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Villanova University School of Law
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Member of the District of Columbia and New York Bars (Inactive)

EDUCATION

**London School of Economics and Political Science,
London, England**

Master of Laws (LL.M.), November 1987

Specialization: International Economic Law

Scholarships: American Friends of the London School of
Economics, 1986 Scholarship Recipient;
London School of Economics Scholarship Award

**New York University
New York, New York**

School of Law

Juris Doctor, June 1980

Awards: Vanderbilt Medal for Outstanding Service to the
Law School Community

School of Arts & Sciences

B.A., Cum Laude, June 1977

Major: Political Science **Minor:** Philosophy

Honors: Dean's List
University Founders Day Scholar
Pi Sigma Alpha (Political Science Honors Society)

**Stuyvesant High School,
New York, New York**

Class of 1974

EXPERIENCE Teaching

Villanova University School of Law

Villanova, Pennsylvania

September 1990-Present

Professor of Law

Subjects: Public International Law, International Environmental Law,
International Business Transactions, International Trade, International
Organizations, Contracts

Santa Clara University School of Law

Santa Clara, California
Visiting Professor of Law

September 1996-May 1997

Riesefeld Fellow in Public International Law, University of California
at Berkeley (Boalt Hall) 1993-1994

**The City College of the City University of New York
Center for Legal Education & Urban Policy**

New York, New York

1989-1990

Revson Fellowship Scholar - Developed and taught a two-semester
course on international economic law from the perspective of developing
countries.

New York University School of Continuing Education

New York, New York

Fall 1988-June 1990

Instructor - Taught advanced and basic legal research and writing to
paralegal trainees.

**LEGAL
PRACTICE**

Law Offices of Robert Van Lierop

New York, New York

August 1988-July 1990

Associate Attorney - Legal Advisor, Permanent Mission of Vanuatu to the
United Nations - Associated with general practice office. One of principal
duties was representing the island nation of Vanuatu in the United
Nations.

Blum, Nash & Railsback

Washington, D.C.

September 1984-December 1985

Associate Attorney - Associated with a general practice firm.

Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law

Washington, D.C.

September 1981-May 1984

Staff Attorney - Co-authored major study for United Nations Council for
Namibia on addressing violations of U.N. decrees and resolutions on
Namibia. Prepared appellate briefs and legal memoranda on civil rights
issues and statutes.

The Honorable John Kane, Jr., United States District Court

Denver, Colorado

September 1980-August 1981

Law Clerk

NON-LEGAL

International Center for Development Policy

Washington, D.C.

May-September 1986

Associate Director, Southern Africa Project

- PUBLICATIONS:** Lectures in Honor of Rev. Martin Luther King, 60 *Vill. L. Rev.* (2016) (forthcoming)
- 'Unsustainable Development' IN INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND THE GLOBAL SOUTH (Shawkat Alam Sumudu Atapatu, Carmen G. Gonzalez, eds.2015)
- 'On Community in the Midst of Hierarchy (and Hierarchy in the Midst of Community)' in PRESUMED INCOMPETENT: THE INTERSECTIONS OF RACE AND CLASS FOR WOMEN IN ACADEMIA (GABRIELLA GUTIERREZ Y MUHS, YOLANDA FLORES NIEMANN, CARMEN G. GONZALEZ, ANGELA P. HARRIS 2012)
- Book Review of The Origins of African-American Interests in International Law by Henry J. Richardson, 104 *American Journal of International Law* (2010)
- Katrina, Race, Refugees and Images of the Third World in "HURRICANE KATRINA: AMERICA'S UNNATURAL DISASTER, DR. JEREMY LEVITT, MATTHEW WITAKER, EDITORS 2009)
- The Dawn of a New, New International Economic Order, 72 Duke University School of Law, *Law and Contemporary Problems* (2009)
- Mandates, Encyclopedia of Public International Law, (2007)
- Climate Change and the Poorest Nations: Further Reflections on Global Inequality
78 University of Colorado Law Review 1559 (2007)
- Sub-Saharan Africa and the Brave New World of the WTO Multilateral Trade Regime 8 Berkeley Journal of Africa American Law and Policy 79 (2006)
- Contemplating the WTO From the Margins 17, Berkeley La Raza Law Journal 95 (2006)
- Deconstructing Development@, 22 Wisconsin International Law Journal 1 (co-author, Jon H. Sylvester) (2004)
- Deconstructing Armed Humanitarian Intervention, A Review of "Reading Humanitarian: Intervention: Human Rights and the Use of Force in International Law" by Anne Orford, 36 George Washington International Law Review 947 (2004)

Racing U.S. Foreign Policy,@ 17 National Black Law Journal 1, Columbia Edition (2003)

Critical Race Theory and International Law: Convergence and Divergence,@ 45 Villanova Law Review 827 (2000)

Growing Constitutions,@ 1 University of Pennsylvania Journal of Constitutional Law 528 (1999)

"Saving Failed States: Sometimes A Neocolonialist Notion," 12 American University Journal of International Law and Policy 903 (1997)

Book Review, International Organizations and Civil Wars, by McCoubrey and White, 91 American Journal of International Law 563 (1997)

"Humanitarian Intervention by the United Nations: Iraq, Somalia and Haiti," 31 Texas International Law Journal 44 (1995)

"Some Legal Problems With Trusteeship," 28 Cornell International Law Journal 301 (1995)

"United Nations Intervention in Internal Conflicts: Iraq, Somalia and Beyond," 15 Michigan Journal of International Law 519 (1994)

**OTHER
PUBLICATIONS:**

Racing American Policy,@ Proceedings of the 94th Annual Meeting of the American Society of International Law (2000)

Organic Constitutions,@ Proceedings of the 92nd Annual Meeting of the American Society of International Law 93 (1998)

Saving Failed States: Sometimes a Neocolonialist Notion,@ Proceedings of the 91st Annual Meeting of the American Society of International Law 420 (1997)

"United Nations Initiative for Africa Launched," ABA World Order Under Law Reporter (Fall 1996)

"Article 2(7) Revisited: The Post-Cold War Security Council," ACUNS Reports and Papers 1994, No. 5

Editor, "Incorporating Human Rights Work Into the Work of World Summit for Social Development" by James Paul, (American Society of International Law Issue Papers on World Conferences Series 1994)

Editor, "Towards an International Convention on Housing Rights: Options at Habitat II," by Scott Leckie (American Society of International Law Issue Papers on World Conference Series 1994)

"The Privatization of Apartheid," Villanova Alumni Magazine, (Fall 1991)

Editor, "Foreign Governments in United States Courts," American Society of International Law, Proceedings of the 85th Annual Meeting 251 (1991)

**UNPUBLISHED
PAPER:**

"Comparative Approaches to Control Over Natural Resources" (1991)

**SELECTED
PRESENTATIONS:**

Subsisting in the Shadow of a Waning Superpower, Implications of the U.S. Decline for the Third World, University of Pennsylvania, April 2010

A New, New International Economic Order,. Duke University, January 2009

Unsustainable Development, Villanova University, May 2009

Inequality in the International System,@ Conference on Economic and Social Inequality: The Role of Race in Law, Markets, and Social Structures, sponsored by Georgetown University Law Center and Harvard Law School, 24 March 2006

Contemplating the WTO From the Margins,@ Plenary Session: Economic Theory, Practice and the Developing World (8 October 2005) 10TH Annual LatCrit.

Racing American Foreign Policy,@ Lecture before the American Society of International Law, April 2000

Critical Race Theory and International Law: Convergence and Divergence,@

Symposium on Critical Race Theory and International Law, Villanova University School of Law B October 1999 (Symposium Organizer)

Growing Constitutions,@ Symposium on International Constitutionalism, University of Pennsylvania School of Law - April 1998

Failed States and the Resurrection of Trusteeship,@ University of Georgia School of Law (Dedication of Professor Louis Sohn=s Library at the University of Georgia School of Law) B February 1997

"Humanitarian Intervention by the United Nations," Symposium on Humanitarian Intervention, University of Texas School of Law - March 1995

"Article 2(7) and Internal Conflicts," Symposium on Reforming the United Nations, York University, Toronto, Canada - October 1992

"Article 2(7) Revisited; The Post-Cold War Security Council," Fifth Annual Meeting, Academic Council on the United Nations System - June 1992

"Problems in Sustainable Development: Developing Countries and the Environment," Panel, National Conference of Black Lawyers Annual Meeting - October 1991

"Comparative Approaches to Control Over Natural Resources," Conference on Constitution Making, Johannesburg, South Africa - March 1991

**PROFESSIONAL
AFFILIATIONS**

American Society of International Law, Executive Council (1993-96)
American Bar Association - Section on International Law and Practice
Association of American Law Schools, Section on International Law,
Section on Minority Groups