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TEACHING POSITIONS

Michigan State University College of Law 2022 – present
Assistant Professor

Courses Taught: Local Government Law, Property Law, Local Government Policy Lab

Faculty Service: Faculty Hiring Committee (2023 – 2024)
Admissions Committee (2022 – 2023)
Law Review expert reader (2023 – 2024)

University of Detroit Mercy School of Law 2020 – 2022
Visiting Assistant Professor

Courses Taught: Property Law, Estates & Trusts, Local Government Law

Faculty Service: Dual JD Admissions Committee (2020 – 2022)
Curriculum Committee (2021 – 2022)
Reading Group instructor (2020)
Bar Exam mentor (2020 – 2022)
Law Review note advisor (2021 – 2022)

EDUCATION

Harvard Law School, 2015

Honors: Dean’s Scholar Prize in “Revitalizing America’s Cities”

Activities: Editor, *Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review*
Editor, Harvard CityLaw
Law and Local Government Group

Research: *Relative Decay: TIF Development and the Suburbanized Blighting Test in Greater St. Louis*

Washington University in St. Louis, 2011

B.A. *magna cum laude* in History

Honors: History Department High Honors
Lynne Cooper Harvey Writing Prize for American Culture Studies

Thesis: *Sacred Landscapes: The Emergence of the Neighborhood School Ideology and the Failure of Public School Integration in Benjamin Willis' Chicago*

PUBLICATIONS

The Local Lawmaking Loophole, 133 YALE L. J. ___ (2024) (forthcoming)

Illustrates how contracts forged between local governments—interlocal agreements, or ILAs—play a powerful lawmaking function in local governance, even as they also suffer from a deficit of democratic accountability. Traces the mismatch between expansive ILA power and limited ILA accountability to state statutory schemes, which contain checks to ensure the transparency of ILA instruments; yet these checks are not monitored or enforced by state and judicial stakeholders, enabling a transparency void by virtue of state silence.

Interlocal Power Roulette, 99 IND. L. J. ___ (2023) (forthcoming)

Identifies the widespread phenomenon of redundant power in local governance ecosystems. Draws upon legal scholarship, internal agency documents, interviews, interlocal agreements, and primary historical research to sketch the contours of the informal regime created by overlapping local authorities in the absence of instructive state law. Proposes a counterintuitive strategy for enhancing both local democracy and local power in a muddled governance space.

A Legal Map of New Local Parkland, 105 MARQ. L. REV. 721 (2022) (lead article)

Explores the informal and heterogenous legal regime of local park acquisition. Employs an empirical analysis of internal acquisition data to evaluate the normative role of institutional informality in sublocal governance.

Reforming Local Property for an Era of National Decline, 70 BUFF. L. REV. 1115 (2022)

Argues that property and local government institutions are unprepared for a future of national population decline. Proposes a proactive and dynamic model to prepare for future demographic change in a manner that promotes equity, surmounts knotty governance hurdles, and comports with existing property and local government frameworks, even while pushing the limits of both.

Confronting the Local Land Checkerboard, 56 U. RICH. L. REV. 665 (2022)

Highlights the prevalence and problem of the local land checkerboard, where public land is fractured between governmental owners in a local community. Advocates for interlocal land exchanges—and in particular, assembled land exchanges—as a pragmatic, collaborative way to promote public property consolidation. Explores the opaque body of law that clouds a locality's ability to conduct land exchanges, in doing so demonstrating how consequential matters of local power can fall between the cracks of a legal regime.

Towards Mission Creep: Fragmented Local Governance in the Face of Crisis, 29 J. AFFORDABLE HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEV. L. 229 (2020)

Examines three special purpose governments that have experienced a shift in operative mission over time. Considers why these shifts occur, what consequences they might pose, and what steps might be taken to combat them.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Local Governance by Audit

Copycat Local Law

The Local Turnover Crisis

Local Land Scaffolding

Mapping Institutional Change: The Atlanta Department of Parks, 1872–2022

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Editor in Chief, *Michigan Real Property Law Review* 2021 – present

Member, Association for Urban Legal Scholars 2022 – present

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Wayne County Land Bank, Detroit, MI 2016 – 2020

Executive Director (2018 – 2020)

Responsible for managing and developing 2,000 properties across Metro Detroit. Oversaw programs designed to remediate blight, ensure neighborhood stability, prevent housing vacancy, and repurpose tax-foreclosed properties. Advised and assisted municipalities across Metro Detroit on issues of divestment, land ownership, title, and development. Helped facilitate coordination and resolve disputes between governmental entities.

General Counsel (2016 – 2018)

Wrote and implemented policies applied to properties and property transactions across 27 local communities. Drafted and negotiated purchase agreements for large industrial developments. Ensured compliance with federal, state, and local law, particularly with regards to taxation, property foreclosure, environmental liability, and government ethics. Managed litigation efforts brought under nuisance and statutory causes of action.

United States District Court, Jefferson City, MO 2015 – 2016

Law Clerk to Judge Nanette K. Laughrey

Mayer Brown, L.L.P., Chicago, IL
Summer Associate

Summers 2014 – 2015

New York City Law Department, New York City, NY
Clinical Fellow

2014 – 2015

City of Chicago Department of Law, Chicago, IL
Legal Counsel Fellow

2013

PRESENTATIONS

“State Audit, Local Policy,” Chicagoland Junior Scholars Conference, October 2023

“State Audit, Local Policy,” International and Comparative Urban Law Conference, May 18, 2023

“The Local Lawmaking Loophole,” Association of Law, Property, and Society, May 13, 2023

“Interlocal Power Roulette,” Association of American Law Schools, New Voices in Property Law, January 7, 2023

“Interlocal Power Roulette,” Faculty Workshop, Michigan State University College of Law, November 9, 2022

“The Local Lawmaking Loophole,” Chicagoland Junior Scholars Conference, September 30, 2022

“Interlocal Power Roulette,” International and Comparative Urban Law Conference, July 16, 2022

“The Local Lawmaking Loophole,” Summer Research Conversations, Michigan State University College of Law, June 23, 2022

“Interlocal Power Roulette,” Association of Law, Property, and Society, May 27, 2022

“Interlocal Power Roulette,” Summer Research Grant Presentations, University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, April 20, 2022

“Confronting the Local Land Checkerboard,” Southeastern Association of Law Schools, Prospective Law Teachers Workshop, July 27, 2021

“The Legal Implications of Vaccine Passports,” National Governors Association, June 2, 2021

“A Legal Map of New Local Parkland,” Association of Law, Property, and Society, May 28, 2021

“A Legal Map of New Local Parkland,” Summer Research Grant Presentations, University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, May 12, 2021

“The Legal Implications of Vaccine Passports,” University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, April 22, 2021

“Confronting the Local Land Checkerboard,” Association of American Law Schools, New Voices in Property Law, January 9, 2021

“Public Land in Detroit,” Marygrove College, August 16, 2019

“Introduction to Land Banking,” Michigan Municipal Treasurers Association, Advanced Institute, May 21, 2019

MEDIA APPEARANCES

“Should East Lansing voters approve an expansion of the City Council?,” WKAR News, October 20, 2023

“Four Tax Cases Before the Supreme Court to Watch This Fall,” Bloomberg Law News, September 27, 2023

“County officials take aim at Michigan’s red flag law,” WKAR News, June 29, 2023

“Lansing Township plans legal action against Ingham County clerk over annexation proposal,” WKAR News, August 25, 2022

“State vs. schools: Legal confusion delays mask wearing resolutions in some districts,” WXYZ News, November 10, 2021

“Voters head to the polls to decide fate of Detroit's Proposal P on Tuesday,” WXYZ News, August 3, 2021

BAR ADMISSIONS

State Bar of Michigan

State Bar of Illinois (inactive)