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CURRENT POSITION

Associate Professor, University of Colorado Law School **Aug 2019 – present**
Courses taught include: Contracts, Secured Transactions, Islamic Law, & Jewish Law

EDUCATION

MA, Islamic Studies; University of Texas, Austin, TX **Dec 2021**
Thesis: *Receptivity to Socio-Legal Pressure in Jewish and Islamic Law*

LLM, University of Wisconsin Law School; Madison, WI **May 2019**
William H. Hastie Fellow
Institute for Legal Studies Law and Society Graduate Fellow

JD, University of Texas Law School; Austin, TX **May 2009**
Team Member, Jessup International Moot Court
Member, Texas International Law Journal

MPP, University of Michigan Gerald Ford School of Public Policy; Ann Arbor, MI **Dec 2005**
Graduate Student Chair, Michigan Student Assembly

BA, Literary Studies, Magna Cum Laude; University of Texas at Dallas; Richardson, TX **May 2004**
Vice President, Student Government
Senior Honors Thesis: *An Analysis of "The Other" in Jewish, Christian, and Islamic Scripture* (Highest Honors)
Academic Excellence Scholar

SUPPLEMENTARY EDUCATION

Graduate Fellowship in Jewish Studies and Legal Theory **Summer 2020**
Interdisciplinary program focused on bringing legal theory into the disciplines of Jewish history and Jewish law. The Fellowship Seminar is a project of the Consortium on Jewish Studies and Legal Theory, a partnership among Cardozo Law School, Columbia University, The Jewish Theological Seminary, NYU, Princeton, and Yale.

Nishma Summer Program, The Jewish Theological Seminary **Summer 2019**
Program to cultivate the skills to learn classical Jewish sources: Talmud, Midrash, halakhah, and parshanut

University of Texas Flagship Arabic Summer Institute **Jun – Aug 2016**

Middlebury College Arabic Language School; Oakland, CA **May – Aug 2013**
May – Aug 2010

Qasid Arabic Institute; Amman, Jordan **Aug – Dec 2010**

Study Abroad Program, University of London School of Oriental & African Studies **Jan – May 2004**
International Studies program with a focus on the Middle East

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Primary Interests: Islamic Law, Jewish Law, Contracts, Secured Transactions

Additional Interests: Alternative Dispute Resolution, International Business Transactions, Women and the Law, National Security

PUBLICATIONS & WORKING PAPERS

Rabea Benhalim, *Oppression in Islamic, Jewish and American Law*, work in progress (Feb 2022 publication submission).

Rabea Benhalim, *Islamic Sexual Freedom*, work in progress.

Rabea Benhalim, *Slander, Me Too, and American Muslim Leadership*, work in progress.

Rabea Benhalim, *The Case for American Muslim Arbitration*, 2019 WIS. L. REV. 3, 531 (2019).

Rabea Benhalim, *Religious Courts in Secular Jurisdictions: How Jewish and Islamic Courts Adapt to Societal and Legal Norms*, 84 BROOK. L. REV. 3, 745 (2019).

Rabea Benhalim, Book Review, 33 J. OF L. AND RELIGION 3, 508 (2018) (reviewing FAREDA BANDA & LISA FISHBAYN JOFFE EDS., WOMEN'S RIGHTS AND RELIGIOUS LAW: DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES (2016)).

Benjamin Wittes, Rabea Benhalim & Wells C. Bennett, *Rationalizing Government Collection Authorities: A Proposal for Radical Simplification*, GOVERNANCE STUDIES AT BROOKINGS (Jan. 7, 2011), https://www.brookings.edu/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/0107_rationalizing_surveillance.pdf.

Benjamin Wittes, Rabea Benhalim & Robert M. Chesney, *The Emerging Law of Detention: The Guantánamo Habeas Cases as Lawmaking*, GOVERNANCE STUDIES AT BROOKINGS (Jan. 22, 2010), https://www.brookings.edu/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/0122_guantanamo_wittes_chesney.pdf.

ONLINE PUBLICATIONS

Rabea Benhalim, *Islamic Finance and Sukuk in Africa*, AR3: RESILIENCE, RISK, AND RECONSTRUCTION MAG. (Jan. 2016), <http://africar3.com/africas-sukuk-market/>.

Rabea Benhalim, Book Review, LawFare (June 22, 2012) (reviewing DANA PRIEST & WILLIAM ARKIN, TOP SECRET AMERICA: THE RISE OF THE NEW AMERICAN SECURITY STATE (2011)). <https://www.lawfareblog.com/top-secret-america-rise-new-american-security-state-dana-priest-and-william-arkin>.

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO LAW SCHOOL SERVICE

CU Law School Public Service, Diversity, and Equity Committee	Aug 2020 – Jul 2022
CU Law School Peer Review Committee	Aug 2020 – Jul 2022
CU Law School Adjunct Committee	Aug 2021 – Jul 2022
CU Law School Faculty Director of the Anti-Racism and Representation Initiative	Oct 2020 – Sept 2021
CU Law School Admissions Committee	Aug 2019 – Jul 2020

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

Colorado Law School Outstanding New Faculty Award Student nominated and voted award recognizing excellence in teaching	Apr 2020
William H. Hastie Fellow, University of Wisconsin Law School; Madison, WI Competitive fellowship supporting aspiring legal scholars from under-represented communities Fellows prepare two major pieces for publication and receive mentoring on scholarship and teaching	Aug 2017 – Aug 2019

- Law and Society Graduate Fellow, University of Wisconsin Law School; Madison, WI** Aug 2018 – Aug 2019
Institute for Legal Studies
 Selective, interdisciplinary fellowship designed to promote innovative approaches to empirical legal research
- Kathryn Davis Fellow, Middlebury College Arabic Language School; Oakland, CA** May – Aug 2013
 Competitive fellowship fully covering attendance at Middlebury Summer Language Institute
- Legal Fellow, University of Texas Center for Women in Law; Austin, TX** Jan – May 2008
 Compiled comprehensive bibliography on women in law
- Democracy Program Fellow, The Carter Center; Atlanta, GA** May – Aug 2005
 Monitored of democratic developments in the Middle East and North Africa
 Composed reports by country for President Carter’s personal review
- Fellow, Institute for International Public Policy** May 2002 – May 2006
 Trained at two summer policy intensives at HBCUs
 Received study abroad and graduate school funding
- Academic Excellence Scholarship, University of Texas at Dallas; Richardson, TX** Aug 2001 – May 2004
 Four years of full funding of tuition, fees, and on-campus housing
- Archer Fellow, United Nations Information Center (UNIC); Washington, DC** Jan – May 2002
 Fully funded semester in Washington, DC
 Wrote reports for UN Headquarters on developments in DC related to the UN

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Associate Professor** Aug 2019 – present
The University of Colorado Law School
 Courses Taught: Contract (Fall 2019, Fall 2020, Fall 2021); Secured Transaction (Spring 2020 & Spring 2021);
 Islamic Law (Spring 2021); Comparative Law: Intro to Jewish Law (Fall 2021)
- Instructor, Course: Religious Arbitration** Jan 2019 – May 2019
JD Program, University of Wisconsin Law School
- Supplemental Instructor/Teaching Assistant/Discussion Leader** Aug 2015 – May 2017
University of Texas at Austin, International Relations and Global Studies Program
 Taught 60 students twice a week for four semesters, including grading and lecturing
 Promoted to Supplemental Instructor after receiving exceptional student reviews
- Teaching Assistant, Arabic Summer Institute, University of Texas at Austin** May – Aug 2017
 Taught introductory Arabic, including grading and primary instruction daily May – Aug 2018

LECTURES & PRESENTATIONS

- Moderator & Organizer, The American Association of Law Schools Islamic Law Panel** Jan 2022
 Organized co-sponsorship of panel with Jewish Law Section, Agreeing to Disagree: Difference of Opinion
 in Islamic and Jewish Law
- Panelist, The Federalist Society Works in Progress Panel** Jan 2022
 Invited panel discussant: *Oppression in Islamic, Jewish, & American Law*

- Guest Lecturer, The University of Colorado Mini Law School** Jan 2022
Invited lecturer to present an introduction to Contracts to non-lawyers
- Guest Lecturer, The University of Colorado Mini Law School** Feb 2021
Invited lecturer to present an introduction to Secured Transaction to non-lawyers
- Panelist, Rocky Mountain Junior Scholars Conference** Nov 2020
Invited panel discussant: *Religious Limits on Duress in American Muslim and Jewish Arbitration*
- Panelist, Annual Meeting of Law and Society Association, Toronto, Canada** July 2018
Invited panel discussant: *Constitutional Sanction and State Oversight of Religious Courts in Israel & the United States: Balancing Legal Pluralism and Civil Rights*
- Guest Lecturer, University of Wisconsin Law School; Madison, WI** May 2018
Invited lecture: *Legal Pluralism and Muslims in the Western World* for *Legal Studies* undergraduate course
- Panelist, Annual Meeting of American Association of Law Schools, San Diego, CA** Jan 2018
Invited panel discussant: *Sharia Courts in Secular Jurisdictions*
- Panelist, Qatar Institute Arab Graduate Student Conference, Doha, Qatar** Mar 2018
Invited panel discussant: *Religious Courts in a Secular State*
- Guest Lecturer, University of Texas at Austin** Apr 2017
Invited lecture: *Gender, Love, and Relationships in Islam* for *Social Transformation of Love* undergraduate course
- Guest Lecturer, Texas State University; San Marcos, TX** Apr 2017
Invited lecture: *The Rising Tide of Islamophobia: Navigating Hate, Stereotypes, and Prejudice*
- Guest Lecturer, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, University of Texas at Austin** Oct 2016
Invited lecture: *Islam in America* for *There's More to the Story: Islam and the World Today* continuing education course

RESEARCH & LEGAL EXPERIENCE

- Legal Consultant and Counsel, DiversityWealth; Dallas, TX** Aug 2015 – present
In-house counsel and advisor for development of diversity and inclusion training programs
- William H. Hastie Fellow, University of Wisconsin Law School; Madison, WI** Aug 2017 – Aug 2019
Conduct research and write academic articles on religious courts
Contracted to teach *Constitutional Law II* JD Course in Spring 2019
- Part-Time Associate, Braumiller Law Group; Dallas, TX** May 2016 – May 2017
International trade law litigation and compliance assistance
- Legal Advisor, Maersk Oil; Houston, TX** Feb 2014 – Apr 2015
Drafted and negotiated large-scale, international oil and gas contracts
Conducted compliance analysis for sub-contractors
- Consultant, Brookings Doha Center; Doha, Qatar** Apr 2013 – Feb 2014
Conducted research and analysis of Middle East conflict resolution in post-Arab Spring

- Associate, Mayer Brown, LLP; Houston, TX** **Jan 2011 – Apr 2013**
 Represented lenders and borrows in structuring oil and gas credit facilities
 Provided *pro bono* representation of clients seeking asylum in collaboration with the Tahirih Justice Center
 Served as Chair of the Houston office Diversity Committee, member of Mayer Brown Women’s Forum
- Legal Fellow, The Brookings Institution; Washington, DC** **Sep 2009 – Jun 2010**
 Met with members of Congress to discuss recommendations for detention legislation
 Researched and published articles on Guantanamo cases, detention law trends, government collection authorities
- Student Attorney, National Security and Human Rights Clinic; Austin, TX** **Jan – May 2008**
 Represented Guantanamo detainees in federal district courts
 Conducted research and analysis leading to co-authorship of model brief on Extraordinary Rendition
- Research Assistant, Emory Center for the Study of Law and Religion; Atlanta, GA** **May 2007 – May 2008**
 Conducted research and analysis related to international religious freedom
 Identified major developments in international religious freedom laws from 1998-2007

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Member, State Bar of Texas** **Nov 2009 – present**
- Member, Association of American Law Schools** **Jun 2018 – present**
 Executive Committee Member **Jan 2019 – present**
 Chair, Islamic Law Section **Jan 2020 – Jan 2021**
 Organized and moderated panel titled Agreeing to Disagree: *Difference of Opinion in Islamic and Jewish Law*
 Organized author presentation with Simonetta Calderini on her book: *Women as Imams: Classical Islamic Sources and Modern Debates on Leading Prayer*
 Organized Works in Progress Session for AALS Islamic Law Section Members
 Organized and moderated 2022 Section Planning Meeting
- Chair-Elect, Islamic Law Section** **Jan 2020 – Dec 2020**
- American Branch of the International Law Association** **Oct 2020 – present**
 Islamic Law and Society Committee Board Member
- Member, Law and Society Association** **Jun 2018 – present**
- Member, The National Association of Muslim Lawyers** **Sept 2017 – present**
- Co-Founder & Co-Director, Grassroots Islam** **March 2020 – present**
 Co-established virtual, inclusive, and spiritual organization dedicated to Muslim Americans
 Executed two entire month-long Ramadan programs to engage isolated Muslims during the holy month
 Planned and hosted 72 events including discussion series, Quran studies, public sector Q&A, and retreats
 In the process of establishing 501-c3 status
- Advisor, Muslim Connection Austin** **Jul 2017 – Jul 2019**
- Board Member, Ibrahim Islamic Center** **Aug 2013 – August 2015**
- Pro Bono Attorney, Tahirih Justice Center** **May 2011- Mar 2013**

LANGUAGES

Advanced knowledge of Classical and Modern Standard Arabic

Intermediate knowledge of Biblical Hebrew and Modern Hebrew