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- Internationally-recognized legal scholar, teacher and advocate with over 25 years' experience, spanning more than 25 countries, in human rights, international criminal law, international refugee law, and transitional justice.
- Widely-sought expert with extensive public impact, including having served as *amicus curiae* before the [US Supreme Court](#) and the [International Criminal Court](#); expert testimony before the [UN Human Rights Committee](#); UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights; German Permanent Mission to the UN; UK House of Lords, the Canadian House of Commons and California State Assembly; and expert to the *New York Times*, *Newsweek*, *Washington Post*, *BBC*, *Reuters*, *the Los Angeles Times*, and *The Hill* as well as groups such as the [Clooney Foundation for Justice Expert Panel](#) and the [American Society of International Law Executive Council](#).
- Acclaimed international human rights attorney successfully advocating on behalf of hundreds of refugees and victims of genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity in multiple jurisdictions including the International Criminal Court, the UN Yugoslav and Rwandan Tribunals, the Cambodia Tribunal, the Lebanon Tribunal, the UN Human Rights Council and treaty bodies, the European Court of Human Rights, the Inter-American Commission, the Eritrea-Ethiopia Claims Commission and national legal systems.
- Accomplished faculty member awarded for her scholarship, teaching, and service, including as USC Law's first [U.S. Fulbright Scholar](#), recipient of USC's prestigious [Mellon Award](#), and founding executive director of USC Law's endowed [Gilbert Center for Global Justice & Human Rights](#). She is also the founding director of USC Law's [International Human Rights Clinic](#), supervising over 100 student attorneys and securing human rights job placements and federal judicial clerkships for students. Highly valued teacher by graduate and undergraduate students over 18 years for her courses in public international law, international human rights law and international criminal law.
- Experienced academic leader, having managed small to mid-sized teams of attorneys and academics in law schools, law firms, non-profits and the United Nations; overseen education, research, administrative, and conference budgets up to \$4 million; and raised ~\$20 million for research, projects and programs through government and foundation grants, law firms and individual donors.

EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, CA

Juris Doctorate (May 2002)

Jurisprudence Award: Laws of War, 2000

Jurisprudence Award: Comparative Law, 2002

Prosser Prize: International Human Rights, 2000

Human Rights Center Fellow, 1999

JJ&J Public Interest Scholarship, 1999

Managing Editor, *Berkeley Journal of International Law*

Student Attorney, International Human Rights Law Clinic

Columbia University, New York, NY

Master's in International Affairs (May 2001), with High Honors
The Honorable Bapsy Marchioness of Winchester Award for
Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms

Oxford University, Refugee Studies Programme, Queen Elizabeth
House, Oxford, UK

Visiting Study Fellow, Foundation Course of Study on Forced
Migration with Distinction (1995-1996)

Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar

Research Assistant to Dr. Barbara Harrell-Bond, Director

Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL

Bachelor of Arts, *Summa Cum Laude* in History and Political Science (May
1995)

Scholastic Honors Award, 1995

Chase Foundation Award, Outstanding Graduate, 1995

Alumni Award, 1994

Pew Foundation, History Research Grant, 1994

Foreign Policy Study Grant at American U., Wash. D.C. (Fall 1994)

BAR ADMISSION New York, 2003
United States Supreme Court, 2021

ACADEMIC
EXPERIENCE

University of Southern California Gould School of Law, Los
Angeles, CA

--Clinical Professor of Law (July 2016-present)

-Founding Executive Director, Gilbert Global Justice & Human Rights
Center (2025)

-Founding Director, International Human Rights Clinic (2011)

- **Clinic impact areas:** global justice for atrocities; refugee rights;
fair trial monitoring; gender justice

-Clinical Assistant/Associate Professor (Aug. 2010 – June 2015)

- Awards:
 - USC Mellon Faculty Mentoring Graduate Students Award,
2015
- Courses: International Criminal Law (JDs), Global Justice &
Accountability for Atrocity Crimes (undergrad)
- Service:
 - Administration & Finance Committee (elected Faculty
Council);
 - Chair, Academic Affairs Committee;
 - Board of Review (Student/Faculty complaints);
 - Chair, Faculty Promotions Sub-Committee;
 - Chair, Judiciary Committee;
 - Chair, Graduate & International Programs Committee
 - Doctoral Dissertation Committees Member with USC
Political Science and International Relations Faculty

- Research/Teaching Areas: International Criminal Law, International Courts & Tribunals, Transitional Justice, Human Rights & International Refugee Law
- Affiliations:
 - American Society of International Law, Executive Council & Committee (2024-2027)
 - American Society of International Law, Co-Chair, Annual Meeting featuring 50 expert international law panels with over 1,100 attendees (2023)
 - American Society of International Law, Co-Chair, Women in International Law Interest Group (2025-2028)
 - American Society of International Law Midyear Meeting & Research Forum Committee (2025, 2026)
 - International Law Association (American Branch) Study Group on the Draft Crimes Against Humanity Treaty (Co-Chair, treaty mechanism proposal; committee member, duty to prevent proposal)
 - Drafting Committee for an Experts Declaration on Gender Apartheid, University of Michigan Law
 - Clooney Foundation for Justice TrialWatch Initiative's Legal Experts Panel
 - USC Shoah Foundation Center for Advanced Genocide Research, Faculty Advisory Council
 - Southern California International Law Scholars Committee
 - Judge, International Nuremberg Principles Academy Moot Court Competition

University of California Los Angeles School of Law, Los Angeles, CA (July 2023-March 2025)

-Executive Director, The Promise Institute for Human Rights

- **Institute focus areas:** accountability; migration; race/indigeneity; environmental justice; tech

-Professor from Practice

-UCLA The Promise Armenian Institute, Advisory Board

University of Oslo Faculty of Law, Centre for the Study of the Legitimacy of the Global Judiciary (PluriCourts), Oslo, Norway

-**U.S. Fulbright Scholar** (Jan. 2022-June 2022)

University of Colorado School of Law, Boulder, CO

-Visiting Assistant Professor (Aug. 2007 – May 2010)

- Courses: Public International Law, International Criminal Law, and International Human Rights Law
- Coach, Jessup International Law Moot Court
- Presidential Fellow, American Society of International Law (2009 – 2010)

International Institute of Humanitarian Law, San Remo, Italy

-Visiting Lecturer (Sept. 2008)

- Course: Refugee Law and Human Rights

European Court of Human Rights, Strasbourg, France

-Visiting Researcher (June – July 2000)

Peking University Law School, Human Rights Research Center,

Beijing, China

-Visiting Lecturer (June – July 1999)

- Course: European Convention on Human Rights & the European Court of Human Rights

Oxford University, Refugee Studies Centre, Oxford, United

Kingdom & **Makerere University**, Makerere Institute of Social

Research, Kampala, Uganda

-Research Consultant (1996-1998)

- Coordinated socio-legal field research in Uganda and Kenya under principle investigator Dr. Barbara Harrell-Bond entitled “The Enjoyment of Refugee Rights” funded by the European Union, Nuffield Foundation, Ford Foundation, and Rotary Foundation; supervised field researchers and interpreters; conducted in-depth interviews, focus groups, and surveys with stakeholders in refugee protection in host countries

EXPERT EXPERIENCE

German Permanent Mission to the UN, Expert Presentation for States’ “Workshop on the Crimes Against Humanity Convention: Concretizing the Duty to Prevent” (March 2026)

California State Assembly, CA Expert Testimony on Law Enforcement Operations and Sex Trafficking (October 2025)

Open Society Foundation & Malala Fund Expert Roundtable: Gender Justice, the Way Forward, New York, NY

Invited Expert on International Criminal Court investigations into gender persecution in Afghanistan (October 2024)

UK House of Lords, London, UK

Expert Witness in Parliamentary Inquiry on Gender Apartheid in Afghanistan & Iran (Jan. 2024)

UN Human Rights Committee, Geneva, Switzerland

Expert Witness on behalf of torture survivors during U.S. review under the International Covenant on Civil & Political Rights (Oct. 2023)

United States Supreme Court, Washington DC

Brief, Counsel for *Amici Curiae* Torture Survivors in Support of Respondents, *United States of America v. Zayn al-Abidin Muhammad Husayn, aka Abu Zubaydah, et al.*, No. 20-827, Aug. 20, 2021 (arguing that U.S. blanket assertion of State Secrets doctrine to prevent deposition in Polish criminal investigation of psychologist contractors for U.S.

enhanced interrogation program is in violation of the Convention Against Torture).

Subcommittee on International Human Rights of the House of Commons Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, Ottawa, Canada

Expert Witness re International Criminal Law & the Anglophone Crisis in Cameroon (Feb. 16, 2021)

United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights Civil Society Consultation, Virtual

Expert Witness on “Police Brutality and Systemic Racism in U.S. Law Enforcement Responses to Peaceful Anti-Racism Protests (Feb. 2021)

International Criminal Court, The Hague, The Netherlands

-*Amicus Curiae* oral submissions with former UN Special Rapporteurs in the Situation in the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, ICC-02/17, Afghanistan Situation (Oct. – Dec. 2019) (arguing that Appeals Chamber authorization of investigation into crimes against humanity and war crimes in Afghanistan is in the interests of justice of victims under the Convention Against Torture and international human rights law)

-Judge, 2017 International Criminal Court Trial National Competition co-sponsored by China University of Political Science and Law and the International Criminal Court, Beijing, China (Mar. 11-12, 2017)

-Visiting Professional, Presidency, Legal and Enforcement Unit (May – July 2013)

Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia, Phnom Penh, Cambodia

-Senior Legal Adviser, Supreme Court Chambers, Appeals Judgement, Case 002/01, *Nuon Chea et al.* (2015 – 2016)

-Legal Adviser, Supreme Court Chambers, Appeals Judgement, Case 001, *Kaing Guek Eav alias Duch* (2011-2012)

International Criminal Tribunals for the Former Yugoslavia and for Rwanda, The Hague, The Netherlands

-Deputy Chef de Cabinet & Acting Chef de Cabinet, Office of President Fausto Pocar (Nov. 2005 – June 2007)

-Legal Officer, Appeals Chamber (Nov. 2005 – June 2007)

-Associate Legal Officer, Appeals Chamber, Judge Fausto Pocar (Sept. 2004 – Oct. 2005)

OTHER LEGAL
EMPLOYMENT

United States Court of Appeals, 11th Circuit, Miami, FL

Law Clerk, the Honorable Rosemary Barkett (Sept. 2003 – Aug. 2004)

Freshfields, Bruckhaus, & Deringer LLP, New York and London

Associate, International Arbitration and Dispute Resolution and Public International Law Practice Groups (June – Aug. 2001, Oct. 2002-July

2003)

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Geneva & Ethiopia

Legal Intern, Legal Protection Division (1995, 1996)

International Human Rights Law Group

Legal Intern, Washington D.C. (1994)

JOURNAL
ARTICLES

“Mixed Claims Commission & International Criminal Trials: Towards a Transformative Justice Approach to Atrocity Situations” (work in progress)

“From Policy Back to Principles? Refugee Protection under International Law & State (Non)-Compliance” (work in progress)

“Harmonization of Asylum Law and Policy Within the European Union: A Human Rights Perspective,” *Netherlands Quarterly of Human Rights*, Intersentia Publishers, Vol. 20, No. 2, 2002: 163-84

“When Procedure Becomes a Matter of Life or Death: Interim Measures and the European Court of Human Rights,” *European Public Law Journal*, Kluwer Publishers, Vol. 7, No. 3, Fall 2001

“Applying the Plumb Line of Uganda’s Bill of Rights to Uganda’s Draft Refugee Bill: An Analysis with Regard to the Rights of Refugees,” *East African Human Rights Law Journal*, Makerere University Press, Vol. 5, July 1998: 1-31

“The Right to Compensation and Refugee Flows: A ‘Preventative Mechanism’ in International Law?”, *International Journal of Refugee Law*, Vol. 10, Number 1/2, Oxford University Press, Jan. /Apr. 1998: 97-117

BOOK
CHAPTERS

“The Eritrea Ethiopia Claims Commission: at the Intersection of International Dispute Resolution and Transitional Justice for Atrocity Crimes?” with Morgan Brock-Smith & Nicholas Maisel, in *By Peaceful Means: Adjudication and Arbitration of International Disputes* (Eds. Charles N. Brower, Joan E. Donoghue, et al., Oxford University Press, 2024)

“Witness Proofing” in *International Criminal Procedure: The Interface of Civil Law and Common Law Legal Systems* (Eds. Fausto Pocar & Linda Carter, Edward Elgar Publishing, 2013)

Rights in Exile: Janus-Faced Humanitarianism (with Guglielmo Verdirame, Barbara Harrell-Bond and Zachary Lomo) (Berghahn Books: Oxford, 2005)

"From the Aspirational to the Operational: Multinational Corporations, Corporate Codes of Conduct and Human Rights" (with Lucy F. Reed) in *From Government to Governance: The Growing*

Impact of Non-State Actors on the International and European Legal System: 2003 Hague Joint Conference on Contemporary Issues of International Law, pp. 176-85 (T.M.C. Asser Press, 2004)

“Alternative Dispute Resolution in Other Jurisdictions—the EU Green Paper,” (with Lucy F. Reed and Emily Daughter) in *Alternative Dispute Resolution in Italy*, Associazione Italiana Giuristi Di Impresa (AIGI) Publications, Milan, Italy, Oct. 2003

REVIEWS

“Stefano Maffei, The European Right to Confrontation in Criminal Proceedings: Absent, Anonymous and Vulnerable Witnesses”, *Journal of International Criminal Justice*, Oxford University Press, Vol. 6, Issue 3, July 2008, pp. 609-10

“Introductory Note to United Kingdom (U.K.) Supreme Court of Judicature—Court of Appeal (Civil Division): N v. Secretary of State for the Home Department,” *International Legal Materials*, American Society of International Law, Vol. 43, No. 1, Jan. 2004: 112-15

“Human Rights and Forced Displacement”, *Journal of Refugee Studies*, Oxford University Press, Vol. 15, Issue 4, Dec. 2002, pp. 426-27

“Evaluating the Effectiveness of Human Rights Institutions”, *Berkeley Journal of International Law*, Vol. 17, Issue 1, 1999, pp. 138-44

MEDIA (SELECT)

[“For Victims in Ukraine, saying ‘Genocide’ Does Matter,”](#) *The Hill*, April 30, 2022

[“Senate Can Help Ukraine by Confirming Beth Van Schaack Now”](#), *The Hill*, Feb. 4, 2022

Quoted on War in Ukraine & International Crimes by the *BBC*, *Newsweek*, *Law360*, *The Insider*, March-June 2022

“UN to Form Panel to Investigate Systemic Racism in Policing”, *The New York Times*, July 13, 2021

“Kenya is Pulling Welcome Mat on 600,000 Refugees, Triggering Fear of Another Mass Migration,” *Los Angeles Times*, May 11, 2016

PRESENTATIONS (SELECT)

Panelist, “Launch of the Experts Declaration on Gender Apartheid”, Aug. 2026

Panelist, “Advancing a New Treaty for Punishment and Prevention of Crimes against Humanity: the 2026 Preparatory Committee Negotiations,” ASIL Annual Meeting, April 2026

Panelist, “Gender Justice and the Rule of Law,” ASIL Annual Meeting, April. 2026

Panelist, “Reflecting on the Ongoing Negotiations for a New Treaty on Crimes Against Humanity: Challenges and Prospects,” ABILA International Law West Conference, UCLA Law, Feb. 2026

Panelist, “The Helsinki Accords and Human Rights”, UCLA Burkle Center, Oct. 2025

Chair, “International Legal Strategies for Countering Gender Apartheid in a Fraught Global Moment”, University of Michigan Law, Sept. 2025

“The Legacy of Impunity: a Book Talk” with Philippe Sands, UCLA Law, March 2025

Panelist, “Gender Justice: Avenues for Ensuring Accountability for Gender-Based Crimes in Afghanistan”, ICC ASP23 Side Event, The Hague, December 2024

Panelist, “Crimes Against Humanity: from Draft Articles to New Treaty in a World on Fire?”, ABILA International Law Weekend, Fordham Law, October 2024

Chair, “Crimes Against Humanity: from Draft Articles to Treaty in 2024?”, American Society of International Law Annual Meeting, April 2024

Panelist, “By Peaceful Means: International Adjudication & Arbitration”, American Society of International Law Annual Meeting, April 2024

Panelist, “Utilizing International Law to Support Women’s Rights in Afghanistan,” Georgetown University’s Institute for Women, Peace and Security, Virtual, March 2024

Chair, “Atrocities, Genocide and the Duty to Prevent & Punish Under International Law”, UCLA, Oct. 2023

Panelist, “Reparations for Massive Human Rights Violations,” European Society of International Law 18th Annual Conference International Human Rights Workshop, Aix-en-Provence, France, Aug. 2023

Keynote, “The International Criminal Court’s Arrest Warrant for Putin: International & Domestic Implications,” Federal Bar Association, California, June 2023

“Genocide Distinguished from Crimes Against Humanity”, Catholic University Conference on the Nuremberg Principles: Contemporary Challenges, March 2023

Panelist, “Implementing the Duty to Prevent Genocide under International Law: Cameroon, Armenia & Ukraine”, State of Luxembourg Side Event to the 21st Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, The Hague, The Netherlands, Dec. 2022

“From Policy Back to Principles? Refugee Protection under International Law & State (Non)-Compliance”

- American Society of International Law Annual Meeting, Washington D.C., March 2023
- American Society of International Law Research Forum, University of Miami Law, November 2022
- American Branch International Law Association International Law Weekend, Fordham University School of Law, October 2022 & 2023
- Refugee Law Initiative 6th Annual Conference, School of Advanced Study, University of London, June 2022
- University of Oslo Faculty of Law PluriCourts Centre Workshop, Oslo, Norway, June 2022

"Closing Impunity Gap(s): Mixed Claims Commissions and Pluralist Global Justice for Atrocity Crimes," University of Oslo Faculty of Law PluriCourts Centre Workshop, Oslo, Norway, March 2022

"The Global Refugee Crisis & Protection for Refugees Under International Law: What Way Forward?" US-Norway Fulbright Foundation, Oslo, Norway, February 2022

"Accountability Mechanisms for the Atrocity Situation in Cameroon," Oxford University Conference on US Senate Resolution 684, Feb. 2021

"No Peace Without Justice: Mixed Claims Commissions & Transitional Justice for Victims of Atrocity Crimes," Southern California International Law Scholars Workshop, Feb. 2021

Panel Discussant, "The War that Reached Los Angeles: Human Rights, Recycled Trauma and Diaspora Identity," USC Institute of Armenian Studies, Los Angeles, CA, 2021

"State Control of Internet Access, Freedom of the Press and Atrocity Situations: Introductory Remarks," International Criminal Court Assembly of States Parties Side Event Panel, Dec. 2020

"No Peace Without Justice: Ad Hoc Mixed Claims Commission & Transitional Justice for Victims of Atrocity Crimes," American Society of International Law Research Forum, Case Western Reserve University School of Law, Cleveland, OH, Sept. 2020

Discussant, UCLA-American Society of International Law Task Force Round Table on "Policy Options for US Engagement with the International Criminal Court," Apr. 2020

Discussant, "International Criminal Justice," American Society of International Law Mid-Year Meeting, UCLA School of Law, Nov. 10, 2018

Discussant, "International Human Rights Advocacy and International Criminal Justice: Past, Present and Future," International Human

Rights Clinicians' Conference, UCLA School of Law, Apr. 27, 2018

"The International Criminal Court and its Role in the Peaceful Settlement of Disputes," China University of Political Sciences and Law Conference on the Peaceful Settlement of International Disputes and the Function of International Judicial Bodies, Beijing, China, Mar. 13, 2017

Panel Chair, "Post-Genocide Justice", USC Shoah Foundation Center for Advanced Genocide Research International Conference: Genocide and Resistance in Guatemala, USC, Sept. 13, 2016

Discussant with Nick Koumjian, Chief Co-Prosecutor at the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia, "Decades after Genocide: is Justice Possible?", USC Institute of Armenian Studies, Los Angeles, CA, Sept. 3, 2015

Panel Discussant on the "Right to Fair Trial" with the Chief Prosecutor and Lead Defense Counsel for Nuon Chea, Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia, Phnom Penh, Cambodia, June 12, 2015

Discussant and Moderator, "100 Years after the Armenian Genocide: Still Seeking Justice", World Affairs Council of Orange County, CA, Apr., 2, 2015.

Panel Discussant on the International Criminal Court and the Charles Taylor conviction by the Special Court for Sierra Leone, the "Scholars Circle", KPFK radio, May 30, 2014 & May 6, 2012

"The International Criminal Court and its Impact on International Justice," introductory remarks at "Moving the World: An Evening with International Criminal Court Prosecutor Luis Moreno- Ocampo," USC School of Cinematic Arts, Los Angeles, CA, Nov. 4, 2011

Panel Discussant, "International Criminal Law Interest Group: 'Fact Finding Without Facts': a Conversation with Nancy Combs", American Society of International Law Annual Meeting, Washington D.C., Mar. 25, 2011

"Corporate Responsibility for Crimes under International Law?", Berkeley Journal of International Law Stefan Reisenfeld Symposium, UC Berkeley School of Law, CA, Mar. 14, 2008

"Reconciling Concepts of Restorative and Retributive Justice in International Criminal Law: Victims' Participation in International Proceedings", International Human Rights Section, American Association of Law Schools Annual Conference, New York, NY, Jan. 6, 2008

"Rights in Exile: The Janus Face of Humanitarianism," International

Political Science Association Conference 2006, Fukuoka, Japan, July 10, 2006

“Refugees and Local Integration as Facilitators to Meaningful Regional Integration,” East Africa Law Society Conference on the East Africa Court of Appeal and Conflict Resolution, Malindi, Kenya, Apr. 8-9, 1998

“Recommendations to the Joint Drafting Committee for Developing Uganda's Draft Refugee Bill,” Makerere University Institute of Social Research, Kampala, Uganda, Apr. 3, 1998

“Protection of Refugee Rights in Northern Uganda: A Field Research Report,” Makerere University Institute of Social Research Seminar Series, Kampala, Uganda, Mar. 22, 1998

“The Enjoyment of Refugee Rights in Uganda,” EU Health and Welfare Research Project Conference, Institute of Public Health, Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda, Sept. 10, 1997

“Camp Sadako and Refugee Vulnerable Groups,” Queen Elizabeth House, Oxford University, UK, Oct. 19, 1995
