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EMPLOYMENT

- 2014 - **Professor**, Stanford Law School. Visiting Professor, 2011. Stanley Morrison Chair, 2015-. Faculty Co-Director, Stanford Criminal Justice Center, 2015-. Stanford Fellow, 2017-2019. John Bingham Hurlbut Award for Excellence in Teaching, 2017.
- 2005 - 2014 **Professor**, University of California, Berkeley, School of Law. Visiting Professor, 2004-2005. Yosef Osheawich Chair, 2009-2014. Faculty Chair, Berkeley Center for Criminal Justice, 2006-2011 (Co-Chair, 2007-08). Member, Dean's Faculty Advisory Committee, 2010-2013. U.C. Berkeley Distinguished Teaching Award, 2012. Faculty Commencement Speaker, 2011.
- 2007 - 2008 **John H. Watson, Jr. Visiting Professor**, Harvard Law School.
- 1994 - 2005 **Professor**, UCLA School of Law. Acting Professor, 1994-1999; Professor, 1999-2005. Associate Dean, 2002-2003. Member, Dean's Advisory Committee, 1999-2002. Professor of the Year, 1996 and 2003. UCLA Distinguished Teaching Award, 2000.
- 1987 - 1994 **Assistant United States Attorney**, Office of the United States Attorney, Criminal Division, Los Angeles, California. Chief, Criminal Complaints Section, 1993-1994. Department of Justice John Marshall Award for Outstanding Legal Achievement, 1994.
- 1986 - 1987 **Associate**, Bredhoff & Kaiser, Washington, D.C.
- 1985 - 1986 **Law Clerk** to Justice Harry A. Blackmun, Supreme Court of the United States.
- 1984 - 1985 **Law Clerk** to Judge Abner J. Mikva, United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

EDUCATION

- 1981 - 1984 Harvard Law School. J.D., *magna cum laude*, 1984.
- 1977 - 1981 University of California, Berkeley. A.B. in Biophysics, Highest Honors, 1981.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Books

Justicia y Prueba en el Derecho Norteamericano: Verdades y Matiras (Palestra Editores 2026) (translation into Spanish by Juan Antonio Andino).

Criminal Justice in Divided America: Police, Punishment, and the Future of Our Democracy (Harvard University Press 2025). Winner, Roy C. Palmer Prize on Democracy, Civil Liberties, and the Rule of Law, Chicago-Kent College of Law.

A Pattern of Violence: How the Law Classifies Crimes and What It Means for Justice (Harvard University Press 2021). Second place, Lawrence S. Wrightsman Book Award, American Psychology-Law Society.

Prosecutors and Democracy: A Cross-National Study (Cambridge University Press 2017) (co-edited with Máximo Langer).

Police Reform from the Bottom Up: Officers and Their Unions as Agents of Change (Routledge 2011) (co-edited with Monique Marks).

Democracy and the Police (Stanford University Press 2008).

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The Changing Political Landscape for Elected Prosecutors, 14 Ohio St. J. Crim. L. 647 (2017).

The Progressive Prosecutor's Handbook, 50 U.C. Davis L. Rev. Online 25 (2017).

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OTHER

Member, American Law Institute (2017-). Editorial Board Member, Aspen Publishers (2006-). Resident, Rockefeller Foundation Bellagio Center (July-August 2022). Inaugural Criminal Justice Lecturer, Goldsmiths, University of London (March 2019). Kadish Lecturer, University of California, Berkeley, School of Law (April 2018). Visiting Fellow and Global Law Professor, KU Leuven Faculty of Law, Leuven, Belgium (March 2018). Member, Executive Session on Rethinking the Role of the Prosecutor in the Community, Institute for Innovation in Prosecution, John Jay College of Criminal Justice (2017-2019). Member, Harvard Kennedy School Executive Session on Policing and Public Safety (2008-2014). Member, Board of Trustees, The Berkeley School (2012-2013). Associate Investigator, Centre of Excellence in Policing and Security, Australian Research Council (2008-2012). Member, Oakland Police Department Academic Advisory Group (2010-2011). Advisory Committee Member, Break the Cycle (1997-2005). Special Counsel, Rampart Independent Review Panel (2000-2001). Special Master, United States District Court for the Central District of California (2000-2001). Special Assistant United States Attorney, Office of the United States Attorney for the Central District of California (1994-1999).