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- [*Dissenting View of Commissioner Paul H. Robinson to the Proposed Sentencing Guidelines for United State Courts*](#), 52 Federal Register 3986-3988 (1987) (reprinted in 77 Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology 1112-1125 (1987))

INTERDISCIPLINARY PUBLICATIONS

Subcomponents of Psychopathy have Opposing Correlations with Punishment Judgments, *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology* (2014) (by Jana Schaich Borg, Rachel Kahn, Walter Sinnott-Armstrong, Robert Kurzan, Paul Robinson, and Kent Kiehl)

[*Why Do We Punish? Deterrence and Just Deserts as Motives for Punishment*](#), 83 *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology* 284-299 (2002) (as co-author, after Kevin Carlsmith and John Darley)

[*The Ex Ante Function of the Criminal Law*](#), 35 *Law and Society Review* 165-189 (2001) (as co-author, after John Darley and Kevin Carlsmith)

[*Incapacitation and Just Deserts as Motives for Punishment*](#), 24 *Law and Human Behavior* 659-683 (2000) (as co-author, after John Darley and Kevin Carlsmith)

[*Community Standards of Criminal Liability and the Insanity Defense*](#), 19 *Law and Human Behavior* 425-446 (1995) (as co-author, after Daniel Bails, John Darley, and Tracy Waxman)

[*The Severity of Intermediate Penal Sanctions: A Psychophysical Scaling Approach for Obtaining Community Perceptions*](#), 11 *Journal of Quantitative Criminology* 71-95 (1995) (as co-author, after Robert E. Harlow and John M. Darley)

GENERAL AUDIENCE PUBLICATIONS: Op-Eds and Short Articles

[*MLK Versus BLM in Changing Hearts and Minds*](#), *Newsweek*, August 2, 2020 <https://www.newsweek.com/mlk-versus-blm-changing-hearts-minds-opinion-1522073>

[*Why Police Should See the 'Defund' Movement as a Golden Opportunity*](#), *Newsweek*, July 21, 2020 <https://www.newsweek.com/why-police-should-see-defund-movement-golden-opportunity-opinion-1519099>

[*'All or nothing' in the prosecution of police shootings*](#), *The Hill*, July 20, 2020 <https://thehill.com/opinion/criminal-justice/507590-all-or-nothing-in-the-prosecution-of-police-shootings>

[*Can the Fact Walkers Save Us?*](#), *Newsweek*, July 7, 2020 <https://www.newsweek.com/can-fact-walkers-save-us-opinion-1515706>

[*How "Stop Snitching" Undermines Justice Reform*](#), *The Crime Report*, Center on Media Crime and Justice at John Jay College, June 30, 2020

[*Demonizing Police Costs Black Lives*](#), *Newsweek*, June 28, 2020 <https://www.newsweek.com/demonizing-police-costs-black-lives-opinion-1513510>

[*Don't Abolish Police. It Didn't Work for 1960s Communes and It Won't Work for Us*](#), *USA Today*, June 21, 2020 <https://www.usatoday.com/story/opinion/2020/06/21/abolishing-police-unworkable-1960-s-communes-2020-cities-column/3216029001/>

[*Speakeasies and Social Distancing*](#), *Wall Street Journal*, May 20, 2020, p.A17 <https://www.wsj.com/articles/speakeasies-and-social-distancing-11589908421>

[*The Legal Limits of 'Yes Means Yes'*](#), *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, January 10, 2016

[*Can Tasers Help Police Avoid Fatal Mistakes?*](#), *Baltimore Sun*, January 12, 2016

[Black Lives Movement Can Improve Justice System](#), Philadelphia Inquirer, December 15, 2015, p.A14

[Obama's Get-Out-of-Jail-Free Decree](#), Wall Street Journal, July 15, 2015, p.A19

[Lost in a Legal Thicket](#), Los Angeles Times, July 3, 2015, p. A21

[Mandatory Minimums Worked. Now They Must Go](#), Bloomberg View, August 15, 2013

[Making a Wall St. Crime Criminal](#), Los Angeles Times, July 31, 2013, p.A13

[Remember Bernie Goetz? Why We Need a U.S. Inquiry](#), Bloomberg View, July 16, 2013

[Why the Zimmerman Verdict Will Be All or Nothing](#), The Wall Street Journal, July 9, 2013, A13

What the New Delhi Gang Rape Does Not Tell Us About India ([Reactions to Steubenville, Ohio and India Gang Rapes Show India Isn't So 'Backward'](#)), Christian Science Monitor, March 15, 2013 (with Shyam Balganesch)

[Is It a Game or a Crime?](#), Philadelphia Inquirer, February 8, 2013, A19

[The Day After 9/11](#), Los Angeles Times, September 10, 2012, A15

[Israel and the Trouble With International Law](#), Wall Street Journal, Op-Ed, September 22, 2009, A25

[Shoot to Stun](#), The New York Times, Op-Ed, July 2, 2008, A19

[Crime, Punishment, and Prevention](#), 142 *The Public Interest* 61-71 (Winter 2001), *reprinted in* Preventive Theory of Punishment (ICFAI 2008)

[Justice Can Never Come Too Late](#), Washington Post, Op-Ed., May 3, 2000, A23

[Brotherly Intervention](#), The New York Times, Op-Ed, November 29, 1997, A25

[State's Weird Law Skewed Au Pair Case](#), Newsday, guest columnist, November 17, 1997, A32

[Moral Credibility and Crime](#), *The Atlantic Monthly* 72-78 (March 1995), *reprinted in* *Criminology* (1998); 96/97 *Sociology* 52-57 (1996); 96/97 *Criminal Justice* 34-39 (1996); 373 *Current* 10 (1995)

[A Failure of Moral Conviction?](#) in Symposium on "The Black Crime Gap," 117 *The Public Interest* 40-48 (Fall 1994)

['Not Guilty' Isn't Always 'Innocent'](#), The Chicago Tribune, Op-Ed, February 8, 1994, p. 18

[Riot Responsibility](#), 66 *New York State Bar Journal* 6 (Jan. 1994)

[The Danger of Defending the Denny Acquittals](#), The Wall Street Journal, Op-Ed, October 27, 1993, p. A23

WORKS IN PROGRESS

AN INTRODUCTION TO AMERICAN CRIMINAL LAW, ITS PRINCIPLES, HISTORY, AND DIVERSITY: HITLER IN IDAHO – a general audience book that uses famous people and events in history to introduce the principles of criminal law, how criminal law has changed over the centuries, and how criminal law varies among

the 52 American jurisdictions thereby providing different results if infamous villains were tried in various American jurisdictions today. (Draft available.)

The Individualization of Criminal Liability – This project examines the mechanisms by which criminal law doctrines exculpate offenders who violate the rules of conduct and shows how an understanding of the larger conceptual structure of exculpation leads to insights about inconsistencies, irrationalities, and failures in current law.

Undemocratic Crimes – After discussing why community views have a uniquely important role in the formulation of criminal law rules, this project examines the many ways in which empirical research shows that criminal law rules conflict with community views and provides examples of real-world cases to illustrate the conflict points. It then explores why legislatures adopt such conflicting rules and proposes reforms to make the legislative process more informed and rational.

Criminal Law's Core Principles – This project shows how some principles of criminal law are universal and everlasting, then speculates about why such a “core” of criminal liability and punishment exists. It then reviews the wide variety of implications that follow from the existence of such a core.

In Defense of Moral Credibility – This project summarizes the most important points of my previous writings on the virtues of a distributive principle that maximizes moral credibility by tracking empirical desert. It then responds to the criticisms by the 10 or so different scholars who have published criticisms of the theory.

EDUCATION

Diploma in Legal Studies, Cambridge University Law Faculty, England
LL.M., Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts
J.D., University of California at Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California
B.S., Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, New York
Northfield Mount Hermon School, Mount Hermon, Massachusetts

ACADEMIC AND PRE-ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

Colin S. Diver Professor of Law: University of Pennsylvania Law School, 2003-present; Professor 2003. Courses: Criminal Law, Advanced Criminal Law, Seminar in Criminal Law Theory, American Criminal Codes, Sentencing Theory & Practice, Criminal Law Research Group, Criminal Law Foundations and Policy

Edna & Ednyfed Williams Professor of Law: Northwestern University School of Law, 1998-2002; Professor 1993-1998; Visiting Professor 1992-1993

Distinguished Professor of Law: Rutgers University School of Law at Camden; 1985-1993; Professor 1980-1985; Associate Professor -- ; Assistant Professor 1977-1980

Acting Dean: Rutgers University School of Law at Camden, 1989-1990

Commissioner: United States Sentencing Commission (see Ch. 58, Tit. 28, U.S. Code), 1985-1988, nominated by the President, confirmed by the Senate in October 1985

Legislative Counsel: United States Senate Judiciary Committee;
Subcommittee on Criminal Laws and Procedures, 1977
Federal Prosecutor: Special Assistant United States Attorney, Alexandria,
Virginia; 1976
Attorney: United States Department of Justice; Criminal Division,
Legislation and Special Projects Section, 1975
Faculty Fellow: National Center for State Courts, 1973

VISITORSHIPS (IN RESIDENCE)

Visiting Professor, Tel Aviv Law Faculty, May-June 2006
Sackler Professor, Tel Aviv University, November 2000 - January 2001
Visiting Professor of Law, The University of Michigan Law School, 1998-
1999
Visiting Professor, United Nations Asia and Far East Institute (UNAFEI) for
the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, Fuchu, Tokyo, Japan,
November 1995
Canterbury Fellow, University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand,
May-June 1995
Adjunct Professor of Law, Georgetown University Law Center; Class:
Criminal Law; Seminar: Sentencing Theory, Practice, and Reform, 1986-1988

ADVISORY BOARDS AND EDITORSHIPS

Member, American Law Institute, 1990-1995, 2020 – present
Member, National Academy of Sciences, Committee on Law and Justice,
2019 - 2020
Advisory Board, Journal of Criminal Law (UK), 2019 - present
Advisory Committee, Peking University Law Journal – English Edition,
2012 - present
Editor, SSRN Legal Scholarship Network: Criminal Law Abstracts,
Criminology Abstracts, Criminal Procedure Abstracts, 1996 – present
Creator & Co-Editor, [Criminal Law Conversations](#) (with Stephen Garvey &
Kim Ferzan), 2007 - 2009
Faculty Advisory Board, New Criminal Law Review, 1996 - 2013
Faculty Advisor, Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology, 1993 – 1997

OTHER SELECTED PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES AND HONORS — DOMESTIC

Director, Delaware Criminal Law Recodification Project, September 2015-
September 2016, Consultant September 2016-November 2017
Director, [Criminal Law Research Group](#), University of Pennsylvania Law
School, 2005 - present
Nominated by the Pacific Command to U.S. Secretary of Defense and
Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff to receive the Annual Eugene Fubini Award

(given to the civilian advisor who has made greatest contribution to US military's mission), April 2015

Associate PI for law (selecting reviewers for proposals), TESS, National Science Foundation, 2009-2013

Reporter, Kentucky Penal Code Revision Project, Kentucky Criminal Justice Council, 2000-2003

Reporter, Illinois Criminal Code Rewrite and Reform Commission, 2000-2003

Stanford Clinton, Sr. Research Professor, Northwestern University Law School, 1994-95, 1996-98

Advisor, Short Course for Prosecutors and Defense Counsel, 1993-1999
Chair, New Jersey Attorney General's Task Force on Use of Force in Law Enforcement, Committee on Law, 1991-1992

Member, New Jersey Judicial Conference, Committee on Sanctions, 1991-1992

Consultant, New Jersey Supreme Court Sentencing Pathfinders Committee, 1991-1992

Member, American Law Institute, 1990-1994

Special Deputy Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General (of New Jersey), State Grand Jury Investigation (of Teaneck police shooting and riots), 1990

First Recipient, "Outstanding Faculty Member" of Rutgers University; Award from New Jersey Department of Higher Education and Board of Governors of Rutgers--The State University of New Jersey, 1989

Executive Committee, The Society for Reform of the Criminal Law, Vancouver, Canada, 1987-1994

Recipient, Rutgers University Board of Trustees Award for Excellence in Research, 1988

Chair, Committee on State Legislation, A.B.A. Criminal Justice Section, 1984-1985 (Vice-Chairperson 1983-1984; Member 1982-83)

Director, Rhode Island Criminal Code Revision Project, 1982-1985

Member, Governor's Advisory Committee on Implementation of the N.J. Penal Code, 1978-1981

Harvard University Knox Traveling Fellow, Great Britain, 1974-1975

Comment Editor, U.C.L.A. Law Review (Vol. 20), Associate Editor (Vol. 19)

OTHER SELECTED PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES AND HONORS — INTERNATIONAL

Director, Somali Criminal Law Recodification Initiative, December 2015-December 2018

Director, Delaware Criminal Law Recodification Project, September 2015-2016, Consultant 2016-present

Consultant to Irish Criminal Law Codification Advisory Committee, 2007-2009

Visiting Professor of Shangdong University Law School, Jinan, China, 2005-present; Research Fellow, 2003-2005

Director, The Maldives Criminal Justice Reform Project, sponsored by the United Nations Development Program, 2004-2006

United Nations Consultant, Critique of the Draft Criminal Code of Ukraine, February-May 1995

Consultant, Criminal Code of Belarus Drafting Committee; conducted seminar for officials involved in drafting a new criminal code; Minsk, Belarus, November 1993

Advisory Committee, Zeitschrift für die gesamte Strafrechtswissenschaft, 1991-2007

SELECTED PUBLIC LECTURES & KEYNOTE ADDRESSES

Surrey Centre for Law and Philosophy Keynote Lecture, "A Truce in the Distributive Principle Wars?," University of Surrey, May 2019

Keynote Address, "[Codifying a Sharia-based Criminal Law in Developing Muslim Countries](#)," Conference on Criminal Law Development in Muslim-Majority Countries, Tehran, Iran, March 2019

Keynote Address, "A Truce in the Distributive Principle Wars?," Conference on Punishing "In the Name of the People"? Exploring the Relevance of Empirical Needs for Punishment by the General Public in Terms of Penal Theory and Criminal Policy, Augsburg, Germany, November 2018

Shirley G. Wassong Memorial Lecture in European and American Art, Culture, and History, "Trigger Crimes & Social Progress: The Tragedy-Outrage-Reform Dynamic in America," Trinity College, Hartford, April 2017

Plenary Session, "Empirical Desert as the Principle of Criminalization," ChangBai International Forum of Criminal Law, Changchun, China, September 2016

Plenary Session, "Drafting an Islamic Criminal Code: The Freedom to Invent New Forms," Third International Conference on Legislative Drafting and Law Reform, co-sponsored by the Legal Secretariat of the World Bank, the Federal Bar Association, and the International Judicial Academy, at World Bank Headquarters, Wash. D.C., July 2015

Annual Dinner Speaker, "Does Vigilantism Help or Hurt?," International Affairs Association, University of Pennsylvania, October 2015

Keynote Address, "The Rise and Fall and Resurrection of American Criminal Codes," Forum on Criminal Law Reform, Louisville, Kentucky, November 2014

Public Lecture, "Fair Notice and Fair Adjudication: Two Kinds of Legality," Universidad de Chile, October, 2013

Keynote Address, "Shared Intuitions of Justice and Criminal Law," Changchun, China, October 2011

Public Lecture, "Distributive Principles of Punishment: A Hybrid Principle Centered on Empirical Desert," Jilin University, China, October 2011, published (in Chinese) in CONTEMPORARY LAW REVIEW, No. 1, 2012

Public Lecture, "Offense Grading Irrationalities," 223rd Annual Meeting of The Pennsylvania Prison Society, Independence Visitor Center, Philadelphia, May 2010

Testimony before a Joint Session of the Pennsylvania Senate Judiciary Committee and House Judiciary Committee, "Final Report of the Pennsylvania Criminal Code Grading Study," Capitol Building, Harrisburg, December 2009

Conference Luncheon Speaker, "A System of Excuses: How Criminal Law's Excuse Defenses Do, and Don't, Work Together to Exculpate Blameless and Only Blameless Offenders," Conference on Excuses & the Criminal Law, Texas Tech University School of Law, April 2009

First Annual Edward J. Shoen Leading Scholars Lecture, "The Ongoing Revolution in Punishment Theory: Doing Justice as Controlling Crime," Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, Arizona State University, February 2009

Plenary Session, "Betting on the Irish Codification Project: A Handicapper's Perspective," Conference on Codifying the Criminal Law: Modern Initiatives, International Society for the Reform of Criminal Law, Dublin, July 2008

Plenary Session, "The Utility of Desert," International Colloquium on Contemporary Criminal Law Theory, Tel Aviv University Law School, May 2006

Keynote Address, "How Psychology Is Changing Punishment Theory and Practice," University College London Current Legal Issues Colloquia 2005: Law & Psychology, London, July 2005

2005 Albert M. Greenfield Memorial Lecture on Human Relations, University of Pennsylvania, April 2005

Opening Plenary Session, "What Should Sentencing Try to Achieve?," Conference on Reforming the Reform: Sentencing in the 21st Century, Oklahoma City University Law School, October 2004

Provost's Lecture, University of Pennsylvania, January 2005

Sackler Lecture, "Law Without Justice: How, and Why, Criminal Liability Deviates from Desert," Tel Aviv University, January, 2001

Plenary Session, "Codifying Criminal Law," Australasian Law Teachers' Association 48th Annual Conference, Christchurch, New Zealand, October 1993

Plenary Session, "Legality and Discretion in the Distribution of Criminal Sanctions," Conference on the Reform of the Criminal Law, The Inns of Court, London, England, July 1987

OTHER SELECTED SPEECHES AND PRESENTATIONS (PUBLISHED AND UNPUBLISHED) — INTERNATIONAL

"Mitigations: The Forgotten Side of the Proportionality Principle," University of Surrey, May 2019

"Empirical Desert and Criminal Law Codification, Domestic and Foreign," Conference on Punishing "In the Name of the People"? Exploring the Relevance of Empirical Needs for Punishment by the General Public in Terms of Penal Theory and Criminal Policy, Augsburg, Germany, November 2018

"Coercive Crime Control, Moral Credibility, and Empirical Desert," Conference on Empirical and Normative Perspectives on Just Deserts, Leiden, Netherlands, October 2018

"What Effect Should Intoxication Have on Criminal Liability?," University of Sussex Conference on Intoxication, Addiction, and Criminal Law, Brighton, UK, January 2018

"Pirates, Prisoners, and Lepers," Chinese Podcast, September 2017,
<http://www.ximalaya.com/89201165/sound/52699348/>

"Comments on the Draft Somali Criminal Code," Somali Recodification Initiative Working Group, International Development Law Organization, Nairobi, Kenya, June 2016

"Principles and Process for Drafting a Somali Criminal Code," International Development Law Organization, Mogadishu, Somalia, January 2016

"Intuitions Of Justice and the Utility of Desert: The Proper Role of the Community in Determining Criminal Liability and Punishment," International Symposium, East China University of Political Science and Law; and Shanghai Bar Association, Shanghai, China, June 2015

"Rethinking Sentencing Guidelines," Shanghai Academy of Social Science, Shanghai, China, June 2015

"Distributive Principles of Criminal Law: Theoretical Inquiries and Practical Innovations," Shanghai University of Political Science and Law, Shanghai, China, June 2015

"Lessons from Life outside the Law," East China University of Science and Technology, Fengxian District, Shanghai, China, June 2015

"Distributive Principles, Insider Trading, and the Problem of Media Influence," Shanghai People's Procuratorate, Shanghai, China, June 2015

"Problems with the Deterrent Effects of Criminal Law," East China University of Science and Technology, Xuhui District, Shanghai, China, June 2015

"An Overview of the Effect of Mental Illness under U.S. Criminal Law," Mental Disorder and Criminal Justice Conference, Northumbria University Newcastle upon Tyne, UK, October 2013

"The Proportionality Principle and Empirical Desert," Conference on Criminal Law, Santiago, Chile, September, 2013

"The Utility of Being Just," Austral University, Argentina, August, 2013

"Role of the Community in Criminal Punishment," International Seminar on Global Constitutional Order and Criminal Law, Barcelona, November 2012

"Purposes and Objectives of Penal Code Reform in Afghanistan," "The Importance of Consolidation and Comprehensiveness in Criminal Law Codification," "Distributive Principles for Assessing Criminal Liability and Punishment," "Codification of Islamic Crimes and Punishments – The Maldives Project," "An Overview of the State of Criminal Law Codification Around the World," and "Criteria for Assessing the Effectiveness of a Criminal Code," Workshop on Reforming the Criminal Code of Afghanistan, sponsored by United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, November 5-9, 2012 (lectures translated into Pashto)

"The Proper Role of the Public in Assessing Criminal Liability and Punishment," conference on Popular Punishment, Copenhagen, October 2012

"Legality, Uniformity, and Credibility in American Criminal Liability and Punishment," Beijing Normal University, Beijing, China, May 2012

"Empirical Desert," Renmin (People's) University, Beijing, China, May 2012

"The Importance to Criminal Law of People's Intuitions of Justice," Peking University, Beijing, China, May 2012

"The Proper Role of the People in Determining Criminal Liability and Punishment," China Youth University for Political Sciences, Beijing, China, May 2012

"Distributive Principles of Criminal Liability and Punishment," Hangzhou Normal University, Hangzhou, China, May 2012

"The Proper Role of the People in Determining Criminal Liability and Punishment," Zhejiang University, Hangzhou, China, May 2012

"Intuitions of Justice," Heilongjiang University, Harbin, China, October 2011, published (in Chinese) in the NORTHERN LAW REVIEW.

"The Moral Credibility of Criminal Law: Value & Content," Conference on "Law and the Science of Moral Judgment," University of Oslo, Norway, December 2010

"Abnormal Mental State Mitigations of Murder – The U.S. Perspective," Conference on the Coroners and Justice Act 2009, University of Durham, England, September 2010

"Criminalization Tensions: Doing Justice, Empirical Desert & Changing Norms," Conference on Criminalization, Stirling University, Scotland, March 2010
Comments, Criminalization Conference, University of Glasgow, September 2009

"Critique of the Irish Criminal Law Codification Project," Meeting of the Irish Criminal Law Codification Advisory Committee, Dublin, July 2008

"Sentencing: Two Distinctions" (July 15), "Criminal Codes: Adjudicators, Users & Audiences" (July 13), Conference on Codifying the Criminal Law: Modern Initiatives, International Society for the Reform of Criminal Law, Dublin, July 2008

"Comments on Irish Criminal Law Codification," Irish Criminal Law Codification Advisory Committee, Dunbrody House, Arthurstown, Ireland, November 2007

"Organizing Irish Criminal Law Codification," Irish Criminal Law Codification Secretariat and Research Support Unit, Dublin, November 2007

Organizer of the U.S. Delegation to the Conference on the New Theoretical System of Criminal Law in the Age of Globalization, Beijing, China, October 2007

Speaker, Conference on the Israeli Government's Sentencing Reform Proposal, Jerusalem, March 2006

"What Should the Next Generation of Penal Codes Look Like?" Hebrew University Law School, Jerusalem, March 2006

"Accommodating Shari'a and International Norms in Drafting an Islamic Penal Code," Hebrew University Law School, Jerusalem, March 2006

"Criminal Theory of Anglo-American Law," Second International Conference on Theories of Crime Systems, Shandong University, Jinan, China, November 2005

"Current Controversies in American Criminal Justice," Shandong University Law School, Jinan, China, November 2005

"Codification, Recodification, and the American Model Penal Code," Department of Justice (Ireland) Conference on Criminal Code Reform, Dublin, Ireland, November, 2003

- "Modern American Criminal Law Codification: The Good and the Bad," Shandong University Law School, Jinan, China, November, 2003
- "An Introduction to the American System of Criminal Law Theory," Conference on Systems of Criminal Law Theory, Center for Criminal Law & Justice, Jinan, China, November 2003
- "Coercive Versus Normative Crime Control," The Interdisciplinary Center, Herzliya, Israel, January, 2001
- "Why Does the Criminal Law Care What the Layperson Thinks is Just?," Tel Aviv University Law Faculty, January, 2001
- "Punishing Dangerousness," Hebrew University, Jerusalem, January, 2001
- "The Moral and Legal Problems in the Conjoined Twins," Bar-Ilan University, Tel Aviv, January, 2001
- "Do National Emergencies Require the Creation of Special Criminal Law Rules: The Use of Force in Interrogation as a Case Study," Conference on Legal Aspects of Emergency Regimes: International and Comparative Perspective, Tel Aviv, December, 2000
- "Criminal Law Scholarship," Conference on Legal Scholarship, Cegla Institute, University of Tel Aviv, December 1999
- "The Modern General Part: Three Illusions," Conference on Criminal Law Doctrines of the General Part, Birmingham, England, November 1999
- "Criminal Justice in the Information Age," Conference on Information and Information Technology, Tel Aviv, Israel, May, 1999
- "A Model Penal Code for Democratic Societies," Max-Planck Institute for Foreign and International Criminal Law, Freiberg, Germany, November, 1998
- Speeches given in Tokyo, Japan in November 1995, reprinted as "Sentencing Reform (I): Rationality, Uniformity, and Truth in Sentencing," and "Sentencing Reform (II): Conflicting Sentencing Purposes and the Utility of Desert," UNAFEI Resource Material Series No. 51 (1997)
- Presentation, Cambridge University Criminal Theory Seminar, December 1994
- Presentation, Fulbright Workshop on Criminalization, University of Stirling, Scotland, November 1993
- "Harm and Evil and the Criminal Law," University of Edinburgh, Scotland, November 1993
- "Sentencing Theory and Units of Punishment," 1992 Fulbright Colloquium; Sentencing Theory and Sentencing Practice, University of Stirling, Scotland, September 1992
- "Comments on the Proposed Finnish Criminal Code General Part," Law Faculty, University of Helsinki, Finland, June 1991
- Comments, Conference on Gauging the Seriousness of Criminal Harm, Uppsala University, Sweden, June 1991.
- Conference on Basic Problems in Criminal Law Theory, Max-Planck Institute, Freiberg, West Germany, Summer 1984
- Symposium on "Crimes of Omission," Association Internationale de Droit Penal, Syracuse, Italy, October 1982
- Symposium on "Crimes of Carelessness," Association Internationale de Droit Penal, Moscow, December 1977

OTHER SELECTED SPEECHES, PRESENTATIONS & TESTIMONY (PUBLISHED AND UNPUBLISHED) — DOMESTIC

Speaker Series, Conference Presentations, etc.

“A Truce in the Distributive Principle Wars?,” AALS Annual Conference, Panel on Experimental Jurisprudence, Washington, D.C., January 2020
Introductory Lecture, Program on Modern Narcotics Law and Criminal Procedure, Program for the Office of the Judiciary of Thailand, Penn Law, August 2019

Lectures on Criminal Law, Saudi Arabia Ministry of Defense Leadership Program, The Wharton School, Institute of Executive Education, University of Pennsylvania, March-April 2018

Comments, International Conference on Theorizing Criminal Law Reform, sponsored by Rutgers Law School – Newark, The London School of Economics Department of Law, and Rutgers Institute for Law and Philosophy, Newark, April 2017

Comments, Heritage Foundation Policing Strategy Roundtable, Washington, D.C., March 2017

“Strict Liability as Undermining Criminal Law’s Normative Power,” Conference on Crime Without Fault, Georgetown Institute for the Study of Markets and Ethics (GISME), Georgetown Law Center, March 2017

Comments, Conference on Bridging the Gap: Scholarship and Criminal Justice Reform, Phoenix, February 2017

“Democratizing Criminal Law,” Conference on Democratizing Criminal Law, Northwestern University Law School, November 2016

“State of the Delaware Recodification Project,” Delaware General Assembly Joint Finance Committee, June 2016

Comments, Delaware Federal Bench and Bar Conference, Wilmington, May 2016

“Brainwashing, Duress, and Insanity: Excuses to Criminal Liability,” University of Pennsylvania Preceptorial, Eastern State Penitentiary, Philadelphia, February 2016

Comments, “Legal Viability of Criminal Charges against Cigarette Companies,” O’Neill Institute for National & Global Health Law, Georgetown Law School, Washington, DC, February 2016

“Principles and Process for the Recodification of Delaware Criminal Law,” Delaware Criminal Justice Improvement Committee, State Capital, Dover, Delaware, January 2016

“Using Empirical Research to Combat Overcriminalization,” Judicial Symposium on Using the Law and Economics to Reform the System of Criminal Justice: Theory, Empirical Evidence, and Some Applications, Miami, December 2015

“Four Projects of Penn Law’s Criminal Law Research Group,” Penn Law Board of Overseers, Philadelphia, October 2015

"Psychology and the Modern Debate on the Proper Distribution of Criminal Liability and Punishment," Annual Convention for the Association for Psychological Science, New York, May 2015

"Comments on Deliberative Democracy and the Gómez Study," Conference on Emerging Voices in Latin America and European Criminal Theory, Buffalo, May 2015

"Modern Developments in Criminal Sentencing," Conference on Death Penalty and Criminal Sentencing Guidelines: Halt or Reform?, Widener University School of Law, Harrisburg, PA, April 2015

Commentator, 2014 Junior Scholars Colloquium, Federalist Society Faculty Colloquium, Airlie Center, Warrenton, Virginia, June 2014

"The Model Penal Code's Conceptual Error on the Nature of Proximate Cause, and How to Fix It," Conference on Comparative Conversations on Causation and Culpability in the Criminal Law, SUNY Buffalo Law School, May 2014

"The Utility of Desert," Conference on Philosophy of Criminal Law, University of Richmond, April 2014

"Mental Dysfunction and Emotional Disturbance in Homicide Cases: A Legal Survey of American Jurisdictions," Criminal Law Symposium, Texas Tech University School of Law, April 2014

Commentator, 2013 Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, Penn Law, October 2013

"The Moral Vigilante and her Cousin in the Shadows," Columbia International Criminal Law Colloquium, September 2013

Commentator, 2013 Junior Scholars Colloquium, Federalist Society Faculty Colloquium, Airlie Center, Warrenton, Virginia, June 2013

"Under What Theory Do We Punish Corporate Criminality?," Federalist Society Faculty Colloquium, Airlie Center, Warrenton, Virginia, May 2011

"Life Without Parole Under Modern Theories of Punishment," Amherst College, December 2010

"Innocence Procedures and the Criminal Justice System's Moral Credibility with the Community It Governs," Conference on Exonerating the Innocent, New York Law School, November 2010

"The Institutionalized Exercise of Mercy as a Means of Enhancing Criminal Law's Moral Credibility and Thereby Its Crime-Control Effectiveness," Conference on Merciful Judgments, Law, Knowledge & Imagination Series, University of Alabama Law School, September 2010

"Using Perceptions of Fairness to Win Hearts & Minds: The Versatility of Military Tribunals, Journal Of International Criminal Justice," 2010 Brigadier General Telford Taylor Memorial Conference, United States Military Academy, West Point, and Columbia Law School, September 2010

"The Disutility of Injustice," Center for Law, Society & Culture, Indiana University, September 2010

"Overcriminalization, Exaggerated Grading, and Changing Norms," Conference on Overcriminalization: The Past, Present, and Future Expansion of the Criminal Law, Pace University Law School, April 2010

"Undertaking Criminal Code Reform," District of Columbia Criminal Code Revision Commission, February 2009

"Should Dangerousness Be the Distributive Principle for Criminal Liability and Punishment?," Law & Neuroscience Project, MacArthur Foundation, Santa Barbara, January 2009

"[Teaching Criminal Law](#)," Penn Law Faculty, November 2008

"An Introduction to Punishment Theory," University of Pennsylvania, Department of Criminology, August 2008

"Victims and Criminal Adjudication: A Public Conversation Between Paul Robinson & George Fletcher," Pace University Conference on Victims, April 2008

"Legal & Policy Implications of Intuition of Justice," Southern Methodist University Law Faculty Forum Series, Dallas, TX, September 2007

"Principles for the Distribution of Criminal Liability and Punishment," Florida State University College of Law Faculty Enrichment Series, Tallahassee, FL, September 2007

"Intuitions of Justice," University of North Carolina Law School Faculty Speaker Series, September 2007

Commentator, "Victims, Apology & Restorative Justice in Criminal Procedure," Conference on Plea Bargaining: Understanding & Improving Dispute Resolution in Criminal Law, Marquette Law School, Milwaukee, April 2007

Panelist, "Crafting a Scholarly Persona," Section on Scholarship, Washington, D.C., AALS Conference, January 2007, transcript published as *Ian Ayres, Paul H. Robinson, Carol Sanger & Kimberly Kessler Ferzan, Crafting a Scholarly Persona: A Panel Discussion*

"Codifying Shari'a: Why & How," Army Judge-Advocate General annual conference, JAG Center & School, Charlottesville, VA, October 2006

"Intuitions of Justice," annual conference of the Human Behavior and Evolution Society (HBES), Penn, June 2006

"Failing to Do Justice & Doing Injustice: Rationales & Reforms," Albany Law School Speakers Series, April 2006

"Are Intuitions of Justice the Product of Human Evolution?" Vanderbilt University Law School, 2006 Scholarship Roundtable, April 2006

"Restorative Processes and Doing Justice," Symposium on Exploring Alternatives to the Incarceration Crisis, University of St. Thomas School of Law, St. Paul, MN, March 2006

"Is Philosophy Irrelevant to the Formulation of Criminal Law Rules?" Conference on Law & Morality, William & Mary Law School, March 2006

"Accommodating Shari'a and International Norms in Drafting an Islamic Penal Code: Penn's Criminal Law Research Group in the Maldives," Solomon Asch Center for Study of Ethnopolitical Conflict, University of Pennsylvania, February 2006

"Does the Availability of Effective Non-Lethal Weapons Mean that Use of Firearms in Defense is Unlawful?" presented at the Bessie Jones Day Conference on Self-Defense, George Mason Law School, November 2005

"Fair Notice & Fair Adjudication: Two Kinds of Legality," University of Pennsylvania Law Review Author's Lunch, October 2005

"Sentencing Decisions: Matching the Decisionmaker to the Decision Nature," Symposium on Sentencing: What's at Stake for the States, Columbia Law School, January 2005

"Should Kansas Criminal Law Be Recodified?," Kansas Recodification, Rehabilitation & Restoration Committee (created by S.B. N. 45, April 11, 2004), December 2004

Administrative Office of the United States Courts, Defender Services Division, Comments on the Recent Amendments to the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines, Boston, May 2004

Rutgers University Philosophy Department and Rutgers-Camden Institute for Law and Philosophy, Symposium on Justification and Excuse: Philosophical and Legal Perspectives, May 2004

"Changing Norms Versus Doing Justice: The Culpability-Requirement Dilemma of Rape Law Reformers," Law & Society Conference, June 2003

"The A.L.I.'s Proposed Distributive Principle of 'Limiting Retributivism'," Buffalo Criminal Law Center Symposium on the A.L.I. Sentencing Project, April 2003

"The Accelerating Degradation of State Criminal Codes: Can an MPC2d Save the States from Themselves?," AALS Conference, Criminal Justice Section Program, January 2003

"Should the Victims' Rights Movement Have Influence Over Criminal Law Formulation and Adjudication?," Conference on Leadership Issues in Criminal Justice Policy, Sacramento, California, June 2002

"The Virtues of Victim-Offender-Mediation, the Vices of Restorative Justice," University of Utah Restorative Justice Conference, Salt Lake City, March, 2002

"Exploring the Law-Justice Gap: Rules and Reasons that Cause Criminal Law to Sacrifice Desert," 7th Circuit Court of Appeals Speaker Series, Chicago, April 2001

Conference on Hate Crimes, University of San Diego Institute of Law and Philosophy, March 2001

"Can Ethnic Rage Provide a Mitigation or Excuse to Homicide?," American Academy of Forensic Science, Seattle, February 2001

"Rewriting American Criminal Codes 40 Years After the Model Penal Code Reforms," Kentucky Criminal Justice Council, October 2000

"Punishing Dangerousness," Conference on Placing Blame, University of Pennsylvania Law School, March 2000

"Why Does the Criminal Law Care What the Lay Person Thinks Is Just?," Olin conference, University of Virginia Law School, February, 2000

Testing Lay Intuitions of Justice," AALS Joint Program of the Criminal Justice Section and the Law and Social Science Section, Washington, D.C, January 2000

"Two Criminal Codes," Conference on the Model Penal Code, Buffalo Criminal Law Center, October, 1999

"Testing Lay Intuitions of Justice," MacArthur Foundation Preferences Network Legal Research Initiative Workshop, Chicago, October, 1999

"A Reply to Professor Katz's Arguments by Hypothetical," Symposium in Honor of Sandy Kadish, University of California at Berkeley, October 1999

"Comments on Modern Criminal Code Reform: A Reply to Professor Fletcher," Buffalo Criminal Law Center Conference, November 1997

"Reforming Federal Criminal Law," State University of New York at Buffalo, School of Law, Conference on Federal Criminal Code Reform, November 1996

"The Criminal-Civil Distinction," National Workshop for Judges of the United States Courts of Appeals, San Diego, June 1995

Comments on Criminal Disenfranchisement, Symposium on Voting Rights, National Civil Rights Museum, Memphis, Tennessee, April 1995

Presentation, Boston University Symposium on the Intersection of Crime and Tort, March 1995

Panelist, Conference on "The Appearance of Justice: Justice, Judges, and the Media," Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton, November 1994

Presentation, Conference on Criminal Law Theory, University of San Diego Law School, February 1994

Symposium on "Hate Crimes: Propriety, Practicality & Constitutionality," New York University Law School, November 1993

"The Criminal-Civil Distinction," National Workshop for Federal District Court Judges, New Orleans, March 1993; Washington, D.C., May 1993; San Francisco, September 1993

"Clockwork Green and Community Criminal Law: A 2020 Vision of the Criminal Law of the Future," plenary session of the American Judicature Society Conference on The Future and the Courts, San Antonio, Texas, May 1990

"Codifying General Principles of Criminal Law: Rules of Conduct and Principles of Adjudication," plenary session of Conference on Codification of Criminal Law, Washington, D.C., January 1990

"Four Predictions for the Criminal Law of 2043," Closing session of A.L.I. Conference on the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of the Model Penal Code, Rutgers University School of Law at Camden, November 1987

Testimony at Hearings on Sentencing Guidelines Before the United States House of Representatives Judiciary Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, July 1987

Confirmation Hearing (for appointment to the United States Sentencing Commission) before the United States Senate Judiciary Committee, October, 1985 (printed as Senate Hearings 99-141, Pt. 2, pp. 305-345)

Other Law School Faculty Paper Presentations

Harvard Law School, Criminal Justice Program, February 2019; William and Mary Law School, November 2018; Washington University (St. Louis) Law School, September 2018; Florida State University Law School, February 2018; George Mason University Law School, September 2017; Stetson University College of Law, March 2016; Fordham University Law School, September 2014; Case Western Reserve University School of Law, November 2013; University of Utah College of Law, September 2013; UCLA School of Law, March 2012; Alabama Law Center, August 2011; Notre Dame Law School, October 2010;

Temple University Law School, February 2010; University of Chicago Law School, October 2008; Hebrew University Law School, Jerusalem, March 2006; Georgetown Law School, February 2006; University of Illinois (Criminal Law Colloquium), November 2005; Fordham Law School, February 2005; University of Iowa Law School, September 2004; Brooklyn Law School, February 2004; University of Minnesota Law School, January 2004; Notre Dame Law School, November 2002; Rutgers University Law School -- Camden, October 2002; Princeton Law and Public Affairs Program, September 2002; Cornell Law School, September 2002; Northwestern University Law School, February 2002; Boston University Law School, November 2000; University of Michigan Law School, November 1998; Washington University -- St. Louis Law School, September, 1998; Columbia Law School, March, 1998; American Bar Foundation, November, 1997; University of Chicago Law School, April 1996; Columbia Law School, October 1996