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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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**Brigham Young University** 2020 – Present  
Associate Professor  
Francis R. Kirkham Associate Professor, 2023-2024 (one-year appointment)

**University of Chicago Law School** 2018 – 2020  
Harry A. Bigelow Teaching Fellow and Lecturer in Law, 2018-2020

## EDUCATION

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**University of Chicago** Ph.D. in Economics, 2018  
*Dissertation: “Do Enforcement Provisions Promote Investment? New Evidence From a Natural Experiment in the Investment Treaty Network”*  
*Committee:* Steve Levitt (Chair), Tom Miles, Tom Ginsburg, Jonathan Dingel

**University of Michigan Law School** J.D. (*cum laude*), 2013  
*Activities:* International Transactions Clinic, Student Funded Fellowships Board Member

**University of Michigan** M.P.P., 2013

**Johns Hopkins University** M.A. in Teaching, 2009

**Brigham Young University** B.S. in Mathematics (University Honors), 2006

## PUBLICATIONS & SUBMITTED WORKS

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*Fix the Price or Price the Fix: Resolving the Sequencing Puzzle in Corporate Acquisitions*, (under review with the JOURNAL OF POLITICAL ECONOMY, a peer reviewed journal) (w/ Josh Higbee, Matt Jennejohn, & Eric Talley).

*Do Enforcement Provisions Promote Investment? New Evidence from a Natural Experiment in the Investment Treaty Network*, (revise and resubmit with the J. LEGAL STUD., a peer reviewed journal).

*An Evidence-Based Approach to Fair Use*, GEORGIA LAW REVIEW (forthcoming 2025) (w/ Clark Asay, Cassidy McCleary, & Stephanie Plamondon).

*Testing the Independence Hypothesis*, ADMIN. LAW REVIEW (forthcoming 2025) (w/ Tyler Lindley & Thomas Smith), draft available upon request.

*The Diffusion of Deal Innovations in Complex Contractual Networks*, J. EMP. LEGAL STUD. (forthcoming 2025) (peer reviewed) (w/ Matt Jennejohn & Kristina Bishop).

*Killing as Capital: Perverse Effects of Truce Negotiations on Gang Violence in El Salvador*, 22 J. EMP. LEGAL STUD. 90 (2025) (peer reviewed) (w/ Preston Lloyd).

*(Un)Stable BITs* 47 YALE J. INT. LAW 247 (2022) (w/ Weijia Rao).

*Sticky BITs*, 61 HARVARD INT. LAW J. 357 (2020) (w/ Weijia Rao).

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#### WORKING PAPERS

*Decriminalization and Death: A Retrospective on the Urban Costs and Consequences of Oregon's Measure 110* (w/ Jane Mitchell, Dane Thorley, and Dylan Thomas)

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#### WORKS IN PROGRESS

*Gang Violence & Import Competition under the CAFTA-DR* (w/ Will Cockriel)

*Preference Updating in Bilateral Investment Treaties* (w/ Weijia Rao)

*Intensive Innovation in Contract Design* (w/ Matt Jennejohn & Kristina Bishop)

*Grading the WTO Appellate Body*

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#### SUPERVISED STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Cassidy McCleary, *An Evidence-Based Approach to Fair Use*, GEORGIA LAW REVIEW (forthcoming 2025) (w/ Clark Asay, Cree Jones, & Stephanie Plamondon).

Thomas Smith, *Testing the Independence Hypothesis*, ADMIN. LAW REVIEW (2025) (w/ Cree Jones & Tyler Lindley).

Preston Lloyd, *Killing as Capital: Perverse Effects of Truce Negotiations on Gang Violence in El Salvador*, 22 J. EMP. LEGAL STUD. 90 (2025) (w/ Cree Jones).

Erin Cranor, *Testing the Application and Boundaries of the "Fighting Words" Doctrine: A Randomized Survey Experiment*, 50 BYU L. REV. (2025) (w/ Dane Thorley).

Danny Nelson, *College Athletes, TikTok, and Title IX: An Empirical Exploration of the Title IX Implications of the NCAA's New NIL Policy*, 31 THE SPORTS LAWYERS J. (2024).

Matt Johnson, *America the Divisible – Local Taxes and the SALT Subsidy*, 48 BYU L. Rev. 687 (2023).

Miranda Hatch, *Is Trade Sexist? How "Pink" Tariff Policies' Harmful Effects Can Be Curtailed Through Litigation and Legislation*, 47 BYU L. Rev. 651 (2022).

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#### HONORS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

Early Career Teaching Award, Brigham Young University (2025)

BYU Law 1L Professor of the Year (2021-2022)

BYU Law 1L Professor of the Year (2020-2021)

Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, University of Michigan (2013)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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<b>American Law and Economics Association Meeting</b> , New York City, NY "An Evidence Based Approach to Fair Use" "Fix the Price of Price the Fix: Resolving the Sequencing Puzzle in Corporate Contracting"	May 2025
<b>Rocky Mountain Junior Scholars Conference</b> , Salt Lake City, UT "An Evidence Based Approach to Fair Use"	November 2024
<b>American Law and Economics Association Meeting</b> , Ann Arbor MI "Intensive Innovation in Contract Design"	May 2024
<b>Sokol Colloquium</b> , Charlottesville, VA "Intensive Innovation in Contract Design" "Preference Updating in Bilateral Investment Treaties"	March 2024
<b>BYU Winter Deals Conference</b> , Park City, UT "Intensive Innovation in Contract Design"	March 2024
<b>Conference on Empirical Legal Studies</b> , Chicago, IL "Killing as Capital"	October 2023
<b>American Law and Economics Association Meeting</b> , Boston, MA "Killing as Capital"	June 2023
<b>Rocky Mountain Junior Scholars Conference</b> , Salt Lake City, UT "Killing as Capital"	December 2022
<b>Conference on Empirical Legal Studies</b> , Charlottesville, VA "Top-Ups & Telephone"	November 2022
<b>Penn-NYU Empirical Contracts Workshop</b> "Top-Ups & Telephone"	June 2022
<b>BYU Winter Deals Conference</b> , Park City, UT "Top-Ups & Telephone"	March 2022
<b>American Society of International Law Mid-Year Meeting</b> , Miami, FL "(Un)Stable BITs"	November 2021
<b>American Law and Economics Association Meeting</b> , New York, NY "Sticky BITs: Provision Adaptation and Diffusion in the Investment Treaty Network"	May 2019
<b>Stanford Program in Law &amp; Society Junior Scholars Conference</b> , Palo Alto, CA "Do Legal Remedies Promote Investment? New Evidence from a Natural Experiment in the Investment Treaty Network"	May 2019
<b>UPenn Perry World House Conference on International Law</b> , Philadelphia, PA	March 2019

“Sticky BITs: Provision Adaptation and Diffusion in the Investment Treaty Network”

**Conference on Empirical Legal Studies**, Ann Arbor, MI November 2018  
“Do Legal Remedies Promote Investment? New Evidence from a Natural Experiment in the Investment Treaty Network”

**Midwest Law and Economics Association Meeting**, Tuscaloosa, AL September 2018  
“Sticky BITs: Provision Adaptation and Diffusion in the Investment Treaty Network”

**American Law and Economics Association Meeting**, Boston, MA May 2018  
“Do Legal Remedies Promote Investment? New Evidence from a Natural Experiment in the Investment Treaty Network”

**European Trade Study Group**, Florence, Italy September 2017  
“Do Legal Remedies Promote Investment? New Evidence from a Natural Experiment in the Investment Treaty Network”

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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**Brigham Young University Law School**, Provo, UT

Contracts	fall 2023
Property	fall 2020, 2021, 2022
Empirical Legal Studies	fall 2021-winter 2022, fall 2022-winter 2023, fall 2023-winter 2024, fall 2024-winter 2025
International Business Transactions	winter 2021, 2023, 2024, 2025
The Law & Economics of U.S. Trade Policy	winter 2021
International Commercial Arbitration Academy – Singapore	spring 2022
International Commercial Arbitration Academy – Geneva, Switzerland	spring 2023

**University of Chicago Law School**, Chicago, IL

Legal research and writing, Lecturer	2018-2020
The Law & Economics of U.S. Trade Policy	winter 2020

**University of Chicago, Department of Economics**, Chicago, IL

Introduction to macroeconomics (BA), Instructor	winter 2017
Core subjects working group (PhD), Instructor	2015-2017

BYU LAW SCHOOL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

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Curriculum Committee, Member	Aug. 2022-June 2024, Aug. 2025-Present
Student Awards Committee, Chair	Aug. 2025-Present
Teaching Committee, Member	Aug. 2024-Present
Coordinator, Global Law Seminar – Geneva, Switzerland	Aug. 2020-Present
BYU Law Future of Antitrust, Faculty Lead	Aug. 2024-Aug. 2025

The Law and Economics of Antitrust Conference, Co-Organizer	Oct. 2025
J. Reuben Clark Scholarly Research Grant Committee, Member	Aug. 2020-June 2025
Appointments Committee, Member	Aug. 2024-June 2025
External Speakers Committee, Chair	Aug. 2023-June 2024
External Speakers Committee, Member	Aug. 2020-June 2023
Academies Working Group, Member	Aug. 2022-June 2023
Technology Committee, Member	Aug. 2020-June 2022
Director, International Commercial Arbitration Academy – Geneva, Switzerland	Spring 2023
Director, International Commercial Arbitration Academy – Singapore	Spring 2022
Search Committee for Director of Student Affairs, Member	Aug. 2020-Dec. 2020

#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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<b>United Nations Conference on Trade and Development</b> , Geneva, Switzerland	
Lead Consultant, IIA University Mapping Project	2012-2017
Legal Intern	summer 2012
<b>United States Department of the Treasury</b> , Washington, D.C.	
International Economist Intern	summer 2011
<b>Innovations for Poverty Action</b> , Sorsogon, Philippines	
Project Intern	summer 2010

#### MEMBERSHIPS

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Society of Empirical Legal Studies	2018-Present
American Law & Economics Association	2018-Present
American Society for International Law	2019-2021

#### COMMUNITY SERVICE

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<b>Teach for America</b> , Baltimore, MD	
Secondary Math Teacher	2006-2008
Corps Member Advisor	summer 2008
Lead Corps Member Advisor	summer 2009
<b>The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints</b> , Olongapo, Philippines	
Missionary	2001-2003