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EDUCATION

New York University School of Law **J.D.**, 2006

Honors: *New York University Law Review*, Senior Notes Editor
Robert McKay Scholar
Vanderbilt Medal (for “outstanding contributions to the School of Law”)

University of California, Santa Cruz **B.A.**, Legal Studies, 2001

Honors: Highest Honors in Major
Dean’s Award for Outstanding Achievement in Social Sciences
Regents Scholarship (for “outstanding academic achievement”)
Developed and taught student-directed animal protection seminar
Served as an elementary school literacy tutor
Taught English as a Second Language

TEACHING AND SCHOLARLY EXPERIENCE

Vermont Law School Summer 2021–present

Associate Professor; Animal Law & Policy Institute Director

Courses: Animals and the Law; Animal Law Practicum; Animal Protection Policy;
Animal Welfare Law; Communications, Advocacy, and Leadership; Legislation and
Regulation; Natural Resources Law; Science of Animal Law and Policy; Torts.

Toledo Law School Fall 2022

Lecturer in Law

Course: Animal Rights Law

Lewis & Clark Law School Summer 2019–Summer 2021

Animal Law Litigation Clinic Director & Assistant Clinical Professor

Courses: Animal Law Litigation Clinic I; Animal Law Litigation Clinic II

Vermont Law School

Adjunct Faculty

Course: Animal Welfare Law Summer 2018–Summer 2020

Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University Spring 2018
Haub Environmental Visiting Scholar
Course: Animal Law

Harvard Law School Summer 2015–Summer 2017
Academic Fellow, Animal Law & Policy Program

Tulane University Law School Spring 2010–Spring 2013
Adjunct Lecturer
Course: Animal Law

Loyola University New Orleans College of Law Spring 2010–Spring 2013
Adjunct Lecturer
Course: Animal Law

New York University School of Law
Teaching Assistant to Professor Derrick Bell, Constitutional Law Spring 2006
Research Assistant to Professor Barry Friedman Spring 2005

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

PETA Foundation Spring 2010–Summer 2015; Summer 2017–Spring 2019
Vice President & Deputy General Counsel, Captive Animal Law Enforcement

Farm Sanctuary Spring 2009–Spring 2010
Director of Legal Campaigns

Meyer Glitzenstein & Crystal Fall 2007–Spring 2009
Associate

Hon. Martha Craig Daughtrey Summer 2006–Summer 2007
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
Law Clerk

SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

Beyond the Law: Interrogating the Scope of Common Farming Exemptions (work in progress).

Farmed Animal Welfare: Improvements and Developments (North America), in OXFORD HANDBOOK ON GLOBAL ANIMAL LAW (Anne Peters, Kristen Stilt, & Saskia Stucki, eds., forthcoming 2024).

Access to Court: Legal Standing, in ELGAR CONCISE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF ANIMAL LAW (forthcoming 2024).

ANIMAL LAW FUNDAMENTALS: THE ANIMAL WELFARE ACT (forthcoming Brooks U. 2024).

Treating Humans Worse Than Animals? Exposing a False Solitary Confinement Narrative, in *AGAINST CAGES AND CARCERAL LOGICS* (Justin Marceau & Lori Gruen, eds., Cambridge University Press 2022).

Accelerating Catastrophe: Slaughter Line Speeds and the Environment, 51 *ENV'TL L. REV.* 1278 (2022) (with Dani Replogle).

Slaughterhouse Workers, Animals, and the Environment: The Need for a Rights-Centered Regulatory Framework That Recognizes Interconnected Interests, 23 *HARV. HEALTH & HUM. RTS. J.* 21 (2021) (with Elan Abrell).

Captive Wildlife, in *ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT* (Donald C. Baur & Ya-Wei Li eds., 3d ed. 2021) (with Jared Goodman & Heather Rally).

The Animal Welfare Act at Fifty Conference at Harvard Law School, 24 *ANIMAL L.* 155 (2019).

Animal Welfare Act Enforcement, 24 *ANIMAL L.* 249 (2019).

Animal Welfare Act Interaction with Other Laws, 24 *ANIMAL L.* 185 (2019).

Administrative License Renewal and Due Process—A Case Study, 45 *FLA. ST. U. L. REV.* 539 (2018).

Administrative Law Enforcement, Warnings, and Transparency, 79 *OHIO ST. L. J.* 451 (2018).

Fulfilling the Promise of EFOIA's Proactive Disclosure Mandate, 95 *DENVER L. REV.* 909 (2018).

Captive Wildlife at a Crossroads—Sanctuaries, Accreditation, and Humane-Washing, 6 *ANIMAL STUD. J.* 161 (2017).

Confronting Barriers to the Courtroom for Animal Advocates, 13 *ANIMAL L. REV.* 1 (2006).

Note, *Combining Reflexive Law and False Advertising Law to Standardize "Cruelty-Free" Labeling of Cosmetics*, 81 *N.Y.U. L. REV.* 454 (2006).

SELECT ADDITIONAL PUBLICATIONS

Survey Says ... Californians Can Have Their Pork and Let Pigs Move, VERMONT LAW SCHOOL BLOG (Dec. 6, 2021) (cited in a brief to the U.S. Supreme Court).

Farmed Animals Lack Legal Protections. What Needs to Change?, SENTIENT MEDIA (Oct. 19, 2021).

USDA's Animal Protection Failures Show Change Is Needed, LAW360 (Aug. 20, 2021).

Slaughterhouse Deregulation: A View of the Effects on Animals, Workers, Consumers, and the Environment, ABA BRIEF (Summer 2021) (with Jessica Chapman & Ingrid Seggerman).

Iowa Slaughterhouses Slated to Deregulate Are Already Failing to Properly Stun Pigs, DES MOINES REG. (Oct. 15, 2020).

Putting Us at Risk of Another Pandemic: The USDA's Epic Failure, N.Y. DAILY NEWS (July 5, 2020).

Slaughtering Animals Is Not Essential, N.Y. DAILY NEWS (Apr. 28, 2020).

As Facilities Close for Covid-19, Stranded Animals Could Suffer, UNDARK (Apr. 8, 2020).

Rollbacks to Federal Regulation of Pig Slaughter Finalized, ABA ANIMAL LAW COMMITTEE NEWSL. (Fall 2019).

New Program: Animal Law Litigation Clinic, AALS SEC. ON ANIMAL L. NEWSL. (2019).

It's Official—The Feds Are Protecting Animal Exploiters, DAILY CALLER (Apr. 26, 2019).

Costly USDA Proposal Would Spend More Tax Dollars and Help Animal Abusers, DAILY CALLER (Mar. 29, 2019).

Why Is It So Hard for President Trump to Flatly Forbid Trophy Hunting Imports?, N.Y. DAILY NEWS (Mar. 9, 2018).

Self-Policing Animal Research: Another Bad Idea from USDA, LAW360 (May 25, 2018).

Year After Blackout, Public Still in the Dark About Animal Welfare Enforcement, HILL (Feb. 9, 2018).

Animal Welfare Act Could Protect Animals and Taxpayers — If It's Enforced, U.S.A. TODAY (Dec. 26, 2017).

The Fish and Wildlife Service Must Atone for Tiger's Death, NAT'L GEOGRAPHIC (Sept. 11, 2017).

Why Is the State of Wisconsin Propping Up a Cruel and Dying Industry?, ALTERNET (Aug. 29, 2017).

USDA Blackout: Scrutinizing the Deletion of Thousands of Animal Welfare Act-Related Records, AM. BAR ASS'N ANIMAL L. COMM. NEWSL. (Summer 2017).

Wild Animal Acts Are Becoming a Thing of the Past, but Some Circuses Insist on Continuing Their Cruel Ways, ALTERNET (June 26, 2017).

Ringling's Big Cats Need New Homes—and They Could Be Headed for a Circus Overseas, SALON (June 11, 2017).

Ringling Is Dead, but Other Abusive Circuses Live, N.Y. DAILY NEWS (May 25, 2017).

Freedom of Information in Peril: What Transparency Looks Like in Trump's Government, SALON (May 14, 2017).

Why I Sued the USDA, HILL (Feb. 16, 2017).

United States: Restore Public Files on Animal Welfare, NATURE (Feb. 15, 2017).

Removal of Animal-Welfare Records Is Serious Blow to Accountability, CHRON. HIGHER EDUC. (Feb. 7, 2017).

Will Ringling's Closure Clear the Way for Federal Circus Legislation?, HILL (Jan. 30, 2017).

SELECT PRESENTATIONS

Introduction to Animal Law, American Alliance of Paralegals (June 26, 2024).

Animal Law Litigation, Wesleyan University (April 26, 2024).

Syllabus and Course Design, Animal Law Pedagogy Workshop, University of San Francisco School of Law (April 6, 2024) (co-facilitator).

Animal Experimentation and the Law, Yale Law School (Mar. 25, 2024).

Animal Welfare Act: Oversight of Exhibition, Animal Law Fundamentals, Brooks U (Feb. 28, 2024).

Civil Litigation, Brooks Congress (Feb. 3, 2024) (moderator and delegate).

Captive Marine Mammals Used for Entertainment and the Law, Lewis & Clark Law School (Jan. 25, 2024).

Whose Food System Is It Anyway? The Role of Corporations and Government in Shaping What We Eat, Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting (Jan. 6, 2024) (moderator).

Joint Works-in-Progress Session, Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting (Jan. 5, 2024) (food and agriculture commenter).

We're Bringing Nature Back: Nature-Based Solutions to Climate Change, Vermont Journal of Environmental Law Symposium, Vermont Law School (Nov. 18, 2023) (opening remarks and biodiversity panel moderator).

Canned Photography: Animals, Not-So-Wild Images, and Lawlessness, New York University (Nov. 17, 2023).

Regulating Slaughter, Oklahoma City University School of Law (Oct. 31, 2024).

Canned Photography: Exposing and Combating Not-So-Wild Wildlife Photographs, Oxford University, Oxford Animal Ethics Summer School (Aug. 10, 2023).

From Values to Misrepresentation: The Dangers of Assumptions, Oxford Animal Ethics Summer School (Aug. 10, 2023) (moderator/chair).

Calvin and Hobbes, and the Virtues of Animality, Oxford University, Oxford Animal Ethics Summer School (Aug. 10, 2023) (moderator/chair).

Industrial Animal Agriculture in the U.S. and China: Pathways and Opportunities for Oversight, VLGS U.S.-Asia Partnerships for Environmental Law and Animal Law and Policy Institute, and Koguan School of Law at Shanghai Jiaotong University (June 23, 2023) (moderator).

Overview of the Animal Welfare Act, Animal Law Fundamentals, Brooks U (June 14, 2023).

Don Baur's Legal Legacy, Commencement 2023 Honorary Degree Lecture, Vermont Law and Graduate School (May 19, 2023).

Practicalities and Politics of Adding an Animal (Rights) Law Class, Cambridge Centre for Animal Rights Law, Law Lecturers' Workshop in Animal Rights Law (May 9, 2023)

Animal Law Litigation, Wesleyan University (April 2023).

Hot Topics: National Pork Producers Council v. Ross, Vermont Law and Graduate School (Nov. 12, 2022).

Legal Challenge to California's Regulation of Corporate Production Standards and Business and Human Rights Implications, Teaching Business and Human Rights Forum (Nov. 10, 2022).

Beyond the Law? Interrogating the Scope of Common Farming Exemptions, Oxford University, Oxford Animal Ethics Summer School (Aug. 9, 2022).

Happy Cows? Misunderstood, Under-protected, and Destroying the Environment—A Scientific and Legal Perspective, Hot Topics, Vermont Law & Graduate School (June 21, 2022).

Introduction to Animal Welfare Investigations in Vermont, Vermont Police Academy, Vermont Law School (June 17, 2022).

Ecological Justice and the Right to Health, Phoenix Zones Initiative (May 19, 2022).

Slaughterhouse Workers, Animals, and the Environment The Need for a Rights-Centered Regulatory Framework in the United States That Recognizes Interconnected Interests, Cambridge Centre for Animal Rights Law and Policy (May 10, 2022).

Administrative Animal Law, Attorneys for Animals (Apr. 4, 2022).

Animal Law Litigation, Wesleyan University (Mar. 29, 2022).

Global, National, Local Animal Law: Opportunities and Obstacles, Wildlife and Welfare: Animal Law in Theory and Practice, VLS Animal Law and Policy Institute and U.S.-Asia Partnerships for Environmental Law (Mar. 26, 2022).

A Critically Endangered Orca in the Smallest Orca Tank in the World, Animal Law Symposium, Vermont Law School (Mar. 25, 2022).

Animal Agriculture's Environmental Issues, UC Davis School of Law (Feb. 24, 2022).

Promoting Justice Through Animal Law Clinics, American Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting (Jan. 9, 2022).

Captivity and the Law, New York University (Nov. 15, 2021).

Conservation, Captive Wildlife, and Corporate Accountability, Vermont Law Review Symposium (Nov. 5, 2021)

Animal Welfare Act, Harvard Law School (Oct. 27, 2021).

Proposing a Federal Slaughterhouse Oversight Commission, Phoenix Zones Initiative Project ECHO Just One Health Hub and Seminar (Oct. 21, 2021).

Bird Brains? Our Evolving Understanding of Chickens—and Their Lagging Legal Status, Vermont Law School (July 29, 2021).

Tiger King Redux, National Lawyers Guild NYC Animal Rights Committee (July 24, 2021).

Training Law Students to Litigate for Farmed Animals, Effective Animal Advocacy Meet-up (June 19, 2021).

Animal Welfare Enforcement Improvement Act (HR 3277), Congressional Briefing (May 7, 2021).

Zoonotic Diseases and Factory Farming, Virtual Animal Law Symposium 2021: Animals and COVID-19 (Apr. 23, 2021).

COVID-19 and Slaughter Line Speeds: An Animal Welfare and Environmental Disaster, Northern Illinois Law Review Symposium on Animals and Environmentalism (Apr. 23, 2021).

The Environmental and Climate Change Impacts of Factory Farming, Denver Sturm College of Law (Apr. 21, 2021).

Animal Law Litigation Clinic, Experiential Learning Showcase, Lewis & Clark Law School (Apr. 10, 2021).

Creating a More Sustainable and Humane Food Supply, Connecticut Journal of International Law Symposium (Apr. 9, 2021).

The Animal Law Litigation Clinic and Careers in Animal Law, Vermont Law School (Apr. 5, 2021).

Industrial Animal Slaughter, Lewis & Clark Law School (Apr. 1, 2021).

Animal Slaughter Litigation, Lewis & Clark Law School (Mar. 31, 2021).

Captive Wildlife Under the Endangered Species Act, Willamette Law School (Mar. 15, 2021).

Slaughter and the Environment, Environmental Law Symposium (Mar. 13, 2021).

Animal Law Litigation Clinic, Animal Law Week Clinics Spotlight, Lewis & Clark Law School (Mar. 10, 2021).

Companion Animals and the Animal Welfare Act, Lewis & Clark Law School (Feb. 4, 2021).

Protecting Workers and Animals at Slaughterhouses in the Midst of COVID-19, American Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting (Jan. 5, 2021).

Beyond the Law? Interrogating the Scope of Common Farming Exemptions, Emerging Scholars Workshop in Law, Animals, and Society (Dec. 9, 2020).

Elephants in Tennessee: A First-Hand Account of the Fight for Nosey's Freedom and Legal & Ethical Issues Relating to Elephants in Captivity, Tennessee Bar Association (Dec. 7, 2020).

Animal Law Litigation, New York University (Nov. 30, 2020).

Challenging the De-Regulation of Slaughter, Columbia Law School (Nov. 17, 2020).

Captive Wildlife Under the Endangered Species Act, Harvard Law School (Oct. 28, 2020).

Federal Program to Deregulate Slaughterhouses and Its Effects on Animals, Workers, and Consumers, American Bar Association (Oct. 26, 2020).

Animal Law, Environmental Law, and Beyond, Arizona Bar Association (Oct. 22, 2020).

Animal Law Litigation and the Animal Welfare Act, George Washington University Law School (Oct. 8, 2020).

COVID-19 and the Slaughterhouse Industry, Duke University Law School (Oct. 4, 2020).

Captive Wildlife and the Animal Welfare Act, Denver Sturm College of Law (Sept. 29, 2020).

Overview of State Animal Cruelty Statutes & Successful Prosecutions, U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of Inspector General Office of Investigations Animal Welfare Training for Special Agents (Sept. 14, 2020).

Beyond the Law? Interrogating the Scope of Common Farming Exemptions, Canadian Animal Law Conference (Sept. 13, 2020).

Not Above the Law: Challenging Industry-Standard Animal Cruelty, Canadian Animal Law Conference (Sept. 12, 2020).

Protecting Farmed Animals Under the Law, Africa Animal Welfare Conference (Sept. 10, 2020).

Protecting Animals and Workers Amidst COVID-19 Outbreaks at Slaughterhouses, Lewis & Clark Law School (June 30, 2020).

Protecting Pigs in an Era of De-Regulation, Vermont Law School (June 21, 2020).

Slaughter of Farmed Animals, Lewis & Clark Law School (Apr. 2, 2020).

Protecting Pigs Under the Humane Methods of Slaughter Act and Federal Meat Inspection Act, Lewis & Clark Law School (Mar. 19, 2020).

The Animal Welfare Act and Article III Standing, New York University School of Law (Mar. 4, 2020).

Protecting Animals in an Era of De-Regulation, Harvard Law School (Feb. 19, 2020).

Using the Endangered Species Act to Protect Animals in Captivity, Harvard Law School (Feb. 19, 2020).

Beyond Codifying the Contours of Confinement, Against Cages and Carceral Logics Workshop, Denver Sturm College of Law (Nov. 2019).

Transforming Animals' Status Through Civil Litigation, Animal Law Conference (Oct. 2019).

Animal Welfare Act Enforcement and Transparency, Lewis & Clark Law School (July 2019).

Litigation on Behalf of Lolita, Lewis & Clark Law School (July 2019).

Confronting America's Captive Tiger Crisis, Vermont Law School (July 2019).

Animal Welfare Act Enforcement, Columbia Law School (Feb. 2019).

Challenging Assaults on Transparency, International Animal Law Summit (Oct. 2018).

Animal Testing and the Animal Welfare Act, Animal Law Review Symposium, Lewis and Clark Law School (Mar. 2018).

Animal Welfare Act Enforcement and Standing, Columbia Law School (Feb. 2018).

Issues of Animal Protection and Legal Ethics, Denver Law Review Symposium (Feb. 2018).

Animal Welfare Act, New York University School of Law (Feb. 2018).

The Future of Laboratory Animal Law, Future Directions for Laboratory Animal Law, The National Academies' Institute for Laboratory Animal Research, Harvard Law School (Jan. 2018).

Corporate Transparency, Accountability, and Animal Welfare, American Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting (Jan. 2018).

Keynote: Animal Welfare and Government Transparency, Animal Law Symposium, San Diego Bar Association (Sept. 2017).

Animal Welfare Act Enforcement and Transparency, State Bar of Michigan (May 2017).

Standing and Animal Law, Harvard Law School (Apr. 2017).

Recent Changes to USDA Animal Welfare Act Compliance Information, Public Responsibility in Medicine and Research, Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee Conference (Mar. 2017).

USDA Online Animal Welfare Information Update, Animal Law Committee, American Bar Association (Mar. 2017).

Discounted Penalties and Warnings in Animal Welfare Act Enforcement, The Animal Welfare Act at Fifty Workshop, Harvard Law School (Dec. 2016).

Animal Welfare Act in Practice, Louisiana State Bar Association (Dec. 2016).

Administrative Law Enforcement, Warnings, and Transparency, Canadian Law and Economics Association's Annual Conference, University of Toronto (Sept. 2016).

Administrative Agency Licensing Renewal and Due Process Under the Animal Welfare Act—A Case Study, Searle Center Roundtable on Animal Law and Regulation, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law (July 2016).

Administrative Warnings and Compliance Behavior Under the Animal Welfare Act – A Case Study, Third Conference for Junior Researchers, Stanford Program in Law and Society, Stanford Law School (May 2016).

Animal Law Litigation Challenges, Harvard Law School (Apr. 2016).

Animal Welfare Act Implementation Issues, Animal Law Institute, Texas State Bar Association (Apr. 2016).

SELECTED SERVICE

American Association of Law Schools (AALS):

- Section on Animal Law
 - o Chair (2022-23).
 - o Executive Committee Member (2020-2022, 2023-2024).
- Section on Agricultural & Food Law
 - o Executive Committee Member (2020-21, 2024-present).
 - o Chair (2023-24).
 - o Chair Elect (2022-23).

American Bar Association, Animal Law Committee, Vice Chair (2021-present).

Animal Law Conference, Planning Committee Member (2019-21).

Animal Law Student Convention, Student Scholarship Selection Committee (2020-21).

Brooks Institute Courtroom Animal Advocate Programs Taskforce

- Member (2021-2023).
- Institutionalized Cruelty Work Group Member (2022-23).

- Civil Pathways Work Group Member (2022-23).

CDC Dog Import Working Group, Law Professors' Subcommittee Member (2022-23).

Endangered Species Act at 50 Conference Planning Committee Member (2024).

Lewis & Clark Law School:

- AALS Representative (2021).
- Admissions Committee (2019-21).
- Animal Law Review, Faculty Co-advisor (2020-21).
- Donor-Supported Scholarships Selection Committee (2019-21).
- Natural Resources-Environmental Law Committee (2019-21).

National Animal Law Competitions, Planning Committee (2022-present).

Phoenix Zones Initiative: Policy Working Group Member (2020-21).

Vermont Law and Graduate School

- Advanced Appellate Advocacy Coach (2023).
- Animal Law Concentration, Faculty Advisor (2021-present).
- Animal Law Society, Faculty Advisor (2021-22).
- Board of Trustees
 - o Faculty Representative (2023-24).
 - o Development Committee (2023-24).
 - o Nominations Committee (2023-24).
- CLEO CLIC Mentor (2021-22).
- Clinical and Experiential Working Group Member (2022).
- Curriculum Committee Member (2022-present).
- Deans Advisory Committee
 - o Chair (2023-24).
 - o Member (2022-23).
- Environmental Scholarship Colloquium, Faculty Director (2022).
- Embedded Racism in the Law Working Group (2024)
- Faculty Development Committee Co-chair (2022-23).
- Graduate School Structure Work Group (2022-23).
- National Lawyers Guild, Faculty Advisor (2023-present).
- Vermont Journal of Environmental Law, Faculty Advisor (2022-24).

BAR MEMBERSHIPS AND COURT ADMISSIONS

States: California, District of Columbia, Oregon, Vermont

U.S. Courts of Appeals: D.C. Circuit, Sixth Circuit, Ninth Circuit

U.S. District Courts: Central District of California, District of Columbia, District of

Oregon, Western District of New York

MEDIA

Frequent media commentator on animal law and policy issues. Hundreds of media hits in national and international news outlets, including *ABC*, *Agence France-Presse*, *Associated Press*, *Atlantic*, *Boston Globe*, *CNN*, *Fox*, *Los Angeles Times*, *National Geographic*, *Newsweek*, *New York Times*, *Reuters*, *Rolling Stone*, *Vox*, *Wall Street Journal*, and *Washington Post*. Featured in *O, The Oprah Magazine* as one of “Six Women Who Dare.”