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### EDUCATION

LL.M., University of Wisconsin Law School.  
Law and Globalization Fellow.

J.D., *cum laude*. University of Wisconsin Law School.  
Articles Editor, International Law Journal.

M.A., Ibero-American Studies. University of Wisconsin-Madison.

B.A., Political Science. Lewis & Clark College, Portland, Oregon.

### LAW TEACHING EXPERIENCE

#### **Gonzaga University School of Law, Spokane**

2004–Present

##### ▪ **Professor**

Inaugural holder of the Catholic Charities Chair in Immigration Law and Policy. Teach: Immigration Law; Immigration Clinic: Policy Advocacy; Law and Policy of Forced Migration; Property; Wills and Trusts; and Community Property. Previously taught: Comparative Law; Comparative Property Rights in Latin America (to Guatemalan and U.S. law students); International Refugee Law; Animal Law; Perspectives on Law; and Zoning and Land Use.

##### ▪ **Director, Border Justice Initiative, 2021-present.**

##### ▪ **Associate Dean of Global Education, 2014–2016.**

##### ▪ **Director, Thomas More Scholarship Program, 2008–2013.**

##### ▪ **Director, Center for Law in Public Service, 2009–2012.**

#### **University of Jordan, Center for Strategic Studies**

Fall, 2018

##### ▪ **Visiting Fulbright Scholar**

Taught International Refugee Law to Jordanian students as part of Professional Diploma in Refugee and Forced Migration Studies program.

#### **Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University, Tbilisi, Georgia**

Fall, 2010

##### ▪ **Visiting Fulbright Scholar**

Taught an Introduction to American Law and Legal Processes to Georgian students.

#### **Washburn University School of Law, Topeka**

2000–2004

##### ▪ **Associate Professor**

William O. Douglas Outstanding Professor Award, 2004.

Taught Property, Trusts and Future Interests, and Civil Procedure II.

**University of Wisconsin Law School, Madison**

▪ **Lecturer**

Taught Trusts and Estates.

Summer, 1999

Spring, 2000

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

**Foley & Lardner, Madison**

- Special Counsel, Estates and Trusts

1999–2000

**Perkins Coie, Seattle**

- Associate, Litigation

1995–1997

**International Human Rights Law Group, Phnom Penh**

Summer, 1995

**Cambodian Court Training Project**

- Pro Bono Attorney

**Supreme Court of Wisconsin, Madison**

1994–1995

**Justice Shirley S. Abrahamson**

- Law Clerk

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

*Cultivating Civic Belonging for Resettled Refugees*, 34 GEO. IMMIGR. L. J. 545 (2020).

*Editorial: Special Issue on Law and Society CRN 11: Displaced Peoples*, 8 J. ON INTERNAL DISPLACEMENT 2 (2018), co-authored with Ben Hudson, as Journal Guest Editors, <http://journalofinternaldisplacement.com>

*Refugees, Rights, and Responsibilities: Bridging the Integration Gap*, 39 U. PENN. J. OF INT'L LAW 188 (2017).

*Trump's Refugee Rationale is a Ruse*, Guest Opinion, THE SPOKESMAN-REVIEW, Oct. 15, 2017.

*Relaxing Legal Norms to Restore Rights to Homes and Property in the Aftermath of War*, chapter in PROPERTY, EXCLUSION, AND SOVEREIGNTY (James C. Smith, ed., Ashgate Publishing, 2013).

*Pre-Planning for Post-Conflict Property Remedies: A Case Study from Georgia*, 43 GEORGE WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL LAW REVIEW 43 (2011).

*Post Conflict Property Restitution: Flawed Legal and Theoretical Foundations*, 28 BERKELEY JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW 462 (2010).

*The Shortsightedness of Blind Trusts*, 56 KANSAS LAW REVIEW 43 (2007).

*Legal Protections for Home Dwellers: Caulking the Cracks to Preserve Occupancy*, 56 SYRACUSE LAW REVIEW 277 (2006).

*Profiting from Poverty: The Competition Between For-Profit and Nonprofit Developers for Low-Income Housing Tax Credits*, 55 HASTINGS LAW JOURNAL 211 (2003).

*The Clash Between Local Courts and Global Economics: The Politics of Judicial Reform in Brazil*, 17 BERKELEY JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW 230 (1999).

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

*Cultivating Civic Belonging among Resettled Refugees: A Comparison of Canada and the United States*, presenter, Law and Society Meeting, Washington, D.C., May 30-June 2, 2019.

*Why Not Immigrate Legally?*, break out session at Closing the Gap: Immigration Teach In, Gonzaga University, Spokane WA, March 24, 2018.

*Legal Permanent Residency for Immigrants*, panel presentation, Sanctuary Cities, DACA, & Immigrants' Rights, presented by the Washington State Minority and Justice Commission and Gonzaga Law Center for Civil & Human Rights, Spokane, WA, February 27, 2018.

*Bridging the Integration Gap: Teaching Refugees about U.S. Law and Justice*, presenter, International Meeting on Law and Society, Mexico City, Mexico, June 20-23, 2017.

*Fair Housing Law*, co-presenter, workshop for Arabic-speaking refugees and immigrants, Gonzaga University School of Law, with Northwest Fair Housing Alliance and Refugee Connections Spokane, April 29, 2017.

*Challenges to Post-Conflict Property Restitution*, Seminar on Post-Conflict Property Restitution in Kosovo, Norwegian Center for Human Rights, University of Oslo, June 13, 2016.

*Developing and Using a Form for Students to Evaluate Teaching*, Georgia Law Teaching and Learning Conference, Free University of Tbilisi, Tbilisi, Georgia, May 10, 2013.

*Post-Conflict Property Remedies and the Relaxation of Legal Norms*, The Ohio State University's Moritz College of Law, October 27, 2011.

*Pre-Planning for Post-Conflict Property Restitution: Lessons from Georgia and Colombia*, Wittenberg University, October 28, 2011.

*Pre-Planning for Post-conflict Property Remedies: A Case Study from Georgia*, Association for Law, Property, and Society annual meeting, Georgetown Law School, Washington, D.C., March 4, 2011, and Javeriana University, Bogotá, Colombia, May 2, 2011.

*Post-Conflict Property Restitution In Georgia: Political Pragmatism or Humanitarianism?* Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University American Studies Center, Georgia, December 3, 2010, and the Center for Social Sciences, Tbilisi, Georgia, December 7, 2010.

*The Ivory Tower and the Legal Community: A New Paradigm for Access*, panelist speaker at the Washington State Access to Justice Conference, Wenatchee, Washington, June 5, 2010.

*Post Conflict Property Restitution: Flawed Legal and Theoretical Foundations*, Association for Law, Property and Society annual meeting, Georgetown Law School, Washington, D.C., March 5, 2010.

*Workhouses or Houses for Work*, Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Pittsburgh, June 5-8, 2003.

*The Impact of Brazil's Efforts to Engage with the Global Economy on Brazilian Judicial Reform Strategies*, Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, May 27-30, 1999, Chicago.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES and AWARDS

- Gonzaga International Education Council Grant** March 2019
- **Honduras Asylum Clinic**  
 Provided information on U.S. asylum law to families, university students, as well as community representatives and advocates, through Jesuit Conference of Canada and the United States program.
- Fulbright Award, Jordan** Fall, 2018
- **Research and Lecture**  
 Taught International Refugee Law at the University of Jordan, Center for Strategic Studies and researched law and legal culture in pre-departure orientation sessions for refugees being resettled to Canada and the United States.
- Journal on Internal Displacement** 2017–2018
- **Guest Editor**, Volume 8, Special Issue on Law and Society CRN 11: Displaced Peoples, 2018.
- Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages, Gonzaga University** 2017
- Fulbright Award, country of Georgia** Fall, 2010
- **Research and Lecture**  
 Taught an Introduction to American Law and Legal Processes at Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University and researched Georgia’s legal measures to restore property rights in the occupied territories.
- Gonzaga Academic Research Council Grant** April–May 2011
- **Research on Property Restitution in Colombia**
- Institute for Law Teaching and Learning** 2008–2016
- **Member, Advisory Committee**
- Association of American Law Schools** 2001–2014
- **Property Section**  
 Created and managed email listserv for AALS Property Section Members.
- Colombian Spanish and Cultural Classes** July 2009
- **Pontificia Universidad Javeriana Cali**  
 Selected to participate in academic exchange program.
- American Bar Association** 2006–2009
- **Book Editor, Real Property Books and Media Publication Committee**  
 Review and evaluate initial manuscripts of new editions or updates of existing ABA titles.
- Bar Memberships**  
 Admitted to practice in Washington (active) and Wisconsin (inactive).

LANGUAGES

Basic communicative skills in Portuguese and Spanish. Elementary abilities in French. Familiar with Modern Standard Arabic, Georgian, and Italian.

SELECTED VOLUNTEER SERVICE

ESL Instruction – Kiron (2018), Amman and Irbid, Jordan.

Refugee assistance — Refugee Connections Spokane Board of Directors (2015-2016), general volunteer (2013-present), Spokane, Washington.

Pro Bono tenant representation — Housing Justice Project (2005–2007), Spokane, Washington.

Nonprofit board of directors — Cornerstone of Topeka, Inc. (2001–2004), Topeka, Kansas.

Pro bono political asylum lawyer — Northwest Immigrant Rights Project (1995–1997), Seattle, Washington.