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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY, CHARLES WIDGER SCHOOL OF LAW

Assistant Professor (Aug. 2024 – present)

Courses: Constitutional Law; Law, Race and Empire

UNIVERSITY OF PUERTO RICO, SCHOOL OF LAW

Assistant Professor (Jan. 2022 – June 2024); Adjunct Professor (July 2020; Jan. 2021)

Courses taught: Contracts; Property; Law, Race and Empire; Law and Politics; Legal Pluralism; Constitutional Interpretation; Legal Writing Workshop

Faculty Advisor: American Constitution Society – 2024 Rising Chapter of the Year

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

CENTER FOR PUERTO RICAN STUDIES, HUNTER COLLEGE

Bridging the Divides Fellow, Decolonization Study Group (Sept. 2022 – Sept. 2023)

SUPREME COURT OF PUERTO RICO

Law Clerk to the Chief Justice, Hon. Maite Oronoz Rodríguez (Oct. 2016 – July 2018)

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS, FIRST CIRCUIT

Fall Intern to the Hon. Juan R. Torruella (Aug. 2015 – Dec. 2015)

MCCONNELL VALDÉS, LLC

Summer Associate (June 2015 – Aug. 2015)

EDUCATION

YALE LAW SCHOOL, J.S.D., 2023

Dissertation: The Constitutional Legacy of Colonialism

Committee: Samuel Moyn (chair), Aziz Rana, Cristina Rodríguez, John Witt

YALE GRADUATE SCHOOL, FOX INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP, 2020

Visiting Affiliated Research Student at Univ. of San Andrés, Argentina

YALE LAW SCHOOL, LL.M., 2019

Research Assistant to Prof. Bruce Ackerman

Yale Law and Policy Review, Editor

UNIVERSITY OF PUERTO RICO, SCHOOL OF LAW, J.D., *summa cum laude*, 2016

Research Assistant to Prof. Oscar Miranda Miller

University of Puerto Rico Law Review, Associate Editor-in-Chief

Pro Bono ENLACE with Public Schools (pipeline program)

UNIVERSITY OF PUERTO RICO, PSYCHOLOGY, B.A., *summa cum laude*, 2013

ARTICLES IN ENGLISH

- *The Imposition of Constitutional Rights*, 123 MICH. L. REV. (2025) (forthcoming)
- *Sovereignty and Dependence in the American Empire: Native Nations, Territories, and Overseas Colonies*, 73 DUKE L.J. 943 (2024)
- *Time and Constraint: Executive Sunset and Executive Sunrise Rules*, 51 U. MEM. L. REV. 141 (2020)
- *Reforming the Federal Election Commission: Storable Voting*, 20 WYO. L. REV. 287 (2020)
- *The Age of Statutes and Judicial Review*, 53 REV. JUR. UIPR 53 (2020)

ARTICLES IN SPANISH

- *Derecho Constitucional Puertorriqueño*, 93 REV. JUR. UPR 1 (2024) (title in English: “*Puerto Rican Constitutional Law*”)
- *¿Despolitizar o democratizar la Rama Judicial?*, 57 REV. JUR. UIPR (2024) (title in English: “*Depoliticize or Democratize the Judicial Branch?*”)
- *Las nuevas reglas del juego electoral: Un análisis constitucional del acceso a la papeleta*, 85 REV. JUR. UPR 1143 (2016) (title in English: “*The new rules of the electoral game: A constitutional analysis about ballot access*”) (with Ismael A. Molina Villarino)
- *Derecho Penal Sustantivo*, 85 REV. JUR. UPR 501 (2016) (title in English: “*Substantive Criminal Law*”) (with Oscar Miranda Miller)
- *La constitucionalidad de vincular legislaturas futuras mediante referéndum*, 84 REV. JUR. UPR 247 (2015) (Peer reviewed by two constitutional law professors) (title in English: “*The constitutionality of binding future legislatures through referendum*”) (with José B. Márquez Reyes) (awarded Legal Work of the Year by the Bar Association of Puerto Rico)

BOOK CHAPTERS IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH

- *The Citizenship Duality*, in THE LAW BETWEEN OBJECTIVITY AND POWER 449 (2022) (Nomos – Germany) (Hart Publishing – UK)
- *Puerto Rico: ¿Constitución o Ley del Congreso de Estados Unidos de América?*, in SISTEMAS CONSTITUCIONALES DE AMÉRICA LATINA 463 (2021) (title in English: “*Puerto Rico: Constitution or Federal Statute*”) (Pireo – Spain)

ESSAYS AND NEWS MEDIA

- *Mirada académica a lo más relevante en opiniones federales de 2022*, MICROJURIS (Jan. 27, 2023) (interview about Supreme Court cases)
- *FOMB v. CPI: ¿Qué decidirá el Supremo federal?*, MICROJURIS (Jan. 17, 2023) (podcast interview about *FOMB v. CPI*)
- *Balzac y el futuro de nuestros derechos*, EL NUEVO DÍA (April 9, 2022)
- *Wanda Vázquez, perdone la pena de Ashley Torres*, EL NUEVO DÍA (Dec. 7, 2020)
- *¿Nueva Jueza o nueva Corte Suprema?*, EL NUEVO DÍA (Oct. 28, 2020)
- *No se puede posponer la elección a la Comisaría Residente*, EL NUEVO DÍA (Aug. 13, 2020)
- *Protección valiente del derecho al voto*, EL NUEVO DÍA (Aug. 12, 2020)
- *La política del momento versus los principios democráticos*, EL NUEVO DÍA (Aug. 11, 2020)
- *El autogobierno al servicio del imperio*, EL NUEVO DÍA (June 3, 2020)
- *De Lúgaro y Cidre a Eliezer Molina*, EL NUEVO DÍA (May 6, 2020)
- *¿Son posibles las alianzas entre candidatos?*, EL NUEVO DÍA (Nov. 18, 2019)
- *El acceso a la papeleta en la reforma electoral*, EL NUEVO DÍA (Nov. 6, 2019)
- *El Tribunal Supremo se reivindica*, EL NUEVO DÍA (August 8, 2019) (with José B. Márquez Reyes)
- *El alegato descontextualizado del “Gobernador”*, EL NUEVO DÍA (Aug. 7, 2019)
- *El originalismo como metodología adjudicativa*, EL NUEVO DÍA (Aug. 6, 2019)
- *Por qué la Ley 7 es inconstitucional*, EL NUEVO DÍA (Aug. 3, 2019)
- *Ante vacante en la gobernación: Un sustituto no electo*, MICROJURIS (July 24, 2019)
- *¿Crisis constitucional? Posibles escenarios*, EL NUEVO DÍA (July 14, 2019) (with José B. Márquez Reyes)
- *University of Puerto Rico Law Review*, DERECHO AL DERECHO (July 30, 2015)
- *De Alexandra y definir quiénes somos*, 80 GRADOS (July 3, 2015)

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- Bridging the Divides Fellowship awarded by Mellon Foundation (2022–2023)
- Fox International Fellowship awarded by Yale University (2019–2020)
- Faculty’s Grand Prize: Awarded to student with the highest GPA (2016)
- Public Law Prize: Awarded to student with the highest GPA in Public Law (2016)
- Legal Work of the Year by the Bar Association of Puerto Rico (2015)
- J.D. Honors Scholarship (2014–2016)
- B.A. Honors Scholarship (2011–2013); Dean’s List (2010–2013)

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

- *Ballot Access and Electoral Participation: Challenges and Solutions*. Held at University of Puerto Rico School of Law on April 4, 2024.
- *Reflections on Democracy: Multisectoral Dialogue*. Held at University of Puerto Rico School of Law on October 23, 2023.
- *Rebellious Lawyering Conference*. Participant in Contemporary Anticolonial Struggles Panel. Held at Yale Law School on February 24, 2024.
- *Annual Meeting on Law and Society: Separate and Unequal*. Held in San Juan, Puerto Rico on June 1st to June 4th, 2023.
- *U.S. Citizens Without Constitutional Rights: A Discussion About Puerto Rico*. Held at Duke Law School on April 17, 2023.
- *Centro's 50th Anniversary Symposium: Reimagining the Future of Puerto Rican Studies*. Held at Hunter College, NY, on February 24, 2023.
- *Thirteenth Annual Constitutional Law Colloquium*. Held at the Loyola Law School in Chicago, Illinois on November 4th to November 5th, 2022.
- *Seventy years after the Constitution of Puerto Rico: Challenges and Proposals*. Participant in Judicial Branch Panel. Held at Puerto Rico House of Representatives on April 28, 2022.
- *Young Scholars Conference: The Law Between Objectivity and Power*. Invited to present *The Citizenship Duality*. Held at Max Planck Institute for Tax Law and Public Finance, Munich, Germany on October 13, 2020.
- *Stanford Program in Law and Society, Sixth Conference for Junior Researchers*. Participant in Democratic Legitimacy Panel. Presentation of *Time and Judicial Review: Reappraising the Counter-Majoritarian Difficulty*. Commentator: Prof. Lawrence M. Friedman. Held at Stanford Law School on May 10, 2019.
- *Work-in-Progress Symposium*. Presentation of *Time and Constraint: Executive Sunset and Executive Sunrise Rules*. Commentator: Prof. Bruce Ackerman. Held at Yale Law School on April 23, 2019.
- *Democracy, Constitutionalism and Law*. Panel discussion of three law review articles including "*The new rules of the electoral game: A constitutional analysis about ballot access*". Commentator: Prof. Hiram Meléndez Juarbe. Held at University of Puerto Rico School of Law on October 27, 2016.
- *Repercussions of the Arecibo incinerator: Solution to the problem or new problem without solution?* Panelist at forum held at University of Puerto Rico, School of Medical Science on February 12, 2016.
- *The constitutionality of binding future legislatures through referendum*. Colloquium about the law review article of the same name. Held at University of Puerto Rico School of Law on February 23, 2015.
- *Pro Bono ENLACE with Public Schools*. Multiple lectures and workshops on Constitutional Law and Freedom of Speech to high school students from public schools. Held at University of Puerto Rico, School of Law.

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Academia Puertorriquena de Jurisprudencia y Legislación (“*Puerto Rican Academy of Jurisprudence and Legislation*”) – Affiliated Scholar (2024 – present)
- Yale Latin American Seminar on Political and Constitutional Theory (SELA) (2024 – present)
- Financial Oversight and Management Bd. for P.R. v. Centro De Periodismo Investigativo, Inc., 598 U. S. 339 (2023), Brief of Puerto Rican Legal Scholars in Support of Respondent (Amici brief author)

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, 2016
- New York State, 2020

LANGUAGES

- Spanish
- English