

Academic Appointments

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, 2019-
Professor of Law and Philosophy
Courses Taught: Contracts, Advanced Contracts, Private Law Theory Seminar,
Legal Theory Seminar, Concepts in American Law, Law and Society,
Jurisprudence

UNIVERSIDAD ADOLFO IBÁÑEZ, 2021-
Profesor Adjunto Extraordinario (Visiting Professor)
Seminar Taught: Introduction to US Contract Law

Education

2018 NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW
Doctor of Juridical Science (JSD)
2015 NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW
LLM (Legal Theory), Dean's Merit Scholarship
2010 PONTIFICIA UNIVERSIDAD CATÓLICA DE CHILE
Licenciado en Derecho (JD equivalent), with highest distinction

Publications

BOOK

The Institution of Contract (under contract with OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS)

ARTICLES, ESSAYS & BOOK CHAPTERS

2026 The Rule of Law
Forthcoming, MICHIGAN STATE LAW REVIEW

What's So Great About Property? On Property Law in the Society of Equals
Forthcoming, JURISPRUDENCE

2025 Tradition in Constitutional Adjudication
36 (1) YALE JOURNAL OF LAW AND THE HUMANITIES (2025)

The Limits of Experimental Jurisprudence
CAMBRIDGE HANDBOOK OF EXPERIMENTAL JURISPRUDENCE (Kevin Tobia ed.,
Cambridge University Press, 2025)

Specific Performance

RESEARCH HANDBOOK IN THE PHILOSOPHY OF CONTRACT LAW (Mendy Chen-Wishart & Prince Saprai Eds., Edward Elgar, 2025)

Rights, Interests, and Tort Law as an Instrument: A Commentary on Gregory C Keating's 'Reasonableness and Risk'

16 (1) JOURNAL OF EUROPEAN TORT LAW (2025)

Legality and Commitment

29 (3) JOURNAL OF ETHICS AND SOCIAL PHILOSOPHY (2025)

2024

On Legal Expertise

69 (2) AMERICAN JOURNAL OF JURISPRUDENCE (2024)

Minimalist Textualism

55(1) SETON HALL LAW REVIEW (2024)

Understanding Private Law

METHODOLOGY IN PRIVATE LAW THEORY

(Paul Miller & Thilo Kuntz eds., Oxford University Press, 2024)

Private Law Legalism

74 (1) UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO LAW JOURNAL (2024)

2023

Legal Positivism for Legal Officials

36 (2) CANADIAN JOURNAL OF LAW & JURISPRUDENCE (2023)

Justifying Private Law

OXFORD STUDIES IN PRIVATE LAW THEORY, Vol. II (Paul Miller & John Oberdiek Eds., Oxford University Press, 2023)

2022

Legal Principles, Law, and Tradition

33 (1) YALE JOURNAL OF LAW AND THE HUMANITIES (2022)

The Grounds of Arbitral Authority

96 (4) TULANE LAW REVIEW (2022)

2021

Rethinking Contract Remedies

53 (4) ARIZONA STATE LAW JOURNAL (2021)

Some Doubts about Folk Jurisprudence: The Case of Proximate Cause

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO LAW REVIEW ONLINE (2021)

Law, Morality, and the One-System View: A Response to T.R.S. Allan

66 (1) THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF JURISPRUDENCE 27 (2021)

Two Questions for Private Law Theory
12 (3) JURISPRUDENCE 391 (2021)

Contracts, Markets, and Justice
71 (1) UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO LAW JOURNAL 144 (2021)

2020 A Formalist Theory of Contract Law Adjudication
2020 (5) UTAH LAW REVIEW 1121 (2020)

Ni Función ni Estructura: Una respuesta a la idea de justicia constitucional de Fernando Atria (co-authored with Sergio Verdugo)
EL DERECHO Y SUS CONSTRUCCIONES: DIÁLOGOS CON LA FORMA DEL DERECHO DE FERNANDO ATRIA (Javier Gallego ed., Palestra, 2020)

2019 Against Parochialism in Contract Theory: A Response to Brian Bix
32 (2) RATIO JURIS 233 (2019)

¿Es el enriquecimiento injustificado un principio de justicia?
FUNDAMENTOS FILOSÓFICOS DEL DERECHO CIVIL CHILENO (Esteban Pereira ed., Rubicon, 2019)

2017 Una crítica a la idea de incumplimiento eficiente desde el Derecho de Contratos
29 REVISTA CHILENA DE DERECHO PRIVADO 99 (2017)

La Teoría del Derecho de Contratos y su Relación con la Dogmática
44 (2) REVISTA CHILENA DE DERECHO 395 (2017)

Dos implicancias de la igualdad relacional
144 ESTUDIOS PÚBLICOS 31 (2017)

REVIEWS AND BLOG POSTS

In Defense of Archimedes (Reviewing Pablo Rapetti, A Critique of Strong Anti-Archimedeanism: Metaethics, Conceptual Jurisprudence, and Legal Disagreements)
JOTWELL (March 2024)

Book Review: Paolo Sandro, The Making of Constitutional Democracy
68 (1) AMERICAN JOURNAL OF JURISPRUDENCE (2023)

Inescapable Uncertainty and the Judicial Role (Reviewing Courtney Cox, The Uncertain Judge)
JOTWELL (December 2022)

False Necessity and the Political Morality of Tort Law (reviewing Sandy Steel, *On the Moral Necessity of Tort Law: The Fairness Argument*)
JOTWELL (October 2021)

Book Review: *La Forma del Derecho* (co-authored with Martin Hevia)
15 (2) INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF CONSTITUTIONAL LAW 578 (2017)

Awards and Recognitions

2026 AALS Jurisprudence Section Article Award, *Legality and Commitment*

2023 AALS Scholarly Papers Competition, Honorable Mention, *Tradition in Constitutional Adjudication*

Presentations and Comments

Legal Concepts and the Autonomy of Legal Reasoning
Obligations Conference, Harvard Law School (Summer 2025)

Truly General Jurisprudence
Surrey Center for Law and Philosophy (Spring 2025)
Edinburgh Legal Theory Discussion Group (Spring 2025)
Harvard Law and Philosophy Workshop (Fall 2025)

Comment on Hanoch Dagan and Avihay Dorfman's "Relational Justice"
Notre Dame London, Symposium on Relational Justice (Spring 2025)

The Power to Contract
Universidad de Chile, Conferencia Derecho de Contratos (Fall 2024)
Berkeley Contract Theory Conference (Spring 2025)

Minimalist Textualism
USC Faculty Workshop (Spring 2024)

The Institution of Contract
Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez (Chile), Contract Theory Workshop (Fall 2022)
Chapman University Law Faculty Workshop (Fall 2022)
Yale Law School Private Law Seminar (Fall 2023)
Columbia Law and Philosophy Workshop (Fall 2023)
Universitat de Girona, Càtedra de Cultura Jurídica (Spring 2024)
King's-Rutgers-USC Legal Philosophy Conference (Summer 2024)
University of Amsterdam, Center for Transformative Private Law (Summer 2024)
Columbia Private Law Theory Workshop (Fall 2025)
Berkeley Colloquium in Legal and Political Philosophy (Spring 2026)

Lawyers as Moral Experts? (Comment on Scott Hershovitz, “Law is a Moral Practice”)
ITAM Law School, Law is a Moral Practice Conference (Spring 2024)

Comment on Mirthe Jiwa, Incapacity and Supported-Decision Making
Berkeley Contract Theory Conference (Spring 2024)

Tradition in Constitutional Adjudication
Tulane Law School Scholarship Workshop (Fall 2023)
ICON-S Conference, Santiago, Chile (Fall 2023)

Comments on Fred Schauer, Rules of Order
USC Legal Theory Workshop (Fall 2023)

The Expertise Objection to Experimental Jurisprudence
Experimental Jurisprudence Conference, Toulouse School of Economics
(Summer 2023)

On Legal Expertise
Michigan Law School, Experimental Jurisprudence Workshop (Fall 2022)
Fordham Law and Philosophy Colloquium (Spring 2023)
Yale-Harvard-Stanford Junior Faculty Workshop (Summer 2023)
Pittsburgh Law School Faculty Workshop (Fall 2023)

Comments on Colin Bradley, Private Rights and Private Wrongs
Legal Philosophy Workshop (Summer 2022)

Private Rights as Legal Rights
Yale-Toronto Private Law Theory Conference (Spring 2022)
USC Faculty Workshop (Spring 2022)

Private Law Theory as Comparative Jurisprudence
Methodology in Private Law Workshop, Bucerius Law School (Spring 2022)

Legality and Commitment
UCLA Law and Philosophy Workshop (Spring 2022)
Toronto Legal Theory Workshop (Spring 2022)
Universitat Pompeu Fabra Law and Philosophy Group (Spring 2022)
University of Virginia Legal Theory Workshop (Spring 2023)

The Political Morality of Antitrust
USC-Cambridge Virtual Antitrust Workshop (Spring 2022)

Comment on Cristina Tilley, Just Strict Liability
Workshop on Private Law & Emerging Technology, Yale Law School and Indiana
Maurer School of Law (Fall 2021)

Some Doubts About Folk Jurisprudence
University of Chicago Law School, Contemporary Issues in Public Law Seminar
(Fall 2021)

La Teoría del Contrato en Perspectiva Comparada
Centro de Estudios Iusta Causa (Chile) (Fall 2021)

Justifying Private Law
Private Law Theory Group (Spring 2021)
Conference for the Oxford Studies in Private Law Series (Summer 2021)

On Peter Benson's Justice in Transactions
Cátedra de Cultura Jurídica, University of Girona (Spring 2021)

Dworkinian Positivism
USC Faculty Workshop (Spring 2021)
Oxford Jurisprudence Series (Summer 2021, selected after call for papers)

Rethinking Contract Remedies
Harvard Private Law Theory Workshop (2020)
Oxford Jurisprudence Discussion Group (2020)
McGill University Global Private Law Theory Workshop (2021)
University of South Carolina Law School Faculty Workshop (2021)

Legal Principles, Law, and Tradition
Center for Law, History, and Culture, University of Southern California (2020)

Two Questions for Private Law Theory
North American Workshop on Private Law Theory (2019)

Is Breach of Contract a Moral Wrong?
NYU Law JSD Forum (2017)
Universidad Torcuato di Tella Faculty Workshop (2017)
ITAM Law School Faculty Workshop (2018)
Duke Law School Faculty Workshop (2018)
USC Gould Faculty Workshop (2018)
NYU Law Faculty Workshop (2018)

Rights and Remedies in Contract Theory
NYU School of Law JSD Forum (2017)

The Methodology of Contract Theory
Harvard Graduate Legal Philosophy Colloquium (2016)
NYU School of Law JSD Forum (2016)

Service and Other Information

Co-Director, USC Center for Law and Philosophy, August 2021-

Steering Committee Member, North American Workshop in Private Law Theory, 2021-

Host, [Private Law Podcast](#), March 2021-December 2022

Contributing Editor, JOTWELL (Jurisprudence), March 2021-

Corresponding Fellow, Yale Law School Center for Private Law, 2025-

Peer Review: International Journal of Constitutional Law (2017, 2018, 2020); Ratio Juris (2019, 2022); American Journal of Jurisprudence (2020, 2022, 2025), Legal Theory (2021, 2022 (recipient of the Annual Reviewer Award)), Canadian Journal of Law and Jurisprudence (2021, 2024), Agencia Nacional de Investigacion y Desarrollo, Chile (2021, 2024, 2026), University of Chicago Law Review (2022), Law and Philosophy (2022, 2024, 2025), Jurisprudence (2022, 2025), Cambridge Law Journal (2022), Cambridge University Press (2023, 2024), Stanford Law Review (2023), Israel Science Foundation (2023), University of Bologna Law Review (2023), Latin American Legal Studies (2023), Springer (2023), Isonomía (2023), Revus (2024), Revista Chilena de Derecho (2024, 2025), Oxford University Press (2024)

Committee Work: Graduate and International Programs Committee, USC Gould School of Law (2019-); Undergraduate Committee, USC Gould School of Law (2019-2025); Faculty Advisor, USC Law and Philosophy Student Group (2019-2021)

Legal Experience

2018-2019 COVINGTON & BURLING LLP
Global Visiting Lawyer, International Arbitration

2011-2014 FERRADA NEHME (Chile)
Litigation Associate