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PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

<i>Assistant Professor of Law</i> <i>Co-Director, Center for Environmental Law and Sustainability</i> Widener University Commonwealth Law School, Harrisburg, PA	2025-present
<i>Lead Investigator</i> Energy Democracy Project, State and Local Policy and Law Program Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, DC	2022-2023
<i>International Economic Law Fellow</i> Institute of International Economic Law Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, DC	2021-2022
<i>Research Assistant</i> Georgetown Climate Center, Mitigation Program Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, DC	2020-2021
<i>Visiting Research Scholar and Adjunct Professor of Law</i> International and Comparative Legal Studies American University Washington College of Law, Washington, DC	2015-2019
<i>Research Assistant and Contributing Scholar</i> Sustainable Energy For All Community of Practice, Sustainable Energy Initiative The George Washington University Law School, Washington, DC	2013-2014

EDUCATION

Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, DC S.J.D.	2024
Scholarship: Georgetown Law (merit-based) Dissertation: “Governance Issues in the Age of Climate Change: Approaches from the United States and the European Union” Committee: Sheila R. Foster (Chair), Franz Werro, Emily Hammond Activities: Georgetown Energy Law Group Co-Founder & Board Member SJD Association Co-Chair	
The George Washington University Law School, Washington, DC LL.M., general (coursework completed in 2013) Thesis: “Innovation Through Traditional Water Knowledge: An Approach to the Water Crisis” Supervisor: Lee Leroy Paddock	2019
LL.M. in Energy and Environmental Law Awards: Outstanding Pro Bono Service Student Award (Deepwater Horizon oil spill) Activities: GW Gulf Recovery Network Volunteer (Lower Ninth Ward, New Orleans)	2011

University of Rome Tor Vergata, Center for Economic and International Studies, Rome, Italy  
Master's, Economics of Culture: Policy, Governance and Management 2007

Sapienza University of Rome, Faculty of Law, Rome, Italy  
LL.B. (Grade A or 3.7 GPA equivalent) 2004  
Thesis: "Profili Civilistici dei Beni Culturali"  
Committee: Natalino Irti (Chair); Antonio Masi (Co-Chair)

#### RESEARCH IN AND TEACHING AREAS

- Property Law
- Energy Law and Policy
- Environmental Law and Policy
- Climate Change and the Law
- Administrative Law
- State and Local Government Law
- International and Comparative Law
- Global Governance

#### PUBLICATIONS

##### **Journal Articles**

- What a Difference a State Makes: California's Authority to Regulate Motor Vehicles Emissions Under the Clean Air Act and the Future of State Autonomy, 10 MICH. J. ENVTL. & ADMIN. L. 169 (2020)
- Innovation Through Traditional Water Knowledge: An Approach to the Water Crisis, 34 GEO. ENVTL. L. REV. 627 (2019)
  - *Lead article in volume 34 of the Georgetown Environmental Law Review*

##### **Book Chapters**

- Financing Europe's Transition to a Low-Carbon Economy: The Role of Sustainable Finance, in THE EUROPEAN ENVIRONMENTAL CONSCIENCE IN EU ECONOMICS: FINANCE, INNOVATIONS AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS (Christoph Weber and Marjorie Tendero eds., Routledge, 2025)
- Local Initiatives, in GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE AND US LAW 361 (Michael B. Gerrard et al. eds., ABA, Section of Environment, Energy and Resources, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition, 2023) (with Sheila R. Foster)
- Scaling Up Local Solutions: Creating an Enabling Legal Environment for the Deployment of Community-Based Renewable Microgrids, in ENERGY, GOVERNANCE AND SUSTAINABILITY 99 (Jordi J. i Manzano et al. eds., Edward Elgar, 2016) (with Jessica Wentz)

##### **Other Publications**

- Boycotting the Boycotters: How ESG Investing Became a Battle, Pitting Red States Against Blue, STATE & LOCAL GOV. L. BLOG (October 3, 2022)
- Legal Opinion on the Regulation of the Charging Infrastructure for Vehicles (chapter on Italy), in Série de Publications Électroniques d'Avis de Droit de l'Institut Suisse de Droit Comparé (2022)

- The Energy Transition Calls on All of Us: Overcoming Education Silos at Georgetown and Beyond, in COMMON HOME MAGAZINE, 50-51, Issue 3 (2022)
- Scaling Up State and Local Government Efforts to Ensure a Just Transition, STATE & LOCAL GOV. L. BLOG (October 29, 2021) (with Sheila R. Foster)
- A Vision for the Decade (2014-2024) of Sustainable Energy for All: An Effective Global Governance. Recommendations to UN Secretary Ban Ki-Moon for the Implementation of the Sustainable Energy for All Agenda, 2013 Global Energy Essay Contest, Global Energy Initiative
  - *Top 15 finalist among 400+ entries worldwide by doctoral and master's degree students*

## **Works in Progress**

- The Unfulfilled Promise of Energy Democracy (for submission in law review)
- Green Taxonomies and Global Regulatory Fragmentation (early stage)

## TEACHING

### *Widener University Commonwealth Law School*

- Property I and II Fall 2025; Spring 2026
- Climate Change Law Spring 2026

### *American University Washington College of Law*

- International Energy Law Spring 2016; Spring 2017; Spring 2018; Summer 2018
- Introduction to Trade Policy Summer 2016; Summer 2017
- International Organizations, Law and Diplomacy Summer 2015 (TA)

## PRESENTATIONS AND OTHER SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

### “Grassroots Claims, Electric Utilities, and the Unfulfilled Promise of Energy Democracy”

- Presenter, Coleman P. Burke Center for Environmental Law, Case Western Reserve University School of Law, Junior Faculty Workshop, May 21, 2024
- Presenter, Georgetown University Law Center, SJD/Fellows Seminar, April 22, 2024

### “The U.S. Inflation Reduction Act, Electric Vehicles, and International Trade”

- Panelist, Electric Vehicles: An International Trade Perspective hosted by the ABCI Institute, April 12, 2024

### “Energy Democracy: An Emerging Legal Construct in US Scholarship”

- Presenter, Georgetown University Law Center, SJD/Fellows Seminar, October 10, 2023
- Presenter, Elisabeth Haub School of Law, Pace University, Future Environmental Law Professors Workshop, September 8, 2023
- Presenter, Georgetown University Law Center, Roundtable on Energy Democracy organized and sponsored by the State and Local Government Policy and Law Program, May 18, 2023

### “Financing Europe’s Transition to a Low-Carbon Economy: The Role of Sustainable Finance”

- Presenter, EU\*Asia Institute at ESSCA School of Management, The European Environmental Conscience in EU Economics: Finance, Innovations and External Relations, Academic Workshop, July 3, 2023

“Codifying Environmental, Social, and Governance Corporate Practices: A Critical Look at Sustainable Finance Reform in the European Union and the United States”

- Presenter, AALS Annual Meeting, January 7, 2022

“The Brussels Effect on Sustainable Finance”

- Presenter, Georgetown University Law Center, SJD/Fellows Seminar, November 21, 2021

“The Role of Federal, State, and Local Governments in Protecting Water Resources in the United States: An Overview”

- Presenter, Georgetown Debate Program (undergraduate), July 16, 2021

“The EU Non-Financial Disclosure Directive and the Energy Transition”

- Presenter, National SJD Roundtable, April 7, 2021
- Presenter, École Supérieure des Sciences Commerciales d'Angers, The EU as a Global Actor in Sustainability Policy, Academic Workshop, ESSCA, May 28, 2020

“Covid-19 and Ecology: Do We Need a New Legal Framework to Manage Global Risks?”

- Presenter, Georgetown University Law Center, Summer Faculty Workshop, June 9, 2020

“What a Difference a State Makes: California’s Authority to Regulate Motor Vehicle Emissions Under the Clean Air Act and the Future of State Autonomy”

- Presenter, Georgetown University Law Center, SJD/Fellows Seminar, February 20, 2020

“Living Dangerously: The Unsolved Problem of Sustainable Water Governance”

- Presenter, National SJD Roundtable, November 15, 2019

“What is 2019 Bringing in the Land of Energy and Climate?”

- Co-Discussant, American University Washington College of Law, The Hot Air Show, Episode 22, January 23, 2019

“Gender and the Practice of Environmental Law”

- Panelist, American University Washington College of Law, Women & the Law Program, October 23, 2018

“A Brown-Bag Lunch to Discuss the Energy-Water Nexus”

- Organizer & Co-Panelist, American University Washington College of Law, Energy Law and Policy Society, April 19, 2017

“Regulatory Barriers for Community-Based Renewable Energy Microgrids: What Can be Done to Accelerate the Energy Transition?”

- Panelist, American University Washington College of Law, Annual Environmental Law Symposium, April 3, 2017
- Presenter, Texas A&M University School of Law, Faculty Workshop, November 14, 2016

“US Climate Politics, Markets, and the Law since the Paris Agreement was signed in December 2015 at COP21”

- Co-Discussant, American University Washington College of Law, The Hot Air Show, Episode 20, February 22, 2016

“Amanda Knox: A Comparative Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure Panel Discussion”

- Co-Organizer & Moderator, American University Washington College of Law, September

16, 2015

“The Green Giant: Europe’s Different Strategies of External Environmental Governance: Does the EU Risk being Perceived as an Anti-Hero?”

- Presenter, American University, School of International Service, Transworld Young Researchers Workshop, June 12, 2015

“Scaling Up Local Solutions, Creating an Enabling Legal Environment for the Deployment of Community-Based Renewable Microgrids”

- Co-Presenter, 12<sup>th</sup> IUCN Academy of Environmental Law Annual Colloquium, Tarragona, Spain, July 3, 2014

“Asequibilidad del Agua: Buenas Practicas en el Derecho Comparado”

- Panelist, La Implementación del Derecho Humano al Agua: Retos y Estrategias en el Ambito Municipal, convening organized by the Mexican Environmental Law Center (Centro Mexicano de Derecho Ambiental–CEMDA), Xalapa, Mexico, May 9, 2014

“UN SE4ALL: A Preliminary Assessment of the Goal of Universal Access to Energy by 2030”

- Presenter, Law, Justice and Development Week, World Bank, Washington DC, November 22, 2013

## EXPERIENCE

*Of Counsel* Spring 2014

International Programs

Environmental Law Institute, Washington, DC

*Legal Extern* Fall 2013

Thematic Working Group on Environment and Natural Resources Law

Legal Vice-Presidency, World Bank, Washington, DC

*Legal Intern* 2011-2012

Maccaferri Inc., Williamsport, MD

*In-House Counsel* Apr-July 2010

Green Utility S.p.A., Rome, Italy

*Foreign Legal Associate* Mar-July 2009

Corporate and Securities Law Practice

Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P, Washington, DC

*Legal Associate* 2008-2010

Dalla Vedova Studio Legale, Rome, Italy

*Legal Assistant* 2007-2008

Office of the General Counsel

Italian Ministry of Culture, Rome, Italy

*Trainee Lawyer*, Rome, Italy 2004-2006

## MEMBERSHIP & SERVICE

- Rome Bar (inactive)
- American Association of Law Schools
- American Bar Association, Section of Environment, Energy and Resources
  - Vice-Chair, International Environmental and Resources Law Committee (2013-2016)
    - Best 2014-2015 ABA SEER Committee Award
    - 2015 ABA SEER “Member Spotlight”
    - 2013-2014 Membership Diversity Enhancement Program Selectee
- Board Member and Deputy Director of Legal Affairs, ABCI Institute (2024-present)
- Ad Hoc Reviewer
  - Robert Stumberg, Transparency: See and Be Seen, in 275 BUSINESS, HUMAN RIGHTS AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (Jahid Hossain Bhuiyan & Mohammad Rafiqul Islam eds., Brill, 2025)
- Moot Court Coach
  - The Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court Competition (2019)
  - European Law Moot Court Competition (2015 & 2016)
- Moot Court Judge
  - Stetson International Environmental Law Moot Court Competition, qualifying rounds (2016 & 2017)
- Student Advisor
  - Energy Law and Policy Society (2019)
  - Italian American Law Student Association (2015-2019)
- Sustainability Fellow, National Housing Trust, Washington DC (Summer 2013)

## CERTIFICATES AND RECOGNITIONS

- International Institutions and Environmental Protection Certificate, Environmental Law Summer Session, American University Washington College of Law (2015)
- Featured Alumna in GW Law Magazine, Environmental & Energy Law Perspectives (Spring 2014 Issue)
- “Encomium” (Service Award), Italian Ministry of Culture (2008)

## LANGUAGES

Italian (native), Spanish (native), French (native)

## REFERENCES

*Available upon request*