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Appointments

Washington University in St. Louis

Associate Professor of Law, July 2024–

Columbia Law School

Academic Fellow, 2022–2024

University of California, Berkeley, School of Law

Fellow in Law, Business, and Innovation, 2021–2022

Education

University of California, Berkeley

Ph.D., Jurisprudence and Social Policy, 2021

Fields: Innovation Law & Policy; Law and Economics (with distinction)

Dissertation: “New Approaches to Old Questions in Intellectual Property”

J.D., 2014

Second-Year Distinction; Jurisprudence Award; Prosser Prize

Reed College

B.A., Political Science, 2008

Commendation for Excellence in Scholarship (2007; 2008)

Scholarship

Do Patents Drive Investments in Software?

118 NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 1277 (2024)

Do Social Movements Spur Corporate Change? The Rise of

“MeToo Termination Rights” in CEO Contracts

98 INDIANA LAW JOURNAL 125 (2022)

(with Rachel Arnow-Richman and Steven Davidoff Solomon)

The Future or Fancy: An Empirical Study of Public Benefit Corporations

11 HARVARD BUSINESS LAW REVIEW 113 (2021)

(with Michael Dorff and Steven Davidoff Solomon)

Copyright and Economic Viability: Evidence from the Music Industry

17 JOURNAL OF EMPIRICAL LEGAL STUDIES 696 (2020)

(with Kristelia García and Justin McCrary)

Works in Progress

How Predictable is Patent Validity?

What's a Patent Worth? Evidence from a Patent Term Extension (with Neel Sukhatme)

Predicting Certiorari (with Ilya Akdemir and Tejas Narechania)

Teaching

Washington University

Copyright Law (spring 2025)

Law and Economics Colloquium (fall 2024)

Columbia and Berkeley

Instructor: Legal Research & Writing; Introduction to Intellectual Property (with [Molly Van Houweling](#)); Law & Economics Survey (with [Ben Chen](#))

Teaching Assistant: Foundations of U.S. Law; Introductory Statistics

Presentations & Commentary

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| 2024 | PatCon 14, USD |
| | Columbia Data Science Day |
| | Boston University IP workshop |
| | Works-in-Progress in IP, Santa Clara University |
| 2023 | Mid-Atlantic WIP, Georgetown |
| | PatCon, Northwestern |
| | Munich Summer Institute |

- 2022 Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, Virginia
 Georgetown Law & Economics workshop
 George Mason Law & Economics workshop
 Canadian Law & Economics Association, Toronto
 American Law & Economics Association, Columbia
 Bay Area IP Works-in-Progress
 Works-in-Progress in IP, Saint Louis University
- 2021 American Law & Economics Association (virtual)
 Online Workshop on the Computational Analysis of Law (virtual)
 LEAP workshop, UC Berkeley (virtual)
 Corporate law workshop, CU Boulder (virtual)
 Works-in-Progress in IP (virtual)
- 2020 Intellectual Property Scholars Conference (virtual)
 Faculty workshop, Florida Law (virtual)
- 2019 Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, Claremont
 Society for Economic Research on Copyright Issues, Montpellier
 American Law & Economics Association, NYU

Awards & Honors

Berkeley Center for Law & Business Research Fellowship (2018–21)
 Law, Economics, and Politics Center Research Fellowship (2020)
 Law & Economics Fellowship, UC Berkeley (2016)
 Selznick Fellowship, UC Berkeley (2014)
 Phi Beta Kappa (2008)

Service

Referee: *American Law & Economics Review*; *New England Journal of Medicine*; *Society for Institutional & Organizational Economics*
 Member, JSP faculty search committee
 Inaugural coordinator, Berkeley Law fellows workshop
 Coordinator, JSP internal colloquium

References

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