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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Nebraska College of Law, Lincoln, Nebraska	
<i>Professor of Law</i>	2020 – present
<i>Associate Professor of Law</i>	2017 – 2020
<i>Assistant Professor of Law</i>	2012 – 2017
Rural Reconciliation Project	
<i>Co-Founder and Co-Director</i>	2020 – present
University of Alberta Faculty of Law, Edmonton, Canada	
<i>Fulbright Canada Research Chair in Aboriginal Legal and Resource Rights</i>	2018 – 2019

FELLOWSHIPS AND SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

Andrew Carnegie Fellowship	2021 – present
Fulbright U.S. Scholar Award (University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada)	2018 – 2019
Skadden Fellowship (Farmers' Legal Action Group, Inc., Saint Paul, Minnesota)	2005 – 2007

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIP

The Honorable David M. Ebel, United States Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit	2004-2005
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EDUCATION

University of Wisconsin Law School, J.D., 2004, *summa cum laude*
(Class Rank: 1/226 • GPA: 92.08/95.00 • highest grade in 13 out of 19 eligible courses)
 Wisconsin Law Review, Note and Comment Editor
 Honors: William Herbert Page Award (best student writing for law review); Daniel Grady Award (top student in graduating class); Order of the Coif

Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland – Graduate Creative Writing Program, 2001

University of Iowa, B.A. in English (minor in Spanish), 1999, *summa cum laude*
(GPA: 4.00/4.00; Honors Commendation & Honors Teaching Practicum)
 Honors: Creative Writing Workshop (competitively selected); Collegiate Scholar Award; Robert C. Byrd Scholar Award; Phi Beta Kappa

PUBLICATIONS

Law Review Articles

The Truth About Property, 120 MICH L. REV. --- (forthcoming 2022, solicited book review)

Fee Simple Failures: Rural Landscapes and Race, 119 MICH. L. REV. 1695 (2021).

An Introduction to American Indian Land Tenure: Mapping the Legal Landscape, 5 J. L. PROP. & SOC. 1 (2019) (solicited, double-blind peer-reviewed).

Transforming Property: Reclaiming Modern Indigenous Land Tenures, 107 CALIF. L. REV. 1531 (2019).

- Cited more than 11 times, including in CONFERENCE OF WESTERN ATTORNEYS GENERAL, AMERICAN INDIAN LAW DESKBOOK § 3:8 (2021).

Pipelines, Protest, and Property, 27 GREAT PLAINS RESEARCH 69 (2017) (solicited, peer-reviewed).

Complexity's Shadow: American Indian Property, Sovereignty, and the Future, 115 MICH. L. REV. 487 (2017).

- Cited more than 43 times, including in CONFERENCE OF WESTERN ATTORNEYS GENERAL, AMERICAN INDIAN LAW DESKBOOK §§ 3.15 & 5 (introduction) (2019).
- Reviewed in Ezra Rosser, *Land Tenure Complications and Development Challenges on Indian Reservations*, JOTWELL: THE JOURNAL OF THINGS WE LIKE (LOTS) (March 9, 2017), <http://property.jotwell.com/land-tenure-complications-and-development-challenges-on-indian-reservations/>.
- Reviewed in Shelby D. Green, *Teaching Property Through Indian Land Law*, JOTWELL: THE JOURNAL OF THINGS WE LIKE (LOTS) (January 22, 2018), <https://property.jotwell.com/teaching-property-indian-land-law/>.

Emulsified Property, 43 PEPP. L. REV. 945 (2016).

- Noted in Donald Kochan, *Keeping Current—Property*, 30 PROBATE & PROPERTY 26 (2016).

No Sticks in My Bundle: Rethinking the Indian Land Tenure Problem, 63 U. KAN. L. REV. 383 (2015).

- Cited more than 29 times, including in CONFERENCE OF WESTERN ATTORNEYS GENERAL, AMERICAN INDIAN LAW DESKBOOK §§ 3:8, 3:10, & 3:15 (2016).

Like Snow in the Spring Time: Allotment, Fractionation, and the Indian Land Tenure Problem, 2003 WIS. L. REV. 729 (2003) (comment).

- Cited more than 128 times, including in DAVID H. GETCHES, ET AL., FEDERAL INDIAN LAW 174-75 (6th ed. 2011); CONFERENCE OF WESTERN ATTORNEYS GENERAL, AMERICAN INDIAN LAW DESKBOOK § 3:15 (2016); *Shawnee Tribe vs. United States*, 423

F.3d 1203, 1209 & n.2 (10th Cir. 2005); and *Miami Tribe of Oklahoma v. United States*, 656 F.3d 1129, 1148 (10th Cir. 2011).

Book Chapters

Property Rights, Power, and Rural Landscapes (with Nicole Graham), in HANDBOOK OF PROPERTY, LAW, AND SOCIETY (Routledge Press) (Margaret Davies, Lee Godden, and Nicole Graham) (forthcoming 2021).

The Challenges of American Indian Land Tenure and the Vastness of Entrepreneurial Potential, in CREATING PRIVATE SECTOR ECONOMIES IN NATIVE AMERICA: SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT THROUGH ENTREPRENEURSHIP (Cambridge University Press) (Robert Miller, Miriam R. Jorgensen, and Daniel G. Stewart eds., 2019).

Other Book-Length Works

FARMERS' GUIDE TO WIND ENERGY: LEGAL ISSUES IN FARMING THE WIND (FLAG 2007).

COMMUNITY WIND: A REVIEW OF SELECT STATE AND FEDERAL POLICY INCENTIVES (FLAG 2007) (with Christy Anderson Brekken).

FARM AND RANCH ISSUES IN INDIAN COUNTRY (FLAG 2006).

Book Reviews

Called to Justice: The Life of a Federal Trial Judge by Hon. Warren K. Urbom, in GREAT PLAINS RESEARCH, Vol. 2, No. 2 (Fall 2014) (solicited).

Other Publications

Embracing Disruption and Other Lessons from Canada, THE REGULATORY REVIEW (March 29, 2021).

5 Ways Biden Can Help Rural America Thrive and Bridge the Rural-Urban Divide, THE CONVERSATION (January 21, 2021) (with Lisa R. Pruitt and Anne M. Eisenberg).

Guest Blogger, Land Use Prof Blog (November 2014) (solicited series).

Booklet, *Managing Debt to Prepare for a Farm Transfer* (FLAG 2006).

Booklet, *Overview of 1031 Like-Kind Exchanges for Farmers* (FLAG 2006).

Refereed Posters

“Advances in Rural Legal Services,” presented at 2013 Rural Futures Conference Faculty and Partner Poster Session in Lincoln, Nebraska (November 4, 2013) (with Brett Stohs).

Significant Amicus Curiae Briefs

Amicus Curiae Brief of Justice at Stake and 19 other legal and civic reform groups and a former state Supreme Court justice in Support of Respondent in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*, U.S. Supreme Court Case No. 08-205 (2009).

- Cited in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*, 558 U.S. 310, 460 (2010) (Stevens, J., dissenting).

Amicus Curiae Brief of National Farmers Union and 41 other organizations in Support of Petitioner in *Gale v. Jones*, U.S. Supreme Court Case No. 06-1045 (2007).

Works in Progress

Property in Transition: Pluralism, Adaptive Capacity, and the Experience of Land Reform

Speaking the Land: Property Law as Language

A Rural Law and Policy Research Agenda

REMAKING A LAND OF OPPORTUNITY: AMERICA'S RURAL FUTURE (book project)

TEACHING

Property Law I & II

Native American Law (both as a course and as a seminar)

Rural Development and Energy Law Seminar

Wills and Trusts

Multiple Externships and Independent Study Supervisions (including Center for Rural Affairs and multiple tribal government offices)

AWARDS AND HONORS

Andrew Carnegie Fellowship (2021 – 2023)

Ray H. Bunger Memorial Award for Excellence (2017, 2020, and 2021)

Fulbright Canada Research Chair in Aboriginal Legal and Research Rights (2018 – 2019)

Founding Fellow, Rural Futures Institute at the University of Nebraska (2016 – 2018)

Governor (elected), Center for Great Plains Studies (2016 – 2019)

Fellow, Center for Great Plains Studies (2012 – present)

FUNDED GRANTS

Remaking a Land of Opportunity: America's Rural Future, Carnegie Corporation of New York, Carnegie Fellow (2021 – 2023)

Indigenous Land Tenure Reform: Creating Models for Property Pluralism, Innovation, and Reconciliation, Fulbright Canada, Research Chair in Aboriginal Legal and Resource Rights (University of Alberta Faculty of Law, Edmonton, AB) (2018 – 2019)

- Also awarded Visiting Scholar Speakers Program mobility grant for teaching and engagement in Iqaluit, Nunavut (April 2019)
- Also awarded Kule Dialogue Grant to host international Indigenous Land Tenure Workshop at the University of Alberta (Edmonton, AB) (2019) (including scholars from Canada, Australia, and the United States) (co-PI: Malcolm Lavoie)

Creating Models for Legal Innovation and Rural Responses to Social and Economic Change, Rural Futures Institute at the University of Nebraska (Lincoln, NE) (2018 – 2020)

Maximizing the Impact of Games as Effective Participative Tools: The Rufopoly Resource Kit, Economic Social Resource Council (United Kingdom), Knowledge Exchange Opportunities Grant No. ES/M006522/1 (2014 – 2016) (PI: Alister Scott)

- Shortlisted by Royal Town Planning Institute for Sir Peter Hall Award for Wider Engagement
- Full online resource kit available at: <http://www.participology.com/index.php>
- Sample individual contributions at: <http://www.bcu.ac.uk/research/-centres-of-excellence/centre-for-environment-and-society/projects/rufopoly/project-resources>

PRESENTATIONS

Farming Futures and Rural Racial Justice

- “Fee Simple Failures: Rural Landscapes and Race,” Rural Legal Scholars Workshop, University of South Dakota School of Law (October 30, 2020) (virtual)
- “Fee Simple Failures: Race and Rural Landscapes,” Big Ten Lecture Series: Perspectives on Race, Law, and Equality, Indiana University Blooming Maurer School of Law on Race (October 20, 2020) (hosted virtually by all Big Ten law schools, recording [here](#))
- “Race and Rural Landscapes,” Faculty Workshop Series, University of Nebraska College of Law (February 18, 2020).
- “Rural Landscapes, Race, and Access to Agriculture,” 82nd Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociology Society, Richmond, Virginia (August 9, 2019) (selected as part of special “Rights of Ownership, Rights of Access: Land, Power, and Prosperity” sessions).
- “Rural Landscapes, Race, and Access to Agriculture,” Law and Rurality Workshop, University of California – Davis College of Law, Davis, California (February 15, 2019) (invited).

Adaptation and Change in Successful Property Systems: Learning from Indigenous Experiences in U.S. and Canada

- “Property in Transition,” Law and Society Association (May 28, 2021) (virtual)
- “Adaptive Capacity, Property Pluralism, and the Experiences of Indigenous Land Reforms in United States and Canada,” Legal Reforms for Indigenous Economic Growth Project Workshop (scheduled for Western Regional Science Association meeting in Honolulu, Hawaii, but conducted remotely due to public-health crisis) (March 20, 2020) (invited, also served as discussant on international water law panel).

- “Building Adaptive Property Systems,” 7th Annual Martz Winter Symposium on the Public Lands, Getches-Wilkinson Center for Natural Resources, Energy, and the Environment, University of Colorado School of Law, Boulder, Colorado (February 28, 2020) (invited).
- “Pluralism, Adaptive Capacity, and the Future of Indigenous Land Tenure Reforms in the United States and Canada,” Indigenous Land Tenure Workshop, University of Alberta Faculty of Law, Edmonton, Alberta (June 1, 2019) (co-organized with Malcolm Lavoie).
- “Adaptive Capacity and the Future of Indigenous Land Reforms in the United States and Canada,” Faculty Colloquium Series, University of Alberta Faculty of Law, Edmonton, Alberta (April 24, 2019).
- “Reserve/Reservation Land Tenures in Canada and United States,” Nunavut Law Program, Iqualuit, Nunavut (April 15, 2019).
- “Adaptive Capacity and the Future of Indigenous Land Reforms in the United States and Canada,” Faculty Colloquium Series, Peter A. Allard School of Law, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, British Columbia (March 21, 2019) (invited).
- “Indigenous Land Tenure in the United States and Canada,” Fulbright Signing Ceremony, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta (December 12, 2018).

Rural and Indigenous Resilience: Future Research Directions and the Potential of Land-Based Justice Reforms

- “Future Directions in Indigenous Land Tenure Research,” Grant Development Workshop, University of Saskatchewan Faculty of Law, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan (September 13, 2019) (invited).
- “Indigenous Property Rights in North America: Reflections on the Future of Property Scholarship,” Association of Law, Property, and Society Annual Meeting at Syracuse University College of Law, Syracuse, New York (May 17, 2019) (plenary panel remarks, invited).
- “Rural Resiliency: The Future of Indigenous Land Reforms in the United States and Canada,” Fifth Annual Sustainability Conference of American Legal Educators, Arizona State University College of Law, Phoenix, Arizona (May 10, 2019) (selected after panel submission).
- Panelist and Session Co-Organizer, “Discovering the Future: Charting the Rural Research Path,” Rural Futures Conference in Lincoln, Nebraska (October 23, 2015).
- “Reflections on Transdisciplinary Research,” Transdisciplinary Conversation co-hosted by University of Nebraska Rural Futures Institute and Robert B. Daugherty Water for Food Institute at UNL Morrill Hall in Lincoln, Nebraska (April 22, 2015) (keynote, invited).

Pipeline Protests: Legacies of Land, Property, and the Duty to Consult

- “Pipelines and Protest in the United States,” University of Alberta – Augustana, Camrose, Alberta (April 18, 2019) (public lecture, invited).
- “Pipelines and Protest: Views from South of the Border,” University of Alberta Faculty of Law, Edmonton, Alberta (April 2, 2019) (public lecture with Sandra Zellmer).
- “Property, Power, and Indigenous Peoples in the United States and Canada,” Fulbright Scholars Meeting, Ottawa, Ontario (September 14, 2018).

- “Pipelines, Protest, and Property” and 2017 Supreme Court Property Law Developments panel discussion at Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Conference, Boca Raton, Florida (August 1, 2017).
- “Native Lands and the Law,” Pawnee Art Center in Dannebrog, Nebraska (September 18, 2016) (public lecture, invited).

Transforming Property: Pathways to Reclaiming Indigenous Land Tenures

- “Transforming Property: Pipelines, Protest, and Community-Driven Change,” Rural Sociology Society Annual Meeting, Portland, Oregon (July 27, 2018).
- “Transformational Property: Reclaiming a Modern Indigenous Land Tenure,” Real Property Law Schmooze: Bridging the Urban Versus Rural Divide Invitation-Only Faculty Workshop, Texas A&M University School of Law, Fort Worth, Texas (February 3, 2018) (invited).
- “Transformational Property: Consistency vs. Flexibility in American Indian Land Tenure,” Legal Reforms for Indigenous Economic Growth Workshop, University of Saskatoon College of Law, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan (October 20, 2017) (invited).
- “Transforming Property: Pipelines, Protest, and Community-Driven Change,” Association of Law, Property, and Society Annual Meeting at University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Michigan (May 20, 2017).
- “Transformational Property,” Association for Law, Property, and Society Annual Meeting at Queen’s University in Belfast, Northern Ireland (May 21, 2016).

Indigenous Food and Agriculture: Farm Challenges in Indian Country

- “Farmland Tenure: Development Challenges and Opportunities in Indian Country,” Association of American Law Schools Agriculture and Food Law Section meeting in San Francisco, California (January 6, 2017) (invited).
- “Creating Sustainable Futures Through Tribal Food and Agriculture,” Indian Land Working Group Symposium at Oneida Nation, Green Bay, Wisconsin (August 15-16, 2016) (with Janie Simms Hipp) (invited).
- “American Indian Land Tenure and the Path Ahead,” Just Food? Forum on Land Use, Rights, and Ecology at Harvard Law School in Cambridge, Massachusetts (March 26, 2016) (selected after proposal submission).
- “Farm and Ranch Issues in Indian Country,” This is Not Your Grandpa’s Farm Law, continuing legal education seminar in Saint Paul, Minnesota, (June 2006) (invited).

Complex Systems Theory and the Future of American Indian Land Tenure and Tribal Sovereignty

- “Complexity’s Shadow: American Indian Property, Sovereignty, and the Future,” American Society of International Law’s Rights of Indigenous Peoples Interest Group Works-In-Progress Workshop at Princeton University in Princeton, New Jersey (May 12, 2016) (invited).
- “Beyond Consolidation: Rethinking Property and Sovereignty in Indian Country,” Indigenous Peoples Law and Policy Center and University of Arizona’s 4th Annual Tribal Lands Conference in Tucson, Arizona (January 15, 2016) (invited keynote).
- “The Complexity Problem in American Indian Land Tenure,” Association of American Law Schools Property Section Breakfast in New York City, New York (January 7, 2016)

(one of four competitively selected junior property scholars' papers selected for presentation and discussion).

- “The Complexity Problem in American Indian Land Tenure,” University of South Dakota College of Law faculty colloquium in Vermillion, South Dakota (November 18, 2015).
- “In the Shadow of Complexity: American Indian Property and Justice,” Association for Law, Property, and Society Annual Meeting in Athens, Georgia (May 1, 2015).

Rural Political Participation and Democratic Land Governance

- “The Public Parts of Private Property: Community Engagement and Rural Design,” Envision Rural Talk at Rural Futures Conference in Lincoln, Nebraska (October 22, 2015) (competitively selected).
- “Lessons on Public Engagement in U.S. Land Use Planning and Applications of the Plainsopoly Simulation Tool,” international, transdisciplinary workshops in Birmingham, England, and Aberystwyth, Wales) (April 16, 2015) (invited, funded grant project).
- Panel Moderator and Session Organizer, “Urban Growth – Rural Resilience,” 2014 Lower Platte River Corridor Alliance Summit in Ashland, Nebraska (November 6, 2014) (invited).
- Panel Moderator and Session Organizer, “Governing the Land: Maximizing Rural Places Locally and Globally,” 2013 Rural Futures Conference in Lincoln, Nebraska (November 5, 2013).

Co-Ownership and Owner-Use Challenges in American Indian Trust Allotments

- “Indigenous Land Tenure and Emulsified Property,” Birmingham City University faculty colloquium in Birmingham, England (April 15, 2015) (invited).
- “Emulsified Property,” Tulane Law School and Tulane University Murphy Institute Property Roundtable: Regulating Private and Public Property in New Orleans, Louisiana (March 27, 2014) (invited as one of eight participating scholars).
- “Emulsified Property,” Washington University School of Law Junior Faculty Workshop in Saint Louis, Missouri (December 12, 2014).
- “Emulsified Property,” Central States Law School Association Annual Meeting in Baton Rouge, Louisiana (October 11, 2014).
- “No Sticks in My Bundle: Rethinking the Indian Land Tenure Problem,” Junior Faculty Works-in-Progress Workshop, University of Marquette College of Law in Milwaukee, Wisconsin (September 21, 2013) (invited).
- “No Sticks in My Bundle: The Indian Law Tenure Problem,” S.T.I.R. Talk at University of Nebraska College of Law in Lincoln, Nebraska (March 12, 2013).

Estate Planning, Land Security, and Disaster Assistance for Farmers

- “Preventing Heir Property Loss,” Arkansas Land and Farm Development Corporation Annual Meeting in Brinkley, Arkansas (November 2006) (invited).
- “AIPRA Consolidation Options,” Indian Land Working Group’s 16th Annual Indian Land Consolidation Symposium in Cabazon, California (October 2006) (invited).
- “Native Strategic Land Planning: Update on Indian Land Consolidation Act Amendments of 2000 and the American Indian Probate Reform Act of 2004,” Indian Land Working Group’s 16th Annual Indian Land Consolidation Symposium in Cabazon, California (October 2006) (invited).

- Multiple Presentations on Federal Disaster Assistance for Farmers and Rural Landowners following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, presented at grassroots meetings coordinated by Federation of Southern Cooperatives, Rural Advancement Foundation International, and Farm Aid throughout Mississippi, Alabama, and Louisiana (October 2005 to February 2006) (invited).
- “Probate Reform and the Problem of Indian Land Ownership,” Who Owns America? VI, national conference at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, Wisconsin (May 2004) (invited).

Additional Talks on Broad Property, Land Use, and Justice Themes

- “Indigenous Land Tenure in Canada and the United States,” University of Montana: Summer Indian Law Program (July 6, 2021) (invited guest lecture, virtual).
- “Property Rights, Power, and Rural Landscapes,” Handbook of Property, Law, and Society Workshops, University of Sydney, Australia (December 8, 2020 & June 28, 2021) (invited, virtual) (with Nicole Graham)
- “What is Indigenous Sovereignty, and Why Does it Matter Now?,” University of Nebraska Ethnic Studies Spring Celebration: Racial Justice Colloquium (March 10, 2021) (virtual).
- “The Public Parts of Private Property,” Midwest Fish & Wildlife Conference in Lincoln, Nebraska (February 6, 2017) (invited).
- “Economic Justice and American Indian Property Law,” Inaugural Shaping Justice Conference at University of Virginia School of Law in Charlottesville, Virginia (February 3, 2017) (invited).
- “Property, Community, & Justice,” S.T.I.R. Talk at University of Nebraska College of Law in Lincoln, Nebraska (October 4, 2016).
- “Private Property, Access, and Justice,” Sheldon Art Museum Law + Social Justice Event in Lincoln, Nebraska (October 27, 2015) (invited).
- Moderator and Discussant for “Returning Lands for Repatriation and Cultural Empowerment” 2015 Great Plains Symposium: Standing Bear and the Trail Ahead, co-hosted by the Center for Great Plains Studies and the Nebraska Indian Affairs Commission (May 15, 2015) (invited).
- “The Land Tenure We Inhabit,” Association for Law, Property, and Society Annual Meeting in Vancouver, British Columbia (May 1, 2014).
- Panelist, Diversity Leadership Symposium, University of Nebraska College of Law in Lincoln, Nebraska (November 5, 2012) (panel discussion on tribal sovereignty issues following keynote lecture by Chad Smith, former Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation).

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND SERVICE

Association for Law, Property, and Society (2012 – present)

- Secretary of the Board, 2021 – present (elected)
- Program Chair, 2018 – present
- Board Member, 2018 – 2021 (elected)

Food Law Professors (informal association) (2012 – present)

Rural Sociology Society (2017 – present)

Federal Bar Association, Indian Law Section (2013 – 2014)
Summit Planning Committee, Lower Platte River Corridor Alliance (2014)
Rural Practice Initiative Planning Committee, Nebraska Bar Association (2012 – 2014)

EDITORIAL APPOINTMENT

Inaugural Editorial Board Member, GREAT PLAINS RESEARCH (2016 – present)

UNIVERSITY AND LAW COLLEGE SERVICE

- Center for Great Plains Studies – Reconciliation and Reckoning Symposium Planning Committee (2021 – present)
- UNL College of Law Appointments Committee (2016 – 2017, 2019 – present) (Chair, 2020 – 2021)
- UNL College of Law Search Committee (Dean, 2017) (Associate Dean, 2020)
- Nebraska Commission 150 – Engaging Nebraskans and Beyond Work Group (2018 – 2019)
- Center for Great Plains Studies Academic Affairs Committee (2016 – 2019) (Chair 2018 – 2019)
- UNL College of Law Pro Bono Committee (2017 – 2018, 2019 – present)
- UNL College of Law Student Readmission Committee (2020 – present)
- UNL College of Law Diversity and Inclusion Committee (2017 – 2018)
- UNL College of Law Dean’s Search Committee (2016 – 2017)
- UNL College of Law ABA Standards Committee (2015 – 2016)
- UNL College of Law Faculty Planning Committee (2014 – 2015)
- UNL College of Law Lecture Committee (2012 – 2014, 2019 – present)
- UNL College of Law Readmissions Committee (2020 – present)
- Rural Futures Institute National Conference Planning Committee (2014 – 2015)
- Rural Futures Institute Research and Engagement Final Grant Reviewer (2014)
- Rural Futures Institute Founding Executive Director Search Committee (2012 – 2013)

ADDITIONAL LAW COLLEGE SERVICE AND OUTREACH

Faculty Advisor, Underserved Legal Opportunities Program (2017 – 2018)
Faculty Advisor, Equal Justice Society (2014 – present)
Nebraska Public Interest Law Foundation Selection Committee (2013 – present)
Faculty Advisor, Public Interest Fellowships (2012 – present)
Faculty Advisor for Groups of First Year Students (2012 – present)

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

Colorado Supreme Court (June 2005)
Minnesota Supreme Court (February 2006) (inactive)
Wisconsin Supreme Court (June 2004) (resigned 2012)
United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit
United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit

United States District Court for the District of Colorado

PROFESSIONAL LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Arnold & Porter, LP, Denver, Colorado

Associate Attorney 2007-2012

- Stand-up litigation experience in federal Indian law, including Indigenous land and religious rights cases
- Consulted on renewable energy developments and other commercial matters

Farmers Legal Action Group, Inc., Saint Paul, Minnesota

Skadden Fellow and Staff Attorney 2005-2007

- National public interest fellow advocating on a range of farm and food justice issues, particularly for BIPOC farmers and ranchers
- Grassroots organizing, education, and impact work around issues of racial justice, discrimination in lending, disaster assistance, farm succession, organic marketing, and renewable energy

Faegre & Benson, LLP, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Summer Associate Summer 2003

The Honorable Donald E. Laverdure, Chief Judge, Crow Nation Court of Appeals

Legal Intern Spring 2003

The Honorable George Tah-bone, Indian Probate Judge, U.S. Department of the Interior Office of Hearings and Appeals

Legal Intern Summer 2002

- Completed Land Tenure Center externship supporting federal probate proceedings for American Indian landowners on reservations across North and South Dakota

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Wisconsin Coulee Region Community Action Program, Inc., La Crosse, Wisconsin

Outreach Coordinator and Youth Program Director, 2000-2001

Directed workforce support program for high-risk rural youth in southwestern Wisconsin.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Wyoming, Casper, Wyoming

*AmeriCorps*VISTA Volunteer, 1999-2000*

Supported development of two new Boys & Clubs for rural Wyoming youth.

(National Boys and Girls Clubs of America Program of the Year Award, 2000)

Iowa State University Agronomy Department, Ames, Iowa

Agricultural Writer and Historian, 1999-2001

Johns Hopkins University, Center for Talented Youth (at Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania)

Teaching Assistant, June-July 1999
Course: Exploring the Expository Essay

University of Iowa, Nonfiction Writing Workshop, Iowa City, Iowa
Teaching Assistant, January 1999-May 1999
Course: Personal Essay and Creative Nonfiction Workshop

earthwords (university student literary journal)
Editor and Contributing Writer, 1997-1999

THE DAILY IOWAN (university newspaper)
Editorial Writer, 1996-1997

SELECTED MEDIA MENTIONS

Natasha Piñon, “Black Farmers Denied Loans Teach Each Other How to Make Money Growing Hemp,” MASHABLE (May 1, 2021).

“5 Ways the Biden Administration Can Help Rural America Thrive,” SPOTLIGHT ON POVERTY & OPPORTUNITY (Feb. 17, 2021).

“Jessica Shoemaker on Systemic Inequalities in US and European Property Law,” PROPERTY CON PODCAST (Feb. 12, 2021) (Bram Akkermans, Host).

Christopher Schiemann, “Canada and US Academics Exchange Ideas and Research Through Fulbright,” UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA INTERNATIONAL (March 28, 2019).

Rosalie Murphy, “Trapped in Outdated System, Cobell Settlement Offers Opportunity for Indian Land,” THE DESERT SUN (September 22, 2016)

Todd von Kampen, “Preserving and Sharing the Pawnee History,” OMAHA WORLD HERALD (September 11, 2016)

Paul Hammel, “Supreme Court: Pender is Within Omaha Indian Reservation Boundaries; Legality of Tribe’s Liquor Tax Unclear,” OMAHA WORLD HERALD (March 23, 2016)

Bill Kelly, “Century-Old Boundary Dispute Brings Omaha Tribe Before US Supreme Court,” NET Radio (NPR) (aired January 18, 2016), also available at <http://www.netnebraska.org/article/news/1005047/century-old-boundary-dispute-brings-omaha-tribe-us-supreme-court>

“Playing Around with Rural Futures in Birmingham, Nebraska,” SCIENCE DAILY (December 10, 2013).

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