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Education

Háskóli Íslands (University of Iceland), Reykjavik, Iceland

PhD (Candidate) in Political Science, predicted May 2025.

Student in Icelandic as a Second Language Practical Diploma Program, Fall 2023-Present.

Post Graduate Diploma in International Relations, Fall 2020.

Lecturer in Arctic Studies and International Relations, Fall 2022.

Dissertation: *Arctic Governance or Business as Usual? State Actors, Corporate Interests and the Arctic Economic Council*

Háskólinn á Akureyri (University of Akureyri), Akureyri, Iceland

L.L.M. (Candidate) in Polar Law, May 2021.

GPA: 4.00 (United States System) or 9.27/10 (Icelandic System/ECTS) (First Class with Distinction)

Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, DC

J.D., May 2015 with Dean's Certificate for Academic Excellence, Lavender Award for contribution to LGBTQ+ legal issues, and Silver Pro Bono Award for over 150 hours of pro bono performed while enrolled.

GPA: 3.43

Journal: The Georgetown Journal of Legal Ethics (Managing Editor—Notes)

Academic Team: Barristers' Council (Alternative Dispute Resolution Division)

Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, NY

B.A. in Russian Studies with General and Departmental Honors, May 2012

Correlates: American Politics and Public Policy Economics

GPA: 3.89

Bar Admissions: New York (2016)

Languages: English (Native), Russian (Proficient), Icelandic (Intermediate), Spanish (Elementary)

Publications:

- *Governance and Popular Culture: How Popular Culture Perceptions Influence Governance*, MANAGEMENT IN THE HIGH NORTH: YOUNG RESEARCHERS' CONTRIBUTIONS (Jan. 2024) (To be published) (Published by Nord University).
- *The Netflix Effect: Arctic Imaginaries and a Heavy Dose of Colonialism in Contemporary Film about Greenland*, SHIMA JOURNAL, Volume 18, No. 2 (Aug. 2024) (To be published).
- *Is Legal Philosophy "Frozen" at the Poles? A Review of David Bunikowski's and Alan D. Hemming's "Philosophies of Polar Law,"* NORDICUM-MEDITERRANEUM, Volume 16, No. 1 (March 2021).
- *Perspectives on Colonialism in Greenland*, NORDICUM-MEDITERRANEUM, Volume 17, No. 2 (November 2022) (co-author).
- *What are These Countries Doing Here? Analyzing Transparency in the Current Flag of Convenience Regime and Their Impact on Shipping in the Arctic*, NORDICUM-MEDITERRANEUM, Volume 16, No. 1 (March 2021) (co-author).
- *Justice for the North: Disparities Between Non-Capital and Capital Region Universities*, FLÓRA, Vol. 11 (February 2, 2021) (co-author).
- *So What Do We Want?* FLÓRA, Vol. 11 (February 2, 2021) (co-author).
- *The Greenlandic Question: An International Relations Analysis of a Post-Independence Inuit Nation*, NORDICUM-MEDITERRANEUM, Volume 15, No. 4.5 (2021) (special edition).
- *Schrödinger's American: A Self-Reflection of One Person's Role in Arctic Discourse*, NORDICUM-MEDITERRANEUM, Volume 15, No. 4.5 (2021) (special edition).
- *Maine and the Arctic: Why Maine Should Develop an Arctic Strategy*, MAINE POL. REV., Volume 29, Issue 1 (2020).
- *Voluntourism in the Faroe Islands: A Sustainable Nordic Tourism Model*, UARCTIC SHARED VOICES MAGAZINE (2020).
- *The Model Arctic Council Goes Online During the Coronavirus Pandemic*, UARCTIC SHARED VOICES MAGAZINE (2020) (co-author).
- *Persuasion, Paternalism, or Withdrawal: The Ethical Obligations to the Religious Wishes of Nidal Malik Hasan*, 27 GEO. J. LEGAL ETHICS 967 (2014).
- *The Old Boss the Same as the New Boss?: Critiques and Plaudits of Michelle Alexander's New Jim Crow Metaphor*, 7 GEO. J. L. & MOD. CRIT. RACE PERSP. 175 (2015).

Memberships and Other Education:

- Participant in the 6th Korean Arctic Academy hosted by the Korean Maritime Institute and UArctic (2020)
- Landssamtök Íslenskra Stúdentanna/National Union for Icelandic Students (Equal Rights Committee Member, September 2020-September 2021) (Chief Equality Officer, September 2021-May 2022). Represented over 21,000 Students within Iceland and all Icelandic students abroad.
- Arctic Youth Network Secretariat: Chair of the Fundraising Committee (September 2020-June 2022)
- Participant in the Harvard Kennedy School Arctic Initiative Podcast Program (2020-2021)

Arctic Research Experience:

Stefansson Arctic Institute, Akureyri, Iceland

Research Assistant, February 2020-Present

- Primarily focus on the EU's Just North Project where I collaborate with social scientists, economists, and anthropologists on all matters of research. Assist in writing articles and government deliverables, by conducting legal research and English language editing. Help improve projects by performing individual research such as defining risk and researching public participation in Greenland's extractive industries' Environmental and Social Impact Assessments.

Association of Polar Early Career Scientists, Akureyri, Iceland

Individual Council Member, April 2020-Present, Co-Founder of APECS Iceland, November 2020-Present

- Work with Indigenous Peoples as a research ally to advocate for the enhancement of traditional knowledge within Western backed projects and scientific method coexistence for better understanding of the Arctic environment. Participate in all online meetings in order to help create conferences and build collaborative bridges.

Nordicum Mediterraneum, Akureyri, Iceland

Editor and Peer Reviewer, August 2020-Present

- Read and edit numerous submissions for Nordicum Mediterraneum, which is an Icelandic E-Journal of Nordic and Mediterranean Studies, focusing on issues such as good governance, polar law, and philosophy.

Polar Law Symposium, Riga, Latvia

Organizer and Special Edition Editor, June 2022-Present

- Primary organizer for the 15th Polar Law Symposium at the University of Iceland in Reykjavik, Iceland, which took place in October 2022 and had over 100 participants. Assistant for the 16th Polar Law Symposium, which took place in November 2023 at the University of the Faroe Islands in Tórshavn, Faroe Islands.
- Primary Editor and compiler of the 15th Edition of the YEARBOOK OF POLAR LAW, which is to be released in January 2024 by Brill and will contain up to twenty academic articles and book reviews.

Háskólinn á Akureyri (University of Akureyri), Akureyri, Iceland

Instructor, Summer 2020, Guest Lecturer, Spring 2021

- Instructor in teaching United States Constitutional Law for the University of Akureyri's Law Faculty during the government-funded summer school and made guest appearances for U.S. Constitutional Law in Comparative Law courses. Managed around 15 students with both live Zoom lectures and recorded Canvas lectures, incorporating modern news from the United States into the typical issues of Constitutional Law, such as 1st, 10th, and 14th Amendment issues.

Legal Experience

Whitehurst, Blackburn & Warren, Thomasville, GA

Attorney, January 2019-Present

- Worked on all aspects of litigation, corporate, and family law matters. Worked on Constitutional law matters, such as Fourth Amendment searches and seizures against a County government as well as multiple personal injury matters. Found successful solutions and settlements in divorce matters, including conducting trials. Wrote and won motions regarding custody, attorneys' fees, and subpoena quashing. Drafted multiple tax and corporate documents for Corporate and LLC use. Continue to help write legal briefs and motions and conduct legal research on a remote basis.

Herbert Smith Freehills LLP, New York, NY

Associate, February 2017-August 2017

- Assisted partners and clients on a variety of white-collar and complex commercial litigation matters. Specific cases included, an asylum application for an Uzbek national, and internal investigation of an international company in response to a DOJ subpoena and interview.

Kaye Scholer LLP, New York, NY

Associate, October 2015-February 2017; *Summer Associate*, Summer 2014

• Engaged in all aspects of complex commercial, life science, and white-collar litigation proceedings. Was the leading associate on a pro bono case involving Social Security benefits and contributed to multiple death penalty appeals. Contributed to commercial litigation matters such as organic food labeling disputes, and multinational tax fraud defense.

Speaking Engagements:

- “*Informing Arctic Marine Decision Making*,” Arctic Science Summit Week, Akureyri, Iceland (March 2020)
- “*Polar Law: From Early Judgements Up to New Assessments and Stakeholders*,” UArctic Congress, Reykjavík, Iceland, (May 2021).
- “*Young People in the Arctic - Current Realities and Future Visions*,” Arctic Circle Assembly, Reykjavik, Iceland, (October 2021).
- “*Arctic Good Governance & Transparency from the Perspective of Arctic Young Scholars*,” Arctic Circle Assembly, Reykjavik, Iceland, (October 2021).
- “*New Perspectives on Arctic Issues*,” International Congress of Arctic Social Scientists X, Arkhangelsk, Russian Federation (June 2021).
- “*The Greenlandic Question: An International Relations Analysis of a Post-Independence Inuit Nation*,” First ISISA Global Island Studies Webinar (June 24, 2020) (online due to COVID-19).
- “*Model Arctic Council 2020*,” UArctic’s Model Arctic Council with the role of PAME Chair.
- “*Analyzing the 2020 U.S. Election Results*,” Félagsvísindatörg at the University of Akureyri (November 11, 2020).
- “*Model Northern Forum 2020*,” MGIMO’s and UArctic’s Model Northern Forum with Vice-Chairman position and role of Mayor of Akureyri within the Board of Governors. (November 19-21, 2020). Won Best Delegate Award.
- “*New in Town: The Immigrant Experience in Iceland*,” Landssamtök Íslenskra Stúdenta’s “Equality Days,” (February 2021).
- “*Equality in Iceland: New Perspectives*,” Icelandic Nationals League of the United States (March 21, 2021).
- “*Arctic Governance or Business as Usual? State Actors, Corporate Interests and the Arctic Economic Council*,” Polar (In)Securities: The Future of Global Affairs in the Circumpolar North hosted by the Arctic Institute (June 8, 2022).
- “*Arctic Imaginaries and a Heavy Dose of Colonialism in Contemporary Film about Greenland*,” Islands and Audiovisual Media hosted by the Shima Journal and the Small Island Cultures Research Initiative, Tórshavn, Faroe Islands (Jun. 26-28, 2024).