Discussant

Association of American Law Schools Conference – San Diego, CA (Jan. 2018)

- Presenter, Energy & Natural Resources Law Section, “Corporate Demand for Clean Power in the Energy Transition”
- Panel Presenter, Environmental Law Section, “Collaboration Across Disciplines in Empirical Environmental Research”

Hall Center for the Humanities Nature & Culture Seminar – University of Kansas (Oct. 2017)

- Presenter, “Fairness in the Low-Carbon Shift: Learning from Environmental Justice”

Environmental Law Workshop – University of Denver Sturm College of Law (Feb. 2017)

- Presenter (remote), “Intrastate Preemption in the Shifting Energy Sector – Recent Developments”

“Environmental Law in the Administrative State” Conference – George Mason University School of Law (Sept. 2016)

- Panel Presenter, “Energy Institutions and Analysis”

Faculty Speaker Series – University of New Mexico School of Law (Apr. 2016)

- Presenter, “Cities and the Low-Carbon Grid”

Environmental Law Workshop – University of Denver Sturm College of Law (Mar. 2016)

- Presenter, “Cities and the Low-Carbon Grid”

“Post-Carbon World: Advances in Legal and Social Theory” Symposium – Brooklyn Law School (Feb. 2016)

- Presenter, “Fairness in the Low-Carbon Energy Transition”

“The Past and Future of Civil Rights Movements: Race and Reform in 21st Century America” Conference – Duke Law School (Nov. 2015)

- Panel Presenter, “The Future of Environmental and Energy Justice”

“The Road to Paris: Multidimensional Action to Address Climate Change” Works-in-Progress Workshop – American Society of International Law/University of Minnesota Law School (Oct. 2015)

- Presenter, “Cities and the Low-Carbon Grid”

“The International Legacy of the Obama Administration” Conference – Case Western Reserve University School of Law (Sept. 2015)

- Panel Presenter, “Obama’s Dual-Track Approach to Climate Change: Regulatory Incrementalism and International Engagement”

Sabin Colloquium on Innovative Environmental Law Scholarship – Columbia Law School (May 2015)

- Presenter, “Public Electric Power in the New Energy Transition”

“Fracking and the Law” Conference – University of Connecticut School of Law (Apr. 2015)

- Panel Presenter, “State-Local Dynamics in Fracking Governance”

Faculty Speaker Series – University of Missouri School of Law (Feb. 2015)

- Presenter, “Public Electric Power in the New Energy Transition”

Environmental Law Colloquium Series – University of Florida Levin College of Law (Feb. 2015)

- Presenter, “The Energy-Land Use Nexus”

Association of American Law Schools Conference – Washington, DC (Jan. 2015)

- Panel Presenter, “Prospects for Public Power and Distributed Generation” - Natural Resources & Energy Law Section Plenary Program

“Energy-Water Nexus” Symposium – University of Richmond School of Law (Oct. 2013)

- Panel Presenter, “Regulating the Energy-Water Nexus: Coal Ash After the TVA Kingston Disaster”

Second Annual Sustainability Research Symposium – University of Kansas (Oct. 2013)

- Presenter, “Regulating the Energy-Water Nexus: Coal Ash After the TVA Kingston Disaster”

Faculty Speaker Series – University of Oregon School of Law (Sept. 2013)

- Presenter, “Intrastate Preemption in the Shifting Energy Sector”

“Legal & Policy Pathways for Energy Innovation” Conference – Univ. of Minnesota Law School (Apr. 2013)

- Presenter, “The Shift Away from Coal: Energy Governance Diversity and Innovation”

“Legal Aspects of Hydraulic Fracturing” Symposium – University of Idaho College of Law (Mar. 2013)

- Panel Presenter, “Energy Land Use for Hydraulic Fracturing”

Roundtable, “Environmental Markets” - George Mason Law and Economics Center (Oct. 2012)

- Invited Discussant, “Environmental Markets”

Faculty Speaker Series – University of Notre Dame School of Law (Sept. 2012)

- Presenter, “Environmental Law and Fossil Fuels: Barriers to Renewable Energy”

Junior Environmental Scholars Workshop – University of Washington School of Law (July 2012)

- Presenter, “Environmental Law and Fossil Fuels: Barriers to Renewable Energy”

Faculty Speaker Series – Case Western Reserve University School of Law (Apr. 2012)

- Presenter, “Environmental Law and Fossil Fuels: Barriers to Renewable Energy”

“Environmental Justice Issues in Sustainable Development” Symposium – University of Missouri School of Law (Mar. 2012)

- Panel Presenter, “Renewable Energy Goals and Local Impacts”

“Supply & Demand: Barriers to a New Energy Future” Symposium – Vanderbilt Law School (Feb. 2012)

- Panel Presenter, “Environmental Law and Fossil Fuels: Barriers to Renewable Energy”

First Annual Colloquium on Environmental Scholarship – Vermont Law School (Oct. 2010)

- Panel Presenter, “The Renewable Energy Footprint”

Faculty Speaker Series – Florida State University College of Law (June 2010)

- Presenter, “The Renewable Energy Footprint”

“U.S. Energy Policy in Transition” Conference – University of Florida (Mar. 2010)

- Presenter, “Facility Siting for Renewable Energy: Land Use and Regulatory Context”

Faculty Research Series – Sustainable Energy and Governance Center, Florida State University (Sept. 2009)

- Presenter, “Siting Renewable Energy Infrastructure in Florida: Regulatory Barriers”

Environmental Law Forum – Florida State University College of Law (Apr. 2009)

- Panel Presenter, “Growth Management in a Shrinking Economy”

Annual Public Interest Environmental Conference – University of Florida College of Law (Feb. 2009)

- Panel Presenter, “Land Use 101: The Land Use Approval Process”

Continuing Legal Education and State Bar Presentations

Kansas

- Annual “Recent Developments in the Law” CLE Program, “Recent Developments in Energy Law” – University of Kansas School of Law (May 2019)
- Annual “Recent Developments in the Law” CLE Program, “The Clean Power Plan and Related Developments in Greenhouse Gas Regulation” – University of Kansas School of Law (May 2016)
- Topics in Ethics, Water Law, and Environmental Law, “Regulatory Developments at the EPA” - University of Kansas School of Law (June 2014)
- Recent Developments in the Law, “Energy Land Use for Hydraulic Fracturing: State and Local Dynamics Nationwide” - University of Kansas School of Law (May 2013)

Other States

- “Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg in Environmental Law,” Energy, Natural Resources, and Environmental Law Section, Minnesota State Bar Ass’n (Mar. 2021)
- “Energy Law in Transition,” Energy, Environmental and Resources Section, Hawaii State Bar Ass’n (July 2019)

- Stegner Center Young Scholar Downtown CLE, “Recent State Law Developments for Renewable Energy” – Holland & Hart, Salt Lake City, Utah (Nov. 2018)

Foundation for Natural Resources and Energy Law (FNREL)

- “Electricity 101: Regulatory Foundations and Challenges for Energy Transition” Conference/CLE Program (remote) (Apr. 2021)

Invited Guest Lectures - US

University of Hawaii, William S. Richardson School of Law

- Guest Lecture, “Energy Law and the Low-Income Household” (Nov. 2020) (remote)

University of Florida Levin College of Law

- Guest Lecture, “Situating ‘100 Percent Renewable’ Goals in the Low-Carbon Transition” (Feb. 2019)

University of Kansas

- Energy and Society (Geology) - “Energy in Transition: Role of Law & Policy” (Dec. 2019)
- Graduate Seminar (Environmental Studies) - “The Paris Agreement & the US” (Nov. 2017)
- KU Honors Seminar (Geology) - “Energy, the US, and the Paris Agreement” (Oct. 2017)
- KU Honors Seminar (Geology) - “Climate Change and US Law: The Clean Power Plan” (Oct. 2016)
- Global Environment (Environmental Studies) - “Overview of Environmental Law Practice” (Sept. 2015)
- KU Honors Seminar (Geology) - “Drought in California: Emerging Legal and Policy Issues” (Sept. 2015)
- Graduate Seminar (Environmental Studies) - “Climate Change Litigation” (Nov. 2012)

Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies

- Land Use Planning Graduate Seminar - Guest Lecture, “Energy Sprawl” (Oct. 2011)

SELECTED ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Editorial and External Peer Review Service - International

Peer Reviewer, *Journal for European Environmental & Planning Law* (De Gruyter Brill) (Berlin, Germany)

Editorial Advisory Board, *NUJS Journal of Regulatory Studies* (Open Access) (Centre for Regulatory Studies, Governance & Public Policy, West Bengal National Univ. of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata, India) (2024-)

Peer Reviewer, Book Proposal, Edward Elgar Publishing (UK) (2024-)

Review Editor, *Climate Law & Policy* (Frontiers) (Open Access) (Switzerland) (2021-)

Peer Reviewer, Book Proposal, Oxford University Press (2019-)

External Reviewer for Research, The Nature Conservancy (2019)

Peer Reviewer, Book Proposal, Routledge (UK) (2014)

Academic Service - International

Moot Court Judge, North American Regional Rounds (NARR) of the 2023-2024 Stetson International Environmental Law Moot Court Competition (IEMCC) (Feb. 2024) (preparation)

International Faculty Dissertation Examiner, University of Petroleum and Energy Studies (UPES), School of Law, Dehradun, India (2020)

International Faculty Dissertation Examiner, Rajiv Gandhi School of Intellectual Property Law, Indian Institute of Technology - Kharagpur, India (2018)

International Faculty, Renewable Energy Law, Rajiv Gandhi School of Intellectual Property Law, Indian Institute of Technology - Kharagpur, India (2018)

- Co-taught two-week intensive course with Course Facilitator Prof. Uday Shankar
- Course funded by competitive Global Initiative of Academic Networks (GIAN)

Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Service

Section on Natural Resources and Energy Law - Chair (2022-23); Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect (2021-22); Treasurer (2020-21); Executive Committee Member (2018-20)

Section on Poverty Law - Executive Committee Member (2023-)

Section on Environmental Law - Executive Committee Member (2019-present); Environmental Law Section recognized with Section of the Year Award (2020)

Section on Scholarship - Executive Committee Member (2020-21)

Other Section Memberships: Property Law; State and Local Government Law; Women in Legal Education

American Bar Association (ABA) Service

ABA Speaking Delegate and Official Observer, United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP29) (Baku Azerbaijan) (2024)

ABA Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources (SEER)

- ABA SEER Legal Education Task Force (2025-)
- ABA SEER Climate Change Task Force (2024-25)
- Commenter, Draft Resolution on Environmental Justice (2021)
- Planning Committee Member, *Climate Disruption and Decarbonization* Conference (2019-20)
- Vice-Chair for Programs, Energy Infrastructure and Siting Committee (2012-15)

ABA Section on Real Property, Trusts, and Estates

- Presenter, “Renewable Energy Development” Webinar (2022)

Editorial and External Peer Review Service - US

Member, Energy Editorial Advisory Board, Law360.com/LexisNexis (2014; 2024)

Member, ALI Member Consultative Group - Restatement of the Law 4th: Property (2024-)

External Reviewer of Scholarship, Promotion & Tenure (outside KU) (to date, I have completed 8 reviews for candidates seeking promotion and tenure or lateral hire with tenure)

Peer Reviewer, American Journal of Public Health (2021)

Peer Reviewer, 6th Annual Morrison Prize Judges Panel, ASU Program on Law and Sustainability (2021)

Peer Reviewer, energy law chapters in *LEGAL PATHWAYS TO DEEP DECARBONIZATION IN THE UNITED STATES* (Michael B. Gerrard & John C. Dernbach, eds., Envtl. Law Inst. 2019)

Peer Reviewer, *Land Use and Environmental Law Review* Annual Compendium (Thomson Reuters/West) - selection of most significant legal scholarship in land use and environmental law (2015-)

Textbook Reviewer, Wolters Kluwer (2015)

Reviewer, ENVIRONMENTAL PRACTICE: JOURNAL OF THE ASS'N OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROFESSIONALS (Cambridge Univ. Press/DePaul Univ.) (2012)

Energy and Environmental Law Organizational and Advisory Service

Legal Scholar Member, Powerlines Model Legislation Task Force (2025-)

Member Scholar, Center for Progressive Reform (2012-)

Law School Trustee, Foundation for Natural Resources and Energy Law (2015-)

- Member, Grants Committee (2019-22); Scholarship Committee (2023-)

Law School Advisory Board Member, Institute for Energy Law (2014-)

- Member, Alternatives and Renewable Energy Committee (2018-)

Campus Liaison, Climate Science Legal Defense Fund (2017-2020)

Member, Utility Business Model Reform Network (2018-)

Annual Conference Advisory Board Member, Pace Law School Land Use Law Center (2014-17)

Academic Service - US

Faculty Judge, Center for American and International Law/Institute for Energy Law Student Writing Competition (2021)

Faculty Judge, Energy Law Student Writing Competition, ABA Section on Environment, Energy, and Resources (2018, 2019)

Faculty Judge, Public Lands Law & Policy Student Writing Competition, ABA Section on Environment, Energy, and Resources/Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Fndtn. (2014)

Regional and State Service

Advisory Member, Heartland Environmental Justice Working Group (2022-25)

- Served in advisory role for Working Group coordinating environmental justice work across regional federal offices (US Attorney's Office, EPA, HHS, ACOE, DOE and more)

Member, Board of Directors, Climate + Energy Project (2016-22)

- Served six years on the Board of this "Kansas-based, nonpartisan 501(c)3 nonprofit driving practical solutions for an equitable transition to a clean energy future"

Member, Steering Committee, Kansas Council for the New Energy Economics (2020-22)

Member, Task Force on Equitably Decarbonizing Utilities, RE-AMP Network (2019)

Member, Academic Advisory Network, Texas Energy Poverty Research Institute (2017-19)

University Service

Administrative Service

Member/Chair, Univ. Standards/Procedures on Promotion & Tenure (SPPT) Committee (2022-25)

Member, Faculty Development Liaison Advisory Group (2020-22)

Member, Provost Design Team for Faculty Success (2020)

Member, KU Open Access Advisory Board (2017-23)

Member, Faculty Senate, Faculty Rights, Privileges, & Responsibilities Committee (2017-20)

Faculty Liaison, KU Open Access Advisory Board (2015-17)

Member, Water Cluster Hire Exploratory Committee (2013)

Academic and University Community Service

KU-EPA Region 7 MOU Work Plan Team (2022-)

Affiliated Faculty, Center for Compassionate and Sustainable Communities / Institute for Policy and Social Research (2018-)

Affiliated Faculty, Center for Environmental Policy / Institute for Policy & Social Research (2013-)

Faculty Mentor, KU University Scholars Program (2016-20)

“Finding Justice in the Low-Carbon Transition” Symposium – University of Kansas (Apr. 2016)

- Co-organized national symposium addressing social justice in the low-carbon shift

Faculty Team, KU-Haskell Interdisciplinary Wetlands Course, Environmental Studies Program – “Environmental Law and the Wakarusa Wetlands” (Spring 2013, Spring 2014)

Law School Service

Administrative Service

Associate Dean for Faculty (2019-22)

Faculty Appointments - Committee Chair (2021, two positions); (2019, two positions); Committee Member, (2024, one position) (2023, four positions); (2012, one position)

Member, Library Appointments Committee (2024)

Member, NextGen Bar Committee (2024-)

Member, Distinguished Professorships Committee (2017-18; 2023-24)

Member, Policy Committee (2020-22)

Member, ABA Site Visit Team (2020-22)

Member, Fall Instruction Planning Committee (COVID-19) (2020)

Member, Academic Affairs Committee (2019-22)

Member, Equity Committee (2019-present)

Member, Search Committee, Law School Director of External Affairs (2019)

Member, Pro Bono Initiative Committee (2016-18)

Member, Bar Passage Committee/Curriculum Sub-Committee (2015-16)

Advising and Academic Service

Member, SJD Dissertation Committees (2024, Chair Raj. Bhala; 2014, Chair, Raj Bhala; 2013, Chair, Michael Davis)

Faculty Advisor, Energy and Environmental Law Society (2011-)

Director, Environment, Energy, and Natural Resources Law Certificate (2012-)

KU Law Representative, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) - Academy of Environmental Law (Fall 2016-)

Member, Law School Trustees Council, Foundation for Natural Resources and Energy Law (2016-)

Moot Court Coaching and Judging

- Coach, National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition (with Beth Cateforis) (2013-)
- Faculty Judge, KU Moot Court Program (NALSA; Jessup International; Stetson International Environmental; Veteran's Law; Wagner Employment Law, ABA, and more - varies by year)
- Faculty Judge, KU First-Year Lawyering Skills Oral Arguments (2012, 2015, 2016, 2019, 2022)
- Faculty Judge, Regional Mock Trial Invitational, University of Kansas (2018)

Law Review/Law Journal

- Symposium Advisor, *Kansas Law Review* Symposium, "Accelerating Clean Energy: The Next Decade of Reform" (2020)
- Faculty Advisor, *Kansas Journal of Law & Public Policy* (2017-19)
- Panel Moderator, *Kansas Journal of Law & Public Policy* Symposium "Preventing the Ghost Town: What Rural Communities Need to Do to Survive in the Modern Economy" (2014)
- Symposium Advisor, *Kansas Law Review* Symposium "Waters of the United States: Adapting Law for Degradation and Drought" (2013)
- Faculty Reader, *Kansas Law Review* and *Kansas Journal of Law & Public Policy* (2011-)

Law School Student Organization Presentations

- Speaker, "UN Climate Negotiations: From COP29 to COP30" - Energy & Environmental Law Society (2025)
- Panelist, "Renewable Energy and Habitat Loss" - International Law Society (2021)
- Speaker, "Lean-in Lunch with Female Faculty" - KU Women in Law (2018)
- Respondent, KU Federalist Society Lectures:
 - "Fracking: Safe Energy at Cheap Prices or a Pact with the Devil?" John Kunich, University of North Carolina-Charlotte (2017)
 - "Is Federal Control of Land Use on its Way?" Steven Eagle, George Mason Law School (2016)
 - "Protecting the Environment with Free Markets," Douglas Bandow, CATO Inst. (Apr. 2013)

International Law School Service

- Faculty Host and Presenter, Tashkent State University of Law Delegation (2023)
- Faculty Shepherd, Overseas Visiting Scholars Program - India (2014-15)
- Faculty Co-Host, Kazakhstan Delegation, State Dep't Int'l Visitor Leadership Program (2012)

Teaching Development Service

- Participant (by application), Just Transition Lawyering Institute (2023-24)

- Participant (by application), Inclusive Teaching Seminar, KU Ctr. for Teaching Excellence (2022-23)
- Participant, AALS Teaching Series, "Faculty Focus: Racism, Justice, and Your Fall Classes" (2020)
- Participant, American Constitution Society Law School Session, "Elevating and Engaging with Black Lives on Law School Campuses" (2020)
- Participant, SALT Social Justice Series, "Incorporating Anti-Racism into Core Law School Classes" (2020); "Promoting Equity and Inclusion in Online Teaching" (2020)
- Participant, KU Center for Teaching Excellence Session, "Transforming In-Class Activities for the Online Environment" (2020)
- Participant, (by application), Flexible Course Design Camp, KU Center for Teaching Excellence (2020)
- Participant (by application), Best Practices Institute, KU Center for Teaching Excellence (2016)
- Participant, KU Center for Sexuality and Gender Diversity Training (2015)
- Participant (by application), KU Oread Project, Sustainability Curriculum Workshop (May 2014)
- Participant (by invitation), "Teaching Energy Law" Workshop, Vermont Law School (2013)

EDUCATION

University of Maine School of Law

Portland, Maine

J.D., *summa cum laude*, 2005 (rank first in class, tied)

Maine Law Review, Articles Editor

Pro Bono Distinction: One of eight in the Class of 2005 to surpass 80-hour standard

Volunteer Lawyers Project, Case Intake Volunteer, Portland, Maine (2004-05)

Cumberland Legal Aid Clinic, Case Intake Volunteer, Portland, Maine (2003)

Honors: University of Maine School of Law Faculty Scholastic Achievement Award (2005)

University of Maine School of Law Alumni Association Award (2005)

Wernick Prize for Legal Writing (2005) (joint recipient)

Israel & Sumner Bernstein Memorial Scholar (2004-05)

ALI-ABA Environmental Law Conference Scholarship (Spring 2004)

David S. Miller Scholar (2003-04)

Maine Association for Public Interest Law Fellowship (Summer 2003)

Alumni Association Scholar (2002-03)

Muskie School of Public Service, University of Southern Maine

Portland, Maine

Master of Public Policy and Management, 2004

Course work in applied policy analysis, statistics, and economics /grade point average: 3.93

University of Virginia

Charlottesville, Virginia

B.A. History and English, 1995

Dean's List; Phi Alpha Theta International Honor Society in History

OTHER LAW AND POLICY EXPERIENCE

1000 Friends of Florida

General Counsel

Tallahassee, Florida

2007-09

- Served as General Counsel for leading statewide advocacy organization dedicated to sustainable land use and natural resource protection in Florida.
- Responsibilities included representation of 1000 Friends, individually and with outside counsel, in administrative and court proceedings, as party or amicus curiae; oral and written comments to local governments and state agencies on actions, rulemaking, and policies implicating growth issues; preparing policy and statutory analyses and recommendations; representing organizational interests in state agency executive advisory forums; supporting citizen initiatives at the local level.
- Lobbied in the Florida Legislature for public interest environmental goals, including public comment in senate and house committees, interaction with committee staff, and legislator-stakeholder negotiations.

Verrill Dana LLP

Associate Attorney

Summer Associate

Portland, Maine

2005-07

2004

- Experience in litigation department of 100-plus lawyer firm included drafting trial pleadings and motions for state and federal district court and appellate briefs for the First and Second Circuit Courts of Appeals, legal research, judicial conferences and motion hearings, client relations and management, mediations, depositions, settlement negotiations, trial preparation, and discovery.

Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project

Pro Bono Panel Member

Portland, Maine

2005-07

- Successfully co-represented two refugee clients seeking asylum (Somalia and Cambodia)

U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit

Student Clerk to the Honorable Judge Kermit Lipez

Portland, Maine

Spring 2005

Toxics Action Center

Legal Intern

Portland, Maine

Spring 2004

Southern Environmental Law Center

Summer Clerk

Charlottesville, Virginia

Summer 2003

Maine Department of Transportation

Statewide Planning Intern

Winthrop, Maine

Summer 2002

BAR MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS

State of Florida (active); State of Maine (inactive)

American Law Institute (Elected Member); American Bar Foundation (Fellow)

American Bar Association; The Florida Bar; Kansas Bar Association; American Association of Law Schools; Law & Society Association; ClassCrits; International Bar Association

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Climate + Energy Project (Board member 2016-22); Kansas Women's Environmental Network (2015-); Educate Lawrence, New York Elementary representative (2018-19); Site Council, Liberty Memorial Central Middle School (2017-19); Site Council, New York Elementary School (2016-19)

VOLUNTEER WORK

DARE Homeless Respite Center; Lawrence Community Shelter Move-Out Program; East Lawrence Neighborhood Association; Lawrence Arts Center; Theatre Lawrence; Lawrence High School