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**EDUCATION**

LL.M., University of Wisconsin Law School, 1999.

Law and Globalization Fellow.

J.D., *cum laude*. University of Wisconsin Law School, 1994.

Articles Editor, International Law Journal.

M.A., Ibero-American Studies. University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1987.

B.A., Political Science. Lewis & Clark College, Portland, Oregon, 1984.

**LAW TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Gonzaga University School of Law, Spokane**

2004–Present

▪ **Professor**

Property, Immigration, Wills and Trusts, Community Property, and Zoning and Land Use.  
Previously taught Comparative Law, Comparative Property Rights in Latin America (to Guatemalan and U.S. law students), Animal Law, and Perspectives on Law.

▪ **Associate Dean of Global Education**, 2014–2016.

▪ **Director, Thomas More Scholarship Program**, 2008–2013.

▪ **Director, Center for Law in Public Service**, 2009–2012.

**Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University, Tbilisi, Georgia**

Fall, 2010

▪ **Visiting Fulbright Scholar**

Taught an Introduction to American Law and Legal Processes to Georgian students.

**Washburn University School of Law, Topeka**

2000–2004

▪ **Associate Professor**

William O. Douglas Outstanding Professor Award, 2004.  
Taught Property, Trusts and Future Interests, and Civil Procedure II.

**University of Wisconsin Law School, Madison**

Summer, 1999

▪ **Lecturer**

Spring, 2000

Taught Trusts and Estates.

## LEGAL EXPERIENCE

- Foley & Lardner, Madison** 1999–2000
- Special Counsel, Estates and Trusts
- Perkins Coie, Seattle** 1995–1997
- Associate, Litigation
- International Human Rights Law Group, Phnom Penh** Summer, 1995  
**Cambodian Court Training Project**
- Pro Bono Attorney
- Supreme Court of Wisconsin, Madison** 1994–1995  
**Justice Shirley S. Abrahamson**
- Law Clerk

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

*Editorial: Special Issue on Law and Society CRN 11: Displaced Peoples*, 8 J. ON INTERNAL DISPLACEMENT 2 (2018), co-authored with Ben Hudson, as Journal Guest Editors, <http://journalofinternaldisplacement.com>

*Refugees, Rights, and Responsibilities: Bridging the Integration Gap*, 39 U. PENN. J. OF INT'L LAW 188 (2017).

*Trump's Refugee Rationale is a Ruse*, Guest Opinion, THE SPOKESMAN-REVIEW, Oct. 15, 2017.

*Relaxing Legal Norms to Restore Rights to Homes and Property in the Aftermath of War*, chapter in PROPERTY, EXCLUSION, AND SOVEREIGNTY (James C. Smith, ed., Ashgate Publishing, 2013).

*Pre-Planning for Post-Conflict Property Remedies: A Case Study from Georgia*, 43 GEORGE WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL LAW REVIEW 43 (2011).

*Seeking Balance in a Tbilisi Classroom*, THE LAW TEACHER (Institute for Law Teaching and Learning, 2011).

*Estate Planning for Clients with Pets*, REAL PROPERTY, PROBATE AND TRUST, Winter 2010–11 (Washington Bar Association). Reprinted with permission, Oregon State Bar Association, Animal Law Section website, March 28, 2011. Reprinted with permission, LIFE BEGINS, Washington State Bar Association Senior Lawyer's Section newsletter, Vol. 13, No. 2 (Spring 2011).

*Post Conflict Property Restitution: Flawed Legal and Theoretical Foundations*, 28 BERKELEY JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW 462 (2010).

*Washington's Expanded Domestic Partnership Act*, REAL PROPERTY, PROBATE AND TRUST, Winter 2007–2008, at 7 (Washington Bar Association).

*The Shortsightedness of Blind Trusts*, 56 KANSAS LAW REVIEW 43 (2007).

*Legal Protections for Home Dwellers: Caulking the Cracks to Preserve Occupancy*, 56 SYRACUSE LAW REVIEW 277 (2006).

*Profiting from Poverty: The Competition Between For-Profit and Nonprofit Developers for Low-Income Housing Tax Credits*, 55 HASTINGS LAW JOURNAL 211 (2003).

*The Clash Between Local Courts and Global Economics: The Politics of Judicial Reform in Brazil*, 17 BERKELEY JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW 230 (1999).

#### SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

*Why Not Immigrate Legally?*, break out session at Closing the Gap: Immigration Teach In, Gonzaga University, Spokane WA, March 24, 2018.

*Legal Permanent Residency for Immigrants*, panel presentation, Sanctuary Cities, DACA, & Immigrants' Rights, presented by the Washington State Minority and Justice Commission and Gonzaga Law Center for Civil & Human Rights, Spokane, WA, February 27, 2018.

*Bridging the Integration Gap: Teaching Refugees about U.S. Law and Justice*, presenter, International Meeting on Law and Society, Mexico City, Mexico, June 20-23, 2017.

*Fair Housing Law*, co-presenter, workshop for Arabic-speaking refugees and immigrants, Gonzaga University School of Law, with Northwest Fair Housing Alliance and Refugee Connections Spokane, April 29, 2017.

*Challenges to Post-Conflict Property Restitution*, Seminar on Post-Conflict Property Restitution in Kosovo, Norwegian Center for Human Rights, University of Oslo, June 13, 2016.

*Effective Approaches to Teaching Law to English Language Learners*, with Professor Jennie Sevedge (Gonzaga English Language Center), Gonzaga University School of Law, April 2, 2015.

*Animals, Access, and Accommodation: The Law Governing Service Animals*, Kootenay County Bar Association CLE, Coeur d'Alene, May 5, 2014.

*Developing and Using a Form for Students to Evaluate Teaching*, Georgia Law Teaching and Learning Conference, Free University of Tbilisi, Tbilisi, Georgia, May 10, 2013.

*Estate Planning for Clients with Pets*, WSBA Elder Law Seminar CLE, Seattle, WA, March 1, 2013.

*Post-Conflict Property Remedies and the Relaxation of Legal Norms*, The Ohio State University's Moritz College of Law, October 27, 2011.

*Pre-Planning for Post-Conflict Property Restitution: Lessons from Georgia and Colombia*, Wittenberg University, October 28, 2011.

*Pre-Planning for Post-conflict Property Remedies: A Case Study from Georgia*, Association for Law, Property, and Society annual meeting, Georgetown Law School, Washington, D.C., March 4, 2011, and Javeriana University, Bogotá, Colombia, May 2, 2011.

*Post-Conflict Property Restitution In Georgia: Political Pragmatism or Humanitarianism?* Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University American Studies Center, Georgia, December 3, 2010, and the Center for Social Sciences, Tbilisi, Georgia, December 7, 2010.

*The Ivory Tower and the Legal Community: A New Paradigm for Access*, panelist speaker at the Washington State Access to Justice Conference, Wenatchee, Washington, June 5, 2010.

*Post Conflict Property Restitution: Flawed Legal and Theoretical Foundations*, Association for Law, Property and Society annual meeting, Georgetown Law School, Washington, D.C., March 5, 2010.

*Crafting and Using Student Ratings Forms*, workshop at Chase College of Law, Northern Kentucky University, October 30, 2009.

*Estate Planning for Clients with Pets*, “Macs & Tax” CLE, sponsored by Gonzaga University School of Law, September 26, 2009.

*Estate Planning for Domestic Partners*, Spokane Estate Planning Council, January 13, 2009.

*Washington’s New Domestic Partnership Act: Estate Planning for Domestic Partners*, “Macs & Tax” CLE, sponsored by Gonzaga University School of Law, September 27, 2008.

*Estate Planning with Companion Animals*, presentation at the “Doing Well by Doing Good in Animal Law Cases” CLE, sponsored by the Gonzaga Law School Chapter of the Animal Legal Defense Fund, September 26, 2008.

*Workhouses or Houses for Work*, Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Pittsburgh, June 5–8, 2003.

*The Impact of Brazil’s Efforts to Engage with the Global Economy on Brazilian Judicial Reform Strategies*, Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, May 27–30, 1999, Chicago.

#### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES and AWARDS

##### **Fulbright Award, Jordan**

September 2018–February 2019

- **Research and Lecture**

##### **Journal on Internal Displacement**

2017–2018

- **Guest Editor**, Volume 8, Special Issue on Law and Society CRN 11: Displaced Peoples, 2018.

##### **Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages**, Gonzaga University

2017

##### **Fulbright Award, country of Georgia**

2010–11

- **Research and Lecture**

Taught an Introduction to American Law and Legal Processes at Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University and researched Georgia’s legal measures to restore property rights in the occupied territories.

##### **Gonzaga Academic Research Council Grant**

April–May 2011

- **Research on Property Restitution in Colombia**

##### **Institute for Law Teaching and Learning**

2008–2016

- **Member, Advisory Committee**

##### **Association of American Law Schools**

2001–2014

- **Property Section**

Created and managed email listserv for AALS Property Section Members.

**Colombian Spanish and Cultural Classes**

July 2009

- **Pontificia Universidad Javeriana Cali**  
Selected to participate in academic exchange program.

**American Bar Association**

2006–2009

- **Book Editor, Real Property Books and Media Publication Committee**  
Review and evaluate initial manuscripts of new editions or updates of existing ABA titles.

**Bar Memberships**

Admitted to practice in Washington (active) and Wisconsin (inactive).

**LANGUAGES**

Basic communicative skills in Portuguese and Spanish. Elementary abilities in French. Familiar with Modern Standard Arabic, Georgian, and Italian.

**SELECTED VOLUNTEER SERVICE**

Refugee assistance — Refugee Connections Spokane Board of Directors (2015-2016), general volunteer (2013-present), Spokane, Washington.

Pro Bono tenant representation — Housing Justice Project (2005–2007), Spokane, Washington.

Nonprofit board of directors — Cornerstone of Topeka, Inc. (2001–2004), Topeka, Kansas.

Pro bono political asylum lawyer — Northwest Immigrant Rights Project (1995–1997), Seattle, Washington.