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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Stanford Law School & Freeman Spogli Institute, Stanford University

- Frank Stanton Professor of Nuclear Security, 2025-present
- Professor of Law | Stanford Law School, 2025-present
- Senior Fellow | Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies, 2025-present
- Professor (by courtesy) | Department of Political Science, 2025-present
- Courses:
 - International Criminal Law
 - Nuclear Strategy, Law, and Politics

Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University

- Associate Professor of International Law, tenured 2022-2025
- Assistant Professor of International Law 2017-2022
- Co-Director Center for International Law & Governance 2022-2025
- Co-Director LLM Program 2022-2025
- Courses:
 - International Humanitarian Law
 - International Criminal Law
 - Ethics in the Practice of Foreign Affairs
- 2021/22 Faculty Research Award
- 2020/21 James L. Paddock Teaching Award
- 2021/22 honorable mention (1 of 10 finalists) Tufts Teaching with Technology Award
- 2020/21 honorable mention (1 of 11 finalists) Tufts Teaching with Technology Award
- 2020-2023 Tufts University Faculty Senator

University College London

- Lecturer (Assistant Professor) in Human Rights 2014-2017
- Director of the MA in Human Rights
- Courses:
 - International Law and Human Rights
 - War and International Law
 - Human Rights: Standards and Institutions

- 2016/17 UCL School of Public Policy Award for Outstanding Teaching

Yale Law School

- Visiting Lecturer in Law 2012-14
- Robina Foundation Visiting Human Rights Fellow
- Courses:
 - International Law and Armed Conflict
 - International Human Rights Law

OTHER POSITIONS

Just Security

- Member of the Board of Editors 2015-present
- [Articles](#) 2017-present

EDUCATION

Princeton University

- Ph.D. 2014, Department of Politics
- Laurance S. Rockefeller Graduate Prize Fellowship; University Center for Human Values Merit Prize (details below in “Honors and Awards”)

Yale Law School

- J.D. 2010
- Yale Law Journal, Senior Editor (2008-2010); Yale Journal of International Law, Editor (2007-2008)
- Ambrose Gherini Prize; Raphael Lemkin Prize (twice); Jerome Sayles Hess Fund Prize (details below in “Honors and Awards”)

Stanford University

- B.A. 2003
- Majors: Public Policy, Philosophy
- Phi Beta Kappa, Honors, Distinction, Cooke Family Fund Award, Mothershead Award (details below in “Honors and Awards”)

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS [sole authored unless noted]

Forever War and Jus Ex Bello, in ENDING PERPETUAL WAR (Brianna Rosen ed., Oxford University Press, forthcoming)

Regulation of the International Bench (revised), in [RESEARCH HANDBOOK ON INTERNATIONAL COURTS & TRIBUNALS](#) (William Schabas, Shannonbrooke Murphy, & Alessandra M. De Tommaso eds., Edward Elgar, 2nd edn. forthcoming).

Civilian Redress, in [CIVILIAN PROTECTION IN ARMED CONFLICT](#) 387 (Jelena Pejic & Margaret Kotlik eds., Oxford University Press, 2025)

The Attack at the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Plant and Additional Protocol I, in 1 [UKRAINE SYMPOSIUM: INTERNATIONAL LAW IN THE CRUCIBLE OF CONFLICT](#) 423 (Sean Watts, Ronald Alcalá, & Mehmet Çoban eds., West Point University Press, 2025)

The Escalating Military Use of the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Plant, in 1 [UKRAINE SYMPOSIUM: INTERNATIONAL LAW IN THE CRUCIBLE OF CONFLICT](#) 432 (Sean Watts, Ronald Alcalá, & Mehmet Çoban eds., West Point University Press, 2025)

International Law in Gaza: Belligerent Intent and Provisional Measures, 118 [AM. J. INT'L L.](#) 659 (2024) (co-author: Janina Dill)

Accountability for Aggression: Atrocity, Attributability, the Legal Order, and Sanitized Violence (2022 Gerber Lecture), 38 [MARYLAND J. INT'L L.](#) 16 (2023)

Starvation and International Crime, 9 [REVISTA DIECISIETE](#) 135 (2023)

A Special Tribunal for the Crime of Aggression?, 20 [J. INT'L CRIM. JUSTICE](#) 859 (2023)

Siege Starvation: A War Crime of Societal Torture, 22 [CHI. J. INT'L L.](#) 368 (2022)

- Winner, 2022 Legal Theory Scholarship Prize, American Society of International Law

Criminalizing Starvation in an Age of Mass Deprivation in War, 55 [VAND. J. TRANSNAT'L L.](#) 681 (2022)

Aggression and Atrocity: The Interstate Element, Politics, and Individual Responsibility, in [RETHINKING THE CRIME OF AGGRESSION: INTERNATIONAL AND INTERDISCIPLINARY PERSPECTIVES](#) 225 (Stefanie Bock & Eckart Conze eds., TMC Asser Press 2021)

Encirclement, Deprivation, and Humanity, 97 [INT'L L. STUD.](#) 307 (2021)

Legitimacy in War and Punishment, in [THE OXFORD HANDBOOK OF INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL LAW](#) 129 (Kevin Jon Heller, Frédéric Mégret, Sarah M.H. Nouwen, Jens David Ohlin, & Darryl Robinson eds., Oxford University Press 2020)

War Crimes and Just War Theory, in [THE PALGRAVE HANDBOOK OF APPLIED ETHICS AND THE CRIMINAL LAW](#) (Kimberly Kessler Ferzan & Larry Alexander eds., Palgrave Macmillan 2019).

Book Review: *Destroying the Caroline: The Frontier Raid that Reshaped the Right to War*. By Craig Forcece. Toronto, Canada: Irwin Law Inc., 2018, 113 [AM. J. INT'L L.](#) 862 (2019)

[THE CRIME OF AGGRESSION, HUMANITY, AND THE SOLDIER](#) (Cambridge University Press 2018).

- Reviewed in *American Journal of International Law*; *Ethics & International Affairs*; *Journal of International Criminal Justice*; and *Revue Québécoise de Droit International*.

The Criminalization of Aggression and Soldiers' Rights, 29 [EUR. J. INT'L L.](#) 859 (2018).

Why Have We Criminalized Aggressive War?, 126 [YALE L. J.](#) 1242 (2017).

- Winner, 2017 Lieber Prize, American Society of International Law.

Regulation of the International Bench, in [RESEARCH HANDBOOK ON INTERNATIONAL COURTS & TRIBUNALS](#) (William Schabas & Shannonbrooke Murphy eds., Edward Elgar 2017).

Politics, the Rule of Law, and the Role of the Crime of Aggression, 109 [AM. J. INT'L L. UNBOUND](#) 235 (2016).

Dual Attribution in the Context of Military Operations, 12 [INT'L ORGS L. REV.](#) 401 (2015); also in [MEMBER STATE RESPONSIBILITY](#) (Cedric Ryngaert & Jan Wouters eds., Brill 2016).

Public Power and Preventive Responsibility: Attributing the Wrongs of International Joint Ventures, in [DISTRIBUTION OF RESPONSIBILITIES IN INTERNATIONAL LAW](#) (André Nollkaemper & Dov Jacobs eds., Cambridge University Press 2015). [[pdf](#)]

Killings at Srebrenica, Effective Control, and the Power to Prevent Unlawful Conduct, 16 [INT'L & COMP. L. Q.](#) 713 (2012).

Nationality and the International Judge: The Nationalist Presumption Governing the International Judiciary and Why it Must Be Reversed, 45 [CORNELL INT'L L. J.](#) 77 (2012).

Bombs, Ballots, and Coercion: The Madrid Bombings, Electoral Politics, and Terrorist Strategy, 20 [SECURITY STUDIES](#) 303 (2011).

Translating the Standard of Effective Control into a System of Effective Accountability, 51 [HARV. INT'L L. J.](#) 113 (2010).

- Core proposal adopted in the landmark cases:
 - Mustafić-Mujić v. Netherlands, Case 200.020.173/01, Hague Ct. Appeal (2011)
 - Nuhanović v. Netherlands, Case 200.020.174/01, Hague Ct. Appeal (2011)
- Subject of a [symposium](#) in the Harvard International Law Journal Online (2010).

Finding Balance in the Attribution of Liability for the Human Rights Violations of U.N. Peacekeepers, 51 [HARV. INT'L L. J. ONLINE](#) 105 (2010).

The International Criminal Court, Article 79, and Transitional Justice: The Case for an Independent Trust Fund for Victims, 28 [WIS. INT'L L. J.](#) 234 (2010).

War and Peace in Rwanda, in [STOPPING WARS AND MAKING PEACE: STUDIES IN INTERNATIONAL INTERVENTION](#) 77 (Kristen Eichensehr & W. Michael Reisman eds., Brill 2009).

Crime Beyond Punishment, 15 [U.C. DAVIS J. INT'L L. & POL'Y](#) 189 (2009).

Book Note, 33 [YALE J. INT'L L.](#) 513 (2008) (reviewing GIDEON BOAS, *THE MILOŠEVIĆ TRIAL* (2007)).

COMBATING SEXUAL HARASSMENT AT THE WORKPLACE (2005) (co-author: Keya Jayaram).

PROFESSIONAL BLOG POSTS

Time Has Run Out: Mass Starvation in Gaza and the Global Imperative, [Just Security](#) (July 30, 2025) (co-author: Alex de Waal) also available in [Arabic](#) and [Hebrew](#).

“Those with the Guns Are the Last to Starve” Five Questions to Tom Dannenbaum, [Verfassungsblog](#) (April 11, 2025) also available in [German](#).

Gaza and Israel’s Renewed Policy of Deprivation, [Just Security](#) (March 21, 2025)

Nuts & Bolts of the International Criminal Court Arrest Warrants in the ‘Situation in Palestine’, [Just Security](#) (November 22, 2024)

Days Not Weeks: Gaza, Starvation, and the Imperative to Act Now, [Just Security](#) (November 18, 2024)

How ICC is Relevant in Civil War in Sudan’s Darfur Region, [Development + Cooperation](#) (Sept. 10, 2024) also available in [German](#).

Unforced Error: Article 124 and the Regrettable Caveat to Ukraine’s Proposed Ratification of the ICC Statute, [Just Security](#) (August 20, 2024)

Nuts & Bolts of Int’l Criminal Court Arrest Warrant Applications for Senior Israeli Officials and Hamas Leaders, [Just Security](#) (May 20, 2024)

Does the ICC Have Jurisdiction Over the Starvation War Crime in Sudan, [Just Security](#) (March 19, 2024)

Top Legal Experts on Why Aid to Gaza Can’t Be Conditioned on Hostage Release, [Just Security](#) (November 20, 2023) [contributor]

The Siege of Gaza and the Starvation War Crime, [Just Security](#) (October 11, 2023)

What You Need to Know: International Humanitarian Law and Russia’s Termination of the Black Sea Grain Initiative, [Just Security](#) (July 28, 2023)

What International Humanitarian Law Says About the Nova Kakhovka Dam, [Lawfare](#) (June 9, 2023)

Mobilized to Commit War Crimes?, [Just Security](#) & [Verfassungsblog](#) (September 22, 2022)

The Escalating Military Use of the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Plant, [Articles of War](#) (August 22, 2022)

The ICC at 20 and the Crime of Aggression, [Völkerrechtsblog](#) (July 14, 2022)

Starving Civilians is an Ancient Military Tactic, but Today it's a War Crime in Ukraine, Yemen, Tigray and Elsewhere, [The Conversation](#) (June 21, 2022) co-authored with Alex de Waal and Dan Maxwell

Legal Frameworks for Assessing the Use of Starvation in Ukraine, [Just Security](#) (April 22, 2022) also available in [Ukrainian](#)

The Attack at the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Plant and Additional Protocol I, [Articles of War](#) (March 13, 2022)

Mechanisms for Criminal Prosecution of Russia's Aggression Against Ukraine, [Just Security](#) (March 10, 2022) also available in [Ukrainian](#)

The Legal Obligation to Recognize Russian Deserters as Refugees, [Just Security](#) ; [Verfassungsblog](#) ; [Slate](#) (March 2, 2022)

Famine in Tigray, Humanitarian Access, and the War Crime of Starvation, [Just Security](#) (July 26, 2021)

A Landmark Report on Starvation as a Method of Warfare, [Just Security](#) (November 13, 2020)

Against Modesty at the ICC, [Opinio Juris](#) (April 11, 2020)

A Disappointing End of the Road for the Mothers of Srebrenica Litigation in the Netherlands, [EJIL:Talk!](#) (July 23, 2019)

International Criminal Law and Starvation, [Reinventing Peace](#) (September 4, 2018)

Paradigms of International Human Rights Law: An Exchange, [Lawfare](#) (May 19, 2017)

A Philosophical Foundation for International Human Rights Law?, [Lawfare](#) (May 4, 2017)

What's At Stake for US Officials if Their Use of Force is an International Crime of Aggression?, [Just Security](#) (April 25, 2017)

Legality, Legitimacy, and Member State Cooperation in International Organisations, [EJIL:Talk!](#) (March 24, 2015)

Dutch Supreme Court Affirms that Dutchbat Acted Unlawfully in Srebrenica, [EJIL:Talk!](#) (September 8, 2013)

The Hague Court of Appeal on Dutchbat at Srebrenica Part 2: Attribution, Effective Control, and the Power to Prevent, [EJIL:Talk!](#) (November 10, 2011)

The Hague Court of Appeal on Dutchbat at Srebrenica Part 1: A Narrow Finding on the Responsibilities of Peacekeepers, [EJIL:Talk!](#) (October 25, 2011)

HONORS AND AWARDS

Legal Theory Scholarship Prize (2022), American Society of International Law

- Best article in the field of international legal theory

Faculty Research Award (2022), Fletcher School of Law & Diplomacy

- Fletcher professor who best exhibits excellence in research

James L. Paddock Teaching Award (2021), Fletcher School of Law & Diplomacy

- Fletcher professor who best exhibits excellence in teaching

Honorable Mention Teaching with Technology Awards (2020-21, 2021-22), Tufts University

- For use of technology that had a markedly positive impact on students' learning and engagement in a Tufts course
- One of eleven finalists from across the University (2020-21)
- One of ten finalists from across the University (2021-22)

Lieber Prize (2017), American Society of International Law & Lieber Society

- Best article in the field of international law and armed conflict

Teaching Award (2017), University College London, School of Public Policy

- Outstanding contribution to teaching in the School of Public Policy

Robina Foundation Visiting Human Rights Fellow (2012-2013, 2013-2014), Yale Law School

- Fellowship awarded by invitation to bring human rights scholars and practitioners to spend time in residence at the Yale Law School

Laurance S. Rockefeller Graduate Prize Fellowship (2011-2012), University Center for Human Values, Princeton University

- Competitive university-wide fellowship awarded to a small number of students by the Graduate School in cooperation with academic departments

Jerome Sayles Hess Fund Prize (2010), Yale Law School

- Student who demonstrates excellence in the area of international law

Raphael Lemkin Prize (2009, 2010), Yale Law School

- Best paper in the field of international human rights law

Ambrose Gherini Prize (2009), Yale Law School

- Best paper in the field of international law either public or private

Best Overall Brief; Best Overall Prosecutor; Best Overall Defense Counsel (2009), International Criminal Court Trial Competition, The Hague, Netherlands

- Won 3 of 6 available prizes at the international finals (involving twenty teams), having qualified as one of two teams from North American region

Kirby Simon Fellowship (2008, 2009), Yale Law School

- For work in The Hague, Netherlands

University Center for Human Values Merit Prize (2005-2006), Princeton University

- Competitive first-year prize fellowship awarded to excellent students who show promise in the area of ethics, political theory/philosophy, and human values

Melman Fellowship (2004-2005), Institute for Policy Studies (Washington D.C.)

- Competitive fellowship awarded for research in public policy
- For work in Mumbai, India

Cooke Family Fund Award (2003), Stanford University

- Best thesis in Ethics in Society

Mothershead Award (2003), Stanford University

- Most outstanding contribution to moral and political philosophy

Phi Beta Kappa, Honors, and Distinction (2003), Stanford University

INVITED SPEAKING

Invited talks, contributions, and testimony at institutions including:

Acción Contra el Hambre (Esp.)	St. Louis University Law School
American Red Cross	Tel Aviv Univ. Buchmann Faculty of Law
American Society of International Law	Temple University Beasley School of Law
Assoc. Slavic, E. Eur., & Eurasian Studies	United Nations (N.Y. Headquarters)
Cambridge University (UK)	United Nations (Greentree Retreat)
Columbia Law School	Universidad Politécnica de Madrid (Esp.)
Cornell Law School	University of Amsterdam (Neth.)
European Society of International Law	University of Copenhagen (Den.)
Friedrich Schiller University of Jena (Ger.)	University of Maine Law School
Georgetown Law Center	University of Maryland Law School
Harvard Law School	University of Miami Law School
International Bar Association	University of Michigan Law School
International Law Association	University of Pennsylvania Law School
Int'l Nuremberg Principles Academy (Ger.)	University of San Diego Law School
Leiden University (Neth.)	University of Texas at Austin Law School
Médecins Sans Frontières	U.S. Army Futures Command
New York University (NYU) School of Law	U.S. Congress (Lantos Hum. Rts Comm'n)
Notre Dame Law School	U.S. Consultative Meeting for the Revision of the San Remo Manual
Oxford University (UK)	U.S. Military Academy (West Point)
Phillips University Marburg (Ger.)	U.S. Naval War College
Rutgers Law School	Yale Law School
Stanford University	

MEDIA APPEARANCES

Quoted or interviewed in leading media outlets including (among others):

7 News (Australia)	Christian Science Monitor
ABC (American Broadcasting Company)	CNBC
The Atlantic	Deutsche Welle (DW) (Germany)
BBC (British Broadcasting Corporation)	The Economist
CBC (Canadian Broadcasting Corporation)	eNCA (eNews Channel Africa) (S. Africa)

Foreign Policy
Humankind Media
KCBS Radio
LBC (Leading Britain's Conversation) (UK)
Legal Tribune Online (Germany)
L'Orient-Le Jour (Lebanon)
Middle East Eye
MSNBC
The New Humanitarian
New York Magazine
The New York Times

NPR (National Public Radio)
PBS (Public Broadcasting Service)
Reuters
Slate
Der Spiegel
Süddeutsche Zeitung (Germany)
Der Tagesspiegel (Germany)
USA Today
Voice of America
The Washington Post

BAR ADMISSIONS

State Bar of New York, member since 2011