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EDUCATION

Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University, White Plains, NY

Juris Doctor, May 2017

Honors: The Louis V. Fasulo First Year Moot Court Competition (Ranked 2/162); NYSBA Minority Fellowship in Environmental Law 2015; Merit Scholarship (2014); Law Trustee Scholarship (2014-2015); Diversity Scholarship (2014-2015)

Activities: Environmental Law Society; Black Law Students Association; Phi Alpha Delta

Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN

Doctor of Philosophy, 2014 and Masters of Arts, 2013

Concentration: Ethics & Society (Environmental Ethics)

Concentration: Law & Public Policy (Environmental Law)

Honors: Vanderbilt University Doctoral Fellowship (2008-2012)

Boston University, Boston, MA

Master of Sacred Theology (*with honors*), 2008

Concentration: Philosophy, Theology, Ethics

Honors: Boston University Graduate Scholarship (2007); Dean's List (all semesters)

Morehouse School of Religion, Atlanta, GA

Master of Divinity (*with honors*), 2007

Concentration: Practical Theology/Environmental Ethics

Honors: Mary McLeod Bethune Ethnic Scholarship (2007); National Association of Ministers Wives' and Widows' Scholarship (2006); Newcombe Scholarship (2006); Dean's List (all semesters)

Trinity International University, Deerfield, IL

Bachelor of Arts, 2002

Major: Religious Studies

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Pace University, New York, NY

Adjunct Professor, August 2015 – present

- ENV 110 Nature and Culture
- ENV 310 Environmental Policy and Sustainable Governance

New York University, New York, NY

Adjunct Professor, Fall 2016 / Fall 2017

- ENYC-GE.2019 Foundations of Environmental Thought

Seoul Christian University, Seoul, South Korea

Visiting Professor of Ethics, February – December 2011

Emmanuel College, Boston, MA

Adjunct Professor, August – December 2010

- RELIG 2108 Religion and the Environment: Ethical Explorations

Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN

Teaching Fellow, August – December 2010

PUBLICATIONS

Book Chapters

“Beauty or Bane: Advancing an Aesthetic Appreciation of Wind Turbine Farms,” in *Environmental Aesthetics*, eds. Martin Drenthen and Jozef Keulartz (Fordham Press, 2014).

“Eco-protest Music and the U.S. Environmental Movement,” in *Sounds of Resistance: The Role of Music in Multicultural Activism*, eds. Lindsay Michie and Eunice Rojas (Praeger Publishers, 2013)

“Consider This,” in *Holy Ground: A Gathering of Voices on Caring for Creation*, ed. Lyndsay Moseley (Sierra Club Books, 2008)

Refereed Journal Articles

“Beauty or Bane: Advancing an Aesthetic Appreciation of Wind Turbine Farms.” *Contemporary Aesthetics* 10 (2012).

SELECTED PAPER PRESENTATION

“Animal Lives Matter” – presented at The Spirit of Sustainable Agriculture Conference at Harvard Divinity School in Cambridge, MA. 2016.

“The Public and its Environmental Problems” – presented at The Institute for American Religious and Philosophical Thought in Asheville, NC 2015.

“Environmental Ethics and the ‘Sense of Place’: An Eco-critical Reading of Sula by Toni Morrison” – presented at the National American Academy of Religion Conference in Baltimore, MD 2013.

“Climate Change and Water Wars: A Case Study on Post-Civil War Conflict Resolution in South Sudan” – presented at the National American Academy of Religion Conference in Baltimore, MD 2013.

“The Case of Palm Oil Plantations in Southeast Asia” – presented at the Third International Conference on Climate Change in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil 2011.

“Beauty or Bane: Advancing an Aesthetic Appreciation for Wind Farms” – presented at the Eighth Annual Meeting of the International Society for Environmental Ethics in Nijmegen, The Netherlands 2011.

“Environmentalism Goes Blue: Examining Race, Religion & Globalization in the movie Avatar” – presented at the National American Academy of Religion Conference in Atlanta, GA 2010.

“Law and Liability: Examining the Intersections of Human Rights, Trade, and Eco-Violence” – presented at the First Annual Colloquium on Environmental Scholarship at Vermont Law School in South Royalton, VT 2010.

“Eco-violence, International Trade and A New Satyagraha” – presented at the International (Dis)order and Violence in the 21st Century: Third Global Nonviolence Student Conference in Harrisburg, VA 2010.

“Exploring the Theological Void in Roberto Unger’s book *The Self Awakened: Pragmatism Unbound*” – presented at the National American Academy of Religion Conference in Chicago, IL 2008.

“The Black Church, Global Warming, & Reclaiming the Prophetic Voice” – presented at the Eighth Annual J. Marie McCleary Symposium in Houston, TX 2007.

SELECTED LECTURES/PANEL PRESENTATIONS

Second Food Law Student Summit– panelist at The Food Law Student Leadership Summit hosted by Drake’s Agricultural Law Center and Harvard’s Food Law and Policy Clinic at Drake Law School in Des Moines, IA 2016.

Ecotones of the Spirit – panelist at The Food, Faith and Religions Leadership Conference at Wake Forest Divinity School in Winston Salem, NC 2015.

The Green the Church Summit – speaker at Green the Church Summit sponsored by Green for All and The Baptist Minister’s Union of Oakland in Oakland, CA 2014.

Nourish New Haven – panelist at the Local Food Justice and Sustainability Conference sponsored by Yale Divinity School, Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies and The Forum on Religion and Ecology at Yale University in New Haven, CT 2014.

Global Perspectives on (In)equality and Ethics in Ecological Issues - Preconference
Workshop – panelist at the National American Academy of Religion Conference in Chicago, IL 2012.

Human Responsibility and the Environment – University Lecture presented at Seoul Christian University in Seoul, Korea 2011.

The International Scholar and the Age of Global Ethics – University Lecture for International Graduate Students presented at Seoul Christian University in Seoul, Korea 2011.

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

BAR ADMISSIONS Passed February, 2017 Uniform Bar Exam

Richman Law Group, Brooklyn, NY

Of Counsel – Civil Rights / Environmental Sustainability, Dec. 2017 - present

Richman Law Group is a boutique law firm specializing in consumer protection and civil rights litigation. We bring litigation against large corporations for actions that can harm consumers, public health, and the environment.

The Legal Aid Society, New York, NY

Pro Bono Scholar Intern – Civil Practice, Feb. 2017 – May 2017

Worked with the Homeless Rights Project to provided legal services to individuals regarding their right to shelter. Assisted clients in public housing facing wrongful evictions, landlord harassment, and illegal living conditions. Also provided research on a variety of issues ranging from health care benefits to immigration rights.

NRG Energy, Princeton, NJ

Legal Intern – Asset Management, May 2016 – Aug. 2016

Negotiated procurement contracts and confidentiality agreements between NRG and various acquired assets. Consolidated agricultural lease agreement for all regional agricultural tenants. Researched obligations to Connecticut Department of Energy and Environment Protection (CTDEEP) for water well receptor surveys. Wrote memoranda arguing for impossibility of performance against a breach of contract claim.

Natural Resources Defense Council, New York, NY

Legal Extern, January – April 2016

Conducted legal research and drafted memoranda on food law matters, including the USDA’s decision to suspend its grass-fed meat labeling standard and the role of SNAP benefits in addressing food justice concerns. Participated in meetings on food waste, food insecurity, laws protecting pollinators, and funding for small farmers. Served as a member of the diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) team.

EPA Region 2, New York, NY

Legal Intern, Superfund Branch Office, May – August 2015

Drafted memoranda on remedial actions and cases against innocent landowners. Compiled and organized data against potentially responsible parties (PRP) in preparation for litigation. Researched the basis for no jury trials in CERCLA cases and the history of reopeners in cases under CERCLA Section 122.

HONORS, FELLOWSHIPS

Pace/NRDC Inaugural Food Law Initiative Extern 2016

Earth Institute at Columbia University Postdoctoral Fellowship (Finalist) 2015

2nd Place Louis V. Fasulo First Year Moot Court Competition (2/162) 2014-2015

NBSBA Minority Fellow in Environmental Law 2015

Pace Law School Trustee Scholarship 2014

Pace Law School Diversity Scholarship 2014
Vanderbilt University Doctoral Fellowship 2008-2012
Graduate Scholar Award for International Conference on Climate Change 2011
Finger Lakes Environmental Film Festival Fellow 2009
Boston University Graduate Scholarship 2007
Mary McLeod Bethune Ethnic Scholarship at MSOR 2007
National Assoc. of Ministers Wives' and Widows' Scholarship at MSOR 2006
Newcombe Scholarship at MSOR 2006

RELATED PROFESSIONAL/LEGAL EXPERIENCE

The Legal Aid Society. Pro Bono Scholar Intern 2017
NRG Energy Inc. Legal Intern/Asset Management. 2016
Natural Resource Defense Council (NRDC). Legal Extern/Food Law. 2016
The Shamayim V' Aretz Institute. Advisory Committee. 2016-present
Creaturekind. Advisory Council. 2016-present
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 2. Legal Intern. 2015
Green the Church. Advisory Board. 2015-present
Harlem Grown. Chair of Event Committee. 2014
The Nature Conservancy. LEAF Mentor. 2012
West Harlem Environmental Action (WEACT). Research Consultant. 2010

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Bar Association
Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity
American Academy of Religion
The International Society for Environmental Ethics
Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences
American Philosophical Association
Society of Biblical Literature
The Society of Christian Ethics