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## Professional Experience

May 2015-Present      Assistant Dean, Graduate & International Programs  
Director, Institute for Transnational Law  
<https://law.utexas.edu/transnational/>  
Senior Lecturer  
The University of Texas School of Law, Austin, TX

### Courses Taught:

International Human Rights Law  
African Law: Natural Resources, Human Rights & the Environment  
Comparative Constitutional Law  
International & Comparative Family Law  
Art & Cultural Property Law (*Forthcoming Spring 2019*)  
Comparative Law (*Forthcoming Fall 2019*)

June 2014-May 2015      Director, Graduate & International Programs  
Senior Lecturer  
The University of Texas School of Law, Austin, TX

February 2008 - January 2015      Assistant Professor of Law,  
Assistant Director of Transnational Legal Studies Program,  
University of Luzern, Luzern, Switzerland

### Courses Taught:

African Law  
Transnational Litigation  
Cultural Property in Times of Conflict  
Advanced Lawyering Skills & Legal Writing  
Women & Children's Rights  
International Children's Rights  
Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Teaching Award, Spring 2010)  
Detainee's Rights  
Introduction to Human Rights

Introduction to United States Constitutional Law (Teaching Award, Fall 2014 )

Fundamentals & Legal Ethics of Human Rights Protection

November 2018

Visiting Professor of Law

Kuwait International Law School, Kuwait City, Kuwait

Lectures Given:

International Human Rights and Environmental Law

Research Methods for Scholarly Writing

2015-Present

Visiting Professor of Law

University of Luzern, Luzern, Switzerland

Courses Taught:

United States Constitutional Law & the Death Penalty

Transnational Litigation

International Litigation

2012-Present

Visiting Associate Professor

Brooklyn Law School, Brooklyn, NY

Courses Taught:

African Law

Comparative Law

International Human Rights

New York Family Law

Comparative Constitutional Law

2006-2009

Lecturer

Baylor University Political Science Department, Waco, TX

Courses Taught:

International Law

United States Constitutional Development

Model United Nations

August 2005-Spring 2008

Adjunct Professor

Baylor Law School, Waco, TX

Courses Taught:  
Family Law  
Consumer Protection  
White Collar Crime

May 2007-Present      International Human Rights Law Pro Bono Practice & Legal Consulting

April 2002- August 2007 Private Legal Practice, Licensed to Practice in Oklahoma, Texas, and  
United States Federal Court

## Education

Ph.D. Candidate  
University of Luzern Faculty of Law, Luzern, Switzerland,  
Expected Completion Date: Spring 2019

Dissertation: *The Internationalization of Constitutional Law: An African Perspective*

LL.M. in Latin American & International Law  
University of Texas School of Law, Austin, TX  
May 2007

Thesis: *United States Implementation of the International Criminal Court: Toward the Federalism  
of Free Nations*

Dean's Achievement Award, International Human Rights & Justice Workshop  
Spanish Proficiency

J.D. with Honors  
University of Tulsa College of Law, Tulsa, OK  
May 2001

*Tulsa Law Journal* Articles Research Editor (Senior Articles Editor)  
Order of the Curule Chair (University of Tulsa College of Law's highest award—top 10%  
plus service to university)  
Dean's Honor Roll, each semester  
CALI Excellence for the Future High Grade Award, Highest Grade in Health Care  
Organization and Finance

CALI Excellence for the Future High Grade Award, Highest Grade in Federal Courts  
CALI Excellence for the Future High Grade Award, Highest Grade in Comparative Law

B.A., History  
The University of Texas at San Antonio, San Antonio, TX  
May 1997

## **Professional Memberships**

African Network of Constitutional Lawyers  
American Bar Association, International Law Section and Section on Legal Education  
Austin Bar Association, Family and International Law Sections  
Commission on Legal Pluralism  
International Bar Association  
NAFSA: Association of Legal Educators  
Bar of Texas, International and Family Law Sections, Active Bar Card Number: 24051235

## **Community and University Service**

African Constitutional Law Professors Working Group  
American Bar Association Section of International Law Year in Review, Deputy Editor, African Law  
Association of American Law Schools Africa Section, Executive Committee Member (multiple years)  
Association of American Law Schools Graduate Programs for Non-U.S. Lawyers, Executive Committee Member (multiple years), Treasurer (2015), Chair-Elect (2016), and Chair (2017)  
Association of American Law Schools Section on International Legal Exchange Chair-Elect (2017), Chair (2018)  
Association of American Law Schools Section on North American Cooperation, Treasurer (2018)  
Baylor University Model United Nations Team Coach  
Baylor University Residence Hall Advisor  
Global Legal Skills Annual Conference Planning Committee (multiple years), Co-Sponsor (2017)  
Honors, Master Thesis, and Ph.D. Advisor to Multiple Students at Baylor University, The University of Texas, and the University of Luzern  
LL.M. Committee, the University of Texas  
Lucerne Academy of Human Rights Implementation Moot Court Judge  
Lucerne Journal of Transnational Legal Issues Editorial Board Member

Pro Bono Legal Work, Domestic and International  
Rapoport Center for Human Rights Affiliated Faculty  
Society for Mediterranean Law, Culture and Communication Annual Meeting Planning  
Committee  
World Hunger Relief, Inc. Board Member

## **Selected Publications and Presentations**

### Edited Volumes:

RELIGION AS EMPOWERMENT: GLOBAL LEGAL PERSPECTIVES, with Kyriaki Topidi (Routledge 2016).

TRANSNATIONAL LEGAL PROCESSES AND HUMAN RIGHTS, with Kyriaki Topidi (Ashgate 2013).

### Forthcoming Books:

CASES AND MATERIALS ON AFRICAN LAW AND POLICY, under contract with Carolina Academic Press.

RESEARCHING AFRICAN LAW, under contract with Carolina Academic Press.

### Book Chapters:

*Religion as Empowerment: A Framework for Realizing African Women's Rights* in RELIGION AS EMPOWERMENT: GLOBAL LEGAL PERSPECTIVES (Kyriaki Topidi and Lauren Fielder, eds., Routledge, 2016).

*Religion as a Right and Religion as a Tool: Comparative Law Dimensions* (with Kyriaki Topidi), in RELIGION AS EMPOWERMENT: GLOBAL LEGAL PERSPECTIVES (Kyriaki Topidi and Lauren Fielder, eds., Routledge, 2016).

*A Tool for Reconciling Gender and Customary Law*, in WOMEN IN TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE (Lisa Yarwood, ed., Routledge 2013).

*African Courts and African Values: Harmonizing International Human Rights and Customary Law*, in TRANSNATIONAL LEGAL PROCESSES AND HUMAN RIGHTS, with Kyriaki Topidi (Ashgate 2013).

*Introduction*, with Kyriaki Topidi, in *TRANSNATIONAL LEGAL PROCESSES AND HUMAN RIGHTS*, with Kyriaki Topidi (Ashgate 2013).

*Customary International Law and the Internationalization of African Constitutional Law: One Way Forward in the Protection of Human Rights?*, in *RECHT UND DER WEG in die Zukunft* (Schulthess-Verlag 2012).

Articles:

*Is Nationalism the Most Serious Challenge to Human Rights? Warnings From BREXIT and Lessons from History*, 53 *TEXAS INTERNATIONAL LAW JOURNAL* 211 (2018).

*The Internationalization of Constitutional Law: Using Values to Build an African Jurisprudence and Develop a More Inclusive Body of International Human Rights Law*, 1(2) *JOURNAL OF TRANSNATIONAL LEGAL ISSUES* 154 (2013).

*The Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act: Using a “Shield” Statute as a “Sword” for Obtaining Federal Jurisdiction in Art and Antiquities Cases*, 31 *FORDHAM INTERNATIONAL LAW JOURNAL* 781 (2008), reprinted in 13 *Art Antiquity & Law*, Issue 3 (2008).

*United States Implementation of the International Criminal Court: Towards the Federalism of Free Nations*, 17 *JOURNAL OF TRANSNATIONAL LAW AND POLICY* 35 (2008).

*Domesticity and the Texas Community Property System*, 16 *BUFFALO WOMEN’S LAW JOURNAL* 23 (2008).

*A Wakeup Call for a Uniform Statute of Limitations in Art Restitution Cases*, 15 *UCLA ENTERTAINMENT LAW REVIEW* 203 (2008).

*Orkin v. Taylor: A Satisfying Solution to a Dispute Over a Van Gogh or a Blow for Holocaust Art Restitution Claims in United States Federal Court?*, 12 *ART ANTIQUITY & LAW*, Issue 4 (2007).

*Softening the ERISA Blow: Minimizing Physician Liability for Patient Injuries Caused by Managed Care Cost Containment Measures*, 35 *U. TULSA L. REV.* 677-701 (2000).

Forthcoming Chapters and Articles:

*Taking Consumers Seriously: Public Regulatory Tools of Accountability* in POWER TO THE PEOPLE? PRIVATE EFFORTS TO ENFORCE HUMAN RIGHTS IN SUPPLY CHAINS (Eds. Daniel Brinks, Julia Dehm, and Karen Engle).

Book Reviews:

Book Review: Chantal Zabus, *Between Rites and Rights: Excision in Women's Experiential Texts and Human Contexts*, JOURNAL OF MODERN AFRICAN STUDIES, Summer 2008.

Book Review: Bruce Cronin, *Institutions for the Common Good: International Protection Regimes in International Society*, 9 SETON HALL JOURNAL OF DIPLOMACY AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, Summer/Fall 2008.

Book Review: Jason Ralph, *Defending the Society of States: Why America Opposes the International Criminal Court and its Vision of World Society* (Oxford, 2007), 4 EYES ON THE ICC 1 (2007).

Conferences and Presentations:

*The Internationalization of Constitutional Law*, Kuwait International Law School Faculty Seminar, November 2018.

*Criminal Law*, Kaplan Bar Preparation Lecture for International LL.M. students for International Lawyers, Austin, Texas, April 2018.

*New York Family Law*, Kaplan Bar Preparation Lecture for International LL.M. students for International Lawyers, Austin, Texas, April 2018.

*Criminal Law*, Kaplan Bar Preparation Lecture for International Lawyers, Austin, Texas, April 2018.

*New York Family Law*, Kaplan Bar Preparation Lecture for International Lawyers, Austin, Texas, April 2018.

*Texas Family Law*, Kaplan Bar Preparation Lecture for International LL.M. students for International Lawyers, Austin, Texas, March 2018.

*Using Film to Teach About Foreign Legal Systems*, Global Legal Skills Conference, Monterrey, Mexico, March 2017.

*BREXIT and Human Rights*, Texas International Law Symposium, Austin, Texas, February 2017.

*Challenges Faced by LL.M. Programs Integrating Foreign Law Students into Law Schools and Possible Solutions*, Section on Graduate Programs for Non-U.S. Lawyers, American Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California, January 2017.

Moderator, Panel Discussion, *Bridging the Gap Between Graduate Law and J.D. Programs: Fostering Inclusion Through Curriculum and Program Design*, Section on Graduate Programs for Non-U.S. Lawyers, Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California, January 2017.

*Comparing and Contrasting the Common Law in the United States and Great Britain*, Presented at ITAM, Mexico City, November 2016.

Moderator, Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, New York, New York, Section on Graduate Programs for Non-U.S. Lawyers, Recruiting LL.M. Students: Promises, Expectations, Resources, and Realities, January 2016.

Moderator, Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, New York, New York, Section on Graduate Programs for Non-U.S. Lawyers, New Teacher Program, Pedagogy: Legal Research and Writing Classes for Non-U.S. Lawyers, January 2016.

*The Role of Constitutional Courts in the Protection of Women's Rights in Africa*, American Bar Association International Law Section Meeting, Holding Up Half the Sky: The Role of Women's Human Rights in International Investment and Development, New York, New York, April 2014.

Teaching Faculty, European Academy of Legal Theory, Erasmus, European Union, Course Taught: *The Internationalization of Constitutional Law from the African Perspective*, Luzern, January 2014

Conference Organizer (with Kyriaki Topidi), Annual Emerging Scholars Workshop Series, Transnational Legal Scholars Workshop on Multiculturalism, Luzern, Switzerland, November 2013.

Facilitator, American Bar Association London Educational Summit, The Future of International Legal Education, London, England, October 2013.

Conference Organizer (with Kyriaki Topidi), Annual Emerging Scholars Workshop Series,



Transnational Legal Scholars Workshop on Multiculturalism, London, England, April 2013.

*Current Topics in African Law*, Howard University, Washington, D.C., April 2013.

*How to Build a Career in International Law*, Howard University, Washington, D.C., April 2013.

Conference Organizer (with Kyriaki Topidi), Annual Emerging Scholars Workshop Series, Transnational Legal Scholars Workshop on Transnational Law and Gender, Luzern, Switzerland, November 2012.

*Current Issues on African Migration and Human Rights*, Society for Mediterranean Law, Culture and Communication, Sardinia, June 2012.

*Literature as a Comparative Tool*, Global Legal Skills Conference, San Jose, Costa Rica, March 2012.

*Studying Law in Switzerland*, Global Legal Skills Conference, San Jose, Costa Rica, March 2012.

*The Four Pillars of Global Legal Skills*, Plenary Session, Global Legal Skills Conference, San Jose, Costa Rica, March, 2012.

Conference Organizer (with Kyriaki Topidi), Annual Emerging Scholars Workshop Series, Transnational Legal Scholars Workshop on Transnational Law and Gender, Luzern, Switzerland, June 2012.

Conference Organizer (with Kyriaki Topidi), Annual Emerging Scholars Workshop Series, Transnational Legal Scholars Workshop on Global Trends in Law and Religion in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, Luzern, Switzerland, November 2011.

*At the Crossroads of Law, Custom and Religion in Africa: The Polygamy Conundrum*, presentation at the Jubilee Conference on Legal Pluralism, Cape Town, South Africa, September 2011.

*The Resource Curse, African Oil and China's Need for Energy*, presentation at the Beijing Foreign Studies University Lecture Series, Beijing, China, March 2011.

*Towards an African Jurisprudence: Rethinking Judicial Dialogue*, Paper Presented at the African Network of Constitutional Lawyers Annual Meeting, Rabat, Morocco, February 2011.

*Year in Review: African Law*, Paper Presented at the American Association of Law Schools Conference, International Law Section, San Francisco, January 2011.

Conference Organizer (with Kyriaki Topidi), Annual Emerging Scholars Workshop Series, Transnational Legal Process and Cultural Difference, Luzern, Switzerland, November 2010.

*Domestic Application of International Human Rights: How African Constitutional Courts Mediate the Tension Between Culture and Equality*, Paper Presented at the conference The Legitimacy of Constitutional Courts and the Influence of International and Comparative Law, Bilkent University School of Law and University of Lucerne, September 24-25, 2010.

*Family Law Legislative Update*, Presented to the McLennan County Bar Association, December 2005.