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Curriculum Vitae · June 2026

PROFESSOR OF LAW · CO-DIRECTOR, CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF CORPORATE LAW · YALE LAW SCHOOL

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Yale University

Professor of Law, Law School 2023–
Co-Director, Center for the Study of Corporate Law 2023–
Faculty Liaison, Data-Intensive Social Science Center 2023–
Fellow, Grace Hopper College 2024–
Courses: Contracts, Business Organizations, Law and Economics
Service: University Committee on Trust in Higher Education (2025–2026)

Harvard University

William Nelson Cromwell Visiting Professor of Law, Law School 2022–2023

Stanford University

Edwin A. Heafey Jr. Visiting Professor of Law, Law School 2021–2022

Northwestern University

Professor, Pritzker School of Law 2021–2023
Associate Professor, Kellogg School of Management (courtesy) 2020–2023
Associate Professor, Pritzker School of Law 2019–2021
Assistant Professor, Pritzker School of Law 2016–2019

University of Chicago

Visiting Associate Professor, Law School Jan–Jun 2020

University of California, Berkeley

Visiting Assistant Professor, School of Law 2015–2016

Columbia University

Visiting Professor, Law School Dec 2021
Academic Fellow, Law School 2014–2015

EDUCATION

Yale Law School J.D. 2011–2014

University of California, Berkeley Ph.D. Economics 2006–2011

Chair: Edward Miguel

Dissertation: *Essays in Law and Economics*

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor B.A. Economics, with Highest Distinction 2002–2006

WORKING PAPERS AND WORKS IN PROGRESS

Occupational Licensing and Labor Market Mobility: Evidence from the Legal Profession, **Revision requested**,
AEJ: Applied Economics (with Adam Chilton, Jacob Goldin, and Kyle Rozema)

A Theory of Trust in Institutions, Working paper, 2026 (with Yehonatan Givati)

Law Professors Prefer AI Over Peer Answers, Working paper, 2026 (with Alejandro Salinas, Julian Nyarko, and others)

The Terms of Freedom: Black Labor Contracts in the Reconstruction South, In progress (with Zehua Li and Julian Nyarko)

PUBLICATIONS

- The LPE Critique of Law and Economics, 93 **University of Chicago Law Review** 543 (2026)
- Racial Diversity and Affirmative Action in American Law Schools, 68 **Journal of Law and Economics** 711 (2025) (with Richard R. W. Brooks and Kyle Rozema)
- Altering Rules: The New Frontier for Corporate Governance, 42 **Yale Journal on Regulation** 291 (2025) (with Gabriel V. Rauterberg)
- The SCALES Project: Making Federal Court Records Free, 119 **Northwestern University Law Review** 23 (2024) (with David Schwartz, Kat Albrecht, Adam Pah, Christopher Cotropia, Amy Kristin Sanders, Charlotte Alexander, Luís Amaral, Zachary Clopton, Anne Tucker, Tom Gaylord, Scott Daniel, and Nathan Dahlberg)
- Don't Go Chasing Waterfalls: Fiduciary Duties in Venture Capital Backed Startups, **Journal of Legal Studies**, vol. 53, pp. 21–65 (2024) (with Eric Talley)
- Women in U.S. Law Schools, 1948–2021, **Journal of Legal Analysis**, vol. 15(1), pp. 48–78 (2023) (with Elizabeth Katz and Kyle Rozema)
- A Statistical Test for Legal Interpretation: Theory and Applications, **Journal of Law, Economics, & Organization**, vol. 38, pp. 539–569 (2022) (with Julian Nyarko)
- The Origins of the Market for Corporate Law, **American Law and Economics Review**, vol. 24, pp. 369–406 (2022)
- The Promise of AI in an Open Justice System, **AI Magazine**, vol. 43, pp. 69–74 (2022) (Adam R. Pah, David L. Schwartz, Sarath Sanga, Charlotte S. Alexander, Kristian J. Hammond, and Luís A. Nunes Amaral)
- The Impact of the Coronavirus Lockdown on Domestic Violence, **American Law and Economics Review**, vol. 23, pp. 137–163 (2021) (with Justin McCrary)
- How to Build a More Open Justice System, **Science**, vol. 369 (6500), pp. 134–136 (2020) (Adam R. Pah, David L. Schwartz, Sarath Sanga, Zachary D. Clopton, Peter DiCola, Rachel Davis Mersey, Charlotte S. Alexander, Kristian J. Hammond, and Luís A. Nunes Amaral)
- Network Effects in Corporate Governance, **Journal of Law and Economics**, vol. 63, pp. 1–41 (2020)
- A New Strategy for Regulating Arbitration, **Northwestern University Law Review**, vol. 113, pp. 1121–1162 (2019)
- Incomplete Contracts: An Empirical Approach, **Journal of Law, Economics, & Organization**, vol. 34, pp. 650–679 (2018)
- A Theory of Corporate Joint Ventures, **California Law Review**, vol. 106, pp. 1437–1475 (2018)
- The Private Ordering Solution to Multiforum Shareholder Litigation, **Journal of Empirical Legal Studies**, vol. 14, pp. 31–78 (2017) (with Roberta Romano)
- Choice of Law: An Empirical Analysis, **Journal of Empirical Legal Studies**, vol. 11, pp. 894–928 (2014)
- Does Officer Race Matter?, **American Law and Economics Review**, vol. 16, pp. 403–432 (2014)
- General Equilibrium Effects of Prison on Crime: Evidence from International Comparisons, **Cato Papers on Public Policy**, vol. 2, pp. 165–206 (2012) (with Justin McCrary)
- Is Credit Access Effective against Damages Caused by a Natural Disaster? The Case of Tsunami Victims in Southern India, **Keizai Kenkyu**, vol. 62, no. 2, pp. 129–140 (2011) (with Yasuyuki Sawada and Masahiro Shoji) (in Japanese)
- Reconsidering Racial Bias in Motor Vehicle Searches: Theory and Evidence, **Journal of Political Economy**, vol. 117, pp. 1155–1159 (2009) (comment)

REPORTS

- Report of the Committee on Trust in Higher Education, Yale University (April 2026)

SHORTER PIECES

The Real Story of the OpenAI Case, **Wall Street Journal**, May 13, 2026 (with Judith Chevalier)

Grade Inflation Is Making You Miserable, **The Daily Princetonian**, May 7, 2026 (with Owen Zidar)

Aggregating Values: Mutual Funds and the Problem of ESG, **University of Chicago Law Review Online** (2023)
(with Adriana Z. Robertson)

Tear Down This Judicial Paywall, **Wall Street Journal**, December 14, 2020 (with David L. Schwartz)

GRANTS AND AWARDS

National Science Foundation

Convergence Accelerator Program for Northwestern Open Access to Court Records Initiative, Co-I, Award no. 1937123 (2019–2021)

Convergence Accelerator Phase II – Systematic Content Analysis of Litigation Events (SCALES): Open Knowledge Network to Enable Transparency and Access to Court Records, Co-I, Award no. 2033604 (2020–2022)

University of California, Berkeley

Institute of Business & Economic Research, Dissertation Grant (2008, 2009)

Center for Evaluation and Global Action, Research Grant (2009)

Dean's Normative Time Fellowship (2009)

Berkeley Program on Housing and Urban Policy, Research Grant (2009)

Berkeley Empirical Legal Studies Graduate Fellowship (2010)

Shearman & Sterling

Arbitration Scholarship – tuition and stipend, summer course in Paris (2013)

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

William J. Branstrom Freshman Prize (2003)

James B. Angell Scholar (2004, 2006)

Office of International Programs Scholarship for Study Abroad (2004)

Government of Japan

JASSO International Scholarship – room and board (2004–2005)

EXPERIENCE

Shearman & Sterling, LLP (Paris) <i>Summer Associate</i>	Summer 2013
United States Attorney's Office, N.D. Cal. <i>Clerk</i>	Summer 2012
United Nations, Tokyo <i>Intern</i>	Spring 2005
University of Tokyo <i>Undergraduate Exchange Student</i>	2004–2005

TEACHING

Contracts Yale · Harvard · Stanford · Northwestern · UC Berkeley

Corporations & Business Associations Yale · Harvard · Stanford · Columbia · Chicago · Northwestern

Law and Economics Yale · Stanford · Northwestern

Law, Economics & Organization Workshop Yale

International Arbitration Université Paris II Panthéon-Assas · Chicago

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Yale University

Committee on Trust in Higher Education

2025–2026

Yale Law School

Committee on AI and the Law (co-chair)	2026–
Appointments Committee (Entry-Level Chair)	2024–2025

American Law and Economics Association

Board of Directors	2025–2028
Area Organizer (Commercial Law and Contracts)	2023
Area Organizer (Corporate Law, Finance, Securities)	2021
Nominating Committee	2020

European Association of Law and Economics

Area Organizer (Contracts, Commercial Law, Secured Transactions, Bankruptcy)	2021, 2023
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Society for Empirical Legal Studies

Board of Directors	2024–2026
Corporate Law Programming Committee, CELS	2019, 2021

Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law

Public Interest Committee	2018–2021
Curriculum Committee	2017–2018

REFEREE SERVICE

American Economic Review, American Law and Economics Review, Economic Inquiry, Industrial Relations, International Review of Law and Economics, Journal of Accounting Research, Journal of Empirical Legal Studies, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Law & Economics, Journal of Law, Economics & Organization, Journal of Legal Studies, Management Science, National Science Foundation, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economic Studies, Review of Economics and Statistics, Science, Supreme Court Economic Review

ENDOWED LECTURE

Queen's University, Law '80 Endowed Lecture in Business Law (2019)

LANGUAGES

Japanese (conversational)