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**MAYO CLINIC**, Rochester, MN

Summer Undergraduate Research Fellow

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*Conducted pharmacological and experimental therapeutic research related to Alzheimer's Disease in the laboratory of Dr. W. Stephen Brimijoin.*

## **EDUCATION**

**UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA LAW SCHOOL**, Minneapolis, MN

J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2005. Order of the Coif.

ALI-ABA Scholarship &

Leadership Award. *Minnesota Law Review*, Member. *Minnesota Journal of Global Trade*,

Articles Editor. Career Services Committee Appointee. Assistant Dean of Students Search

Committee, Student Representative. Kommerstad Center for Business Law and

Entrepreneurship Speakers Forum, Co-Chair. Legal Writing Student Instructor.

Constitutional Law Student Instructor.

**HARVARD UNIVERSITY**, Cambridge, MA

A.B. in Chemistry, *magna cum laude*, 2002. John Harvard and Harvard College

Scholarships, Elizabeth Cary Agassiz Award, and Elizabeth Cary Agassiz Merit of Honor.

## **BOOKS AND CHAPTERS**

THE EIGHTH AMENDMENT AND ITS FUTURE IN A NEW AGE OF PUNISHMENT (Berry & Ryan eds., Cambridge Univ. Press) (2020), <https://www.cambridge.org/us/universitypress/>

*On Neuro-Dignity and -Diversity in Offender Treatment* (work in progress).

*An Upside of Originalism: Jury Size* (work in progress).

*Time and Retribution*, \_\_ MISSOURI L. REV. \_\_ (forthcoming 2024).

*Ghost-Hunting in AI and the Law*, \_\_ TULANE L. REV. \_\_ (forthcoming 2024).

*The Death of the Evolving Standards of Decency*, 51 FLA. ST. U. L. REV. \_\_ (forthcoming 2024), <https://ssrn.com/abstract=4488732>.

*Understanding Criminal Justice Innovations*, 5 J.L. & INNOVATION 38 (2023) (invited symposium contribution), <https://ssrn.com/abstract=4136813>.

*Criminal Justice Secrets*, 59 AM. CRIM. L. REV. 1541 (2022), <https://ssrn.com/abstract=3937551>.

*Framing Individualized Sentencing for Politics and the Constitution*, 58 AM. CRIM. L. REV. 1747 (2021) (invited symposium contribution)

*Taking Another Look at Second-Look Sentencing*, 81 BROOK. L. REV. 149,

*Can the IRS Silence Religious Organizations?*, 40 IND. L. REV. 73, 73-96 (2007),  
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*Role of Carboxylate Bridges in Modulating Nonheme Diiron(II)O<sub>2</sub> Reactivity*, 42 INORGANIC CHEMISTRY 7519, 7519-7530 (2003) (with Miquel Costas, et al.).

## **OTHER PUBLICATIONS**

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<https://www.law360.com/california/articles/1713637/cases-issues-that-may-shape-the-intersection-of-ai-and-ip>.

*Innocence Ignorance: The Failure to Acknowledge the Fallibility and Dignity Components of Humanity*, in VOICES ON INNOCENCE, 68 FLA. L. REV. 1569 (2017),  
<http://ssrn.com/abstract=2747604>.

*On the Road to Abolition: Capital Punishment and Its Uncertain Future in the United States* ~~EV&ST~~

*Some Quick Teaching Tips from SMU Award-Winning Professors*, CENTER FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE, Apr. 25, 2013.

Book Review, CRIM. L. & CRIM. JUST. BOOKS (2013) (solicited book review, reviewing MICHAEL L. PERLIN, *MENTAL DISABILITY AND THE DEATH PENALTY: THE SHAME OF THE STATES* (2013)).

*Finding Ways for Students to Discover Their Passions*, CENTER FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE, Nov. 8, 2013.

*Teaching and Tenure*, CENTER FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE, May 6, 2013.

- Cited in a letter from more than 500 law professors to the ABA section examining law school tenure requirements.

*Is the Tide Turning on MOOCs (and Other Online Courses)?*, CENTER FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE, Apr. 30, 2013.

*Higher Ed Faculty: Teachers, Mentors, Advisors, Parents, or Friends?*, CENTER FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE, Feb. 13, 2013.

*Reflections of a First-Time Classroom Blogger*, CENTER FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE, Nov. 18, 2012.

*Training Independent, and Diverse, Thinkers*, CENTER FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE, Nov. 12, 2012.

Interview, Penny Rosenberg, *A Look at the Legal System and the Lawsuits Leading to Oregon HB 3115*, ALBANY DEMOCRAT-HERALD, Oct 24, 2023, [https://democratherald.com/news/local/government-politics/the-lawsuits-leading-to-oregon-hb-3115/article\\_db1386fa-67a1-11ee-acd4-2701a6f853a7.html#tracking-source=home-top-story](https://democratherald.com/news/local/government-politics/the-lawsuits-leading-to-oregon-hb-3115/article_db1386fa-67a1-11ee-acd4-2701a6f853a7.html#tracking-source=home-top-story).

Moderator, *A.I. in Legal Practice*, A.I. Lawyering: Adapting to the Era of ChatGPT and Large Language Models, SMU Tsai Center for Law, Science and Innovation, Dallas, TX (Oct. 13, 2023).

*The Death of the Evolving Standards of Decency*, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, Boca Raton, FL (July 26, 2023).

*Artificial Intelligence and the Law: The Challenges and Opportunities Every Litigator Should Know*, Dallas Bar Association, Dallas, TX (June 13, 2023) (with Robert S. Hill).

*The Death of the Evolving Standards of Decency*, Issues in Contemporary Punishment: Doctrine, Theory, and Practice, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law (via Zoom), New York, NY (Apr. 21, 2023).

*A Catholic Perspective on Prison Conditions and Human Dignity*, Catholic Legal Scholars Paper Series (via Zoom) (July 27, 2022).

*Understanding Criminal Justice Innovations*, University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School (via Zoom), Philadelphia, PA (Jan. 28, 2022).

*Criminal Justice Secrets*, Indiana University Maurer School of Law (via Zoom), Bloomington, IN (Apr. 8, 2021).

Moderator, David Gray, *Facial Recognition and the Fourth Amendment* (by David Gray), SMU Science and Technology Law Review Lecture, SMU Law School (via Zoom), Dallas, TX (Nov. 6, 2020)

*Framing Individualized Sentencing for Politics and the Constitution*, Prison Brake: Rethinking the Sentencing Status Quo Symposium, Georgetown Law School (via Zoom), Washington, DC (Oct. 20, 2020).

Panelist, SMU Spring Teaching Symposium, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX (Jan. 16, 2020).

*The Court's Criminal Dock* " s- Ó 1

*Death, Dignity, and Desert*, 2019 Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C. (May 31, 2019).

*Escaping the Fingerprint Crisis: A Blueprint for Essential Research*, Faculty Colloquium, University of Notre Dame Law School, South Bend, IN (Feb. 21, 2019).

*The Role of Science Under the Eighth Amendment*, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, Fort Lauderdale, FL (Aug. 8, 2018).

*The Pillars of Tort Law*, Law Preview, Dallas, TX (July 30, 2018).

*Evolving Punishment, Indeterminacy, and Humility in Criminal Sentencing*, 18th Annual Fall Conference, University of Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture, South Bend, IN (Nov. 10, 2017).

*Escaping the Fingerprint Crisis: A Blueprint for Essential Research*, American Bar Association Criminal Justice Section Tenth Annual Fall Institute, Washington, D.C. (Nov. 2, 2017).

*Balancing Dignity and Punishment After Conviction*, Emory University, Atlanta, GA (Oct. 23, 2017).

*Tort Law: First Principles*, Law Preview, Austin, TX (Aug. 9, 2017).

*Forensics, Algorithms, and the Criminal Justice System's Allusion to Science*, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, Boca Raton, FL (Aug. 2, 2017).

*Tort Law: First Principles*, Law Preview, Dallas, TX (July 31, 2017).

*Tort Law: First Principles*, Law Preview, Houston, TX (July 24, 2017).

*Secret Conviction Programs*, Association of American Law Schools Mid-Year Meeting of the Criminal Justice Section, American University Washington College of Law, Washington, D.C. (June 14, 2017).

*Secret Conviction Programs*, Columbia Criminal Law Roundtable, Columbia Law School, New York, NY (May 5, 2017).

Roundtable Participant, *Forensic Science Ethics Roundtable*, University of Texas School of Law, Austin, TX (Apr. 14, 2017).



Tim Lockette, *Lawmaker Proposes Firing Squad, Nitrogen for Executions*, ANNISTON STAR, Nov. 29, 2016, [http://www.annistonstar.com/news/state/lawmaker-proposes-firing-squad-nitrogen-for-executions/article\\_887f93da-aac4-11e6-834d-5b2fab8d723.html](http://www.annistonstar.com/news/state/lawmaker-proposes-firing-squad-nitrogen-for-executions/article_887f93da-aac4-11e6-834d-5b2fab8d723.html).

*Secret Conviction Algorithms*, American Bar Association Criminal Justice Section Ninth Annual Fall Institute, Washington, D.C. (Nov. 3, 2016).

*Criminal Justice Algorithms and Trade Secret Law*, 13th Annual Symposium on Emerging Intellectual Property Issues: Intellectual Property and Social Justice, SMU Dedman School of Law, Dallas, TX (Sept. 30, 2016).

*Miranda Distractions*, Forensic Group Meeting, SMU Dedman School of Law, Dallas, TX (Sept. 14, 2016).

*Is Miranda Good News or Bad News for the Police? Lessons in Empirics and the Constitution*, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, Amelia Island, FL (Aug. 7, 2016).

*Algorithms, Secrecy, and IP Rights*, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, Amelia Island, FL (Aug. 4, 2016).

*The Evolution of Tort Law*, Law Preview, Dallas, TX (Aug. 1, 2016).

*The Evolution of Tort Law*, Law Preview, Houston, TX (July 25, 2016).

*The Evolution of Tort Law*, Law Preview, Austin, TX (July 20, 2016).

Interview, *After Dallas Shootings, Gov. Abbott Proposes Protecting Cops with Hate Crimes Law*, KERA NEWS, July 19, 2016, [keranews.org/post/after-dallas-shootings-gov-abbott-proposes-protecting-cops-hate-crimes-law](http://keranews.org/post/after-dallas-shootings-gov-abbott-proposes-protecting-cops-hate-crimes-law).

*Developing a Scientific Basis for Accurate and Reliable Fingerprint Evidence*, CrimFest, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, New York, NY (July 12, 2016).

Interview, Barbra Elenbaas, *Spotlight on Sections: Section on Criminal Justice*, AALS NEWS, Spring 2016.

*Secrecy, IP Rights, and Prosecutions*, IP/Life Science Symposium, Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law, Indianapolis, IN (Apr. 7, 2016).

*Developing a Scientific Basis for Accurate and Reliable Fingerprint Evidence*, Faculty Forum, SMU Dedman School of Law, Dallas, TX (Mar. 23, 2016).

*Transparency vs. Leniency, Impartial Decisionmakers, and Gravity vs. Levity at Guantanamo Bay*, Ethics Colloquy, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX (Mar. 22, 2016).

*Developing a Scientific Basis for Accurate and Reliable Fingerprint Evidence*, Flawed Forensics and Innocence Symposium, West Virginia University College of Law, Morgantown, WV (Mar. 4, 2016).

*Miranda's Truth, Miranda at 50*, Northern Kentucky University Chase College of Law, Highland Heights, KY (Feb. 26, 2016).

Interview, Daniel Denvir, *It's Time to End Antonin Scalia's Prison State: How the Next SCOTUS Justice Could Help End Mass Incarceration*, SALON, Feb. 21, 2016, [http://www.salon.com/2016/02/21/its\\_time\\_to\\_end\\_antonin\\_scalias\\_prison\\_state\\_how\\_the\\_](http://www.salon.com/2016/02/21/its_time_to_end_antonin_scalias_prison_state_how_the_)

Commentator, Ion Meyn, *The Lightness of the Prosecutor's Burden*, 7th Annual Southwest Criminal Law Workshop, The University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law, Salt Lake City, UT (Sept. 25, 2015).

*The Upside-Down Military Commission Proceedings at Guantanamo Bay*, Veterans Law Association, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX (Sept. 10, 2015).

*The Foundations of Tort Law*, Law Preview, Dallas, TX (Aug. 5, 2015).

*The Values of Dignity and Reliability in Addressing Innocence*, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, Boca Raton, FL (July 28, 2015).

*The Foundations of Tort Law*, Law Preview, Houston, TX (July 27, 2015).

*The Foundations of Tort Law*, Law Preview, Austin, TX (July 22, 2015).

*Taking Another Look at Second-Look Sentencing*, CrimFest, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, New York, NY (July 20, 2015).

Panelist, *Actually Innocent? Exonerations on Appeal*, Appellate Judges Education Institute 2014 Summit, Dallas, TX (Nov. 14, 2014).

*Taking Another Look at Second-Look Sentencing*, American Bar Association Criminal Justice Section Seventh Annual Fall Institute, Washington, D.C. (Oct. 23, 2014).

Moderator, *Issues With Judges, Juries, and Social Media*, SMU Science and Technology Law Review Social Media Law Symposium, SMU Dedman School of Law, Dallas, TX (Oct. 17, 2014).

*Taking Dignity Seriously: Excavating the Backdrop of the Eighth Amendment*, Ethics Colloquy, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX (Sept. 30, 2014).

Interview with Nomaan Merchant, Reporter, *Associated Press*, Sept. 5, 2014 (regarding amicus briefs in the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals).

*An Introduction to Torts*, Law Preview, Dallas, TX (Aug. 6, 2014).

*On Mercy, Rehabilitation, and Offender Dignity*, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, Amelia Island, FL (Aug. 4, 2014).

*An Introduction to Torts*, Law Preview, Austin, TX (July 22, 2014).

*Taking Dignity Seriously: Excavating the Backdrop of the Eighth Amendment*, Annual Law & Religion Roundtable, Washington University School of Law, St. Louis, MO (June 26, 2014).

Interview, *Drug Challenges Are Failing to Halt Executions*, TIME, June 18, 2014, <http://time.com/#2894689/lethal-injection-marcus-wellons-executed-as-legal-challenges-fail/>.

Radi *The Daily Circuit*, MINNESOTA PUBLIC RADIO, May 30, 2014, <http://www.mprnews.org/story/2014/05/30/daily-circuit-death-penalty>.

*Eighth Amendment Dignity and Constitutional Punishment*, 2014 Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN (May 29, 2014).

*Neuroscience and Neuroimaging Evidence in Court*, Forensic Group Meeting, SMU Dedman School of Law, Dallas, TX (May 14, 2014).

Video, *SMU Faculty Newsmakers*, May 13, 2014, [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0aMn1u\\_k228](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0aMn1u_k228).

Radio Interview, *Capital Punishment in the United States, in Light of the Oklahoma Botched Execution* *Central Time*, WISCONSIN PUBLIC RADIO, May 1, 2014, <http://www.wpr.org/capital-punishment-united-states-light-oklahoma-botched-execution>.



*On Neuro-Dignity and -Diversity in Offender Rehabilitation*, Treating the Criminal Offender Brain: Can We? Should We?, University of Minnesota Law School, Minneapolis, MN (Sept. 27, 2013).

*Punishment, Dignity, and the Constitution*, 5th Annual Southwest Criminal Law Workshop, University of California Davis (Sept. 6, 2013).

Commentator, Shima Baradaran, *Blaming Drugs*, 5th Annual Southwest Criminal Law Workshop, University of California Davis (Sept. 6, 2013).

*Using Social Media in Teaching: Classroom Blogging*, 2013 Teaching Effectiveness Symposium, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX (Aug. 22, 2013).

*Dignity, Rehabilitation, and the Constitution*, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, Palm Beach, FL (Aug. 8, 2013).

Interview with Dianne Solis, Reporter, *Dallas Morning News*, July 17, 2013 (regarding the death of

*Science, Sentencing, and Certitude*

5, 2013).

ity School of Law, Winston Salem, NC, (Apr.

*Death and Rehabilitation*

Tempe, AZ (Mar. 15, 2013).

Interview, *Dallas County Career Criminal Could Go Free After Appeals Court Agrees His Right to a Speedy Trial Was Violated*, DALLAS MORNING NEWS, Jan. 4, 2013, <http://www.dallasnews.com/news/crime/headlines/20130104-dallas-county-speedy-trial-violation-may-set-criminal-free.ece>.

Interview with Susy Solis, Reporter, CBS-Dallas, Dec. 12, 2012 (regarding bail amount set for Dallas Cowboy Josh Brent).

Moderator, *New Issues in Torts*, Appellate Judges Education Institute 2012 Summit, New Orleans, LA (Nov. 17, 2012).

Interview, *Texas Court Case Raises Question of Whether Child-Porn Viewers Should Pay Restitution to Rape Victim*, DALLAS MORNING NEWS, Nov. 14, 2012, <http://www.dallasnews.com/news/community-news/dallas/headlines/20121114-texas-court-case-raises-question-of-whether-child-porn-viewers-should-pay-restitution-to-rape-victim.ece?action=reregister>.

*Death and Rehabilitation*, Ethics Colloquy, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX (Nov. 8, 2012).

*Juries and the Criminal Constitution*, American Bar Association Criminal Justice Section Fifth Annual Fall Institute, Washington, D.C. (Oct. 25, 2012).

Interview with Scott Filipski, Senior Producer, Fuji Television-Japan, Oct. 17, 2012 (regarding prosecutorial conduct in the sentencing of Elizabeth Escalona).

Interview, *Seeking Supreme Court's Help*, DALLAS MORNING NEWS, Sept. 25, 2012. *Tortious Intentions*, Pre-Law Scholars Program, SMU Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences, Dallas, TX (Sept. 12, 2012).

*Science and the New Rehabilitation*, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, Amelia Island, FL (July 31, 2012).

Television Interview, CBS-DFW, June 12, 2012, <http://dfw.cbslocal.com/2012/06/12/class-action-lawsuit-filed-against-apples-siri-technology/>, quoted in Erik Kain, *Why the Class Action Siri Lawsuit Against Apple Is Patently Absurd*, FORBES, June 14, 2012, <http://www.forbes.com/sites/erikkain/2012/06/14/why-the-class-action-siri-lawsuit-against-apple-is-patently-absurd/>.





- *Science and Causation* (June 28, 2011).
- *Science and Culpability* (June 27, 2011).

Television Interview, *Riders Who Halted Traffic?* WFAA-TV, June 6, 2011, <http://www.wfaa.com/home/Riders-Evidence--123279288.html>.

*Total Retribution*, 2011 Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA (June 2, 2011).

*Science and Rehabilitation*, Sixth Annual Conference on Catholic Legal Thought, University of Oklahoma College of Law, Norman, OK (May 18, 2011).

*Accounting for Wrongful Execution*, International Innocence Network Conference, Cincinnati, OH (Apr. 9, 2011).

*Palsgrafian Torts*, Pre-Law Scholars Program, SMU Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences, Dallas, TX (Mar. 23, 2011).

*Total Retribution*, Southwest Junior Law Professors Wor



- Dr. Don M. Smart Award for Curriculum Development (2014).
- David D. & Virginia Jackson Law Fund Award (2013).
- Emily Parker Endowed Faculty Research Fund Award (2012).
- Michael C. and Jacqueline M. Barrett Endowed Faculty Research Fund Award (2011).
- Charles and Peggy Galvin Endowed Faculty Research Fund Award (2010).
- Beverly and David Leonard Faculty Research Fund Award (2009).

## SERVICE

### Service to the Legal Community

- Peer Reviewer *Oxford University Press, Columbia University Press, Thomson Reuters, Yale Law Journal, Harvard Law Review, California Law Review, Journal of Law and Religion.*
- Chair, Criminal Justice Section, Association of American Law Schools (Chair, 2017; Chair-Elect, 2016; Secretary, 2015; Exec. Comm. Member, 2014-2018).
- Co-Chair, American Bar Association Criminal Justice Section Academics Committee (2013-2018).
- Member, American Bar Association Criminal Justice Section Awards Committee (2018-present).
- Member, *Minnesota Law Review* Alumni Advisory Board (2017-2020).
- Organizer, Academic Roundtable Session, American Bar Association Criminal Justice Section Ninth Annual Fall Institute (2017).
- Organizer, Academic Roundtable Session, American Bar Association Criminal Justice Section Ninth Annual Fall Institute (2016).
- Organizer, Academic Roundtable Session, American Bar Association Criminal Justice Section Eighth Annual Fall Institute (2015).
- Organizer, Academic Roundtable Session, American Bar Association Criminal Justice Section Seventh Annual Fall Institute (2014).
- Organizer, Academic Track, American Bar Association Criminal Justice Section Sixth Annual Fall Institute (2013).
- Member, AALS Criminal Justice Section Planning Committee for 2013 AALS Annual Meeting (2011-2012).
- Faculty Liaison, Presenter, and Participant, Forensic Group (2011, 2014, 2016-present).

### Service to the University

- Senator, Faculty Senate (2014-2017).
- Member, University Research Council (2019-2023).
- Board Member, Institutional Review Board (2015-2018).
- Board of Trustees Athletics Committee (2016-2018).
- Committee Member, Faculty Senate Athletics Committee (2014-2017).
- Council Member, Athletic Council (2014-2017).
- Advisory Board Member, Center for Teaching Excellence, Southern Methodist University (2012-2015).
- Faculty Affiliate, Kathy Crowl O'Connell Qns, Southern Methodist University (4

- Institutional Technology Grants Review Committee, Southern Methodist University (2012).
- Awards Selection Committee, Center for Teaching Excellence, Southern Methodist University (2012, 2013).
- Presenter & Participant, Ethics Colloquy, Southern Methodist University (2010 present).
- Presenter, Teaching Effectiveness Symposium, Southern Methodist University (2013).
- Presenter, Inside SMU, Southern Methodist University (2012).
- Presenter, Pre-Law Scholars Program, SMU Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences (2011 2013).

Service to the Law School

- Co-Director, Tsai Center for Law, Science and Innovation (2022 present)
- Executive Board Member, Tsai Center for Law, Science and Innovation, SMU Dedman School of Law (2015 present).
- Associate Dean for Research (2019 2022).
- Executive Board Member, Deason Center Criminal Justice Reform Center, SMU Dedman School of Law (2017 present).
- Faculty Advisor, *SMU Science and Technology Law Review*, SMU Dedman School of Law (2013 present).
- Advisory Board Member, *The International Lawyer*, SMU Dedman School of Law (2017 present).
- Faculty Advisor, Environmental Law Society (2021 present).
- Faculty Advisor, American Constitution Society (SMU Chapter) (2013 present).
- Faculty Mentor, Inn of Courts (2019 present).
- Faculty

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- Official Faculty Mentor for Chris Jenks (2015-2016).
- Official Faculty Mentor for Orly Sulami Mazur (2013-2014).
- Faculty advisor for judicial clerkship applicants (2009-2015).
- Mentor, 1Ls Faculty Mentor Program (2012-2015).
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- externships (2011-present).
- Presenter, SMU Federalist Society (2012, 2019).
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