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EDUCATION

New York University School of Law, New York, NY

J.D., *magna cum laude*, May 2009

Honors: Order of the Coif
Florence Allen Scholar (top ten percent of class after four semesters)
Institute of International Law & Justice Scholar (full tuition merit award)

Activities: *New York University Law Review*, Articles Editor
Law Students for Human Rights, Symposium Chair
OutLaws, Alumni Chair

Yale University, New Haven, CT

B.A., *summa cum laude*, May 2003

Honors: *Phi Beta Kappa*
Distinction in Comparative Literature (French, English, Spanish)

Activities: FOCUS on New Haven, Director
National Student Partnerships, Regional Director
Research assistant for Professor Michael Graetz, Yale Law School
Research assistant for Dr. Elizabeth Young-Bruehl, author

Study Abroad: Semester at Université de Paris X (Nanterre)

PUBLICATIONS AND WORKS IN PROGRESS

Collateral Consequences and the Preventive State, 91 NOTRE DAME L. REV. 301 (2015).

Approximately eight percent of U.S. adults have a felony conviction, which triggers a vast network of formal civil disabilities. This Article argues against the emerging critical consensus that courts should classify such disabilities as “punishment” for constitutional purposes. It contends that courts should instead recognize them as preventive restraints, and develop a jurisprudence that demands they be reasonably tailored to their purported public-safety goals.

The Downstream Consequences of Misdemeanor Pretrial Detention, 69 STAN. L. REV. ___ (2017) (with Paul Heaton and Megan Stevenson).

Using a uniquely detailed dataset of misdemeanor cases in Harris County, Texas, this Article deploys both regression analysis and a natural experiment to measure the effect of pretrial detention on case outcomes and future crime. We find that detention significantly increases the likelihood that a defendant will plead guilty, be sentenced to jail, serve jail time, and commit future crimes. These findings raise substantial constitutional questions and suggest that, with modest policy changes, Harris County could simultaneously save money, improve public safety, and reduce wrongful convictions.

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Dangerous Defendants (job talk; work in progress).

This Article asks what justifies the state in restraining pretrial defendants on the basis of statistical dangerousness if it cannot restrain equally dangerous members of the population at large. The backdrop is the bail reform movement, which aspires to use statistical risk assessment to ensure that low-risk defendants are released and high-risk defendants are detained pending trial. The Article concludes that there is no justification for subjecting defendants to restraint for dangerousness that we would not permit for equally high-risk members of the public. It then draws out the implications for pretrial policy.

n *Dangerous Men* (with Megan Stevenson; work in progress).

How many unconvicted people should we be willing to detain to prevent one violent crime? We conduct a survey to elicit people's intuitions about the relative personal costs of crime-victimization and incarceration, and use these measures to estimate how high the risk of violent crime must be to justify detaining pretrial defendants. We then estimate the number of violent crimes averted by pretrial detention in a major urban area to see if the harm entailed by detaining the legally innocent is outweighed by the benefit of averted crime.

Carbon Footprint Labeling in Climate Finance, in *CLIMATE FINANCE: REGULATORY AND FUNDING STRATEGIES FOR CLIMATE CHANGE AND GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT* (R. Stewart, B. Kingsbury & B. Rudyk, eds. 2009).

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

University of Pennsylvania Law School, Philadelphia, PA 2015 – Present
Research Fellow, Quattrone Center for the Fair Administration of Justice

Drafted report on pretrial reform with Professor Stephanos Bibas. Member of Philadelphia Event Review Team, a group of high-level representatives of Philadelphia criminal justice institutions dedicated to identifying systemic causes of criminal-justice error and proposing reforms (funded by the National Institute of Justice). Created draft Pennsylvania legislation to facilitate event-review processes in criminal justice.

New York University School of Law, New York, NY 2014 – 2015
Furman Academic Fellow

Professor Joseph Weiler, NYU School of Law, New York, NY 2009
Teaching Assistant

Prepared materials, taught a lecture class and led regular small-group sessions for 1L International Law survey course.

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PROFESSIONAL LEGAL EXPERIENCE

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Pa., Philadelphia, PA 2013 – 2014
Law Clerk to the Honorable L. Felipe Restrepo

U.S. Third Circuit Court of Appeals, Philadelphia, PA 2012 – 2013
Law Clerk to the Honorable Dolores K. Sloviter

ACLU of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA 2011 – 2012
Legal Fellow
Assisted in development and litigation of federal and state civil rights cases. Drafted amicus brief in First Amendment case. Provided direct representation in court collections cases. Researched and developed constitutional challenges to sex offender registration law.

Orleans Public Defenders, New Orleans, LA 2009 – 2011
Trial Attorney & Equal Justice Works Fellow
Represented indigent defendants in criminal proceedings (including extensive felony motions, writ and trial practice). Won verdict of not guilty on felony charges in three of four jury trials. Developed and implemented immigrant-defense program to ensure language access and effective representation for non-citizens arrested in Orleans Parish. Counseled and trained Louisiana defenders statewide on immigration issues for non-citizen clients. Created, recruited, trained and supervised volunteer “language access corps.”
Summer Law Clerk 2008
Assisted trial attorneys with investigation and litigation; drafted evidentiary motions.

Immigrant Defense Project, New York, NY 2008 – 2009
Legal Extern
Provided research support for immigrant clients and public defenders on immigration consequences of criminal dispositions. Staffed “cimmigration” hotline.

Permanent Mission of Palau to the United Nations, New York, NY 2008
Legal Extern
Provided research and recommendations on legal questions arising under the U.N. Convention on the Law of the Sea.

New York Civil Liberties Union, New York, NY 2007
Legal Intern
Developed constitutional claims in border-search suit. Initiated project to limit ion scanning of visitors to NY prisons.

Racimos de Ungurahui, Lima & Iquitos, Peru 2007 – 2008
Summer Law Clerk
Assisted Amazonian Achuar people in U.S. federal tort action against Occidental Petroleum, Inc. Conducted workshops on U.S. law in Achuar communities and for Peruvian lawyers, led on-site workshop with local workers mapping oil spill sites, developed legal briefs.

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ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS AND PANELS

Dangerous Defendants: Bail Reform and Pretrial Prediction

Law & Society Association Annual Conference, June 2016.

CrimFest, Cardozo Law School, July 2016.

Moderator, *Risk Assessment Tools: Capabilities, Benefits and Risks*

Symposium, “Technology in Criminal Justice Reform,” Quattrone Center for the Fair Administration of Justice, University of Pennsylvania Law School, May 2016.

Moderator, *New Remedies: Federal Enforcement, Private Litigation and Police Reform*

University of Pennsylvania Law School, February 2016.

Collateral Consequences and the Preventive State

NYU School of Law Scholarship Clinic, April 2015.

NYU Lawyering Scholarship Colloquium, February 2015.

Law & Society Association Annual Conference, May 2014.

Moderator, *Panel Series on Sex Offender Registration Laws*

Sponsored by the NYU Review of Law & Social Change, April 2015: “The Impact of SORLs on Registrants,” “The Impact of SORLs on Rates of Offending,” and “Strategies and Priorities for Reform.” Video available at <http://socialchangenyu.com/panel-series-on-sex-offender-registration-laws>.

Padilla and You: Meeting the Challenge of Effective Criminal Defense of Noncitizens in Louisiana after Padilla v. Kentucky.

CLE lecture and workshop presented in five Louisiana parishes in 2011.

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Primary: Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, Evidence, Constitutional Law, Criminal Justice

Secondary: Immigration Law, Civil Procedure, Federal Courts, Civil Rights, Professional Responsibility

BAR ADMISSIONS AND VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

Pennsylvania State Bar (active since 2012)

Louisiana State Bar (active 2009-2012; currently inactive)

U.S. Eastern District of Pennsylvania (admitted to practice 2014)

Member, ACLU-PA Legal Committee

President of the Board of Directors, Quintessence Theatre Group