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ACADEMIC/TEACHING APPOINTMENTS

DUKE UNIVERSITY, Durham, NC	2022-Present
Lecturing Fellow, Duke Financial Economics Center	
DUKE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, Durham, NC <i>Lecturing Fellow</i>	2016-2022
DUKE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, Durham, NC Executive Director of the Global Financial Markets Center	2016-2022
SAINT PETER'S UNIVERSITY, Jersey City, NJ Adjunct Professor	2015-2016
PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	
FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK (FRBNY) Senior Associate, Executive Office (2016) Bank Examiner (2011-2015)	2011-2016
U.S. ARMY, Baghdad, Iraq Communications Specialist	2004-2005
EDUCATION	
DUKE UNIVERSITY, Sanford School of Public Policy Master of Public Policy, Global Policy Concentration, May 2011	Durham, NC
UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS Bachelor of Science in Business Economics, summa cum laude, May 2009	St. Paul, MN

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Blockchain, Corporate Finance, Cryptocurrency, Cybersecurity, Financial Institutions, Financial Regulation, Financial Technology, Climate Finance, Climate Policy, Corporate Sustainability, Sustainable Investing

SCHOLARSHIP

BOOKS

FinTech Law and Policy: The Critical Legal and Regulatory Challenges Confronting FinTech Firms and the Policy Debates that are Occurring across the Country (Independently published, 2018).

PUBLICATIONS

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Summary of Comment Letters for the SEC's Proposed Climate Risk Disclosure Rule (with Morgan Smith)(Climate Risk Disclosure Lab, September 2022) available at: https://econ.duke.edu/dfe/climate-risk/2022/08/summary-comment-letters-secs-proposed-climate-risk-disclosure-rule

The Cost of Climate Disclosure: Three Case Studies on the Cost of Voluntary Climate-Related Disclosure (with Karen E. Torrent) (Climate Risk Disclosure Lab, December 2021) available at: https://econ.duke.edu/dfe/climate-risk/2021/12/climate-risk-disclosure-lab-report-provides-real-time-information-current

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ONLINE

Fintech Law and Policy, available at https://www.coursera.org/learn/fintechlawandpolicy

DUKE UNIVERSITY

Sustainable Business for Engineers (Spring 2025)

Climate Change and Financial Markets (Spring 2023, Spring 2024, Spring 2025)

Cybersecurity and Interdisciplinary Law (Spring 2023, Spring 2024, Sprin 2025)

Financial Regulatory Policy (Fall 2022, Fall 2023, Fall 2024, Fall 2025)

Issues in Cryptocurrency Law and Policy (Fall 2021, Fall 2022)

The Financial Policy Response to Covid 19 (Fall 2020)

Fintech Law and Policy (Spring 2017, Fall 2017, Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Fall 2020)

FinTech Law and Policy, Master of Judicial Studies Program (Summer 2019, Summer 2022)

Big Bank Regulation (Guest Lecturer on Bank Capital and Lender of Last Resort), Fall 2017, Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Fall 2020, Fall 2021)

Introduction to Cyber Law and Policy (Guest Lecturer, Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Fall 2020, Fall 2021, Fall 2022, Fall 2023)

Financial Law and Regulation: Practitioner's Perspective (Spring 2017, Spring 2018, Spring 2020, Spring 2022)

Financial Policy Outcomes of the 2016 Elections (Fall 2016)

SAINT PETER'S UNIVERSITY MBA PROGRAM

Corporate Finance (Spring 2015)

Managerial Economics (Fall 2015, Spring 2016)

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SELECTED PRESENTATIONS & WORKSHOPS

Co-organizer with Jimmie Lenz of the annual Digital Assets at Duke conference, available at https://www.digitalassetsatduke.org/

Host, "The FinReg Pod," available at https://open.spotify.com/show/3jf8ee1FBg8sAnAa9jdwRw

Co-Host with Jimmie Lenz, "Coffee & Crypto with Lee & Jimmie," Duke Engineering FinTech Program, available at https://open.spotify.com/show/0yxDPqe6ZNwMqG8BT0PwOt

Panelist, "Regulating Blockchain and Crypto via Novel Legislation or Rulemaking," GW Regulatory Studies Center, June 5, 2024, available at https://vimeo.com/956139230

Panelist, "Investing in Cryptoassets: Custody and Fiduciary Duty Challenges," CFA Institute 27th Annual GIPS Standards Conference, October 17, 2023

Panelist, "Wanted: A Prudential Framework for Crypto-Assets," TechReg360, May 10, 2023, available at https://www.hkufintech.com/techreg360files

Panelist, "What is a Bank? ILCs, FinTechs, and True Lender, and Recent Bank Failures and Regulatory Action," University of North Carolina School of Law's Center for Banking and Finance, Banking Institute, March 30, 2023

Presenter, "Regulating Cryptocurrency in the U.S.: Easier Said than Done," Asian Digital Finance Forum & Awards, March 19, 2023

Panelist, "Technology Trends (including AI & Blockchain) & Privacy Law Impact," University of Illinois Chicago 66th Annual Intellectual Property, Information & Privacy Law Conference, November 11, 2022

Panelist, "Regulating the Offspring of Blockchain: Digital Currency, Tokens and Organisations," Monash University, October 26, 2022, available at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=odcnnyuZVMc

Panelist, "Digital asset regulation: The prudential perspective," Brookings, October 20, 2022, available at https://youtu.be/MBgjb lOgqM

Presenter, "The Rise and Implications of Digital Asset Markets," Harvard Law School Executive Education, the Program on International Financial Systems, and the Qatar Financial Centre Regulatory Authority, October 18, 2022

Panelist, "The Robo Advisor – Reshaping Financial Advisory," Chartered Institute for Securities & Investment, October 4, 2022

Presenter, ""The History of Self-Certification and the Dangers of Including it in the Digital Commodities Consumer Protection Act," Rutgers Fintech and Blockchain Collaboratory, September 30, 2022

Presenter, "Climate Change and Mortgage Finance: A Role for the GSEs," Climate Adaptation Forum (starting at 50:07), September 30, 2022, available at https://youtu.be/jekxEAMQ0W0?si=PgijpS67dLC8WpXK

Presenter, "Fintech and the Pace of Adoption," Agribank District Conference, September 13, 2022 Panelist, "A Holistic View of Blockchain: Understanding the Non-Financial Applications, and the Latest Developments in Cryptocurrency," National Association of Attorneys General 2022 Presidential Summit, August 9, 2022

Presenter, "Cryptocurrency: The Future of Money or All Hype," Seminars at Steamboat, July 25, 2022, available at https://seminarsatsteamboat.org/lee-reiners/

Presenter, "Ransomware & Cryptocurrencies," Duke University Cybersecurity Leadership Program, June 13, 2022

Virtual Presentation, "What is Crypto and Why Should I Care?" Duke Provost's Summer Academy 2022 Course on Science Policy, May 17, 2022

Panelist, "The Future of Money," Research Triangle Area – Association of Corporate Counsel, Cary, NC, May 4, 2022

Panelist, "Cryptocurrencies Regulations: Is the EU Lagging?" Human Technology Foundation, Webcast, May 3, 2022, available at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hXBPG4Qi7c0

Panelist, "Rethinking Student Learning and Engagement: Technology and Education," Campus Consortium's EdTalk Webinar Series, April 27, 2022

Panelist, "Crypto Regulation & Enforcement: The Present & Future," OffshoreAlert Miami 2022, Miami, April 26, 2022

Virtual Presentation, "Cryptocurrency Regulations in the U.S.," Travelers Legal Services Speaker Series, April 26, 2022

AMA Interview, "Blockchain, Law, and Economics," SciEcon-AMA, April 23, 2022, available at https://medium.com/sciecon-ama/blockchain-law-and-economics-9d4bde730efd

Virtual Presentation, "Digital Assets: Crypto and CBDCs," Virtual Training Program on Fintech and Digital Assets for the ASEAN Capital Markets Forum, April 22, 2022

Panelist, "The Role of Crypto in Sanctions Against Russia," Columbia Law School's National Security Law Society, Virtual, April 11, 2022

Panelist, "Crypto: The Wave of the Future of a Giant Ponzi Scheme," Securities Docket Webcast, March 10, 2022, available at https://www.securitiesdocket.com/webcasts/

Panelist, "Current National Security Challenges: Ransomware and Cryptocurrency," Duke Law Center on Law, Ethics and National Security 27th Annual National Security Conference, Virtual, February 25, 2022

Virtual Presentation, "Cryptocurrency: Law and Lawlessness," Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of California San Diego, December 2, 2021

Panelist, "The Myth of Carbon Offsets," Duke University School of Law, November 18, 2021, available at https://youtu.be/4U1FuMjyJSc?si=PISx2P6W88Nnt7Le

Panelist, "CryptoWorld: BitCoin and Blockchain - The New Way or Passing Fad?" NAFOA 2021 Fall Finance & Tribal Economies Conference, September 27, 2021

Panelist, "The Future of Global Money: How Real is the Cryptocurrency Threat & Value?" Great Talk Inc., September 1, 2021, available at https://youtu.be/FvYA8zvW1G8

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Mentor, "HBCU Blockchain Curriculum Development Institute 2019," Center for Study of Blockchain and Financial Technology, New Orleans, Oct. 31-Nov. 2, 2019

"The Promise and Peril of Facebook's New Cryptocurrency," Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, October 4, 2019

"Regulating Cryptocurrency in the United States," National Chengchi University College of Law, August 14-15, 2019

"Cryptoventures, Laws, and Regulatory Trends," Conference on "The Inaugural HBCU Blockchain Summit," Center for Study of Blockchain and Financial Technology, Morgan State University, May 3-4, 2019

"Regulation in Blockchain," Conference on "The Transformative Power of Blockchain," Duke MBA Blockchain Club, April 10, 2019

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Panelist, Conference on "The Future of Fintech: Blockchain, Cryptocurrency, and the Emerging Financial Ecosystem," Kenan Institute of Private Enterprise at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, January 24, 2019

Panelist, "Beyond Bitcoin," Michael Best Law and Tech Symposium, October 25, 2018

"Wells Fargo Unauthorized Account Openings Case Study," National Association of Corporate Directors, Research Triangle Chapter, Director's College, April 20, 2018

Moderator, "Beyond Talking Points: Looking at Financial Regulation Through the Frame of Resiliency," Duke in DC, March 27, 2018

Panelist, Blockchain Conference and Hackathon, Lincoln Network, September 29, 2017

Moderator, "Global Financial Markets: A Look Ahead to the Future of Law & Business in a Changing World," Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP, April 12, 2017

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