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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW Assistant Professor of Law Courses: Property Law, Intellectual Property Law (Patents, Copyrights, Trademarks)	2019 - PRESENT
YESHIVA UNIVERSITY BENJAMIN N. CARDOZO SCHOOL OF LAW Visiting Assistant Professor Courses: Contracts, Patent Law, International Intellectual Property Law	2017 – 2019
NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW Global Post-Doctoral Fellow & Affiliate, Engelberg Center on Innovation Law & Policy	Spring 2017

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO FACULTY OF LAW , S.J.D., Doctor of Juridical Sciences Dissertation: <i>Intellectual Property, Traditional Knowledge, and Bioprospecting: Searching for Efficient Balance of Rights</i> Committee: Ariel Katz, Michael Trebilcock, Mariana Prado, Ruth Okediji, Kerry Rittich Honors: Graduate Fellow in Innovation Law and Policy Nathan Strauss Q.C. Graduate Fellow Scholarship Recipient, International Law Research Program, Center for International Governance Innovation	2017
UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON SCHOOL OF LAW , LL.M., Intellectual Property Law Honors: Spirit of Excellence Award (for academic & leadership excellence) Full-tuition Scholarship	2012
HARAMAYA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW , LL. B. in Laws, <i>cum laude</i> Honors: Runner-up Award (national round), Phillip C. Jessup Int. Moot Court Competition (International Law Students Association) Runner-up Award, International Humanitarian Law Moot Court Competition (International Committee of the Red Cross)	2008

PUBLICATIONS

LAW REVIEW ARTICLES

[*Patents, Disclosure, & Biopiracy*](#) 96 DENVER LAW REVIEW 535 (2019).

[Intellectual Property Law and Bioprospecting: A Model Legal Framework](#), 19 NORTH CAROLINA JOURNAL OF LAW & TECHNOLOGY 257 (2017).

[The Global Protection of Traditional Knowledge: Searching for the Minimum Consensus](#), 17 JOHN MARSHALL REVIEW OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW 42 (2017).

[Intellectual Property Law and the Protection of Traditional Knowledge: From Cultural Conservation to Knowledge Codification](#), 15 ASPER REVIEW OF INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS & TRADE LAW 293 (2015) (peer reviewed).

Highlighted in:

Jennifer Brown, [IP Back to the Future](#), Canadian Lawyer Mag., June 6, 2016.

[Gebru on Protecting Traditional Knowledge Through Sui Generis IP Law](#), Slaw Mag., March 3, 2016.

[Environmental Permitting in Ethiopia: No restraint on “Unstoppable Growth?”](#) 1 HARAMAYA LAW REVIEW 73 (2012) (with James Krueger & Inqu Asnake) (peer reviewed).

OTHER SELECTED WRITINGS

[Toward Legal Recognition of Traditional Knowledge as Intellectual Property](#), 7 Intell. Prop. Issues in Cult. Heritage, Desired Futures Newsl., 12 (2016).

[Analyzing the Controversial Claim for Contributory Trademark Dilution](#), Seattle Trademark Lawyer (2012).

[Large Scale Acquisitions of Land in Ethiopia](#), Focus on Land in Africa, World Resource Institute and Landesa (2012) (with Darryl Vhugen).

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Intellectual Property Law (Patents, Copyrights, Trademarks), Property Law, International Trade Law, Law and Development, Law and Economics

OTHER ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO, FACULTY OF LAW

Instructor & researcher Fall 2016
Course: Common Law Reasoning and Legal System
Wrote grant proposals and organized academic conferences on patent law

Guest lecturer (Master’s of Biotechnology Program) Fall 2015
Topic: Legal Frameworks for the Bioprospecting Industry

Thesis advisor to LL.M. students 2012 - 16

CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL GOVERNANCE INNOVATION, INTERNATIONAL LAW RESEARCH PROGRAM

Research Assistant Fall 2016
Wrote policy brief on intellectual property issues; assisted program leadership

UNIVERSITY OF ONTARIO INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES & HUMANITIES

Lecturer Fall 2013

Course: Intellectual Property Law & Policy

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS INITIATIVE – AFRICA

Lecturer Summers 2012 - 17

Course: Current Issues in Intellectual Property Law

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON SCHOOL OF LAW & LANDESA

Research Assistant 2011 - 12

Research: Land rights and development

HARAMAYA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW

Director, Social Justice Center 2010 - 11

Established the first legal aid center in Eastern Ethiopia

Instructor 2008 - 11

Courses: Intellectual Property Law, Investment Law, Public International Law

Evaluation: 4.73/5.0 average (copies available upon request)

Awards: Junior Faculty Research Grant

Coached moot court teams; Phillip C. Jessup Moot Court (national runner-up)

UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL TRIBUNAL FOR RWANDA, OFFICE OF THE TRIAL PROSECUTOR

Legal Intern Fall 2008

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Keynote, “The Legal Protection of Traditional Knowledge,” Cultural Appropriation and Traditional Knowledge Conference, University of Toronto Faculty of Law (2018)

Panelist, “Patents, Disclosure, and Biopiracy”

George Washington University IP Speaker Series (2018); Law and Society Annual Meeting (2018); Junior Intellectual Property Scholars Association Workshop (2018); Southeastern Association of Law Schools Conference (2018); Intellectual Property Scholars Association Conference (2018)

Panelist, “A Knowledge Commons Framework for Governance of Bioprospecting,” Tri-state Intellectual Property Law Workshop, New York University, School of Law (2018)

Panelist, “Intellectual Property, Bioprospecting and Traditional Medicinal Knowledge: A Potential Framework for Protection”

Works-In-Progress Intellectual Property Law Conference (February 2017); Intellectual Property Scholars Association Conference (2017)

Panelist, “Intellectual Property and Traditional Knowledge: An Examination through the 'Public Goods' Framework,” Canadian Law and Economics Association Conference (2016)

Panelist, “From Common Goods to Public Goods: The Effects of Legal Intervention on Codification of Traditional Knowledge” Canadian Law and Society Association Conference (2015)