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**CURRENT POSITION**

**MELBOURNE LAW SCHOOL** July 2015 -  
SENIOR LECTURER IN PUBLIC LAW

**EDUCATION**

**STANFORD LAW SCHOOL** June 2009  
J.D.

- Founder, Stanford Globalization Forum

**UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD (CHRIST CHURCH)** June 2006  
DPHIL MODERN HISTORY

- Clarendon Scholar (full funding of university and college tuition)

MPHIL RUSSIAN AND EAST EUROPEAN POLITICS June 2003

- Finished first in graduating class with highest distinction

**PRINCETON UNIVERSITY** May 2001

A.B., PUBLIC AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, WOODROW WILSON SCHOOL

- 3.96 Departmental GPA, *magna cum laude*

**PUBLICATIONS**

**A. LAW**

**BOOKS**

COMPARATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL LAW: AN INTERDISCIPLINARY AND GLOBAL APPROACH (with Tom Ginsburg, David Landau, Ozan Varol, and Mila Versteeg) (forthcoming 2017) (under contract with Oxford University Press)

## **BOOK CHAPTERS**

*Post-Soviet Constitution-Making*, in CONSTITUTION-MAKING (David Landau & Hanna Lerner eds., Edward Elgar Press) (forthcoming 2017) (solicited)

*Specialized Constitution-Making Assemblies*, in CONSTITUTION-MAKING IN DEMOCRATIC ORDERS (Gabriel Negretto ed.) (forthcoming 2017).

*Separation of Powers Without Checks and Balances: The Failure of Semi-Presidentialism and the Making of the Russian Constitutional System, 1991-1993*, in THE LEGAL DIMENSION IN COLD WAR INTERACTIONS: SOME NOTES FROM THE FIELD (William Simons & Tatiana Borisova eds., 2012).

## **ARTICLES**

*Is Socialist Law Really Dead?* NYU JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW & POLITICS (forthcoming 2016) (with Eric Ip).

*The Elite Threat to Constitutional Transitions*, VIRGINIA JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW (forthcoming 2016)

*Courts and Constitution-Making*, WAKE FOREST LAW REVIEW (2015)

*Restoration Constitution-Making*, 9 VIENNA JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL CONSTITUTIONAL LAW 514 (2015)

*The Legality of Liberal Revolution*, 38 REVIEW OF CENTRAL & EAST EUROPEAN LAW 5 (2013) (peer reviewed)

*The Dangers of Popular Constitution-Making*, 38 BROOKLYN JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW 193 (2012) (recipient of the American Society of Comparative Law's Younger Comparativists Prize)

*Enforcing Oil and Gas Contracts Without Courts: Reputational Constraints on Resource Nationalism in Russia and Azerbaijan*, 18 JOURNAL OF POST-SOVIET DEMOCRATIZATION 74 (2010) (peer reviewed)

*Reclassifying Russian Law: Mechanisms, Outcomes, and Solutions for an Overly Politicized Field*, 2 COLUMBIA JOURNAL OF EAST EUROPEAN LAW 1 (2008) (translated into Chinese for a book published by Tsinghua University Press).

## **SHORTER PUBLICATIONS (SELECTED)**

*Agendas of Constitutional Decentralization in Ukraine*, CONSTITUTION NET (July 23, 2015), [www.constitutionnet.org/news/agendas-constitutional-decentralization-ukraine](http://www.constitutionnet.org/news/agendas-constitutional-decentralization-ukraine).

*Constitutionally Eroding the Rule of Law*, INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF CONSTITUTIONAL LAW BLOG (Jan. 8, 2014), <http://www.iconnectblog.com/2014/01/constitutionally-eroding-the-rule-of-law>.

*Russia's Financial Police State*, NATIONAL INTEREST (July 19, 2013), <http://nationalinterest.org/commentary/russias-financial-police-state-8746> (co-author Clifford Gaddy).

Opinion, *Hugo Chavez's Constitutional Legacy*, BROOKINGS INSTITUTION (March 14, 2013), <http://www.brookings.edu/research/opinions/2013/03/14-chavez-constitutional-legacy>.

*Putin's Artful Jurisprudence*, NATIONAL INTEREST, Jan.-Feb. 2013.

*Constitution-Making by We the Majority*, BROOKINGS INSTITUTION UP FRONT BLOG (Nov. 30, 2012), <http://www.brookings.edu/blogs/up-front/posts/2012/11/30-constitution-egypt-partlett>.

*Is Egypt's Transition to Democracy Really So Stupid?* INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF CONSTITUTIONAL LAW BLOG (Nov. 11, 2012), <http://www.icconnectblog.com/2012/11/is-egypts-transition-to-democracy-really-so-stupid>.

*Online Symposium: A Pragmatist's Response to the "Democratic Coup d'Etat"*, 53 HARVARD JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW (2012), <http://opiniojuris.org/2012/09/27/a-review-of-ozan-varols-the-democratic-coup-detat>.

Opinion, *Mr. Putin's Rule-by-Law State*, BROOKINGS INSTITUTION (June 19, 2012), <http://www.brookings.edu/research/opinions/2012/06/19-putin-law-partlett>.

*Thinking of Investing in Kazakhstan? New Developments in the Kazakh Legal Framework*, CASPIAN INVESTOR (June 2008) (co-authors Aset Shyngyssov and Bakhytzhan Kadyrov).

## **B. HISTORY**

### **BOOKS**

BUILDING SOVIET CITIZENS WITH AMERICAN TOOLS: RUSSIAN REVOLUTIONS AND S. T. SHATSKII'S RURAL SCHOOLS, 1905–1932 (2011).

### **ARTICLES**

*Bourgeois Ideas in Communist Construction: The Development of Stanislav Shatskii's Teacher Training Methods*, 35 HIST. EDUC. 453 (2006).

*The Cultural Revolution in the Village School: S.T. Shatskii's Kaluga School Complex, 1919-1927*, 3 JOURNAL OF THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY 1 (2005).

*Breaching Cultural Worlds with the Village School: Educational Visions, Local Initiative, and Rural Experience at S.T. Shatsky's Kaluga School System, 1919–1931*, 82 SLAVONIC & EAST EUROPEAN REVIEW 847 (2004).

Book Review, 6 KRITIKA 439 (2005) (reviewing E. M. Balashov, *Shkola v Rossijskom Obshchestve, 1917-1927: Stanovlenie 'Novogo Cheloveka'* [The School in Russian Society 1917-1927: The Creation of a 'New Man'] (2003)).

## **PRESENTATIONS**

*The Death of Socialist Law?* King's College London School of Law, London, UK (June 25, 2015)

*The Russian Legal Tradition (And Why it Matters)*, BROOKINGS INSTITUTION & UNITED STATES STATE DEPARTMENT, Washington, D.C., (June 15 & June 24, 2015)

*The Hard Sides of Soft Law*, COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL, New York, N.Y. (July 9, 2013).

*We the Mediated People*, LAW & SOCIETY CONFERENCE, Boston, M.A. (May 31, 2013).

*Soft Law, Hard Authoritarianism*, KENNAN INSTITUTE & UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, Washington, DC (May 14–15, 2013).

*Is Our Constitution-Making Theory Too French?* COMPARATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL LAW ROUNDTABLE, Columbia Law School, New York, N.Y. (February 22, 2013).

*Liberal Authoritarianism?* CARNEGIE INSTITUTE FOR PEACE, Washington, DC (June 12, 2012).

*Making Constitutions Matter: The Danger of Constitutional Politics in Current Post-Authoritarian Constitution-Making*, YOUNGER COMPARATIVISTS PANEL, ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF COMPARATIVE LAW, McGeorge School of Law, Sacramento, CA (October 20–22, 2011).

*The Dangers of Constitutionalizing Democracy: Russian Constitutional History, 1991–2009*, COMPARATIVE ASPECTS ON CONSTITUTIONS: THEORY AND PRACTICE, The Institute for Advanced Legal Study, London, U.K. (June 29–July 1, 2010).

*Understanding Post-Soviet Resource Nationalism and Contractual Negotiation: The Demand for Foreign Capital and Contractual Stability*, THE ROLE OF LAW IN THE CONSTRUCTION AND DESTRUCTION OF DEMOCRACY IN POST-COMMUNISM, THE HAVIGHURST CENTER, Miami University, Oxford, O.H. (October 24–26, 2008).

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

**THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG**  
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

August 2014 – June 2015

**COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL**  
ASSOCIATE-IN-LAW, LECTURER, AND  
POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH SCHOLAR

July 2012 – July 2014

**THE BROOKINGS INSTITUTION**

November 2011 – July 2012

FELLOW, WASHINGTON, DC

**OFFICE OF THE FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER**  
COMMUNITY SERVICE FELLOW, AUSTIN, TX

January 2011 – November 2011

**THE HONORABLE PHYLLIS A. KRAVITCH**

JUDICIAL CLERK, COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE ELEVENTH CIRCUIT, ATLANTA, GA

Sept. 2009 – October 2010

**HOGAN & HARTSON, LLP**  
LAW CLERK, WASHINGTON, DC

Late Summer 2008

**DEWEY & LEBOEUF, LLP**  
LAW CLERK, ALMATY, KAZAKHSTAN

Early Summer 2008

**LEBOEUF, LAMB, GREENE, & MACRAE, LLP**  
LAW CLERK, NEW YORK, NY; MOSCOW, RUSSIA

Summer 2007

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**MELBOURNE LAW SCHOOL**  
CONSTITUTIONAL LAW, PRINCIPLES OF PUBLIC LAW

July 2015 -

**THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG**  
COMMON LAW METHOD, CONSTITUTIONAL LAW, AND  
COMPARATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL LAW

August 2014 - June 2015

**COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL**  
LEGAL METHODS/LEGAL RESEARCH AND WRITING

August 2012 – present

- Designed a syllabus teaching core legal skills in legal research, writing, and advocacy to two 20-student sections.

**STANFORD UNIVERSITY**  
TEACHING ASSISTANT, POLITICAL SCIENCE 1: INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

September 2008 – December 2008

- Created lesson plans and taught two hour-long, 15-student section; conducted office hours and graded weekly essays, midterms, and finals.

**OXFORD UNIVERSITY**  
TUTOR

August 2003 – July 2005

- Created lesson plans for one-on-one tutorials on modern Russian history.

## **BAR ADMISSION**

**NEW YORK**

Oct. 2009 - present

## **GRANTS RECEIVED**

Yegor Gaidar Fellowship Program (United States Russia Foundation, 2014)

Pepsico Research Grant (Columbia University Harriman Institute, 2014)

United States Title IX Grant (Columbia, 2013)

Columbia Center for Constitutional Governance Grant (Columbia, 2013)

American Friend's Scholarship (Oxford, 2002, 2003)

Dean's Fund Award (Princeton, 2001)

## **LANGUAGE SKILLS AND INTERESTS**

Russian; tennis, live music, classical guitar.