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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Denver Sturm College of Law, Denver, CO
Associate Dean of Graduate and International Legal Programs September 2024-Present
Executive Associate Dean of Academic Affairs July 2022-June 2024
Associate Dean of Academic Affairs January 2019-June 2022

Catherine Boggs Endowed Faculty Research Scholar November 2021-Present

Professor of Law August 2015-Present
Associate Professor of Law (with tenure) August 2010-July 2015
Robert B. Yegge Excellence in Teaching Award (Law Stars) 2022
Most Outstanding Faculty Member Award 2015

Co-Director, Environmental and Natural Resources Law Program August 2017-August 2021
Ved P. Nanda Chair & Director, Int'l Legal Studies Program January 2013-December 2014

Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA
Visiting Professor of Law January 2024 and January 2025
Teaching International Environmental Law

The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, Columbus, OH
Assistant Professor of Law 2006-2010

University of Denver Sturm College of Law, Denver, CO
Visiting Lecturer of Law 2005-2006

TEACHING AND RESEARCH

International Environmental Law, International Law, Mining and Natural Resources Law, Property Law, Environmental Law, Environmental Protection and International Law in Latin America, Ecosystem Management and the Law.

EDUCATION

Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA
S.J.D., International Law and Environmental Law March 2004
LL.M. (all degree requirements met; degree waived for financial aid) June 1999

The London School of Economics, London, England
LL.B. (Honors) Law, First Class Honors June 1998

University of Southampton, Southampton, England
B.A. (Honors) English June 1992

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OTHER EMPLOYMENT

Arnold & Porter LLP, Denver, CO

Associate Attorney

2004-2005

Member of small trial team for \$80 million trial in March 2005 regarding the disposal of spent nuclear fuel. Researched and wrote motions and briefs, prepared cross-examination outlines, prepared for and took depositions, coordinated discovery, and communicated with clients, opposing counsel, and expert witnesses.

Summer Associate

Summer 2003

International Monetary Fund (IMF), Washington, DC

Visiting Scholar

Fall 2001

Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA

Graduate Program Fellow

2000-2002

Research Assistant for Professor Anne-Marie Slaughter

2000-2002

George W. Foley, Jr. Fellow in Environmental Law

1999-2000

Teaching and Research Assistant for Professor Emeritus Abram Chayes

Fall 1999

The London School of Economics, London, England

Research Assistant for Professor Christopher Greenwood

1997-1998

PUBLICATIONS AND SCHOLARSHIP

INTERNATIONAL WILDLIFE LAW (under contract with Edward Elgar Publishing, *Principles of International Law* series) (draft in progress).

Financial Resources, in THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY: A COMMENTARY (Leslie-Anne Duvic-Paoli, ed., Edward Elgar Press) (draft in progress).

CITES as a Tool for Monitoring and Adaptive Management, in CITES AS A TOOL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT 405 (Marie-Claire Cordonnier-Segger, Andrew Wardell, and Alexandra Harrington eds., Cambridge University Press, 2023).

The Precautionary Principle in Environmental Governance, in RESEARCH HANDBOOK ON FUNDAMENTAL CONCEPTS OF ENVIRONMENTAL LAW 361 (Douglas Fisher ed., Edward Elgar Publishing, 2d. Ed., 2022).

Wildlife, in OXFORD HANDBOOK OF INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW 554 (Jacqueline Peel and Lavanya Rajamani, eds., 2d ed., Oxford University Press, 2021).

Unseen Harms: The U.S.-Mexico Border Wall and its Lessons for Wildlife and Biodiversity Advocates, 95 DENVER L. REV. 88 (2018) (published in the DU Online Law Review).

CITES and the Whole Chain Approach to Combating Illegal Wildlife Trade, 20(3) J. INT'L WILDLIFE L. & POL'Y 207 (2017) (special issue on CITES).

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Incomplete Bans and Uncertain Markets in Wildlife Trade, 12 U. PA. ASIAN L. REV. 65 (2016).

WILDLIFE LAW: CASES AND MATERIALS (3d ed., Foundation Press, 2016) (co-authored with Dale Goble, Eric Freyfogel, Eric Biber, and Federico Cheever).

Uncertainty, Precaution, and Adaptive Management in Wildlife Trade, 36 MICH. J. INT'L L. 375 (2015).

Climate Change, Forests, and International Law: REDD's Descent into Irrelevance, 47 VANDERBILT JOURNAL OF TRANSNATIONAL LAW 1 (2014) (selected for re-publication in ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND CLIMATE CHANGE (Jonathan Verschuuren ed., Edward Elgar Publishing, 2015)).

Book Review of Louis J. Kotzé, Global Environmental Governance: Law and Regulation for the 21st Century, 32 J. ENERGY & NAT. RESOURCES L. 105 (2014).

Uncertainty and Markets for Endangered Species under CITES, 22(3) REVIEW OF EUROPEAN, COMPARATIVE AND INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW (RECIEL) 239 (2013) (peer-reviewed) (special issue on CITES).

What Can the WTO Learn from International Environmental Law?, Panel: Risk, Science and Law in the WTO, 104 AM. SOC'Y INT'L L. PROC. 23 (2010).

The New International Law-Makers? Conferences of the Parties to Multilateral Environmental Agreements, 31 MICH. J. INT'L L. 231 (2009).

Conferences of the Parties to Multilateral Environmental Treaties: The New International Law-Makers?, Panel: New Voices: Re-Thinking the Sources of International Law, 103 AM. SOC'Y INT'L L. PROC. 74 (2009).

Adversaries or Partners? Science and the Precautionary Principle in International Wildlife Treaty Regimes, 11(4) J. INT'L WILDLIFE L. & POL'Y 211 (2008) (peer-reviewed).

A Train without Tracks: Re-Thinking the Place of Law and Goals in Environmental and Natural Resources Law, 38 ENVTL. L. 1239 (2008).

Sharing Common Ground: A Cautionary Tale on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the Protection of Biological Diversity, in LINKING HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE ENVIRONMENT 162 (R. Piccolotti & J.D. Taillant eds. 2003).

Book Note, 23 HARV. ENVTL. L. REV. 571 (1999) (reviewing MOSTAFA K. TOLBA, GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL DIPLOMACY: NEGOTIATING ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENTS FOR THE WORLD, 1973-1992 (1998)).

Extinction and Uncertainty: Reconciling Ecology and Law in International Legal Regimes for the Protection of Species and Ecosystems (2004) (unpublished SJD dissertation manuscript).

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PRESENTATIONS

The Role of Democracy and Participation in Protecting a Healthy Environment, Sutton Colloquium, University of Denver Sturm College of Law, Denver, CO, April 10, 2026.

The International Court of Justice's Advisory Opinion on Climate Change, Facultad de Derecho, Universidad de Chile, Santiago, Chile, October 21, 2025.

The Existential Problem of Climate Change: The International Court of Justice's Call to Action, University of Denver Sturm College of Law, Denver, CO, October 15, 2025.

The Conservation Impacts of Biosynthetic and Captive-Bred Wildlife Products, Protecting Biodiversity: Five Decades of Progress but an Uncertain Future, Lewis and Clark Law School, Portland, OR, April 7, 2023.

Challenging the Free Market for Wildlife Trade, TEDxMileHigh, Denver, CO, June 22, 2019.

Hard Questions about Hunting and Conservation Law, 19th Institute for Natural Resources Law Teachers, Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation, Missoula, MT, May 31, 2019.

Protection Status and Jurisdictional Mismatches in the Shadow of Trophy Hunting, WildCRU Conservation Geopolitics Forum, Worcester College, University of Oxford, England, March 21, 2019 (with Floor M. Fleurke).

Keynote Plenary Presentation: The Collateral Legal Implications of Using Sport Hunting as a Tool for Conservation, The Conservation Symposium: Exploring the Science, Practice, and Value of Nature Conservation, South Africa, November 5, 2018.

The Collateral Legal Consequences of Using Trophy Hunting as a Tool for Conservation, Climate and Energy Workshop (Class), UCLA School of Law, Los Angeles, CA, September 26, 2018.

Plenary Presentation: Unseen Harms: Lessons from the U.S.-Mexico Border Wall for International Wildlife Lawyers, 18th International Wildlife Law Conference, University of Tilburg, The Netherlands, April 18, 2018.

Trophy Hunting and Trade in Animal Parts: Beyond the Rhetoric, Panel Presentation, Uproar: The Intersection of Animals and the Law, Denver Law Review Symposium, University of Denver Sturm College of Law, Denver, CO, February 9, 2018.

Plenary Debate: Are Trade and Hunting Bans for Endangered Species a "Perfect Storm" for Poaching or an Effective Strategy for Conservation?, 54th Annual Meeting of the Association for Tropical Biology and Conservation (ATBC), Mérida, Mexico, July 13, 2017.

Priorities for the New Administration in International Environmental Law, Panel Member, Midwest Conference of the American Branch of the International Law Association (ABILA), University of Denver Sturm College of Law, Denver, CO, February 24, 2017.

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CITES and the Whole Chain Approach to Combating Illegal Wildlife Trade, 17th International Wildlife Law Conference, Pune, India, January 6-7, 2017.

Post-Election: Lions, Tigers, Elephants and More – the Fight Against Illegal Wildlife Trade, University of Denver Sturm College of Law, Denver, CO, November 17, 2016.

Systemic Hierarchy in International Law, American Society of International Law (ASIL) Research Forum, University of Washington, Seattle, WA, November 8-9, 2016.

Incomplete Bans and Uncertain Markets, 16th International Wildlife Law Conference, Stetson University College of Law, Gulfport, FL, April 13-14, 2016.

Incomplete Bans and Uncertain Markets, Combating International Wildlife Crime: Enforcement, Implementation and Legal Issues, East Asia Law Review Symposium, University of Pennsylvania Law School, Philadelphia, PA, February 12, 2016.

Uncertainty, Precaution, and Adaptive Management in Wildlife Trade, Biodiversity, Sustainable Development and the Law International Symposium, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, England, February 21-22, 2015.

CITES as a Tool for Monitoring and Adaptive Management, CITES as a Tool for Sustainable Development Experts Seminar, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, England, February 20, 2015.

The International Law Implications of the Scottish Referendum for Independence, New Statehood and the Law: The 2014 Scottish Referendum, University of Denver Sturm College of Law, Denver, CO, September 16, 2014.

Whales and the International Court of Justice, Whales Before the Courts, University of Denver Sturm College of Law, Denver, CO, April 30, 2014.

Uncertainty and Markets for Rhinoceros Conservation, Texas Animal Law Institute, State Bar of Texas Animal Law Section, Austin, TX, April 4, 2014.

Millennium Development Goals and Environmental Sustainability, Sutton Colloquium: International Law Perspectives on the Future of Development, University of Denver Sturm College of Law, Denver, CO, November 9, 2013.

Public and Private Actors and Regional Cooperation in Wildlife and Tropical Forest Conservation, International Law Weekend Midwest Conference of the American Branch of the International Law Association (ABILA), Washington University Law, St. Louis, MO, September 20, 2013.

Climate Change, Forests, and International Law: REDD's Descent into Irrelevance, Faculty Workshop, University of Kansas School of Law, Lawrence, KS, September 10, 2013.

Climate Change, Deforestation, and International Law, International Law and Human Security in the 21st Century, 2013 Western Regional Conference of the American Branch of the

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International Law Association (ABILA), University of Denver Sturm College of Law, Denver, CO, March 2, 2013.

The Logic of the International Legal Regime for Climate Change Mitigation and its Relationship to the Protection of Biodiversity and Adaptation, Colorado/Duke Climate Workshop, University of Colorado Law School, Boulder, CO, August 11, 2011.

Local to Global and Back: Facilitating Multiple Scale Management and Protection of Species and Ecosystems, 15th Institute for Natural Resources Law Teachers, Skamania, WA, May 27, 2011.
Year-in-Review: Developments in International Environmental Law, Section on International Law, AALS Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, January 6, 2011.

Trade and Environment Redux, First Annual Colloquium on Environmental Law Scholarship, Vermont Law School, South Royalton, VT, October 22, 2010.

Wildfire and Ecosystem Management, Presentation, Symposium: Fire in the Eastern United States, Penn State Dickinson Law, Carlisle, PA, April 1, 2010.

What can the WTO Learn from International Environmental Law?, Presentation, Panel: Science, Risk, and the WTO, American Society of International Law (ASIL) Annual Meeting 2010, Washington, DC, March 25, 2010.

Paper Commentator, *The Law and Politics of International Cooperation* (Roundtable), Duke University School of Law, Durham, NC, November 6-8, 2009.

Conferences of the Parties to Multilateral Environmental Agreements: The New International Law-Makers? Presentation, New Voices: Re-Thinking the Sources of International Law, American Society of International Law (ASIL) Annual Meeting 2009, Washington, DC, March 26, 2009.

The Chesapeake Bay Program and the Blue Crab: Individual Species Protection in a Multi-Jurisdictional Ecosystem Management Program, Presentation, Eleventh International Wildlife Law Conference, Stetson University College of Law, Gulfport, FL, March 27, 2009.

Conferences of the Parties to Multilateral Environmental Agreements: The New International Law-Makers? Presentation, Faculty Workshop, University of Kansas School of Law, Lawrence, KS, February 24, 2009.

Collateral Damage: The Impact of the Kyoto Protocol's Market Mechanisms on Biodiversity, Presentation, Third Big Ten Aspiring Scholar's Conference, Indiana University School of Law—Bloomington, IN, August 4, 2008.

Adversaries or Partners? The Precautionary Principle and Science in International Wildlife Treaty Regimes, Presentation, 10th International Wildlife Law Conference, Granada, Spain, March 6, 2008.

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Legal Education in the United Kingdom, the Role of the Inns of Court in British Legal Practice, and Aspects of Trials in the UK, Presentation to the Franklin County Inns of Court, Columbus, OH, February 13, 2008.

The Evolution of Environmental Law and Policy in the European Union, Presentation, The European Union: A Model for the US? Assessing Fifty Years of the Treaty of Rome, Washington College of Law at American University, Washington, DC, March 28, 2007.

Finding a Place for Law in Ecosystem Management and Environmental Law, Presentation, 14th Annual CLE Conference for Feminist Law Professors, Temple University Law School, Philadelphia, PA, February 3, 2007.

Keeping the Law in Environmental Law: Ecosystem Management, Science, and the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands, Presentation to the Georgetown Environmental and Land Use Law Workshop, Washington, DC, October 23, 2006.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE

Faculty Advisor, Denver Journal of International Law and Policy, University of Denver Sturm College of Law (2018-Present).

Member, Law Student Programs Committee, Foundation for Natural Resources Law and Energy (2025-2028).

Member, Accountability Panel, Wildlife Justice Commission (2016-Present).

Member, Board of Editors, Journal of International Wildlife Law and Policy (2015-Present).

Member, Internationalization Council, University of Denver (2024-Present).

Periodic reviewer for peer-reviewed publishers and journals, including Springer Books and the *Review of European, Comparative and International Environmental Law* (RECIEL) (Ongoing).

Guest consultant for the Colorado State Natural Medicine Board, November 13, 2025.

Member, Campus Safety Advisory Council, University of Denver (2023-2025).

Member, Committee for Selection of Truman Scholarship (Undergraduate) Candidates, University of Denver (2023-2025).

Presentation for Douglas County Libraries on the High Seas Treaty (October 24 & 30, 2024).

Ex Officio Member, Appointments Committee, University of Denver Sturm College of Law (2019-2024).

Member, Logistics Task Force and Pivot Committees for COVID-19 Response, University of Denver (April 2020-June 2021).

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Judge, Jessup International Moot Court Competition, Regional Rounds, held at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law (2011, 2013, 2017, and 2020).

Member, Faculty Senate and Academic Planning Committee, University of Denver (2017-2019).

Reviewer for *Land Use and Environmental Law Review* (2011-2019).

Co-Chair, Ad Hoc ABA Self-Study Committee, University of Denver Sturm College of Law (2017-2018) (responsible, with my co-chair, for seeking input from the law school community and drafting the self-assessment memo for the ABA Site Inspection Team).

Member, Various Advisory Committees for Promotion and Tenure Process, University of Denver Sturm College of Law (2018-2019 (1 candidate), 2017-2018 (1 candidate), 2010-2011 (2 candidates)).

Chair, Strategic Plan Implementation Committee for Scholarship, University of Denver Sturm College of Law (2015-2016).

Member, Promotion and Tenure Committee, University of Denver Sturm College of Law (2011-2016) (faculty-elected position).

Chair, Appointments Process Review Committee, University of Denver Sturm College of Law (2012-2015).

Director, International Law and Human Rights Joint Certificate Program (with Josef Korbel School of International Studies), University of Denver (2013-2015).

Organizing Committee and Moderator, American Society of International Law (ASIL) International Economic Law Interest Group Biennial Meeting, "Reassessing International Law and Development: New Challenges for Law and Policy," held at University of Denver Sturm College of Law, Denver, CO, November 13-15, 2014,

Member, University Incubator Committee: Internationalization, University of Denver (2012-2015).

Mentor, American Society of International Law (ASIL) Women in International Law Interest Group (2013-2014).

Member, International Council, University of Denver (2013-2014).

Member, Adjunct Committee, University of Denver Sturm College of Law (2013-2014).

Final Round Judge, Jessup International Moot Court Competition, Regional Rounds, held at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law (2014).

Commentator, CU-Wharton International Law Conference, Colorado Law, Boulder, CO (September 2013).

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Member, Ad Hoc Grievance Committee, University of Denver Sturm College of Law (2013).

Member, Strategic Committee on Internationalization, University of Denver (2012).

Member, Diversity Committee, University of Denver Sturm College of Law (2012).

Chair, Appointments Committee, University of Denver Sturm College of Law (2011-2012).

Member, Appointments Committee, University of Denver Sturm College of Law (2010-2011).

Faculty Coordinator, North America – Pacific Regional Rounds of the 15th and 16th Annual International Environmental Moot Court Competition, held at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law (2011, 2012, and 2014).

Newsletter Editor, International Law Section of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) (2009).

Executive Committee, Natural Resources Law Section of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) (2009).

Co-Author, *White Paper on Environmental Issues and the Rule of Law (Draft)*, American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative (Fall 2009).

Judge, 13th Annual International Environmental Law Moot Competition, Stetson University College of Law, Gulfport, FL (March 28, 2009).

Member, Appointments Committee, The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law (2007-2009).

Faculty Advisor, Environmental Law Association, The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law (2007-2010).

Final Round Judge, 12th Annual International Environmental Law Moot Competition, Stetson University College of Law, Gulfport, FL (November 10, 2007).

BAR AFFILIATIONS

State of Colorado (since 2004; inactive status).

United States Court of Federal Claims (since 2004).

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