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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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**University of New Mexico School of Law, Albuquerque, NM**

*Associate Professor of Law*, July 2020 – to present

*Assistant Professor of Law*, July 2017 – July 2020

Tenure-stream appointment. Courses taught: Natural Resources and Environmental Law Clinic, Climate Change and Energy Transition Law and Policy; Environmental Law. Primary areas of focus: environment, energy, natural resources, climate change.

**Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, DC**

*Adjunct Professor*, December 2012 – June 2017

Taught an annual climate change law and policy practicum course as an adjunct professor at Georgetown Law.

## EDUCATION

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**Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, DC**

Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, October 2010

**New College of Florida, Sarasota, FL**

Bachelor of Arts, May 2001

(New College is the honors college of the Florida public university system)

Area of Concentration: Philosophy | Thesis: Towards a Nietzschean Ethical Agency

## OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

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**Georgetown Climate Center, Georgetown Law, Washington, DC**

*Program Manager for Climate Change Mitigation*, July 2014 – June 2017

*Institute Associate*, December 2010 – July 2014

Managed the Center's work to advance state and federal greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction policies in the power and transportation sectors. This included providing legal and policy counsel to state officials, facilitating coordinated state action, supporting state engagement in federal policymaking, and convening stakeholders.

Key accomplishments:

- Facilitated coordinated action from a group of over a dozen states supporting EPA's Clean Power Plan (CPP), including [two rounds of detailed comments on the rule](#), multiple in-person meetings of state leaders with the White House and EPA to provide input, a [14-state bipartisan letter](#) requesting model rules, and [state public and media engagement](#) around regulatory actions and litigation
- Coordinated with state attorneys general to support climate litigation

- Developed a network of state agency staff in 32 states working on clean energy and climate policies and engaged states on key implementation issues through webinars and discussion calls
- Led development of multiple white papers on clean energy and transportation legal and policy issues
- Led facilitation of the [Transportation and Climate Initiative \(TCI\)](#), a collaboration among 11 northeast states and DC to reduce GHG emissions from the transportation sector
- Supervised work to support state promotion of electric vehicles, including [federal EV corridor designations](#), regional planning for EV infrastructure build-out that includes VW settlement, and analysis of utility investment models and associated regulatory issues

**White House Office of Energy and Climate Change, Washington, DC**

*Intern, January 2010 – May 2010*

Provided project support, legal research, and policy analysis in the office of the Assistant to the President for Energy and Climate Change, Carol M. Browner. Included work on greenhouse gas standards for light duty and medium and heavy-duty vehicles and related Presidential Memorandum.

**U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Energy and Commerce, Washington, DC**

*Intern for Majority Staff, Energy and Environment Team, January 2009 – May 2009*

Researched law and policy for the staff of Committee Chair Rep. Henry A. Waxman while the committee was drafting the first comprehensive climate-change legislation to be passed by the House of Representatives (H.R. 2454, the American Clean Energy and Security Act).

**Georgetown Iraqi Refugee Resettlement Project, Washington, DC**

*Investigator, Joint-Report Committee Co-Chair, January 2009 – December 2009*

Conducted fact-finding mission investigating the Iraqi refugee crisis and the U.S. refugee resettlement system, including interviews with 75 Iraqi refugees. Served as an editor on the project report, published in October 2009. Briefed U.S. State Department officials and Congressional staff.

**Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse (TRAC), Washington, DC**

*Immigration Courts Project Legal Intern, May 2008 – July 2009*

Researched and co-authored two reports on immigration judge workload, hiring, training and performance as part of a project to monitor asylum grant-rate disparities. Reports resulted in newspaper articles, a Washington Post editorial, and testimony at a Congressional hearing.

**Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, DC**

*Research Assistant for University Professor Robin West, August 2008 – May 2009*

Researched Supreme Court decisions concerning right to privacy for Yale Law Review article.

*Research Assistant for Professor Philip G. Schrag, August 2008 – May 2009*

Researched performance of the Department of Homeland Security for a policy memorandum.

**Capital Community News, Washington, DC**

*Associate Editor, Reporter, October 2002 – July 2007*

Edited and reported for three DC-based community newspapers. Wrote news and investigative feature articles and managed a pool of over 20 freelancers. Reported closely on public schools reform, gentrification and economic development, disparities in health care, and youth crime prevention.

## ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP

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*Greening the Old New Deal: Reforming Rural Electric Cooperative Governance*, 85 MO. L. REV. 409 (2020).

*Making the Most of Cooperative Federalism: What the Clean Power Plan has Already Achieved*, 29 GEO. ENVTL. L. REV. 301 (2017).

*New Strategies for Reducing Transportation Emissions and Preparing for Climate Impacts*, 44 FORDHAM URB. L.J. 919 (2017) (Symposium Article; with Vicki Arroyo, Kathryn A. Zyla).

*State Innovation on Climate Change: Reducing Emissions from Key Sectors, While Preparing for a “New Normal,”* 10 HARV. L. & POL’Y REV. 385 (2016) (with Vicki Arroyo, Kathryn A. Zyla, and Melissa Deas).

*Current Development: Controversy Reemerges Over Hiring, Review of Immigration Judges*, 22 GEO. IMMIGR. L. J. 805 (2008).

## SELECTED OTHER PUBLICATIONS

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POLICY BRIEF: NEW MEXICO HOUSE BILL 206, UTILITY AFFORDABILITY AND RELIEF ACT (2021), [https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=3846451](https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3846451) .

NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS, AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT, GRID MODERNIZATION BASELINE REPORT OF NEW MEXICO’S ELECTRICITY SECTOR (2020) (co-author with Daren Zigich, and Jacqueline Waite), [https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=3712713](https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3712713).

UTTON TRANSBOUNDARY RESOURCES CENTER AND NEW MEXICO FIRST, NEW MEXICO’S RENEWABLE PORTFOLIO STANDARD: ANALYSIS OF EXISTING POLICY DESIGN ELEMENTS AND COMPLIANCE OBLIGATIONS BEYOND 2020 (2018), [https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=3314232](https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3314232).

GEORGETOWN CLIMATE CENTER, RUTGERS UNIVERSITY, AND WORLD RESOURCES INSTITUTE, AN EXAMINATION OF POLICY OPTIONS FOR ACHIEVING GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS IN NEW JERSEY (2017), [https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=3064072](https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3064072) (lead author with James Bradbury, Hampden Macbeth, Drew Veysey, Matthew Goetz, Tanya Abrahamian, Kathryn Zyla, Noah Kaufman, Marjorie Kaplan, Jeanne Herb and Jennifer A. Senick).

GEORGETOWN CLIMATE CENTER, REDUCING TRANSPORTATION EMISSIONS IN THE NORTHEAST AND MID-ATLANTIC: FUEL SYSTEM CONSIDERATIONS (2017), <http://www.georgetownclimate.org/reports/reducing-transportation-emissions-in-the-northeast-and-mid-atlantic-fuel-system-considerations.html> (co-author with Drew Veysey and James Bradbury).

GEORGETOWN CLIMATE CENTER, REDUCING GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS FROM TRANSPORTATION: OPPORTUNITIES IN THE NORTHEAST AND MID-ATLANTIC (2015), <http://www.georgetownclimate.org/reports/reducing-greenhouse-gas-emissions-from-transportation-opportunities-in-the-northeast-and-mid-atlantic.html> (lead author with Vicki Arroyo, Kate Zyla, Matthew Goetz, Christopher Porter, David Jackson).

GEORGETOWN CLIMATE CENTER, POLICY BRIEF: SUPPORTING STATE PLAN COMPATIBILITY AND INTERSTATE COMPLIANCE WITH THE CLEAN POWER PLAN (2015), <http://www.georgetownclimate.org/reports/supporting-state-plan-compatibility-and-interstate-compliance-with-the-clean-power-plan.html> (co-author with Kate Zyla and Lissa Lynch).

GEORGETOWN CLIMATE CENTER, POLICY BRIEF: SINGLE STATE CLEAN POWER PLAN COMPLIANCE APPROACHES WITH INTERSTATE ELEMENTS (2015), <http://www.georgetownclimate.org/reports/single-state-clean-power-plan-compliance-approaches-with-interstate-elements.html> (co-author with Lissa Lynch, Kate Zyla, Tom Curry, Carrie Jenks, and Grace Vermeer).

GEORGETOWN CLIMATE CENTER, AN OVERVIEW OF POTENTIAL CLEAN POWER PLAN COMPLIANCE PATHWAYS (2015), <http://www.georgetownclimate.org/reports/an-overview-of-potential-clean-power-plan-compliance-pathways.html> (co-author with Lissa Lynch, Tom Curry, and Carrie Jenks).

GEORGETOWN CLIMATE CENTER, KEY ISSUES FOR STATES IN EPA'S CLEAN POWER PLAN PROPOSED RULE (2014), <http://www.georgetownclimate.org/reports/detailed-summary-of-the-epa-s-proposed-rule-to-limit-carbon-pollution-from-the-power-sector.html> (lead author with Kate Zyla).

GEORGETOWN CLIMATE CENTER, STATE-LEVEL PROGRAMS AND POLICIES SUPPORTING SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES WITHIN TRANSPORTATION AND CLIMATE INITIATIVE (TCI) JURISDICTIONS (2012), <http://www.georgetownclimate.org/reports/state-level-programs-and-policies-supporting-sustainable-communities-within-transportation-and-climate-initiative-jurisdictions.html>.

ISSUE BRIEF: EPA'S FORTHCOMING PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR REGULATING GHG POLLUTION (2011), <http://www.georgetownclimate.org/issue-brief-epas-forthcoming-performance-standards-for-regulating-ghg-pollution>.

WHAT STATES SHOULD KNOW ABOUT EPA'S REGULATION OF GREENHOUSE GASES (2011), <http://www.georgetownclimate.org/what-states-should-know-about-epa-regulation-of-greenhouse-gases> (with Gabe Weil).

OVERVIEW OF STATE-RELATED PROVISIONS, AMERICAN CLEAN ENERGY AND SECURITY ACT (2009), <http://georgetownclimate.org/federal/files/GCCHR2454state-fedsummary07-17-09%20%281%29.pdf> (with Kate Zyla).

REFUGEE CRISIS IN AMERICA: IRAQIS AND THEIR RESETTLEMENT EXPERIENCE: A FACT-FINDING INVESTIGATION BY HUMAN RIGHTS ACTION IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTE, GEORGETOWN LAW (2009), <http://www.law.georgetown.edu/academics/centers-institutes/human-rights-institute/fact-finding/upload/RefugeeCrisisInAmericaReport.pdf> (co-editor and co-author).

*Immigration Courts: Still A Troubled Institution*, TRANSACTION RECORDS ACTION CLEARINGHOUSE (June 30, 2009) (unbylined report that catalogs status of 30 reforms promised by the U.S. Department of Justice to improve immigration courts).

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS & ROUNDTABLES

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**AALS Conference**, Environmental Law and Natural Resources & Energy Law Sections' 2022 Works-in-Progress Session: *A Heightened Duty to Protect Tribal Waters: Applying Indian Canons of Construction to Generally Applicable Environmental Statutes*, Jan. 5, 2022, virtual.

**New Mexico Bar Association Indian Law Section Annual CLE**, *Tribal Challenges to Rollbacks of Clean Water Act Protections*, Nov. 4, 2021, virtual.

**New Mexico Climate Summit**, *Ideas from Outside*, Oct. 26, 2021, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

**Online Environmental Law Workshop**, *Keeping all lights on in the energy transition: A roadmap to universal service*, Oct. 18, 2021, virtual.

**Energy Policy Institute, 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Energy Policy Conference**, *Lessons for an Equitable Clean Energy Transition from the COVID-19 Disconnection Crisis: A Legal Survey of State Policy Options*, Oct. 15, 2021, virtual.

**Vermont Law School, Colloquium on Environmental Scholarship**, *Lessons for an Equitable Clean Energy Transition from the COVID-19 Disconnection Crisis: A Legal Survey of State Policy Options*, Sept. 25, 2021, virtual.

**Early-career Energy Scholars Workshop**, *Lessons for an Equitable Clean Energy Transition from the COVID-19 Disconnection Crisis: A Legal Survey of State Policy Options*, June 29, 2021, virtual.

**New Mexico State Climate Equity Advisory Group**, *Survey of Climate Justice Principles*, May 26, 2021, virtual.

**AALS 2021 Conference on Clinical Legal Education**, Lightning Session: *Developing an Open Records Act Strategy at a Public University Clinic*, April 29, 2021, virtual (co-presenter with Serge Martinez).

**New Mexico State Legislature, House Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee**, *Expert Testimony on House Bill 206: Utility Affordability and Relief Act*, Feb. 21, 2021, virtual.

**New Mexico State Legislature, Local Government, Land Grants, and Cultural Affairs Committee**, *Expert Testimony on House Bill 189: Amendment to the Community Governance Attorney Act to Adjust Maximum Annual Salaries*, Feb. 4, 2021, virtual.

**New Mexico Public Regulation Commission**: Workshop on Transitioning From COVID-19 Utility Disconnection Moratorium, *Presentation: Utility Relief and Affordability Act*, January 19, 2021, virtual.

**Association of American Law Schools Annual Conference**: New Voices in Administrative Law and Legislations, *Administering Climate Justice*, January 9, 2021, virtual.

**Stockholm Environmental Law and Policy Centre at Stockholm University, Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University and Pace Environmental Law Review**, *The Climate Crisis: Legal Safeguards for Justice and Security*, *Administering Climate Justice*, December 2-3, 2020, virtual.

**University of New Mexico, Ethics, Values and Shared Decision Making Annual Conference: Interprofessional Interactions for Improved Health and Population Health Outcomes**, Presentation: *Environmental Contaminants*, Nov. 6, 2020, virtual.

**University of Utah College of Law, Rocky Mountain Junior Scholars Conference**, *Administering Climate Justice*, Nov. 6, 2020, virtual.

**Voice of Los Alamos**, Presentation, Opportunities for Advancing Low-income Energy Efficiency Policies in New Mexico, Oct. 26, 2020, virtual.

**Summer 2020 Virtual Early Career Energy Scholars Workshop**, University of Colorado Law School, *Administering Climate Justice*, July 10, 2020.

**Environment, Energy and Natural Resources (EENR) Center of University of Houston Law Center**, *Non-Profit Energy Cooperatives as the Catalyst of the Movement of the People to Renewable Energy*, April 3, 2020.

**American Council on an Energy Efficient Economy**, 2020 Rural Energy Conference, *Plenary: Policies to Drive Rural Energy Efficiency*, February 25, 2020, Chicago, IL.

**Association of American Law Schools Annual Conference**, *Food, Environmental and Natural Resources Works in Progress*, January 4, 2020, Washington, D.C.

**Vermont Law School**, Vermont Law Review Symposium: The Green New Deal, *Climate Justice and Administrative Law*, October 4, 2019.

**Southern Environmental Law Scholars Workshop**, *Greening the Old New Deal*, July 17-19, 2019.

**Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law**, Arizona State University, Sustainability Conference of American Legal Educators, *Greening the Old New Deal*, May 10, 2019.

**Online Workshop for Environmental Scholarship**, *Greening the Old New Deal*, February 25, 2019.

**Western Colorado University**, Colorado-New Mexico Rural Electricity Cooperatives Clean Energy Meeting, *PURPA and Rural Electricity Cooperatives*, January 14-15, 2019.

**Texas A&M University School of Law**, 2019 Regional Power Shift Conference, Roundtable Participant (invitation-only roundtable), December 14, 2018.

**University of New Mexico School of Law**, *Colorado's Experience Using State Regulations to Cut Air Pollution from the Oil and Gas Sector*, moderator and organizer, November 16, 2018.

**University of California Irvine School of Law**, Center for Land, Environment, and Natural Resources (CLEANR), Transportation, Land Use, & Climate Change Mitigation, Roundtable Participant (invitation-only roundtable), October 19, 2018.

**Vermont Law School**, Colloquium on Environmental Scholarship, *Towards Just Climate Policymaking: A Framework for Assessing Justice Claims and Remedies*, September 21, 2018.

**Energy Policy Institute, Boise State University**, Energy Policy Research Conference, *PURPA and Rural Coops: Old Dog, Same (Pretty Good) Trick*, September 6, 2018.

**Columbia Law School**, Sabin Colloquium on Innovative Environmental Law Scholarship, *Can We Have Climate Justice and Still Prevent Catastrophe? Toward Just, Efficient, and Inclusive GHG Reduction Policies*, May 31, 2018.

**Northeast Association of State Transportation Officials Annual Meeting**, CEOs Business Session, *Transportation and Climate Initiative: Developing Potential Market-based Policies*, June 6, 2016.

**University Transportation Research Center at the City College of New York, New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, New York State Department of Transportation**, Transportation Transformed: Advancing Eco-Friendly Mobility, *Keynote: Reducing GHG Emissions in Transportation and the Role of Eco-Mobility*, April 27, 2016.

**American Association for the Advancement of Science**, Symposium: So You Want a Low Carbon Future?, Challenges and Opportunities for Transitioning to a Low-Carbon Transportation Future, panelist, May 6, 2016.

**U.S. Department of Transportation**, Climate Leadership Workshop, *Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Transportation: Opportunities in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic*, January 10, 2016.

**Washington State House of Representatives, Committee on Technology and Economic Development**, *Compliance Options and Considerations Under the Clean Power Plan*, January 20, 2016.

**Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions, Duke University**, The Clean Power Plan: Options and Impacts in the Southeast, panelist, September 24, 2015.

**Institute for Regulatory Policy Studies, Illinois State University**, Energy in Illinois and the Clean Power Plan, panelist, October 22, 2015.

**National Conference of State Legislatures**, *Compliance Options and Considerations Under the Clean Power Plan*, November 11, 2015.

**Center for Strategic and International Studies**, The Future of RGGI, panelist, June 4, 2015.

**University of Chicago**, The Next Frontier of Climate Change, State and Local Action, panelist, April 10, 2015.

**Kentucky Governor's Conference on Energy and Environment**, *Clean Power Plan Legal Framework and Options for State Compliance*, October 8, 2014.

**U.S. Climate Action Network**, *Overview of EPA's Proposed Clean Power Plan Rule*, June 6, 2014.

**West Virginia University College of Law**, Regulation of CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions from Power Plants: Flexibility and the Path Forward for Coal Dependent States, *State Compliance Options under Clean Air Act Section 111(d)*, February 25, 2014.

**Energy Bar Association**, Mid-Year Meeting and Conference, Climate Action, panelist, October 23, 2013.

**National Association of Clean Air Agencies (NACAA) Annual Meeting, *A Framework for State Equivalency in Clean Air Act Regulations for Power Plants*, May 7, 2012.**

**Environmental Law Institute**, Debrief of the DC Circuit's Oral Arguments on EPA's GHG Rulemakings, *Background to GHG Cases Being Argued Before D.C. Circuit*, March 1, 2012.

**Transportation and Climate Initiative Workshop on Sustainable Community Metrics and Indicators**, *Survey of State Law, Programs, and Policies Supporting Sustainable Community Outcomes in Transportation & Climate Initiative (TCI) Jurisdictions*, December 6, 2011.

## **BAR MEMBERSHIP, OTHER PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

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District of Columbia Bar (member).

Admitted to U.S. Courts of Appeals for 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit, District of Columbia Circuit; U.S. District Court for the District of New Mexico.

New Mexico Climate Change Task Force Technical Advisory Group (March 2021 – present).

Albuquerque Energy Council, member (summer 2021 – present).

UNM School of Law Liaison, Natural Resources, Energy, and Environmental Law Section, State Bar of New Mexico (January 2019-August 2021).

Special Task Force on Climate Change and Energy, Transportation Research Board, National Academies of Science (2012-2019).

New Mexico Methane Advisory Panel technical workgroup (August 2019-December 2019).

## **AWARDS**

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Ronald & Susan Friedman Award for Faculty Excellence, University of New Mexico School of Law (2018).