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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SCHOOL OF LAW, Austin, TX
Professor of Law Summer 2025–present
Assistant Professor of Law Fall 2022–Summer 2025

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA LAW SCHOOL, Minneapolis, MN
Associate Professor of Law Fall 2019–Spring 2022

- **Courses Taught:** Criminal Procedure: Investigations, Legislation & Regulation, Constitutional Law, Policing the Police

EDUCATION

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, NY
J.D., *summa cum laude*, June 2014—graduated 1st in the class
Honors: *New York University Law Review*; Order of the Coif; Maurice Goodman Memorial Prize; Robert B. McKay Prize; Furman Academic Scholar
Advisors: Barry Friedman, Samuel Issacharoff, Rachel Barkow, Daryl Levinson

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Palo Alto, CA
Ph.D. in History, December 2010
Dissertation: *The Department of Justice and the Limits of the New Deal State, 1933-1945*
Honors: Geballe Dissertation Prize Fellowship; Distinguished Departmental Scholar; Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Lubin-Winant Research Fellowship
Advisors: David M. Kennedy, Richard White, Mariano-Florentino Cuellar

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO, Chicago, IL
M.A. in Social Sciences, June 2005
B.A. in History, Economics, *with honors*, June 2005

PUBLICATIONS AND WORKS IN PROGRESS

Terry's Inevitability (in progress draft)

Revisiting Presidential Reorganization, 94 Geo. Wash. L. Rev. __ (forthcoming 2026)

Some Realism About Criminal Justice Localism, 173 U. Penn. L. Rev. 789 (2024)

The Small Agency Problem in American Policing, 99 N.Y.U. L. Rev. 202 (2024)

Substance and Procedure in Local Administrative Law, 170 U. Penn. L. Rev. 1527 (2022)

Our Fragmented Approach to Public Safety, 59 Am. Crim. L. Rev. 1665 (2022)

Legislative Administration, 2021 Wisc. L. Rev. 1232

Rethinking Police Rulemaking, 114 Northwestern L. Rev. 1 (2019)

Administrative Rationality Review, 104 Virginia L. Rev. 1399 (2018)

Benefit-Cost Analysis of Public Safety: Facing the Methodological Challenges, 8 Journal of Benefit-Cost Analysis 305 (2017) (with Barry Friedman)

Democratic Policing, 90 N.Y.U. L. Rev. 1827 (2015) (with Barry Friedman)

Note, *Changed Circumstances in Constitutional Law*, 89 N.Y.U. L. Rev. 1419 (2014)

Ph.D. Dissertation: *The Department of Justice and the Limits of the New Deal State, 1933–1945* (Stanford University, 2011)

AWARDS

Student Bar Association Professor of the Year Award (Texas, 2026)

Winner of the 2024 American Association of Law Schools (AALS) Scholarly Papers Competition for *The Small Agency Problem in American Policing*

McKnight Land-Grant Professorship, University of Minnesota (awarded March 2022; I declined the award in order to make the move to the University of Texas)

Stanley V. Kinyon Tenure/Tenure-Track Teacher of the Year Award (Minnesota, 2021)

SERVICE

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SCHOOL OF LAW

- Appointments Committee (chair) 2026-Present
- Appointments Committee (member) 2025–2026
- Academic Fellowship Program Committee 2024–2025
- Colloquium Committee 2022–2024

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA LAW SCHOOL

- Clerkship Committee 2019–2020; 2021–2022
- Faculty Workshop Committee 2020–2022
- Faculty Secretary 2019–2021

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

American Conference of the United States, Roundtable on State Administrative Procedural Practices
Co-chair, 2022–2025

American Law Institute
Member, December 2025-Present
Associate Reporter, *Principles of the Law: Policing* (Fall 2019–May 2023)

Georgetown Law Journal, *Annual Review of Criminal Procedure*
Contributing Reviewer, 2020–present

New York Historical Society, The Bonnie and Richard Reiss Graduate Institute for Constitutional History Seminar
Co-Instructor, *America's Unregulated Police*, Spring 2021 (with **Barry Friedman**)

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, NY
Co-Founder and Counsel, Policing Project at NYU Law, Fall 2019–present
Deputy Director, Policing Project at NYU Law, Fall 2015–Spring 2019
Adjunct Professor of Law, Fall 2015–Spring 2019
Furman Fellow, Fall 2015–Spring 2019

UNITED STATES STUDIES CENTRE, UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY, Sydney, Australia
Postdoctoral Fellow, Summer 2010–Summer 2011

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

"Street Policing in State Courts,"
State & Local Govt. Law Works in Progress Conference, Michigan Law, December 2025

"Local Agency Reorganization"
State & Local Govt. Law Works in Progress Conference, ASU Law School, November 2024

"Some Realism About Criminal Justice Localism"
State Courts Scholarship Roundtable, *Northwestern Law School*, April 2024
Washington University School of Law Faculy Workshop, February 2024
State & Local Govt. Law Works in Progress Conference, Northwestern Law School, Oct. 2023
Criminal Justice Roundtable, Vanderbilt Law School, Nov. 2023
Drawing Board Luncheon, Texas Law, Nov. 2023

"The Small Agency Problem in American Policing"
Texas Criminal Scholars Workshop, *University of Houston Law School*, March 2023
AALS Junior/Senior Conference (Online), April 2023
Law of the Police Conference, University of Chicago, June 2023

"The Distinctiveness of Local Administration",

ULJ Cooper-Walsh Colloquium, Fordham Law School, October 2022

Discussant for John Rappaport, *Labor Mobility and the Problems of Modern Policing*
Empirical Criminal Law Roundtable, Duke Law School, December 2022

"Substance and Procedure in Local Administrative Law"
University of Texas School of Law, November 2021
Administrative Law New Scholarship Roundtable, Yale University, September 2021
University of Virginia School of Law Faculty Workshop, April 2021
University of Wisconsin Law School Faculty Workshop, March 2021
University of Chicago Law School Public Law Workshop, February 2021
University of Minnesota Squaretable, July 2020

"Our Fragmented Approach to Public Safety"
Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, Arizona State University, November 2021

"Legislative Administration"
Public Law and the States Conference, University of Wisconsin, June 2021

"Legislating Change: The Role of States in Police Reform"
University of Illinois College of Law, April 2021

"Rethinking Police Localism"
Law of the Police Conference, University of South Carolina School of Law, April 2019

"Rethinking Police Rulemaking"
Fordham Law School Seminar Series, March 2019
Vanderbilt University Law School Criminal Justice Roundtable, October 2018
University of Michigan Law School (Job Talk), November 2018
American University Washington School of Law (Job Talk), November 2018
Ohio State University Moritz College of Law (Job Talk), October 2018
Arizona State College of Law (Job Talk), December 2018

"Administrative Rationality Review"
University of Minnesota Law School (Job Talk), November 2018

Local Governance of Policing (commentator), Privacy Localism Conference, NYU, November 2017

"Administrative Law and Criminal Justice"
Southeastern Association of Law Schools Conference, August 2017

Clinics Promoting Police Accountability (concurrent session speaker)
Association of American Law Schools Clinical Conference, May 2017

"Regulating the Police" (with Barry Friedman) – (Published as *Democratic Policing*)
Northwestern University School of Law, October 2014
Georgetown University School of Law, January 2015
American University School of Law, January 2015

"Overlapping States: Federalism and Law Enforcement in the Roosevelt Years"
University of Sydney, United States Studies Centre, April 2011
University of Melbourne, November 2010

"Forging a National Police: Law Enforcement Cooperation under Hoover's FBI"
Policy History Conference, June 2010

"Lawlessness in Law Enforcement: Federal Investigations of Police Brutality, 1939-1945,"
U.S. History Workshop, *Stanford University*, March 2010

Invited Participant, Kandersteg Seminar on the Modern Welfare State
Hosted by the Remarque Institute of *New York University*.
Kandersteg, Switzerland, November 2008

"Uncle Sam Wants Your Mark: Fingerprinting and the Limits of Federal Policing from the New Deal through World War II,"
U.S. History Workshop, *Stanford University*, May 2008

SELECTED MEDIA APPEARANCES, PANELS, AND PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Grace Reader, "Austin City Council Approves Police Data Expansion," KXAN (Austin), Sept. 12, 2023

Jamelle Bouie, "The Police Cannot Be a Law Unto Themselves," *New York Times*, Jan. 31, 2023

Maria Ponomarenko, Testimony Regarding State Licensing Regulation of Police Officers, Public Safety and Criminal Justice Reform Finance and Policy Committee, Minnesota House of Representatives, Feb. 15, 2022

Using Police Commissions to Achieve Accountability (Panelist), NACOLE Webinar Series, Feb. 7, 2022

Maria Ponomarenko, Testimony Regarding California's Police Officer's Bill of Rights, Select Committee on Police Reform, California House of Representatives, Dec. 16, 2021.

Nila Bala and Maria Ponomarenko, "Pennsylvania Should Follow Philly's Lead and Ban Minor Traffic Stops," PHILADELPHIA INQUIERER, Nov. 15, 2021.

Barry Friedman and Maria Ponomarenko, Guest Essay, "The Supreme Court Has Failed on Police Reform," NEW YORK TIMES, October 28, 2021.

Tom Crann et. al., "Minneapolis Police Cut Back on Pretextual Traffic Stops in an Effort to Reduce Racial Profiling," *All Things Considered*, MINNESOTA PUBLIC RADIO, August 17, 2021.

Claudia Morell, "In A Major Step For Chicago Police Reform, Civilians Gain Oversight Of Department," ALL THINGS CONSIDERED, NATIONAL PUBLIC RADIO, July 23, 2021.

Noreen O'Donnel & Amy O'Kruk, "States Raced to Pass Police Reform Bills After George Floyd's Murder. Advocates Say Not Enough," NBC DALLAS FORT-WORTH, May 25, 2021.

Maria Ponomarenko, "Testimony in Support of The Daunte Wright and Kobe Dimock-Heisler Community Safety and Violence Prevention Resolution," Brooklyn Center City Council, May 8, 2021.

Maria Ponomarenko, "Testimony Regarding Proposed Traffic Stop Reform Measures," Public Safety Conference Committee of the Minnesota Legislature, May 6, 2021.

Cathy Wurzer & Tim Nelson, "A Look at Policing Proposals on the Table at the State Legislature," MORNING EDITION, MINNESOTA PUBLIC RADIO, May 5, 2021.

Jeff Wagner, "What Is Qualified Immunity, And Why Do Some Want It Removed?" CBS MINNESOTA, May 3, 2021.

Angela Davis, et. al., "Police Reform: What Kind of Change Is Possible and How Do We Get There?," MPR NEWS WITH ANGELA DAVIS, April 27, 2021.

Emma Ockerman, "Here's What to Do If a Cop Pulls You Over," VICE NEWS, April 23, 2021.

Andy Mannix, "Traffic Stops Criticized as Poor Policing," STAR TRIBUNE, April 18, 2021.

Andy Mannix, "After Daunte Wright's Killing, Criticism of 'Pretextual' Traffic Stops Grows, STAR TRIBUNE, April 17, 2021

Tom Crann, "George Floyd Justice in Policing Act," ALL THINGS CONSIDERED, MINNESOTA PUBLIC RADIO, March 22, 2021.

Ayanna Alexander, "Voters Back More Police Oversight After George Floyd's Death," BLOOMBERG LAW, November 4, 2020.

Mariah Timms, "After Years of Debate, Police Make Major Change In Number of Nashville Traffic Stops," TENNESEAN, April 17, 2019.

CLERKSHIP

HON. RICHARD POSNER, SEVENTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS, Chicago, Ill
Law Clerk, July 2014–July 2015

BAR ADMISSIONS

State of New York