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Employment

2001–present Algernon Biddle Professor of Law and Professor of Philosophy,
University of Pennsylvania Law School
2012–present Founder and Faculty Director, Center for Ethics and the Rule of Law (CERL),
University of Pennsylvania Law School, <https://www.law.upenn.edu/institutes/cerl/>

Expertise

National Security Law | Professional Ethics | Law of War | Criminal Law | Contracts | Moral and Political Philosophy | Jurisprudence | International Law | Philosophy of Law

Fellowship

2019 Senior Fellow, Foreign Policy Research Institute (FPRI)

Education

1993–1996 University of Pittsburgh, Department of Philosophy, Ph.D.
1991–1993 Yale Law School, J.D. 1993, Articles Editor, Yale Law Journal
1987–1988 Columbia Law School (first year of J.D.)
1986–1987 University of Paris, Sorbonne, Department of Philosophy, "Maîtrise" (Masters) in philosophy
1987, High Honors
1982–1986 Harvard College, B.A. 1986, philosophy and government majors, magna cum laude

Selected Publications

Oxford Series in Ethics, National Security, and the Rule of Law, series co-editor with Jens David Ohlin (Oxford University Press):

- [Sovereignty and the New Executive Authority](#), co-editor, 2018
- [Weighing Lives in War](#), co-editor, 2017
- [Cyber War: Law and Ethics for Virtual Conflicts](#), co-editor, 2015
- [Targeted Killings: Law & Morality in an Asymmetrical World](#), co-editor, 2012

Recent Blogs and Op-eds:

- ["It's Time to Defund the Saudi-led Coalition's War in Yemen,"](#) *The Hill*, with Nicholas Sidel, 3/8/2019
- ["A Wounded Public Searches for Moral Leadership: Can a Divided Congress Produce It?,"](#) *The Rule of Law Post*, 11/12/2018
- ["Trump Risks Leading the World into a Space Arms Race,"](#) *The Hill*, with Mark Nevitt, 8/21/2018
- ["Lawyers Told Gina Haspel Torture Was Legal. But It Never Was,"](#) with S. Xenakis, *The New York Times*, 5/9/2018

Professional Briefings

Ethics and policy briefings for Congressional staffers, elite special operations forces, Judge Advocate General (JAG) officers, and Department of Defense officials at the Pentagon

Selected Media Appearances and Mentions

MSNBC's All In with Chris Hayes, Al Jazeera, WBUR On Point (NPR), BBC World News, Associated Press, The Washington Post, CNBC, The Boston Globe, Vox, WHY Y Radio Times, and SiriusXM Business Radio

Selected Lectures, Public Appearances, Workshops, and Conference Presentations

The Andrea Mitchell Center for the Study of Democracy, National Constitution Center, United States Military Academy at West Point, Harvard Law School, The Wharton School, Vanderbilt University Ethics Center, and Smith College