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LIBRARY EXPERIENCE:

Head of Faculty Services & Teaching Assistant Professor

University of Colorado-Boulder School of Law 2022-present

- oversees library research support for faculty scholarship
- directs and supervises faculty scholarship additions to bepress (institutional repository)
- created and supervises Library R.A. pool
- tracks and promotes faculty work in “Notable Mentions” newsletter to law school
- oversees training for all law school R.A.s
- staffs reference desk
- participates in library collection development
- provides legal research and reference assistance to faculty, staff, students and attorneys
- teaches legal research instruction sessions in classes and externships
- creates and updates LibGuides
- oversees course reserves additions & purchases
- oversees and manages SSRN’s Colorado Law Research Paper Series
- creates library displays to highlight faculty scholarship

Faculty Services Librarian & Assistant Professor in the University Libraries,

University of Denver Sturm College of Law 2019-2022

- directed and supervised library research for faculty scholarship
- directed and supervised faculty scholarship additions to bepress (institutional repository)
- created and supervised Library R.A. pool
- created and oversaw faculty newsletter
- created and oversaw training program for all law school R.A.s
- staffed reference desk
- participated in library collection development
- provided legal research and reference assistance to faculty, staff, students and attorneys
- taught legal research instruction sessions in classes and externships
- created and updated LibGuides

Faculty Services Librarian, Fordham University School of Law, 2018-2019

- staffed reference desk 8-10 hours a week
- provided legal research assistance to faculty, staff and students
- taught legal research instruction sessions in classes and externships
- directed library support for faculty scholarship
- managed Library R.A. pool
- administered and managed program in Law Practice Technology
- participated in library collection development
- taught advanced legal research classes to law students
- oversaw R.A. training program

Law Library Fellow, University of Arizona Law Library, 2017- 2018

- staffed circulation and reference desks
- provided legal research assistance to faculty, staff, students, attorneys, and public
- cataloged Russian language legal materials
- processed and cataloged special collections and archival materials
- created library exhibit with archival materials

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EDUCATION:

University of Arizona , Tucson, AZ	MLIS August 2018
University of Colorado-Boulder , Boulder, CO	Ph.D., History August 2017
Washington University School of Law , St. Louis, MO	J.D., <i>cum laude</i> May 2011
Cornell College , Mt. Vernon, IA	B.A. Politics, <i>magna cum laude</i> May 2008

TEACHING AND INSTRUCTION EXPERIENCE:

University of Colorado-Boulder College of Law

Instructor, Specialized Legal Research: Academic Legal Research	Fall 2024
Instructor, Foundations of Legal Research	Spring 2023 & Spring 2024
Guest Lecturer, Legal Writing & Clinic Externships	Fall 2022, Spring 2023, Fall 2023

University of Denver Sturm College of Law

Instructor, Adv. Research for Legal Scholarship	Fall 2020 & Fall 2021
Instructor, Certificate in Basic Legal Research	Fall 2019, 2020 & 2021
Instructor, Certificate in Specialized Legal Research	Spring 2020, 2021 & 2022

Fordham University School of Law:

Instructor, Basic Legal Research for LLMS	Spring 2019
Co-Instructor, Advanced Legal Research	Spring 2019
Guest Lecturer, Legal Writing & Clinic Externships	Fall 2018 & Spring 2019

University of Arizona School of Law:

Federal Legislative History Research instructor	Summer 2018
Teaching Assistant, Introductory Legal Research	Fall 2017

University of Colorado-Boulder

Teaching Assistant, The Vietnam Wars	Spring 2016
Teaching Assistant, The Russian Revolution	Spring 2015, Fall 2014, Spring 2014
Teaching Assistant, War and Society in 20th Century Russia	Fall 2013

Teach and Learn with Georgia Public School Teacher	August 2011-June 2012
Kalaurei Village, Gurjaani District, Kakheti Region and Tbilisi, Georgia (country)	

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SCHOLARLY & TRADE PUBLICATIONS:

Soviet Lawyers and Concepts of Aggression in International Law in SOCIALISM AND INTERNATIONAL LAW: THE COLD WAR AND ITS LEGACIES (Raluca Grossman & Ned Richardson-Little, eds., Oxford University Press 2024, invited chapter).

The Long History of the Crime of Aggression in INTERNATIONAL LAW AND HISTORY: EASTERN EUROPE IN A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE (Routledge, forthcoming 2025, invited chapter).

Citation and Hierarchies in Legal Scholarship: The Illusion of Meritocracy in THE ROLE OF CITATION IN THE LAW: A YALE LAW SCHOOL SYMPOSIUM (Michael Chiorazzi ed. 2022) 359.

Cheetah is Now VitalLaw, 51 COLORADO LAWYER 14 (May 2022).

An Introduction to Faculty Services (co-authored book chapter) in AN INTRODUCTION TO LAW LIBRARIANSHIP, Cas Laskowki & Zanada Joyner eds. (2021), book awarded 2022 AALL Joseph L. Andrews Legal Literature Award.

“Genocide is Fascism in Action”: Aron Trainin and Soviet Portrayals of Genocide, 22 JOURNAL OF GENOCIDE RESEARCH 1(2020) (peer-reviewed, solicited contribution, lead article).

Doctoral Dissertation: The Extermination of Peaceful Soviet Citizens: Aron Trainin and International Law, cited repeatedly in Francine Hirsch’s acclaimed 2020 book SOVIET JUDGEMENT AT NUREMBERG.

OTHER SELECT LEGAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:

Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies J.B. and Maurice C. Shapiro Research Fellow at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum: research fellowship at the Holocaust Museum to research the Soviet role in the development of modern international criminal law (Fall 2015)

International Criminal Court Legal Tools Project Research Assistant: Analyzed the implementation of international criminal laws in domestic legal systems in various countries (2010-2011)

Cash Nickerson Fellow at Whitney Harris World Law Institute: Researched numerous international law programs and reviewed drafts of international treaty prohibiting and defining crimes against humanity (2010-2011)

Alaska Public Defender Agency Intern: Researched and drafted legal memoranda; represented clients in hearings in Dillingham, Alaska (Summer 2010)

Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia Legal Assistant (United Nations-backed Khmer Rouge Tribunal): Researched and drafted investigative requests into forced marriage and attacks against culture as crimes against humanity; summarized witness statements; researched concept of autogenocide in Phnom Penh, Cambodia (Summer 2009)

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WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS:

- Conference presenter on "Citation and Hierarchies in Legal Scholarship: The Illusion of Meritocracy," at Yale Law School's (online) *Symposium on Citation and the Law*, April 22-23, 2021
- Conference presenter on "Citation and Hierarchies in Legal Scholarship," University of Colorado-Boulder's (online) Little Boulder Conference, Jan. 20-23, 2021
- Conference presenter on "The Genocide Convention in the American Press" at Paris VII-Paris Diderot University's *War Memories*, June 14-16, 2016
- Conference presenter on "Peaceful Soviet Citizens' and Russia Today" at Columbia University's *The Politics of Memory: Victimization, Violence and Contested Narratives of the Past*, Dec. 3-5, 2015
- Conference presenter on "The Extermination of Peaceful Soviet Citizens: Aron Trainin and the Holocaust in the Soviet Union," at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Nov. 18, 2015
- Participant in 10-day thesis development workshop at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum on *The Holocaust in the Soviet Union*, June 22-July 1, 2015

ACTIVITIES & SERVICE:

- *Legal Research Corner* editor for the COLORADO LAWYER, 2021-present
- LISP-SIS member, 50-state toolkit manager for southwestern states, 2019-present
- LISP-SIS Secretary/Treasurer, 2024-present
- WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY JOURNAL OF LAW & POLICY associate editor, 2009-2011
- American Association of Law Libraries member, 2017-present
- Colorado Association of Law Libraries member, 2019-present
- DIPLOMATIC DIALOGUES blog contributor, Spring 2019 (with Janet Kearney)
- AALL poster session creator (content aggregators), 2019
- WestPac chapter member- 2023-present
- Colorado Law Admissions Committee, 2023-present
- Colorado Law Loan Repayment Assistance Program Committee, 2023-2024