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UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food

EDUCATION

University of Toronto Doctor of Juridical Science (S.J.D.)	2006 – 2011
Harvard Law School Master of Laws (LL.M.)	2005 – 2006
Law Society of Ontario Called to the Bar of Ontario, Canada	2002
Queen’s University Bachelor of Laws (LL.B. – J.D. equivalent)	1998 – 2001
University of Western Ontario Bachelor of Science (B.Sc. Biology)	1995 – 1998

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

University of Oregon School of Law (Eugene, USA) <i>Professor</i> <i>Associate Professor</i> <i>Assistant Professor</i>	2021 – Present 2015 – 2021 2010-2015
<i>Faculty Director, Food Resiliency Project</i> Environmental and Natural Resource Law Center	2012 – Present
United Nation Human Rights Council (Geneva, Switzerland) <i>Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food</i>	2020 - 2023
University of Arizona – Indigenous Governance Program (Tucson, USA) <i>Faculty – course on Indigenous Governance and Food Sovereignty</i>	January 2018
European Union Institute – Summer Course on Human Rights Law at the Academy of European Law (Florence, Italy) <i>Faculty – course on Right to Food and Global Governance</i>	June 2017
Arab Canadian Lawyers Association (Toronto, Canada) <i>Founding Executive Member</i>	2004 – 2006
Swadron Associates (Toronto, Canada) <i>Litigation Associate</i>	2003 – 2005

McMillan Binch LLP (Toronto, Canada)
Corporate Commercial Associate (International Business and
 Trade Law Group (includes year of Articles)

2001 – 2003

COURSES

Food, Farming, & Sustainability; Commercial Law; International Business Transactions;
 International Trade & Investment Law; Law & Development

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Food and Resilient Farming; Commercial Law; International Economic Law; Agroecology

BOOKS

Bandung, Global History and International Law: Critical Pasts and Pending Futures (Cambridge University Press 2017; paperback 2018) (co-edited with Vasuki Nesiah and Luis Eslava)

- Cited by the International Court of Justice in *Chagos Advisory Opinion*
- Reviewed in *H-Soz-Kult*, *TWAIL Review*

Sugar and the Making of International Trade Law (Cambridge University Press 2014; paperback 2017)

- Reviewed in *European Journal of International Law*, *American Journal of International Law*, *International Trade Law & Regulation*, *Gastronomica*, *Journal of Global History*

ARTICLES & WORKS IN PROGRESS (all peer reviewed unless indicated)

“The International Political Economy of the Right to Food” in Nehal Bhuta (ed.), *Human Rights and Global Governance* (Oxford University Press, forthcoming 2021)

“How the WTO Constructed Inuit and Indigenous Identity in EC-Seal Products”, in John Borrows and Risa Schwartz (eds.), *Indigenous Peoples and International Trade: Building an Equitable and Inclusive International Trade and Investment Agreement* (Cambridge University Press, 2020) (with Madeleine Redfern)

“A History of Food Security and Agriculture in International Trade Law, 1945-2015”, in Akbar Rasulov and John Haskell (eds.) *International Economic Law: New Voices, New Perspectives* (Springer 2020) 55

“Third World Sovereignty, Indigenous Sovereignty, and Food Sovereignty” 9 *Transnational Legal Theory* 218 (2018)

“Sugar” in Jessie Hohmann and Daniel Joyce (eds.), *International Law’s Objects* (Oxford University Press 2018) 478

“The Spirit of Bandung” in *Bandung, Global History and International Law: Critical Pasts and Pending Futures*, (Cambridge University Press 2017) (with Vasuki Nesiah and Luis Eslava)

“Gauging US and EU Seal Regimes in the Arctic Against Inuit Sovereignty” in Nengye Liu et al. (eds.), *The European Union and the Arctic* (Brill Nijhoff 2017) 200

“The WTO, Self-Determination, and Multi-Jurisdictional Sovereignty”, 108 *American Journal of International Law Unbound* 287 (2015)

“Food as a Matter of Global Governance” 11 *Journal of International Law and International Relations* 68 (2015)

“Globalizations of Law from the Perspective of International Trade Law (and Agricultural Commodities)” 1 *Jindal Law Review* 18 (2015)

“The Institutionalisation of Free Trade and Empire: A Study of the 1902 Brussels Convention” 2:1 *London Review of International Law* 49 (2014)

“Reconstruing WTO Legitimacy Debates”, 2:1 *Notre Dame Journal of International & Comparative Law* 64 (2011) [not peer reviewed]

“The 1937 International Sugar Agreement: Neo-Colonial Cuba and Economic Aspects of the League of Nations”, 24:4 *Leiden Journal of International Law* 89 (2011)

“Images of the Arab World and Middle East, Debates About Development and Regional Integration”, 28:3 *Wisconsin International Law Journal* 390 (2011) [not peer reviewed]

“Law as the Interplay of Ideas, Institutions, and Interests: Using Polanyi (and Foucault) to Ask TWAIL Questions”, 10:4 *International Community Law Review* 455 (2008)

UN REPORTS

“Food Systems and Human Rights” UN General Assembly (A/76/237) (27 July 2020)

“Vision for the Right to Food Mandate” UN Human Rights Council (A/HRC/46/33) (24 December 2020)

“The Right to Food in the Context of International Trade Law and Policy” UN General Assembly (A/75/219) (22 July 2020)

ESSAYS, REVIEWS, REFERENCE ENTRIES (all peer reviewed unless indicated)

Book review Nikolas Selheim, *The Seal Hunt: Cultures, Economies and Legal Regimes*, *European Journal of International Law* (forthcoming 2022)

“International Commodity Agreements” in Koen De Feyter, Gamze Erdem Türkelli, Stéphanie De Moerloose (eds.), *Law and Development Encyclopedia* (Routledge 2020)

“Agriculture” in Mariana Valverde, Kamari Clarke, Eve Darian-Smith, Prabha Kotiswaran (eds.), *Routledge Handbook on Law and Society* (2020) (with Amy J. Cohen and Matthew Canfield)

“The Bandung Conference” in Tony Carty (ed.), *Oxford Bibliographies in International Law* (Oxford University Press 2017) (co-author with Kelly Reynolds)

Book review of Kate Miles, *The Origins of International Investment Law: Empire, Environment, and the Safeguarding of Capital*, 18:3 *Journal of International Economic Law* 697 (2015)

“The Intersection Between Food Sovereignty and Law”, 28:2 *Natural Resources & Environment* 45 (2013) (with Nate Bellinger) [not peer reviewed]

“Questioning TWAIL’s Agenda”, 14:1 *Oregon Review of International Law* 1 (2012) [not peer reviewed]

Book review of Andrew Lang, *World Trade Law after Neoliberalism. Re-imagining the Global Economic Order*, 23:3 *European Journal of International Law* 901 (2012)

ACADEMIC BLOGS

EJIL: Talk! – Contributing Editor

- “International Law and the Right to Food: What We Can Learn from Racial Justice Movements” (19 August 2020) [with Ntina Tzouvala]
- “Life Without the WTO – Part I: Stop all the Crisis Talk” (25 April 2019)
- “Life Without the WTO – Part II: Looking to the Everyday” (26 April 2019)
- “FAO Secretary General Elections – Part I: What’s at Stake” (6 May 2019)
- “FAO Secretary General Elections – Part II: What is to be Done?” (7 May 2019)
- “Canada Avoids Indigenous Reconciliation and the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples” (3 July 2019)

Afronomics Law – Guest writer

- “Human Rights and Agricultural Land Investment Contracts – Part I” (1 October 2019)
- “Human Rights and Agricultural Land Investment Contracts – Part II” (11 October 2019)

Legal Form – Guest Writer

- “Rethinking the Right to Food – I” (5 September 2019)
- “Rethinking the Right to Food – Part II” (10 September 2019)

POPULAR MEDIA

“The US food system creates hunger and debt – but there is another way” The Guardian (14 April 2021)

“The UN Food Systems Summit: How Not to Respond to the Urgency of Reform”, Inter Press Service (22 March 2021) [with Hilal Elver and Olivier De Schutter]

“The future of food must include a commitment to human rights” Devex (16 October 2020)

“International justice for Lebanon?” Al Jazeera (26 August 2020)

“To reduce world hunger, governments need to think beyond making food cheap”, The Conversation (18 July 2020) [with Ntina Tzouva]

“Will the CFS prevent the pending COVID-19 hunger crisis?” Al Jazeera (26 June 2020)

“Lebanon needs to free its economy from international lenders” Al Jazeera (25 October 2019)

“Arab Uprisings: Approach to Law” Al Akhbar English (29 June 2012)

Interviews with: CBC Radio, BBC Radio 4, NPR, OPB, Reuters, Al Jazeera, TRT, Deutschlandfunk, Die Ziet, NRC, Bistandsakuel, Yes! Magazine, The New Humanitarian, New Internationalist

SELECT AWARDS

University of Oregon Fund for Faculty Excellence (2020-2021) – one of the highest university awards

Exceptional Educator and Student Advocate – Margie Paris Award (2019) [selected by students]

Law School Board of Visitors Endowment Award (2012; 2013; 2014; 2019)

Faculty Summer Award for Pedagogical Development, Diversity, and Inclusion (2018)

Rippey Innovative Teaching Award (2017; 2018)

Galen Scholar in Legal Writing (2014-2015)

University of Oregon School of Law Orlando J. Hollis Award for Excellence in Classroom Teaching (2014)

University of Oregon Sony Scholar Award for Scholarly Excellence in Digital Research & Teaching (2012)

Resident Scholar, Wayne Morse Center for Law and Politics, University of Oregon (2011-2012)

SELECT PRESENTATIONS

“Transnational Perspectives on Race and Empire at the Intersection of CRT and TWAIL”, *Transnational Legal Discourse on Race and Empire*, UCLA (31 January 2020)

“Writing an Economic History and Historiography of International Law”, Keynote address, International Economic Law Collective – Inaugural Conference, University of Warwick, UK (7 Nov 2019)

“Using Trade and Natural Resource Law to Weaponize Indigenous Identity Against Indigenous Peoples”, *US-Australia Dialogues on International Trade and Resource Governance Law*, Invited Speaker, University of New South Wales-US Consulate, Sydney, Australia (4 June 2019)

“Eating is an Ecological Act”, *Third World Approaches to International Law Conference*, National University of Singapore (20 July 2018)

“Seal Hunting, Arctic Sovereignty, and Indigenous Rights”, *Law and Society Annual Conference*, Toronto, Canada (9 June 2018)

“Indigenous Sovereignty, Food Sovereignty, and the Future of International Trade Law” Keynote address, *First Transnational Legal Theory Journal Symposium*, King’s College, London, UK (20 January 2018)

“Indigenous Sovereignty, Food Sovereignty, and Third World Sovereignty”, Invited Speaker, *University of Arizona Indigenous Peoples Law and Policy Program*, Tucson, Arizona, USA (10 January 2018)

“How A Renewed International Trade Law May Contribute to a More Equitable Global Food Regime” WTO 11th Ministerial Conference, Buenos Aires, Argentina (13 December 2017)

“Seal Hunting, Arctic Sovereignty, and Indigenous Rights”, *9th Polar Law Symposium/Arctic Circle Assembly*, University of Akureyri, Iceland (6 October 2016)

“International Institutions, Markets, and Empire”, *Law Between Global and Colonial: Techniques of Empire*, University of Helsinki, Finland (5 October 2016)

“Seal Hunting, Sovereignty, and Self-Determination in the Arctic”, *Sociological Inquiries into International Law*, University of Toronto, Canada (9 October 2015)

“The Implications of Understanding Peasants as Merchants Under Lex Mercatoria”, *Institute for Global Law and Policy Biennial Conference*, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, USA (2 June 2015)

“Bandung: Critical Past and Pending Futures”, *Third World Approaches to International Law (TWAIL): On Praxis and the Intellectual*, American University in Cairo, Egypt (22 February 2015)

“What Does Food Have to do with Global Law and Governance?”, *Workshop on the Rule of Law, Governance and Natural Resources*, University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands (22-23 January 2015)

“Reintroducing International Commodity Agreements and Reimagining International Trade Law”, *American Society of International Law, Biennial International Economic Law Interest Group Conference*, University of Denver College of Law, USA (14 November 2014)

“Food as a Transnational Legal Concept”, *Joint Annual Meetings and Conference of the Association for the Study of Food and Society and the Agriculture, Food and Human Values Society*, University of Vermont, Burlington, USA (20 July 2014)

“Expanding Institutional Understandings of International Trade Law”, *Sociological Inquiries into International Law*, London School of Economics, UK (17 May 2014)

“Why Trade Law Should Engage with Ideas of Resilience”, Panel: New Theoretical Perspectives on International Economic Law, *Annual WTO Conference*, British Institute of International and Comparative Law, London, UK (15 May 2014)

“Food Sovereignty as a Legal Concept”, *Yale Food Systems Symposium*, Yale University, New Haven, USA (18 October 2013)

“Reintroducing International Commodity Agreements”, Invited Speaker, *African International Economic Law Network*, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa (7 March 2013)

CONFERENCE CO-ORGANIZING

Academy of Food Law & Policy: Inaugural Conference, Harvard Law School (5 October 2018)

Third World Approaches to International Law (TWAIL): Capitalism and the Common Good, Wayne Morse Center for Law and Politics, University of Oregon, Keynote Speaker: B.S. Chimni (20-22 October 2011)

The League of Nations and the Construction of the Periphery, Institute for Global Law and Policy, Harvard Law School; organized as part of a special issue of the *Leiden Journal of International Law* (9 October 2010)

Second Annual Conference of the Toronto Group for the Study of International, Transnational, and Comparative Law – Toward Critical Mass, University of Toronto & Osgoode Hall Law School, Keynote Speakers: Andrew Arato, Jean Cohen (9-11 January 2009)

First Annual Conference of the Toronto Group for the Study of International, Transnational, and Comparative Law – Mapping Emergent Terrains, Contesting Rigidified Traditions, University of Toronto & Osgoode Hall Law School, Keynote Speakers: Frédéric Mégret, Anne Orford, Thomas Skouteris (11-13 January 2008)

GRADUATE THESIS SUPERVISION

1. Eman Lasheen – Ph. D. Urban Studies and Planning 2022 [anticipated], Massachusetts Institute of Technology “The Price of Rice: Paradoxes of Water, Development, and the Edible Landscape In Egypt”
2. Autumn Johnson – Ph.D. Public Policy and Administration State and Local Government 2021 [anticipated] (Dissertation Committee) Boise State University “What’s in a Name? The Rise of Plant-Based Foods and Their Labeling”
3. Ramy Barhouche – M.A. Conflict and Dispute Resolution 2018 (Co-Supervisor) “The Creation of Project LABAN: Using Storytelling and New Media to Transform Perspectives”
4. Kaitlyn A. Elias – M.A. International Studies and Food Studies 2018 (Dissertation Committee) “UN FAO Intergovernmental Group on Tea and the Colombo International Tea Convention
5. Gashahun Lemessa Fura – Ph.D. Melbourne Law School 2017 (External Reviewer) “Transnational Land Acquisitions in Sub-Saharan Africa: Competing Claims and the Role of (International) Law
6. Georgina Fuel – LL.M. 2017 “The Impacts and Implications of Stabilization Clauses in Oil and Gas Contracts: Human Rights, Environment and Sustainable Development Case Study – Mozambique”
7. Safeen Qadir – LL.M. 2016 “The Legitimacy of International Oil and Gas Agreements of Kurdistan Regional Government”
8. Kelsey Provo – M.A. International Studies 2015 (Dissertation Committee) “Immigrants Without Rights: Questioning the Role of International Human Rights Law in US Detention and Deportation Policies”
9. Emily Sanchirico – M.A. International Studies 2013 (Dissertation Committee) “Regional Trade Agreements and Climate Change”
10. Ekontany Makia – LL.M. 2013 (Supervisor) “Human Rights and Corporate Social Responsibility”

UNDERGRADUATE THESIS SUPERVISION

1. Anna-Magdalena Wilms-Crowe – Clarke Honors College Thesis 2020 (Second Reader) “Desde Abajo, Como Semilla’: Puerto Rican Food Sovereignty as Embodied Decolonial Resistance”
2. Gabriel Cutter – Clarke Honors College Thesis 2018 (Second Reader) “The Pro-Israel Lobby’s Influence on U.S. Involvement in the Iran Nuclear Deal”

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

- Academy of Food Law and Policy: Board of Trustees (2017-18)
- American Society of International Law
- European Society of International Law
- Society of International Economic Law
- Society of American Law Teachers
- Law & Society Association
- Agriculture, Food and Human Values Society

LANGUAGES

- English (native)
- Arabic (native spoken, basic reading and writing)
- French (basic)