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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

The University of Texas at Austin School of Law, Assistant Professor of Law

EDUCATION

Yale Law School, J.D., 2024

Yale Journal on Regulation, Executive Editor & Inaugural Empirical Scholarship Editor

Initiated and implemented JREG data and code transparency requirement; lead organizer

of [Joint Law Review Statement on Data and Code Transparency](#).

Research Assistant to John Morley

Thurman Arnold Project, Finance and Antitrust Student Project Co-Author

Latino/x Law Students Association

Yale School of Management, Ph.D., Financial Economics, 2026

Committee: Andrew Metrick (chair), Roberta Romano, Kelly Shue, Paul Goldsmith-Pinkham

Stanford University, B.A., Economics (with Honors), 2017

Stanford Award of Excellence (service to the university)

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

- [Conflicting Values in Judicial Valuations](#) (Forthcoming, J. OF EMPIRICAL LEGAL STUD.) (peer-reviewed)
 - Featured in [TaxProf Blog](#)
- [Expert Asymmetry: Evidence from Securities Litigation](#) (Forthcoming, J. OF EMPIRICAL LEGAL STUD.) (peer-reviewed) (with Adam Callister and Belisa Pang)
 - Featured in [Business Scholarship Podcast](#), [ProMarket](#), and [JOTWELL](#)
- [After the “Partner Run”: the Dewey & LeBoeuf Diaspora](#), 22 UC LAW SF BUS. L.J. 207 (2026)
 - Featured in [Bloomberg Law](#), [ABA Journal](#), [The American Lawyer](#), [Business Law Prof Blog](#), [Duke FinReg Blog](#), and [CLS Blue Sky Blog](#)
 - Won Yale Law School Judge Ralph K. Winter, Jr. Prize for Law and Economics
- [Permitted Practices in Insurance Accounting: How They Work and Why They Help](#), 51 THE GENEVA PAPERS ON RISK AND INS. – ISSUES AND PRACTICE 399 (2026) (peer-reviewed) (with Alejandro Drexler)
- [Reforming the Taxation of Life Insurance](#) (with Ari Glogower), 44 VA. TAX REV. 235 (2025)
 - Featured in [Tax Notes](#) and [TaxProf Blog](#)
 - Cited in [Brief for the Commissioner of Internal Revenue](#), *Pascucci v. Comm’r* at 16-17, No. 24-2429 (2d Cir. Mar. 4, 2025)
- [A Matter of High Interest: How a Quiet Change to An Actuarial Assumption Turbocharges the Life Insurance Tax Shelter](#), 29 CONN. INS. L.J. 45 (2023) (peer-reviewed)
 - Featured in [TaxProf Blog](#), [JOTWELL](#), and [Wills, Trusts, & Estates Prof Blog](#)

WORKING PAPERS AND WORKS-IN-PROGRESS

- The Internal Structure of Tax Preferences: Life Insurance as the Tax Code's Most-Advantaged Product
- Private Credit's State Backstop: How Private Equity Socializes Risk Through Insurers (with Pranjali Drall)
- Valuation Malleability in Securities Litigation (with Adam Callister)
- GRATs as Quasi-Options: Evidence from Corporate Insiders' Estate Planning (with Matthew Pierson)

POLICY & PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS

- [The Growth and Challenges of Cyber Insurance](#), CHICAGO FED LETTER 426 (2019) (with Andy Polacek)
- [Homeowners' Financial Protection Against Natural Disasters](#), CHICAGO FED LETTER 409 (2019) (with Alejandro Drexler and Richard Rosen)

POPULAR WRITING

- [Addressing the Data Analysis in Francesca Gino's Data Colada Lawsuit](#) (2023)
- [When Donating to Charity Makes the Rich Richer: A Loophole in Raising Capital Gains Taxes](#) (2021)
 - Featured in [Marginal Revolution](#) and [Matt Levine's Money Stuff \(Bloomberg\)](#)
- [Joke Capital: Gamestop Populism and the Desire for Narrative](#) (2021)
- [Robinhood and the Limits of Innovation](#) (2019)

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

2026:

- AALS Financial Regulation Midyear Workshop
- National Business Law Scholars Conference (NBLSC)
- American Law and Economics Association Annual Meeting (ALEA)
- Michigan Junior Scholars Conference, University of Michigan Law School
- Critical Tax Conference
- Chicago Judicial Valuation Conference, University of Chicago Law School
- Winter Deals Conference, BYU Law School

2025:

- Corporate Finance (course), Columbia Law School
- National Tax Association Annual Conference on Taxation (NTA)
- Conference on Empirical Legal Studies (CELS)
- Regulation and Markets Workshop, Boston College Law School
- Tax Policy Colloquium, University of Missouri School of Law
- Insurance Law Workshop, University of Connecticut School of Law

- Winter Deals Conference, BYU Law School
- Investment Company Institute Research Seminar Series

2024:

- Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting (AALS)
- Winter Deals Conference, BYU Law School
- Tax Research Network Conference (TRN)
- National Tax Association Annual Conference on Taxation (NTA)

2023:

- Conference on Empirical Legal Studies (CELS)
- Midwestern Law and Economics Association (MLEA)
- Law & Society (LSA)
- National Business Law Scholars Conference (NBLSC)

2022:

- Midwestern Law and Economics Association (MLEA)

2020:

- World Risk and Insurance Economics Congress (WRIEC)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Davis Polk & Wardwell, New York, NY (Summer 2022)

Summer Associate

Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Washington, DC (Summer 2021)

Summer Law Intern, Bank Advisory Group – Chief Counsel’s Office

Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, Chicago, IL (2017-2020)

Senior Associate Economist, Finance & Insurance Research Division

Freelance Journalist (2017-2019)

Won Longreads Best of 2017: Local Reporting award for investigative reporting on Peter Thiel

United States Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC (Fall 2016)

Intern, Office of Economic Policy

MEDIA APPEARANCES

[Epstein Files Reveal Tax-Advantaged Trusts](#), Tax Notes (Mar. 12, 2026)

[How Do Russian Oligarchs Hide Money? Wrap It in Insurance](#), Tax Notes (Nov 24, 2025)

[Scholars Call for Reform of Tax-Free Exchanges of Insurance](#), Tax Notes (Nov. 22, 2024)

[High-End Life Insurance Policies Lured Offshore by Relaxed Rules](#), Tax Notes (Sept. 25, 2024)

[Inside How Private Placement Life Insurance Slips Through the Cracks](#), Tax Notes (Sept. 24, 2024)

[Andrew Granato, John Bowers, and Arisa Herman on Empirical Legal Scholarship](#), Business Scholarship Podcast (Nov. 3, 2022)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE

Co-Area Organizer for Law Submissions, National Tax Association Annual Conference on Taxation (2026)

OTHER SKILLS

Programming experience: Python, STATA, R, C++

Languages: Spanish (heritage speaker)