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## **EDUCATION**

- 2007-2014      National University of Ireland Galway  
Ph.D. in International Human Rights Law (2014)
- 2001-2002      National University of Ireland Galway  
LL.M. (first class honors) in International Human Rights Law (2002)
- 1995-1998      University of Iowa College of Law  
J.D. (with distinction) (1998)
- 1991-1995      Saint Ambrose University  
B.A. (magna cum laude) in History/Secondary Education (1995)

## **ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

- 2021-present      Associate Professor of Instruction, University of Iowa College of Law  
*Courses taught:* Wrongful Convictions & the American Criminal Justice System (LAW:9990); Jessup International Moot Court Team (LAW:9028); SJD Tutorial (LAW:9460) Intro. to Human Rights (HRTS:2115); Intro. to Law Study & Legal Careers (CSI:1250)  
*Advisor:* TRANSNATIONAL LAW & CONTEMPORARY PROBLEMS
- 2015-present      Director, Citizen Lawyer Program, University of Iowa College of Law
- 2015-present      Associate Director, Center for Human Rights, University of Iowa College of Law  
*Director of undergraduate Human Rights Certificate Program*
- 2018-2025      Adjunct Lecturer, University of Galway (formerly NUI Galway)  
*Course taught:* Counter-terrorism & Human Rights (LW:525)
- 2015-2021      Lecturer in Legal Instruction, University of Iowa College of Law
- 2010-14      Adjunct Lecturer in Law, University of Iowa College of Law
- 2012-13      Fulbright Senior Lecturer, Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski
- 2009-13      Adjunct Assistant Professor of International Studies, University of Iowa

2013-15	Assistant Director, Center for Human Rights, University of Iowa College of Law
2006-07; 2008-13	Director, Academic Achievement Program, University of Iowa College of Law
2003-05	Adjunct Instructor of History, Saint Ambrose University

### **LAW PRACTICE EXPERIENCE**

2002-05; 2006-09	Solo practice attorney, Goose Lake & Cedar Rapids, Iowa
2006	Assistant Public Defender, Atlantic Judicial Circuit, Hinesville, Georgia
1999-2001	Associate, Schoenthaler, Roberg, Bartelt & Kahler, Maquoketa, Iowa
1998-99	Judicial Clerk, Seventh Judicial District of Iowa, Davenport, Iowa
1997	Prosecuting Intern, Clinton County Attorney's Office, Clinton, Iowa

### **HONORS**

American Association of Law Schools Pro Bono Honor Roll, 2024

University of Iowa College of Law Diversity Award, 2024

State of Iowa Board of Regents Award for Staff Excellence, 2023

Bellow Scholar, Committee on Lawyering in the Public Interest, American Association of Law Schools, 2019-20

Flowers Fund Grantee, Human Rights Educators USA, 2019

Iowa State Bar Association Young Lawyers Division Award of Merit, 2016

Fulbright Scholarship, 2012-13

St. Ambrose University Recent Alumni Award, 2003

Iowa Community Betterment Leadership Award, 1999

D.C. Heath Student Essay Contest Winner, 1993

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Book**

HABEAS CORPUS IN INTERNATIONAL LAW (2017, Cambridge University Press).

### **Journal Articles & Book Chapters**

*Legal Deserts, Indigent Defense, and the Rural Practice Ecosystem: Observations from Iowa*, with Daria Fisher Page, 72 DRAKE LAW REVIEW (forthcoming).

*Theorizing Legal Vulnerability to Enhance Rural Access to Justice*, with Daria Fisher Page & Ryan Sakoda, 69 SOUTH DAKOTA LAW REVIEW 458 (2024).

*One Crisis or Two Problems? Disentangling Rural Access to Justice and the Rural Attorney Shortage*, with Daria Fisher Page, 98 WASHINGTON LAW REVIEW 849 (2023).

*Habeas Corpus*, in ELGAR ENCYCLOPEDIA OF HUMAN RIGHTS (Manfred Nowak, Jane A. Hofbauer, Philipp Janig, & Christina Binder eds., 2021).

*Voluntary Adoption of Evidence-Based Practices by Local Law Enforcement: Eyewitness Identification Procedures in Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska*, with Neal McNabb & Carlee Brown, 20 JOURNAL OF GENDER, RACE & JUSTICE 509 (2017).

*The Security Council and Kashmir*, 22 TRANSNATIONAL LAW & CONTEMPORARY PROBLEMS 343 (2014).

*Watching the Detectives: Electronic Recording of Custodial Interrogations in Iowa*, with Sara K. Farrell, 99 IOWA LAW REVIEW BULLETIN 1 (2013).

*Reforming the Traditional Curriculum at the University of Iowa College of Law*, in REFORMING LEGAL EDUCATION: LAW SCHOOLS AT THE CROSSROADS (David Moss & Debra Moss Curtis eds., 2012).

*Access to Habeas Corpus: A Human Rights Analysis of American Practices*, 20 TRANSNATIONAL LAW & CONTEMPORARY PROBLEMS 3 (2011).

*The Right to Habeas Corpus in the Inter-American Human Rights System*, 33 SUFFOLK UNIVERSITY TRANSNATIONAL LAW REVIEW 197 (2010).

*Habeas Corpus in Times of Emergency: A Comparative Analysis*, 1 PACE INTERNATIONAL LAW REVIEW ONLINE COMPANION 74 (2010).

*Can't Get You Out of My Head: The Human Rights Implications of Using Brain Scans as Criminal Evidence*, 4 INTERDISCIPLINARY JOURNAL OF HUMAN RIGHTS LAW 89 (2009-2010).

*Application of International Humanitarian Law by United States Courts*, 28 PENN STATE INTERNATIONAL LAW REVIEW 177 (2009).

*From Westminster to the World: The Right to Habeas Corpus in International Constitutional Law*, 17 MICHIGAN STATE JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW 551 (2009).

*Habeas Corpus and the Drafting of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights*, 11 JOURNAL OF THE HISTORY OF INTERNATIONAL LAW 81 (2009).

*Does the UDHR Implicitly Guarantee a Right to Habeas Corpus?*, 16 No. 1 HUMAN RIGHTS BRIEF 2 (2008).

*Israeli Demolition of Palestinian Houses as a Punitive Measure: Application of International Law to Regulation 119*, 28 BROOKLYN JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW 871 (2003).

*The Right to a Speedy Trial Before International Criminal Tribunals*, 19 SOUTH AFRICAN JOURNAL ON HUMAN RIGHTS 98 (2003).

*The Role of International Law in the Kashmir Conflict*, 21 PENN STATE INTERNATIONAL LAW REVIEW 293 (2003).

*South Africa and Affirmative Action: The Legality of the Employment Equity Act Under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights*, 5 TRINITY COLLEGE LAW REVIEW 202 (2002).

*Fill 'Er Up With Corn: The Future of Ethanol Legislation in America*, 23 JOURNAL OF CORPORATION LAW 373 (1998).

### **Additional Publications**

*THE RURAL LAWYER: HOW TO INCENTIVIZE RURAL PRACTICE AND HELP SMALL COMMUNITIES THRIVE*, by Hannah Haksgaard, 90 RURAL SOCIOLOGY (2025) (book review).

*Behind the Unique Hurdes of Rural Access to Justice*, with Daria Fisher Page, LAW360, Mar. 2024, available at <https://www.law360.com/articles/1815350>

*Using Human Rights to Frame the Pandemic & the Global Response*, FULBRIGHT BULGARIA SPECIAL EDUCATION NEWSLETTER: A LOOK INTO THE NEW NORMAL, Summer 2020, at 29.

*3-3 Law Programs*, PLANC POINTS: NEWSLETTER OF THE PRE-LAW ADVISORS NATIONAL COUNCIL, Spring 2016, at 1.

*Celebrating the Four Freedoms: Freedom from Want*, UNIVERSITY OF IOWA CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS (Feb. 3, 2016).

*“Could ‘Serial’ or ‘Making a Murderer’ Happen Here?,”* with Audrey McGinn & Tricia Bushnell, THE IOWA LAWYER, Jan./Feb. 2016, at 24.

*Reflections from Bulgaria*, UNIVERSITY OF IOWA INTERNATIONAL ACCENTS, Jan. 29, 2013 available at <http://international.uiowa.edu/accents/post/reflections-from-bulgaria> (also published as *Out of America*, BULGARIAN-AMERICAN COMMISSION FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE NEWSLETTER, Apr.-June 2013 at 11).

*Survey of Electronic Recording of Interrogations Shows Usage Varies*, THE IOWA LAWYER, September/October 2013, at 12.

*The Rights of Detainees: Prisoners at Guantánamo Are Entitled to Habeas Corpus*, AMERICA, Sep. 24, 2007, at 18.

*Project to Exonerate Innocent Convicts Plans to Begin Operating this Fall*, THE IOWA LAWYER, Aug. 2007, at 29

Policy Brief, *The Legality of House Demolitions Under IHL*, INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW RESEARCH INITIATIVE, May 2004.

*Ár Bhliain i nGalliamh*, THE IOWA LAWYER, Mar. 2003, at 22.

*An Isolationist View of the International Criminal Court*, AMERICA, Nov. 25, 2002, at 19.

#### **CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS**

*International Law Online: How Will the Pandemic Change the Practice of Law?*, 115 PROCEEDINGS OF THE ASIL ANNUAL MEETING 289 (2021).

#### **SIGNIFICANT SCHOLARLY & PROFESSIONAL EVENTS PLANNED**

Iowa Human Rights Research Conference – steering committee chair, Iowa Network of Human Rights Academics, 2015-present.

Obermann Symposium *Cultivating Rurality: Building Community around Rural Research* – co-organizer, competitive award from the Obermann Center for Advanced Studies, University of Iowa, March 2026.

*Law & Rurality Workshop* – co-organizer & host, University of Iowa, November 15, 2024.

*International Law in Iowa* – session organizer & moderator, Iowa State Bar Association Annual Meeting, June 20, 2023.

*Teaching Human Rights Across the Curriculum* – workshop co-organizer, Iowa Network of Human Rights Academics, April 22, 2022.

*Rural Policing in North America* – roundtable co-organizer, International Society for the Study of Rural Crime, September 15, 2021.

*International Law Online* – panel co-organizer & moderator, ASIL Annual Meeting, March 25, 2021.

*Litigating Science* – webinar series organizer & co-presenter, State Public Defender of Iowa, Jan. 29, 2026 (Interrogation Recording), Feb. 19, 2016 (Eyewitness Identification), Mar. 18, 2016 (Forensic Science), & Apr. 15, 2016 (Arson & Shaken Baby Syndrome).

*Iowa Judicial Institute*, co-organizer, Iowa Judicial Branch, August 11-13, 2015.

*Forensic Science in Iowa: Impact of the National Academy of Sciences Report* – CLE program organizer, University of Iowa College of Law, October 29, 2010.

Iowa State Bar Association Summer Seminar – committee chair, 2006-09.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

“Legal Deserts, Indigent Defense, and the Rural Practice Ecosystem: Observations from Iowa,” *Law & Rurality Workshop*, University of Nebraska College of Law (online), November 14, 2025 (co-presenter with Daria Fisher Page).

Interview, “Rural Areas Struggle to Attract, Maintain Lawyers,” *River to River*, Iowa Public Radio, November 11, 2025.

Panelist, “Author-Meets-Reader: The Rural Lawyer,” Rural Sociology Society Annual Meeting, Salt Lake City, Utah, August 2, 2025.

“The Legal Vulnerability Index: Informing Access to Justice Interventions,” Rural Sociology Society Annual Meeting, Salt Lake City, Utah, July 31, 2025.

“The Legal Vulnerability Index,” *2025 Annual Meeting*, Law & Society Association, Chicago, Illinois, May 24, 2025 (co-presenter with Ryan Sakoda)

“How World War II Changed International Law,” *Accountability, War Crimes and Justice*, University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, February 13, 2025.

“Balancing Principle and Practicality,” Plains Regional Programming Meeting, U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum (online), January 31, 2025.

“Wrongful Convictions and Human Rights Law,” University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, November 19, 2024.

“A Legal Vulnerability Index to Guide Access to Justice Interventions,” *Law & Rurality Workshop*, University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, November 15, 2024 (co-presenter with Daria Fisher Page & Ryan Sakoda).

“What Wrongful Convictions Reveal About the Criminal Legal System,” University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, Iowa, October 30, 2024.

Panelist, “Ethical Issues in Rural Deserts,” Baum Symposium on Ethics in the Legal Profession, Drake University Law School, Des Moines, Iowa, October 18, 2024.

“Actual Innocence and Human Rights Law,” *ASIL-Midwest Works-in-Progress Workshop* (online), May 10, 2024.

“Application and Enforcement of International Law,” Rapid Response History: Perspectives on the Crisis in the Middle East, University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, April 9, 2024.

“The University of Iowa Center for Human Rights,” University of Iowa Libraries IDEAS Council, Iowa City, Iowa, March 26, 2024.

“Access to Justice,” Law in Rural America, University of Michigan Law School (online), March 18, 2024.

“International Law: Human Rights and Humanitarian Law,” *Accountability, War Crimes and Justice*, University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, March 5, 2024.

Panelist, “The Role of International Courts in Conflict,” University of Iowa Center for Human Rights (online), February 12, 2024.

Panelist, “In the Shadow of Atticus: A Panel on Wrongful Convictions and Other Second Look Mechanisms,” Journal of Gender, Race & Justice and Hancher Auditorium, University of Iowa College of Law, Iowa City, Iowa, January 17, 2024.

Panelist, “What’s Happening in Gaza?” Coe College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, December 3, 2023.

“Theorizing Legal Vulnerability to Enhance Rural Access to Justice,” *Law & Rurality Workshop*, University of Nebraska College of Law (online), November 11, 2023 (co-presenter with Daria Fisher Page & Ryan Sakoda).

“Reframing Assessment of Rural Access to Justice: Developing New Measurements of Legal Infrastructure and Need,” *International Access to Justice Forum 2023*, University of California Irvine School of Law, Irvine, California, October 13, 2023 (co-presenter with Daria Fisher Page).

“Theorizing Legal Vulnerability in the Rural Context,” *South Dakota Law Review’s Rural Lawyer Symposium*, USD Knudson School of Law, Vermillion, South Dakota, September 22, 2023.

“Reframing Assessment of Rural Access to Justice: Developing New Measurements of Legal Infrastructure and Need,” *2023 Annual Meeting*, Law & Society Association, San Juan, Puerto Rico, June 2, 2023 (co-presenter with Daria Fisher Page).

“A Human Rights Basis for Claims of Innocence,” Irish Centre for Human Rights, University of Galway, Galway, Ireland, March 20, 2023.

“Wrongful Convictions Issues, Resources, & Takeaways,” *Fall Continuing Legal Education Seminar*, Iowa Federal Public Defender, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, October 28, 2022.

“Reframing Assessment of Rural Access to Justice: The Limits of Existing Approaches and Data,” *Law & Rurality Workshop*, University of Nebraska College of Law, Lincoln, Nebraska, October 21, 2022.

Elevator presentation, “Rural Access to Justice,” *Annual Meeting*, The International Society for the Study of Rural Crime (online), June 28, 2022.

“Wrongful Convictions & Justice Reform in the United States,” Irish Centre for Human Rights, National University of Ireland Galway, Galway, Ireland, March 14, 2022.

Panelist, “War in Ukraine,” University of Iowa Center for Human Rights (online), March 9, 2022.

“International Human Rights,” Inclusive ICR (online), December 15, 2021.

“Reframing Assessment of Rural Access to Justice: The Limits of Existing Data,” *2021 Annual Meeting*, Law & Society Association (online), May 27-30, 2021 (co-presenter with Daria Fisher Page).

Panelist, “Teaching Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion within a Human Rights Framework,” *Global Citizen Forum*, Drake University (online), March 3, 2021.

“Judicial Regulation of Emergencies in Human Rights Law,” *Advancing Issues of Human Rights & Religious Freedom*, Human Rights Media (online), January 29, 2021.

“Supervising Law Students Working Virtually: Ethical Considerations for Lawyering in a Pandemic,” University of Iowa College of Law Field Placements Program (online), Jan. 15, 2021 (co-presenter with June Tai and Amanda Elkins).

Panelist, “Human Rights & COVID-19,” University of Iowa Center for Human Rights (online), Apr. 8, 2020.



“The Role of Innovation in Rural Access to Justice in Iowa,” Iowa Innovation, Business & Law Center, University of Iowa College of Law, Iowa City, Iowa, Mar. 31, 2020.

“Lessons from Wrongful Convictions,” Irish Centre for Human Rights, National University of Ireland Galway, Galway, Ireland, Jan. 16, 2020.

“Assessing and Improving Rural Access to Justice,” Irish Centre for Human Rights, National University of Ireland Galway, Galway, Ireland, Jan. 15, 2020.

“The Human Rights and Ethics of Quarantine,” Carver College of Medicine, Iowa City, Iowa, Dec. 17, 2019.

“Racial Disparities in Iowa’s Criminal Justice System,” Iowa Interfaith Alliance, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Nov. 1, 2019.

“Lessons from Wrongful Convictions,” *Iowa Summit on Justice & Disparities*, Des Moines Area Community College, Ankeny, Iowa, Oct. 15, 2019.

“Human Rights & Exonerations: Is Innocence Enough?” Irish Centre for Human Rights, National University of Ireland Galway, Galway, Ireland, March 15, 2019.

“The UDHR at 70: Successes, Failures and Prospects for the Future,” Joint Meeting of Cedar Rapids Chapters of Amnesty International & United Nations Association, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Dec. 13, 2018.

“Understanding & Avoiding Wrongful Convictions,” Iowa State Bar Association Webinar, Nov. 29, 2018.

“Access to Justice in Civil Cases,” Clinton County Bar Association, Clinton, Iowa, Nov. 15, 2018.

“Wrongful Convictions and Criminal Justice Reform,” Luther College, Decorah, Iowa, Nov. 12, 2018.

“Death Row, Evidence, and Justice,” Morningside College, Sioux City, Iowa, Oct. 29, 2018.

“Lessons from Wrongful Convictions,” *Iowa Summit on Justice & Disparities*, Des Moines Area Community College, Ankeny, Iowa, Oct. 16, 2018.

“A Common Standard of Achievement? Reflections on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights at 70,” Drake University Law School, Des Moines, Iowa, Oct. 4, 2018.

“Why Constitutions Matter,” Wartburg College, Waverly, Iowa, Sept. 25, 2018 (co-presenter with Kevin Washburn).

“Shaped by the Story: The Professional Obligation to Create a Fair and Equal System,” Dillon Inn of Court, Bettendorf, Iowa, Sept. 19, 2018 (co-presenter with Winnie Uluocha & Kent Simmons).

“Understanding Implicit Bias,” Clinton County Sheriff’s Office, Clinton, Iowa, Sept. 18, 2018 (co-presenter with Gabby Blanchard).

“The UDHR at 70,” Iowa Wesleyan University, Mount Pleasant, Iowa, Sept. 14, 2018.

“Business and Human Rights,” Young African Leaders Initiative, Iowa City, Iowa, July 5, 2018.

“Understanding & Avoiding Wrongful Convictions,” *Iowa State Bar Association Annual Meeting*, Des Moines, Iowa, June 18, 2018.

“Understanding Implicit Bias,” Clinton County Sheriff’s Office, Clinton, Iowa, May 2, 2018 (co-presenter with Gabby Blanchard).

“Preventing Injustice: Lessons from Wrongful Convictions,” Iowa Paralegal Association Spring Seminar, Coralville, Iowa, Apr. 20, 2018.

“Preventing Injustice: Lessons from Wrongful Convictions,” Iowa Wesleyan University, Mount Pleasant, Iowa, Apr. 9, 2018.

Panelist, “Current Issues in the Practice of International Human Rights Law – Views from the Midwest,” *112<sup>th</sup> ASIL Annual Meeting*, American Society of International Law, Washington, D.C., Apr. 6, 2018.

“Why Did Ralph Go Free? Understanding Iowa’s Rights Heritage,” *Wendt Character Conference*, University of Dubuque, Dubuque, Iowa, March 1, 2018.

“Science and the Law: Learning from Wrongful Convictions,” Irish Centre for Human Rights, National University of Ireland Galway, Galway, Ireland, Jan. 24, 2018.

“The Right to Judicial Review of Detention in International Human Rights Law,” University of Iowa College of Law, Iowa City, Iowa, Oct. 26, 2017.

“Evidence-Based Criminal Justice Reform: Lessons from Wrongful Convictions,” Opening Keynote, *Iowa Summit on Justice & Disparities*, Des Moines Area Community College, Ankeny, Iowa, Oct. 10, 2017.

“War, Justice, and Human Rights,” *UI Speakers Series at Oakdale*, Iowa Medical & Classification Center, Coralville, Iowa, Oct. 9, 2017.

“A Step by Step Approach: Defending against Accusations of Non-Accidental Trauma, Shaken Baby Syndrome, and Abusive Head Trauma,” *Iowa Association for Justice Criminal Law Seminar*, Coralville, Iowa, Sept. 21, 2017 (co-presenter with Kent Simmons).

“Improving Criminal Justice: Lessons from the Sciences,” *Constitution Day Lecture*, Morningside College, Sioux City, Iowa, Sept. 18, 2017.

“Business and Human Rights,” Young African Leaders Initiative, Iowa City, Iowa, July 20, 2017.

“The Guilty Plea Problem,” Webinar, State Public Defender of Iowa, July 14, 2017 (co-presenter).

“Understanding & Remediating Wrongful Convictions,” *Iowa Court Reporters Association Convention*, Moravia, Iowa, June 20, 2017.

“Against the Winds of Tyranny: International Habeas Corpus, Human Rights, and the Rule of Law,” University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, Feb. 2, 2017.

“Striving for Justice: Lessons from Wrongful Convictions,” Coe College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Dec. 6, 2016.

Trainer, *Public Defender Post Conviction Relief Basic Training*, State Public Defender of Iowa, Des Moines, Iowa, Oct. 20, 2016.

“Toward the Non-Derogability of the Right to Habeas Corpus in the European Convention,” *ASIL-Midwest International Law Forum*, Madison, Wisconsin, Sept. 23, 2016.

“Understanding & Remediating Wrongful Convictions,” *Annual Conference*, Iowa Association of Private Investigators, Des Moines, Iowa, Sept. 15, 2016.

“Wrongful Convictions in the American Criminal Justice System,” *Simpson Forum*, Simpson College, Indianola, Iowa, Sept. 7, 2016.

“Business and Human Rights,” Young African Leaders Initiative, Iowa City, Iowa, July 21, 2016.

“World Habeas Corpus Revisited,” *Annual Doctoral Seminar*, Irish Centre for Human Rights, April 18-21, 2016.

Interview, *Relevant or Irrelevant*, KALA Radio, Mar. 4, 2016.

“The International Right to Habeas Corpus, the Rule of Law, and States of Exception,” *Iowa Human Rights Research Conference*, Iowa City, April 9, 2016.

“Professional Identity Development in Legal Education,” Linn County Bar Association, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, February 18, 2016.

“Human Rights and the United Nations,” Second Annual Cedar Rapids Model U.N., Cedar Rapids, Iowa, December 15, 2015.

Trainer, *Public Defender Post Conviction Relief Basic Training*, State Public Defender of Iowa, Des Moines, Iowa, November 19, 2015.

“Fictitious Sieges, 3 A.M. Knocks, and Places Beyond the Seas: Habeas Corpus and the Delicate Balance of Governance,” *Richard E. Geiger Lecture*, St. Ambrose University, Davenport, Iowa, November 5, 2015.

“Exonerating Wrongful Convictions,” *River to River*, Iowa Public Radio, October 27, 2015 (guest with Peter Neufeld and Dr. Stephanie Madon).

“Doing Justice: Legal Education and Public Service,” University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, Iowa, October 27, 2015.

“Imperfect Justice: What Exonerations Tell Us about Our Criminal Justice System,” *Ambrose Women for Social Justice Conference*, St. Ambrose University, Davenport, Iowa, October 20, 2015.

“Striving for Justice: Lessons from Wrongful Convictions,” Iowa Wesleyan University, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, October 8, 2015.

Faculty member, *Iowa Judicial Institute*, Iowa City, Iowa, August 11-13, 2015.

“Developments in Eyewitness Identification: The NAS Report and Iowa Practices,” *Public Defenders Criminal Law Seminar*, Public Defenders Association of Iowa, Des Moines, Iowa, June 17, 2015 (co-presenter with Dr. Neal McNabb and Dr. Josh Woods).

“Pro Bono Program Nuts & Bolts II,” *2015 Equal Justice Conference: Law School Pro Bono Advisors Program*, American Bar Association, Austin, Texas, May 6, 2015 (co-presenter).

“Human Rights: What Are They? Why Do They Matter?” *Coe Human Rights Advocates Art Show*, Coe College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, April 23, 2015.

“The United States and the International Citizen,” St. Mary’s University, Winona, Minnesota, April 20, 2015.

“Guilty but Innocent,” Central College, Pella, Iowa, April 16, 2015.

“Striving for Justice: Lessons from Wrongful Convictions,” University of Dubuque, Dubuque, Iowa, March 2, 2015.

“Development of the International Human Rights System,” Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, Iowa, February 23, 2015.

“Overview of the NAS Report on Eyewitness Identification,” State Public Defender of Iowa Webinar, January 23, 2015.

“Getting It Right: Eyewitness Identification and the NAS Report,” Scott County Bar Association, Davenport, Iowa, December 19, 2014 (co-presenter with Kent Simmons).

“Protecting the Innocent through Criminal Justice Reform,” University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, Iowa, December 9, 2014.

Trainer, *Public Defender Post Conviction Relief Basic Training*, State Public Defender of Iowa, Des Moines, Iowa, December 4, 2014.

“Preventing Errors in the Criminal Justice System,” Wartburg College, Waverly, Iowa, December 3, 2014.

“The National Academy of Sciences Report on Eyewitness Identification,” Johnson County Defense Bar, Iowa City, Iowa, November 19, 2014.

“Striving for Justice: Lessons from Wrongful Convictions,” Polk County Bar Association, Des Moines, Iowa, November 11, 2014.

“Strengthening the Criminal Justice System,” Morningside College, Sioux City, Iowa, October 29, 2014.

“International Human Rights Protection,” St. Paul Lutheran Church, Davenport, Iowa, March 30, 2014.

“Human Rights: From International to Iowa,” *Indian Hills Community College Diversity Conference: Diversity, Equality, Education*, Ottumwa, Iowa, March 28, 2014.

“Life in the ‘New’ Bulgaria,” Amnesty International, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, March 18, 2014.

“Postconviction Relief,” *Nuts & Bolts Seminar*, Iowa State Bar Association, Coralville, Iowa, October 30, 2013.

“Anatomy of a False Confession,” *River to River*, Iowa Public Radio, October 8, 2013.

“False Confessions and the Electronic Recording of Interrogations,” Blackstone American Inn of Court, Des Moines, Iowa, February 20, 2013 (co-presenter with Dr. Stephanie Madon).

“The Role of International Justice in Securing Peace,” American University in Bulgaria, Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria, January 22, 2013.

“Challenges to Fair and Impartial Courts: The Iowa Experience,” Sofia Law Society, Sofia, Bulgaria, December 12, 2012.

“Learning from Mistakes: Understanding How the Innocent are Convicted,” Institute for Legal Studies, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Sofia, Bulgaria, November 27, 2012.

“Ensuring the Integrity of Convictions,” *2012 Statewide Death Investigation Seminar*, Iowa Death Investigators Association, Dubuque, Iowa, Sept. 18, 2012 (co-presenter with Dr. Neal McNabb).

“Electronic Recording of Interrogations in Iowa,” *Public Defenders Criminal Law Seminar*, Public Defenders Association of Iowa, Des Moines, Iowa, June 15, 2012.

“No More ‘Reasonable Degree of Scientific Certainty?’: The Impact of the NAS Forensic Science Report,” *Iowa Association for Justice Criminal Law Seminar*, Iowa City, Iowa, Sept. 16, 2011.

“Access to Justice,” *Summer Seminar*, Iowa State Bar Association, Dubuque, Iowa, July 16, 2011.

“The NAS Report and Forensic Science in Iowa,” *Iowa Judges Conference*, Des Moines, Iowa, June 16, 2011.

“Poverty Law and Related Work as a Career Path,” *Equal Justice Summit*, St. Ambrose Univ., Davenport, Iowa, Apr. 8, 2011.

“Innocence Projects and International Human Rights Law,” *Equal Justice Summit*, St. Ambrose Univ., Davenport, Iowa, Apr. 8, 2011.

“Overview of the NAS Report on Forensic Science in the U.S.,” *Forensic Science in Iowa: Impact of the National Academy of Sciences Report*, Univ. of Iowa College of Law and Innocence Project of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, Oct. 29, 2010.

“The State of Forensic Science,” *From Crime Scene to Courtroom and Beyond: An Introduction to DNA and Other Testing of Biological Evidence*, Nebraska Bar Association and Nebraska Innocence Project, Omaha, Nebraska, Oct. 20, 2010.

“Human Rights under International Law,” *International Law in the Practice of Law in the United States*, Iowa State Bar Association, Des Moines, Iowa, Sept. 29, 2010.

“Criminal Case Law Update,” *Summer Seminar*, Iowa State Bar Association, Okoboji, Iowa, July 10, 2010.

“Casting a Wide Net: Technology as an Academic Support Tool,” *Law School Admissions Council Workshop: Teaching 21st Century Students with Technology*, Florida Coastal School of Law, Jacksonville, Florida, May 19-20, 2010.

“The Security Council and Kashmir,” *The Security Council and Areas of Conflict: Contrasting Approaches, Contexts, and Manner of Implementation*, Middle Eastern Technical Univ. – North Cyprus Campus, Güzelyurt, North Cyprus, Apr. 8-9, 2010.

“Access to Habeas Corpus: A Human Rights Analysis of American Practices,” *A Critical Juncture: Human Rights and the U.S. Standing in the World under the Obama Administration*, Univ. of Iowa College of Law, Iowa City, Iowa, March 5, 2010.

“Present Criminal Research Issues of the Innocence Project of Iowa,” Johnson County Defense Bar, Iowa City, Iowa, February 3, 2010.

“Proving Innocence,” *Justice Forum at First Pres*, First Presbyterian Church Cedar Rapids, Iowa, January 31, 2010.

“Habeas Corpus History and Comparison,” *National Security across the Globe*, Pace Univ., White Plains, New York, November 13, 2009.

“Obama, Detention, and Human Rights,” *The Irish-American Exchange on Human Rights*, Center for Civil and Human Rights, Univ. of Notre Dame School of Law, Notre Dame, Indiana, October 10, 2009.

“The National Academy of Sciences Forensics Report,” *Public Defenders Criminal Law Seminar*, Public Defenders Association of Iowa, Des Moines, Iowa, June 18, 2009.

“The Human Rights Implications of Using Brain Scans as Criminal Evidence,” *The Promise of Law: Political Claims and the Boundaries of Justice*, Center for Criminal Justice and Human Rights, UCC, Cork, Ireland, April 28, 2009.

“Considering Innocence and Human Rights on the 60th Anniversary of the UDHR,” United Nations Association - Linn County Chapter, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Dec. 4, 2008.

“Application of International Humanitarian Law by United States Courts,” *The Local Relevance of Human Rights Conference*, UCSIA, Antwerp, Belgium, Oct. 18-19, 2008.

“Wrongful Convictions and the Innocence Project of Iowa,” *Criminal Law Seminar*, Iowa State Bar Association, Des Moines, Iowa, May 9, 2008.

“Human Rights in the Occupied Territories,” St. Mary’s Catholic Parish, DeKalb, Illinois, Apr. 2, 2003.

## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

American Bar Association, 2006-07, 2009-present

Iowa State Bar Association, 1998-present

State Bar of Georgia, 2006-present

Linn County Bar Association, 2006-present

American Society of International Law, 2005-present

Law and Society Association, 2018-present

Rural Sociology Society, 2025-present

International Society for the Study of Rural Crime, 2020-present

Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars, 2020-present

#### **PUBLIC SERVICE & LEADERSHIP POSITIONS**

Iowa Supreme Court Access to Justice Commission

- Commissioner, 2016-2022
- Executive Committee, 2020-2022
- Co-Chair, Rural Access Work Group 2019-present

Judicial Branch Court Navigators Pilot Project Task Force, 2024-present

St. Ambrose University

- President's Advisory Council, 2025- present
- College of Arts & Sciences Alumni Council, 2014-2025
- College of Arts & Sciences Dean Search Committee, 2014-15

Nebraska Journal on Advancing Justice Peer Review Panel, 2024-present

Prisoner Advocate, University of Iowa Institutional Review Board, 2016-present

Human Rights Educators USA

- Regional Representative, 2019-present
- Youth in Action for Human Rights Award Selection Committee, 2023-present

Linn County Bar Association Board of Governors, 2019-present

Co-founder & Steering Committee, Iowa Network of Human Rights Academics, 2014-present

Law & Society Association, Law & Rurality Collaborative Research Network Co-chair, 2025-present



Justice101 Board of Directors, 2020-present

Iowa State Bar Association

- International Law Section Council
  - Chair, 2019-2023
  - Member, 2025-present.
- Access to Justice Committee, 2015-16
  - Access to Justice Commission Study Committee, 2015-16
- Criminal Law Section Council, 2008-14
  - Chair, Legislative Subcommittee, 2009-12
  - Member, Legislative Subcommittee, 2012-17
- Task Force for Delivery of Justice throughout Iowa, Criminal Reform Committee, 2010-11
- Young Lawyers Division Executive Council, 2006-09

American Society of Int'l Law Midwest Interest Group

- Co-Chair, 2019-21.
- Vice Chair, 2018-19.

Board President & Co-founder, Innocence Project of Iowa, 2007-18

Treasurer, Linn Law Club, 2007-08

President, Jackson County Bar Association, 1999-2001

City Council Member, City of Goose Lake, Iowa, 1991-95 (elected to two terms)

Goose Lake Fire Department, 1992-95

- Volunteer firefighter, 1991-95
- Emergency Medical Services program founder & director, 1992-95