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Research interests

Corporate law and governance, securities and financial law, comparative law, sustainability

Appointments

University of Georgia School of Law

- 2018–present Stembler Family Distinguished Professor in Business Law
- 2019–present Courtesy Appointment, Legal Studies Program, Terry College of Business
- 2017–2018 J. Alton Hosch Professor of Law

Washington and Lee University School of Law

- 2015–2017 William Donald Bain Family Professor of Corporate Law
- 2014–2017 Director, Frances Lewis Law Center
- 2013–2015 Professor of Law
- 2009–2013 Associate Professor of Law (tenured 2011)
- Fall 2008 Visiting Professor of Law

Texas Tech University School of Law

- 2006–2009 Assistant Professor of Law

Boston University School of Law

- 2005–2006 Visiting Assistant Professor of Law

Visiting positions

University of the Witwatersrand (Johannesburg, South Africa)

- Spring 2020 Guest Researcher, School of Law (three weeks)

Southwest University of Political Science and Law (Chongqing, China)

- Fall 2016 Visiting Professor, Civil and Commercial Law School (one week)

University of Leeds (England)

- Fall 2015 Liberty Fellow, School of Law (one week)

University of Hong Kong

- Summer 2015 Visiting Fellow, Faculty of Law (two weeks)

National University of Singapore

Spring 2015 Visiting Scholar, Faculty of Law (two weeks)

University of Sydney (Australia)

Summer 2011 Parsons Visitor, Faculty of Law (four weeks)

University of Toronto (Canada)

Summer 2011 Visitor to the Faculty of Law (two weeks)

University of Cambridge (England)

Spring 2009 Visitor to the Faculty of Law (four weeks)

Administration

Washington and Lee University School of Law

2014–2017 Director, Frances Lewis Law Center

Appointed by the law school Dean, and approved by the university President, to administer a center with a multi-million dollar endowment aimed at enriching the intellectual life of the law school and supporting faculty scholarship. Responsibilities included drafting annual budgets; monitoring income and expenditures; administering research grants and research assistant funding; coordinating the faculty workshop series; supporting symposia, faculty roundtables, and other events; editing the law school's SSRN eJournal; and advising faculty on scholarly endeavors.

Education

Harvard Law School

2001 J.D.

2000–2001 Deputy Editor-in-Chief, Harvard International Law Journal

University of Oxford (England)

1997 M.Phil. in English Studies

1996–1997 Association Football Club (university soccer team)

University of Michigan

1995 A.B. in English (High Distinction, Highest Honors)

1991–1993 Men's Soccer Club (President 1993)

Other experience

Harvard Business School

2004–2005, Research Associate

Spring 2006

Ropes & Gray LLP (Boston)

2001–2004 Associate, Corporate Department

2000 Summer Associate

Awards and Honors

- 2019 C. Ronald Ellington Award for Excellence in Teaching, University of Georgia School of Law
2018 Stembler Family Distinguished Professorship, University of Georgia School of Law
2017 J. Alton Hosch Professorship, University of Georgia School of Law
2015 William Donald Bain Family Professorship, Washington and Lee University School of Law
2010, 2013 Ethan Allen Faculty Fellow, Washington and Lee University School of Law
2010 Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Scholarly Papers Prize
2008 Mahon Research Fellow, Texas Tech University School of Law
2008 Alumni Association New Faculty Award, Texas Tech University Teaching Academy
1995 Overseas Research Student Award, University of Oxford
1996 Janet Watson Bursary, Somerville College, University of Oxford
1995 Phi Beta Kappa, University of Michigan

Publications

Books

Cambridge Handbook of Corporate Law, Corporate Governance and Sustainability
(Cambridge University Press, 2019) (co-edited with Beate Sjøfjell)

Re-Imagining Offshore Finance: Market-Dominant Small Jurisdictions in a Globalizing Financial World (Oxford University Press, 2016; paperback, 2018)

reviewed in Zachary S. Freeman, Book Review, 50 N.Y.U. Journal of International Law and Politics 312 (2017); William J. Moon, Tax Havens as Producers of Corporate Law, 116 Michigan Law Review 1081 (2018)

Corporate Governance in the Common-Law World: The Political Foundations of Shareholder Power (Cambridge University Press, 2013; paperback, 2014)

Chinese edition: Lin Shaowei trans., Cambridge University Press & Law Press China (2016)

reviewed in David A. Skeel, Jr., Corporate Governance and Social Welfare in the Common-Law World, 92 Texas Law Review 973 (2014); Book Club on “Corporate Governance in the Common-Law World,” PrawfsBlawg (May 13-14, 2014), <http://prawfsblawg.blogs.com/prawfsblawg/2014/05/wrap-up-for-book-club-on-corporate-governance-in-the-common-law-world.html> (reviews by Matthew Bodie, John Cioffi, Andrew Gold, Joan Heminway, Brett McDonnell, and Daniel Sokol); Marc Moore, Book Review, 74 Cambridge Law Journal 370 (2015); Anita Anand & William Muir, Book Review, 25 Business Ethics Quarterly 143 (2015); Stephen Bloomfield, Book Review, 26 International Company & Commercial Law Review 307 (2015)

Chapters

Methods of Comparative Corporate Governance

in Research Handbook on Comparative Corporate Governance
(Afra Afsharipour & Martin Gelter eds., Edward Elgar Publishing, forthcoming 2020)

Corporate Law, Corporate Governance and the Pursuit of Sustainability

in Cambridge Handbook of Corporate Law, Corporate Governance and Sustainability 713
(Beate Sjøfjell & Christopher M. Bruner eds., Cambridge University Press, 2019) (co-authored with Beate Sjøfjell)

Corporations and Sustainability

in Cambridge Handbook of Corporate Law, Corporate Governance and Sustainability 3 (Beate Sjäffell & Christopher M. Bruner eds., Cambridge University Press, 2019) (co-authored with Beate Sjäffell)

Leaders or Laggards? Corporate Sustainability in Hong Kong and Singapore

in Cambridge Handbook of Corporate Law, Corporate Governance and Sustainability 504 (Beate Sjäffell & Christopher M. Bruner eds., Cambridge University Press, 2019)

How Small Jurisdictions Compete in International Financial Services

in Integration and International Dispute Resolution in Small States 167 (Petra Butler, Eva Lein & Rhonson Salim eds., Springer, 2018) (revised keynote address, solicited contribution)

Opting Out of Fiduciary Duties and Liabilities in U.S. and U.K. Business Entities

in Research Handbook on Fiduciary Law 285 (D. Gordon Smith & Andrew S. Gold eds., Edward Elgar, 2018) (solicited contribution)

The Corporation's Intrinsic Attributes

in Understanding the Company: Corporate Governance and Theory 60 (Barnali Choudhury & Martin Petrin eds., Cambridge University Press, 2017) (solicited contribution)

UNESCO, the WTO, and Trade in Cultural Products

in Essays on the Future of the World Trade Organization, vol. 1, 385 (Julien Chaisse & Tiziano Balmelli eds., Editions Interuniversitaires Suisses, 2008) (solicited contribution)

Articles

Leveraging Corporate Law: A Broader Account of Delaware's Competition

80 Maryland Law Review (forthcoming 2020) (symposium)

Corporate Governance Reform in Post-Crisis Financial Firms: Two Fundamental Tensions

60 Arizona Law Review 959 (2018)

reprinted in 61 Corporate Practice Commentator 457 (2019)

Center-Left Politics and Corporate Governance: What Is the "Progressive" Agenda?

2018 BYU Law Review 267 (2018)

Is the Corporate Director's Duty of Care a "Fiduciary" Duty? Does It Matter?

48 Wake Forest Law Review 1027 (2013)

Conceptions of Corporate Purpose in Post-Crisis Financial Firms

36 Seattle University Law Review 527 (2013) (symposium)

Managing Corporate Federalism: The Least-Bad Approach to the Shareholder Bylaw Debate

36 Delaware Journal of Corporate Law 1 (2011)

Corporate Governance Reform in a Time of Crisis

36 Journal of Corporation Law 309 (2011)

Power and Purpose in the "Anglo-American" Corporation

50 Virginia Journal of International Law 579 (2010)

AALS Scholarly Papers Prize, 2010

reprinted in 53 Corporate Practice Commentator 353 (2011–2012)

excerpted in J. Robert Brown, Jr. & Lisa L. Casey, Corporate Governance: Cases and Materials 925 (Carolina Academic Press, 2d ed. 2016)

States, Markets, and Gatekeepers: Public-Private Regulatory Regimes in an Era of Economic Globalization

30 Michigan Journal of International Law 125 (2008)

The Enduring Ambivalence of Corporate Law

59 Alabama Law Review 1385 (2008)

Culture, Sovereignty, and Hollywood: UNESCO and the Future of Trade in Cultural Products

40 N.Y.U. Journal of International Law and Politics 351 (2008)

Good Faith, State of Mind, and the Outer Boundaries of Director Liability in Corporate Law

41 Wake Forest Law Review 1131 (2006)

cited in In re The Walt Disney Company Derivative Litigation, 906 A.2d 27 (Del. 2006)

To Judge Leviathan: Sovereign Credit Ratings, National Law, and the World Economy

25 Journal of Public Policy 191 (2005) (peer reviewed) (co-authored with Rawi Abdelal)

reprinted in Richard Rose, *The Journal of Public Policy in perspective*, 31 Journal of Public Policy 235 (2011)

Hemispheric Integration and the Politics of Regionalism: The Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA)

33 University of Miami Inter-American Law Review 1 (2002)

Shorter publications

The Fiduciary Enterprise of Corporate Law

74 Washington and Lee Law Review 791 (2017) (symposium)

Corporate Governance Theory and Review of Board Decisions

62 UCLA Law Review Discourse 87 (2014) (symposium)

Book Review

72 Cambridge Law Journal 764 (2013) (reviewing *Directors' Duties and Shareholder Litigation in the Wake of the Financial Crisis* (Joan Loughrey ed., 2013))

Agency and the Ontology of the Corporation

69 Washington and Lee Law Review 355 (2012) (comment on student note)

The Changing Face of Money

30 Review of Banking & Financial Law 383 (2010–2011)

Good Faith in *Revlon*-Land

55 New York Law School Law Review 581 (2010/11) (symposium)

Shareholder Bylaws and the Delaware Corporation

11 Transactions 67 (2009) (panel discussion, SEALS Annual Meeting)

Para-Images: The Shapes of Identity in *The Grass is Singing*

19 Doris Lessing Newsletter 3 (1998) (now Doris Lessing Studies)

Case studies and technical notes

Attorney-Client Privilege

Harvard Business Publishing, 9-306-013 (2005) (co-authored with Lynn Paine)

Bribery in Business: A Legal Perspective

Harvard Business Publishing, 9-306-012 (2005) (co-authored with Lynn Paine)

Deception in Business: A Legal Perspective

Harvard Business Publishing, 9-306-019 (2005) (co-authored with Lynn Paine)

Dual Class Share Companies

Harvard Business Publishing, 9-306-032 (2005) (co-authored with Lynn Paine, Samuel L. Hayes)

European Financial Integration

Harvard Business Publishing, 9-706-010 (2005) (co-authored with Rawi Abdelal)

reprinted in The Rules of Globalization (Rawi Abdelal ed., World Scientific, 2008)

Guth v. Loft: Synopsis

Harvard Business Publishing, 9-306-015 (2005) (co-authored with Lynn Paine)

Insider Trading Quiz

Harvard Business Publishing, 9-306-016, 9-306-017 (2005) (co-authored with Lynn Paine)

Legal Compliance Programs

Harvard Business Publishing, 9-306-014 (2005) (co-authored with Lynn Paine)

Mall of America

Harvard Business Publishing, 9-305-068, 9-305-069 (2004) (co-authored with Lynn Paine)

Martha Stewart

Harvard Business Publishing, 9-305-034 – 9-305-036 (2004) (co-authored with Lynn Paine)

Note on Insider Trading Liability

Harvard Business Publishing, 9-305-029 (2004) (co-authored with Lynn Paine)

Politics and Prudential Supervision: ABN Amro's Bid for Antonveneta

Harvard Business Publishing, 9-706-009, 9-706-039 (2005) (co-authored with Rawi Abdelal)

reprinted in The Rules of Globalization (Rawi Abdelal ed., World Scientific, 2008)

Private Capital and Public Policy: Standard & Poor's Sovereign Credit Ratings

Harvard Business Publishing, 9-705-026 (2005) (co-authored with Rawi Abdelal)

reprinted in The Rules of Globalization (Rawi Abdelal ed., World Scientific, 2008)

Standard & Poor's Sovereign Credit Ratings: Scales and Process

Harvard Business Publishing, 9-705-027 (2005) (co-authored with Rawi Abdelal)

reprinted in The Rules of Globalization (Rawi Abdelal ed., World Scientific, 2008)

Work in progress

Private Power and Public Good: Harnessing the Corporation for a Sustainable Future

Book manuscript in progress.

Distributed Ledgers, Artificial Intelligence, and the Purpose of the Corporation

Working paper in progress.

Blogging and commentary

Posts have appeared at Columbia Law School Blue Sky Blog, Conference Board Governance Center Blog, Conglomerate, Jotwell, Opinio Juris, Oxford Business Law Blog, PrawfsBlawg, and Yahoo! Finance.

Courses

University of Georgia School of Law

Comparative Corporate Law

Corporate Finance

Corporations

Deals

Washington and Lee University School of Law

Close Business Arrangements

Contracts

Deals

Publicly Held Businesses

Securities Regulation

Texas Tech University School of Law

Business Entities

International Economic Regimes

Mergers & Acquisitions

Securities Regulation

Boston University School of Law

Corporations

University service

University of Georgia School of Law

2018–present Faculty Recruitment Committee (Chair, 2019–present)

2017–2018 Dean Rusk International Law Center Committee

Washington and Lee University School of Law

2014–2017 Director, Frances Lewis Law Center

2016–2017 Lectures and Awards Committee

2011–2013, 2016–2017 Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees

2015–2016 Library Committee

2014 Faculty Advisory Committee

2012–2014 Educational Planning and Curriculum Committee

2010–2014 Frances Lewis Law Center Committee

2010–2013 Discrimination Policy Adviser

- 2009–2013 Independent Study Committee
- 2011 Dean Search Committee
- 2013 Building Committee
- 2013–2014 Advisor, Washington and Lee Law Review
- 2011–2015 Advisor, Law and Business Society
- Texas Tech University School of Law**
- 2007–2008 Personnel Committee
- 2006–2009 Honor Council
- 2006–2007 Library Committee
- 2006–2007 Grade Appeals Committee
- 2007–2009 Program Advisor, Business Law Certificate Program
- 2007–2009 Advisor, Business and Bankruptcy Law Association
- 2007–2008 Co-Coach, Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Team

Professional service and memberships

Hart Publishing (Bloomsbury Professional)

- 2016–present Co-Editor, Contemporary Studies in Corporate Law (book series)

Jotwell

- 2015–present Contributing Editor, Corporate Law Section

Social Science Research Network (SSRN)

- 2015–present Advisory Board, Fiduciary Law eJournal
- 2014–2017 Editor, Washington and Lee Legal Studies Research Paper Series

European Corporate Governance Institute (ECGI)

- 2019–present Academic Member

American Society of Comparative Law (ASCL)

- 2012–2015 Editor (appointed Washington and Lee representative)
- 2015–2017 Director (appointed Washington and Lee representative)
- 2013–2015 Scholarship Advisory Group, Younger Comparativists Committee

Association of American Law Schools (AALS)

- 2014–2016 Executive Committee, Section on Business Associations
- 2010 Special Committee to Review Scholarly Papers

Southeastern Association of Law Schools (SEALS)

- 2007–2012 New Scholars Committee

U.S. Russia Foundation for Economic Advancement and the Rule of Law (USRF)

- 2010, 2012 Twice traveled to the Russian Federation (July 2010, Sept. 2012) for discussions with commercial court judges and economic ministry officials on Russian corporate law reform.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

- 2002–present admitted to the bar

Peer Reviews

Reviews provided for Aspen Publishers, Cambridge University Press, Edward Elgar Publishing, International and Comparative Corporate Law Journal, University of Toronto Law Journal, and Yale Law Journal.

Presentations

- Feb. 28, 2020 "Leveraging Corporate Law: A Broader Account of Delaware's Competition," Maryland Law Review Symposium: Delaware's Emerging Competition and the Future of American Corporate Law, University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law (remote participation)
- Feb. 25, 2020 "Private Power and Public Good: Harnessing the Corporation for a Sustainable Future," University of the Witwatersrand School of Law (Johannesburg, South Africa)
- Sept. 27, 2019 "Methods of Comparative Corporate Governance," Research Handbook on Comparative Corporate Governance Workshop, Fordham University School of Law
- July 5, 2019 "Distributed Ledgers, Artificial Intelligence, and the Purpose of the Corporation," The Future of the Firm: The Impact of Technology, Innovation and Industrial Change, University College London Faculty of Laws (England)
- May 13, 2019 "2019 ASIL Junior-Senior Scholar Roundtable," commentator, 2019 ASIL Junior-Senior Scholar Roundtable, Washington and Lee University School of Law
- Mar. 1, 2019 "Re-regulating Singapore and the Promotion of Singapore Law," panel discussion, Financial Services Law and Regulation in Singapore, Centre for Banking & Finance Law, National University of Singapore Faculty of Law
- Feb. 28, 2019 "Development of Financial Services in a Globalising Financial World," Financial Services Law and Regulation in Singapore, Centre for Banking & Finance Law, National University of Singapore Faculty of Law
- Oct. 2, 2018 "Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity Speaker," Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, University of Georgia
- June 21, 2018 "Corporate Governance Reform in Post-Crisis Financial Firms: Two Fundamental Tensions," National Business Law Scholars Conference, University of Georgia School of Law
- June 21, 2018 "Business Law Theory," moderator, National Business Law Scholars Conference, University of Georgia School of Law
- Mar. 12-14, 2018 "Cambridge Handbook Symposium," introduced, moderated, and concluded Cambridge Handbook Symposium (with co-editor Beate Sjøfjell), University of Oslo Faculty of Law (Norway)
- Mar. 13, 2018 "Corporate Sustainability in Hong Kong and Singapore: Leaders, Laggards, or Both?," Cambridge Handbook Symposium, University of Oslo Faculty of Law (Norway)
- Jan. 15, 2018 "Contextual Corporate Governance: Tailoring Board Independence Rules by Industry," 2018 International Corporate Governance and Law (ICGL) Forum, Centre for Business Law and Practice, University of Leeds School of Law (England)
- Oct. 6-7, 2017 "Southeastern Junior/Senior Faculty Workshop," commenter, Southeastern Junior/Senior Faculty Workshop, Washington University Law School

- Sept. 18, 2017 "Industry Roundtable Luncheon Conversation," moderator, The Next Generation of International Trade Agreements, Dean Rusk International Law Center, University of Georgia School of Law
- Sept. 11, 2017 "Corporate Governance Reform in Post-Crisis Financial Firms: Two Fundamental Tensions," Law, Finance & Sustainability, Institute of Corporate and Commercial Law, University of Sheffield School of Law (England)
- July 19, 2017 "Center-Left Politics and Corporate Governance: What is the 'Progressive' Agenda?," UGA/Emory Law Summer Faculty Workshop, University of Georgia School of Law
- Feb. 10, 2017 "Center-Left Politics and Corporate Governance: What is the 'Progressive' Agenda?," University of Colorado Law School
- Jan. 31, 2017 "Reflection Panel," panel discussion, International Financial Services and Small States, co-sponsored by WilmerHale, the Centre for Small States at Queen Mary University of London, Caribbean Export Development Agency, and Fran Hendy Attorneys, WilmerHale (London)
- Jan. 30, 2017 "Re-Imagining Offshore Finance," keynote address, International Financial Services and Small States, co-sponsored by WilmerHale, the Centre for Small States at Queen Mary University of London, Caribbean Export Development Agency, and Fran Hendy Attorneys, WilmerHale (London)
- Jan. 27, 2017 "Center-Left Politics and Corporate Governance: What is the 'Progressive' Agenda?," Centre for Corporate and Commercial Law, University of Cambridge Faculty of Law (England)
- Oct. 21, 2016 "The Fiduciary Enterprise of Corporate Law," Corporate Law, Governance, and Purpose: A Tribute to the Scholarship of Lyman Johnson and David Millon, Washington and Lee University School of Law
- Sept. 22, 2016 "The Corporation's Intrinsic Attributes," Wake Forest University School of Law
- Sept. 12 & 14, 2016 "Corporate Governance in the Common-Law World," guest lectures, Civil and Commercial Law School, Southwest University of Political Science and Law (Chongqing, China)
- Nov. 19, 2015 "What Makes a Corporation a Corporation?," inaugural lecture for the William Donald Bain Family Professorship of Corporate Law, Washington and Lee University School of Law
- Nov. 9, 2015 "Corporate Governance in the Common-Law World: The Political Foundations of Shareholder Power," keynote lecture for half-day workshop on shareholder power, Centre for Business Law and Practice, University of Leeds School of Law (England)
- June 9, 2015 "Market-Dominant Small Jurisdictions in a Globalizing Financial World," Asian Institute of International Financial Law, University of Hong Kong Faculty of Law
- May 9, 2015 "The Corporation's Intrinsic Attributes," Understanding the Modern Company, Centre for Commercial Law Studies, Queen Mary University of London (England)
- Apr. 16, 2015 "Market-Dominant Small Jurisdictions in a Globalizing Financial World," University of Washington School of Law
- Feb. 12, 2015 "Market-Dominant Small Jurisdictions in a Globalizing Financial World," Centre for Banking & Finance Law, National University of Singapore Faculty of Law
- Nov. 10, 2014 "Shareholder Power and Entrepreneurialism: Comparative Perspectives," guest lecture, Law & Entrepreneurship course, William & Mary Law School

- July 11, 2014 "Market-Dominant Small Jurisdictions in a Globalizing Financial World," Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics 2014 Annual Conference, Chicago, IL
- July 10, 2014 "Corporate Governance in the Common-Law World: The Political Foundations of Shareholder Power," Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics 2014 Annual Conference, Chicago, IL
- July 3, 2014 "Seeking Business Leaders for the 21st Century," panel discussion, Aspen Institute Ideas Festival, Aspen, CO
- May 31, 2014 "Market-Dominant Small Jurisdictions in a Globalizing Financial World," Law and Society Association 2014 Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN
- Apr. 12, 2014 "Competing Theories of Corporate Governance: Implications for Judicial Review of Director Decisions," Competing Theories of Corporate Governance, Lowell Milken Institute for Business Law and Policy, UCLA School of Law
- Mar. 27-28, 2014 "New Voices Workshop: The Question of Corporate Purpose," workshop discussion, Aspen Institute Business & Society Program, Cornell University Law School, New York, NY
- Mar. 7, 2014 "Market-Dominant Small Jurisdictions in a Globalizing Financial World," working paper discussion, American Society of Comparative Law Annual Comparative Law Work-in-Progress Workshop, UCLA School of Law
- Mar. 8, 2013 "Is the Corporate Director's Duty of Care a 'Fiduciary' Duty? Does It Matter?," Fiduciary Law Workshop, Notre Dame Law School
- Mar. 1, 2013 "A Conversation with Judge Rakoff," interview of the Honorable Jed S. Rakoff, Southern District of New York (with Mark Drumbl), Washington and Lee University School of Law
- Nov. 10, 2012 "Legal Issues for Entrepreneurs," Washington and Lee University Entrepreneurship Summit, Washington and Lee University
- Nov. 1, 2012 "Rethinking Shareholder Value and Purpose(s) of the Firm III," provocateur for Academic-Practitioner Roundtable, Aspen Institute Business & Society Program, Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania
- Sept. 14, 2012 "Cross-Border Corporate Relations," moderator, Corporate Law: Best Practices for Regulation and Resolution of Disputes, Asia-Pacific Region Forum hosted by the Supreme Commercial Court of the Russian Federation, Vladivostok, Russian Federation
- Sept. 14, 2012 "Personal Liability, Risk-Taking, and the Financial Crisis," Corporate Law: Best Practices for Regulation and Resolution of Disputes, Asia-Pacific Region Forum hosted by the Supreme Commercial Court of the Russian Federation, Vladivostok, Russian Federation
- Sept. 13, 2012 "Access to Information by a Participant of a Company: US Experience," Russian-American Seminar on Corporate Law Issues, Russian Fifth Appellate Commercial Court, Vladivostok, Russian Federation
- Aug. 3, 2012 "Conceptions of Corporate Purpose in Post-Crisis Financial Firms," Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, Amelia Island, FL
- June 15, 2012 "Conceptions of Corporate Purpose in Post-Crisis Financial Firms," Berle IV: The Future of Financial and Securities Markets, co-sponsored by the Adolph A. Berle, Jr. Center on Corporations, Law & Society, Seattle University School of Law, University College London Faculty of Laws (England)

- Mar. 2, 2012 "Rethinking Shareholder Value and Purpose(s) of the Firm II," provocateur for Academic-Practitioner Roundtable, Aspen Institute Business & Society Program, NYU Stern School of Business
- Jan. 6, 2012 "Corporate Governance, the Rule of Law, and Russia's Economic Development," The Dictatorship of Law: The Khodorkovsky Case, Human Rights and the Rule of Law in Russia, Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, Washington, DC
- Nov. 15, 2011 "Corporate Governance in the Common-Law World," Florida State University College of Law
- Sept. 29, 2011 "Agency and the Ontology of the Corporation," Washington and Lee Law Review Student Note Colloquium (comment on student note), Washington and Lee University School of Law
- Sept. 12, 2011 "The Euro in Crisis," German Law Journal Discussion, Washington and Lee University School of Law
- July 28, 2011 "Federalism and Corporate Governance," Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, Hilton Head Island, SC
- June 30, 2011 "Corporate Governance in the Common-Law World: The Political Foundations of Shareholder Power," Centre for Corporate Law and Securities Regulation, Centre for Employment & Labour Relations Law, Melbourne Law School (Australia)
- June 23, 2011 "Corporate Governance in the Common-Law World," Sydney Law School (Australia)
- June 14, 2011 "Corporate Governance Reform in a Time of Crisis," Corporate Governance Seminar Series 2011: International Regulatory Responses to the Global Financial Crisis, Sydney Law School (Australia)
- Apr. 15, 2011 "Corporate Governance in the Common-Law World," faculty spotlight presentation, Law Council Meeting, Washington and Lee University School of Law
- Jan. 28, 2011 "Corporate Governance in the Common-Law World," Boston College Law School
- Oct. 5, 2010 "Corporate Governance Reform in a Time of Crisis," Globalization and Financial Regulation Colloquium Series, Indiana University-Bloomington Maurer School of Law
- Aug. 2, 2010 "Panel on Shareholders' Role in Corporate Governance," Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, Palm Beach, FL
- July 15, 2010 "Duty of Care and Duty of Loyalty," Russian-American Conference on Corporate Disputes, North-Caucasus Academy for State Service, Rostov-on-Don, Russian Federation
- July 13, 2010 "Topical Issues of Corporate Law," panel discussion, Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation, Moscow, Russian Federation
- July 12, 2010 "Fiduciary Duties of Care and Loyalty," Corporate Law Issues in Russia and United States of America, Supreme Arbitrazh Court of the Russian Federation, Moscow, Russian Federation
- Mar. 30, 2010 "Administration Update: How the Obama Presidency Affects Legal Practice," panel discussion, American Constitution Society, Washington and Lee University School of Law
- Mar. 25, 2010 "Caremark and the Prevention of Corporate Fraud and Other Forms of Illegal Conduct," panel discussion, Weinberg Center for Corporate Governance, Lerner College of Business & Economics, University of Delaware
- Mar. 22, 2010 "Understanding the Financial Crisis: Reform Efforts," panel discussion, American Constitution Society and the Business Law Society, Washington and Lee University School of Law

- Mar. 16, 2010 "Understanding the Financial Crisis: Overview," American Constitution Society and the Business Law Society, Washington and Lee University School of Law
- Mar. 1, 2010 "Corporate Governance Reform in a Time of Crisis," 2010 Faculty Enclave, Washington and Lee University School of Law
- Jan. 8, 2010 "Power and Purpose in the 'Anglo-American' Corporation," 2010 Association of American Law Schools Scholarly Papers Prize award presentation, New Orleans, LA
- Dec. 8, 2009 "Power and Purpose in the 'Anglo-American' Corporation," Virginia Junior Faculty Forum, University of Richmond School of Law
- Nov. 13, 2009 "The Delaware Duty of Good Faith after *Stone v. Ritter* and *Lyondell v. Ryan*," panel discussion, The Delaware Fiduciary Duty of Good Faith after *Disney*: Meaningful or Mickey Mouse?, Center on Business Law and Policy, New York Law School
- Oct. 9, 2009 "Power and Purpose in the 'Anglo-American' Corporation," University of Cincinnati College of Law
- Aug. 5, 2009 "Corporate and Securities Roundtable Discussion," Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, Palm Beach, FL
- May 27, 2009 "Power and Purpose in the 'Anglo-American' Corporation," University of Oxford (England)
- July 28, 2008 "U.S. Supreme Court and Legislative Update: Corporate, Civil Litigation, Administrative and Business Issues," Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, Palm Beach, FL
- July 16, 2008 "States, Markets, and Gatekeepers: Public-Private Regulatory Regimes in an Era of Economic Globalization," New Horizons of International Economic Law, Society of International Economic Law, Geneva, Switzerland
- May 21, 2008 "States, Markets, and Gatekeepers: Public-Private Regulatory Regimes in an Era of Economic Globalization," Theorising the Global Legal Order, Swansea University School of Law (Wales)
- Apr. 3, 2008 "States, Markets, and Gatekeepers," Texas Tech University School of Law
- Mar. 7, 2008 "Raising Capital for Small Businesses: An Overview of Exempt Securities Offerings in Texas," West Texas General Practice Symposium, Texas Tech University School of Law
- Nov. 1, 2007 "The Enduring Ambivalence of Corporate Law," Texas Tech University School of Law
- Sept. 27, 2007 "Preparing Us for Practice," Business & Bankruptcy Law Association, Texas Tech University School of Law
- July 31, 2007 "Culture, Sovereignty, and Hollywood," New Scholars Workshop, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, Amelia Island, FL
- Apr. 10, 2007 "Planet Hollywood: The American Film Industry and Global Media Markets," Corporate and Bankruptcy Law Society, Texas Tech University School of Law
- Dec. 6, 2006 "UNESCO's Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions," International Conference on Business, Law and Technology, Copenhagen, Denmark
- Nov. 27, 2006 "Culture, Sovereignty, and Hollywood," Texas Tech University School of Law
- Apr. 20, 2006 "The Language of Credit Risk: Sovereign Ratings and Capital Markets," Tecnológico de Monterrey (Mexico Program, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University), Mexico City, Mexico

Apr. 19, 2006 "The Link Between Rating Agencies, Foreign Capital, and Domestic Policy," Escuela de Graduados en Administración Pública y Política Pública (EGAP), Tecnológico de Monterrey (Mexico Program, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University), Mexico City, Mexico