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CURRENT POSITIONS

George Washington University Law School, 2024-present

- *Lobingier Professor of Comparative Law and Jurisprudence*, 2024-present

American Law Institute, Restatement (Fourth) of the Foreign Relations Law of the United States

- *Reporter*, 2023-present
- *Reporter*, Jurisdiction and Judgments, 2012-2018

TLB (Transnational Litigation Blog), *Founding Editor*, 2022-present

PRIOR EXPERIENCE

University of California, Davis, School of Law, 2015-2024

- *Martin Luther King, Jr. Professor of Law*, 2015-2024
- *John D. Ayer Chair in Business Law*, 2019-2024
- *Distinguished Teaching Award*, 2018

University of California College of the Law, San Francisco (formerly Hastings), 1995-2015

- *Roger J. Traynor Professor of Law*, 2014-15
- *Associate Academic Dean*, 2006-07; *Associate Dean for Research*, 2012-14
- *Distinguished Teaching Award*, 2002

U.S. Department of State, *Counselor on International Law to the Legal Adviser*, 2011-12

Arnold & Porter, *Attorney*, 1993-95

Justice Harry A. Blackmun, U.S. Supreme Court, *Law Clerk*, 1992-93

Judge William A. Norris, Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, *Law Clerk*, 1991-92

Tianjin Economic Management Cadre Institute, Tianjin, China, *English Teacher*, 1987-88

EDUCATION

Yale Law School, J.D., 1991; Notes Editor, *Yale Law Journal*

Yale College, B.A., *summa cum laude*, *Phi Beta Kappa*, with distinction in History, 1986

MEMBERSHIPS

U.S. Department of State Advisory Committee on International Law (2009-11, 2012-present)

American Law Institute (2006-present); Reporter (2023-present), Co-Reporter (2012-2018),
Restatement (Fourth) of the Foreign Relations Law of the United States; Adviser,
Restatement (Third) of the Conflict of Laws (2015-present)

American Society of International Law (1995-present); Member, Executive Council (2025-present); Chair, Judicial Education Committee (2024-present), Member (2022-24); Co-Chair, International Law in Domestic Courts Interest Group (2014-17, 2023-present)

Association of American Law Schools, Section on Conflict of Laws, Chair Elect (2024-25),
Chair (2025-present)

Uniform Law Commission, Study Committee on the Hague Judgments Convention, Observer
(2022-24)

Institute for Transnational Arbitration, Academic Council (2008-14)

Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States (2010-present); State Bar of California (1994-present)

VISITING POSITIONS

Renmin University of China Law School, *Visiting Professor*, May-June 2022

- International Business Transactions (via Zoom)

University of Paris 1, Panthéon-Sorbonne, *Visiting Professor*, April 2022

- Droit International Privé et Coordination des Systèmes Juridiques

University of California, Berkeley, School of Law, *Visiting Professor*

- Contracts, Spring 2019
- International Business Transactions, Summer 2014-17
- Contracts, Summer 2013

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

Transnational Business Problems (7th ed., Foundation Press, 2024) (with Detlev F. Vagts, Hannah L. Buxbaum & Harold Hongju Koh)

- 6th ed. 2019 (with Vagts, Buxbaum & Koh)
- 5th ed. 2014 (with Vagts, Koh & Buxbaum)
- 4th ed. 2008 (with Vagts & Koh)
- 3d ed. 2003 (with Vagts & Koh)

Transnational Litigation in a Nutshell (2d ed., West, 2021) (with George A. Bermann & Donald E. Childress III)

Restatement (Fourth) of the Foreign Relations Law of the United States (American Law Institute 2018) (with Curtis A. Bradley, Sarah H. Cleveland, Anthea Roberts, Paul B. Stephan, Edward T. Swaine, David P. Stewart & Ingrid Wuerth)

International Law in the U.S. Supreme Court: Continuity and Change (Cambridge University Press 2011) (with David L. Sloss & Michael D. Ramsey)

- American Society of International Law, 2012 Certificate of Merit in recognition of high technical craftsmanship and utility to practicing lawyers and scholars

ARTICLES

Federal Common Law and Transnational Litigation (in progress)

Choice of Law in the American Courts in 2024: Thirty-Eighth Annual Survey, 73 American Journal of Comparative Law (forthcoming 2025) (with John F. Coyle & Aaron D. Simowitz) [[SSRN](#)]

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A Roadmap for Foreign Official Immunity Cases in U.S. Courts, 90 Fordham Law Review 677 (2021) (with Chimène I. Keitner) [[SSRN](#)]

Reciprocity in China-U.S. Judgments Recognition, 53 Vanderbilt Journal of Transnational Law 1541 (2020) (with Wenliang Zhang) [[SSRN](#)]

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Presumptions Against Extraterritoriality in State Law, 53 U.C. Davis Law Review 1389 (2020) [[SSRN](#)]

Customary International Law, Change, and the Constitution, 106 Georgetown Law Journal 1559 (2018) [[SSRN](#)]

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Chevron Deference and Extraterritorial Regulation, 95 North Carolina Law Review 911 (2017) [[SSRN](#)]

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Defining and Punishing Offenses Under Treaties, 124 Yale Law Journal 2202 (2015) (with Sarah H. Cleveland) [[SSRN](#)]

Alien Tort Litigation: The Road Not Taken, 89 Notre Dame Law Review 1577 (2014) [[SSRN](#)]

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A Modest Approach to the Customary International Law of Jurisdiction, 32 *European Journal of International Law* 1471 (2021) [[Oxford](#)]

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Control and Appeal in NAFTA Chapter Eleven Arbitration, 95 American Society of International Law Proceedings 207 (2001) [[SSRN](#)]

International Decision: Waste Management v. Mexico, 95 American Journal of International Law 225 (2001) [[SSRN](#)]

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Extraterritoriality, in 2 Encyclopedia of the American Constitution 959 (2d ed. 2000)

International Law and Federal-State Relations, in 3 Encyclopedia of the American Constitution 1389 (2d ed. 2000)

The Helms-Burton Act and Transnational Legal Process, 20 Hastings International & Comparative Law Review 713 (1997) [[SSRN](#)]

Note, *Congressional Control of Supreme Court Appellate Jurisdiction: Why the Original Jurisdiction Clause Suggests an “Essential Role”*, 100 Yale Law Journal 1013 (1991) [[SSRN](#)]

SELECTED BLOGGING

[More on Serving Foreign Defendants’ U.S. Counsel to Avoid the Hague Service Convention](#), Transnational Litigation Blog (September 9, 2025) (with Mehrunnisa Chaudhry)

[First Circuit Remands Constitutionality of the TVPA to District Court](#), Transnational Litigation Blog (August 13, 2025)

[Court Allows Claims of Forced Labor to Build World Cup Stadiums](#), Transnational Litigation Blog (July 30, 2025)

[Fuld’s Implications for the FSIA \(and Other Federal Statutes\)](#), Transnational Litigation Blog (July 10, 2025)

[Serving Process on Russia Through “Diplomatic Channels” Under the FSIA](#), Transnational Litigation Blog (June 24, 2025)

[The \\$24 Billion Judgment Against China in Missouri’s COVID Suit](#), Transnational Litigation Blog (March 18, 2025)

[What Deference to the Executive in Halkbank Should Have Looked Like](#), Transnational Litigation Blog (November 7, 2024)

[DC Circuit Defines “Venture” Under the TVPRA](#), Transnational Litigation Blog and Just Security (March 12, 2024)

[How to Criticize U.S. Extraterritorial Jurisdiction \(Part II\)](#), Transnational Litigation Blog (November 21, 2023)

[How to Criticize U.S. Extraterritorial Jurisdiction \(Part I\)](#), Transnational Litigation Blog (November 21, 2023)

[China Adopts Restrictive Theory of Foreign State Immunity](#), Transnational Litigation Blog (September 14, 2024)

[The New \(Old\) Presumption Against Extraterritoriality](#), Transnational Litigation Blog (September 6, 2023)

[State Department Recognizes Head-of-State Immunity for MBS](#), Transnational Litigation Blog (November 17, 2022)

[When Should Federal Common Law Govern Transnational Litigation?](#), Transnational Litigation Blog (June 29, 2022)

[Substituted Service and the Hague Service Convention](#), Transnational Litigation Blog (May 16, 2022)

[The Surprisingly Broad Implications of Nestlé USA, Inc. v. Doe for Human Rights Litigation and Extraterritoriality](#), Just Security (June 18, 2021)

[Supreme Court of Canada Recognizes Corporate Liability for Human Rights Violations](#), Just Security (March 26, 2020)

[Jurisdiction to Adjudicate Under Customary International Law](#), Opinio Juris (September 11, 2018) (with Anthea Roberts & Paul B. Stephan)

[Does JASTA Violate International Law?](#), Just Security (September 30, 2016)

[International Comity Run Amok](#), Just Security (February 3, 2015)

[Is Torture an “Official Act”? Reflections on Jones v. United Kingdom](#), Opinio Juris (January 15, 2014)

[Customary International Law in the U.S. Legal System and the Perils of an All-or-Nothing Approach](#), Opinio Juris (March 13, 2013)

AUTHORED BRIEFS

Brief of Legal Scholars with Expertise in Extraterritoriality and Transnational Litigation as *Amicus Curiae* in Support of Neither Party, *Mia v. Kimberly Clark Corp.* (D.C. Cir. 2025) (author) (arguing that the Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act’s civil cause of action applies extraterritorially to the same extent as the offenses on which a claim is based) [[SSRN](#)]

Brief of *Amici Curiae* Professors of International Law in Support of Plaintiffs-Appellees in *Boniface v. Viliena*, 145 F.3d 98 (1st Cir. 2025) (co-author) (arguing that the Torture Victim Protection Act is within Congress’s legislative power to define and punish offenses against the law of nations) [[SSRN](#)]

Brief of *Amici Curiae* Professors William S. Dodge and Maggie Gardner in Support of Plaintiffs, *Petersen Energia Inversora, S.A.U. v. Argentine Republic* (2d Cir. 2024) (co-author) (arguing

that the court should reject a doctrine of foreign-policy abstention based on international comity) [[SSRN](#)]

Brief for *Amici Curiae* Professors William S. Dodge and Maggie Gardner in Support of Plaintiffs-Appellees and Affirmance, *Reid v. Doe Run Resources Corp.*, 110 F.4th 1049 (8th Cir. 2024) (co-author) (arguing that the court should reject a doctrine of foreign-policy abstention based on international comity) [[SSRN](#)]

Brief for *Amici Curiae* Ingrid (Wuerth) Brunk and William S. Dodge in Support of Neither Party, *United States v. Turkiye Halk Bankasi A.S.*, 120 F.4th 41 (2d Cir. 2024) (co-author) (arguing that federal courts, rather than executive branch, must make and apply federal common law of sovereign immunity in criminal cases) [[SSRN](#)]

Brief for *Amici Curiae* Professors William S. Dodge and Maggie Gardner in Support of Affirming the District Court's Order, *Smart Study Co. v. Happy Party-001*, 2023 WL 3220461 (2d Cir. 2023) (co-author) (arguing that the Hague Service Convention does not permit service by email) [[SSRN](#)]

Brief of Professors of Transnational Litigation as *Amici Curiae*, *Estados Unidos Mexicanos v. Smith & Wesson Brands, Inc.*, 91 F.4th 511 (1st Cir. 2023) (author) (arguing that Mexico can bring claims under Mexican law against U.S. gun manufacturers) [[SSRN](#)]

Brief of Professor William S. Dodge as *Amicus Curiae* in Support of Neither Party, *Abitron Austria GmbH v. Hetronic International, Inc.*, 600 U.S. 412 (2022) (author) (arguing that the Lanham Act applies to uses of U.S. trademarks abroad that are likely to cause consumer confusion in the United States) [[SSRN](#)]

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Brief of Foreign Sovereign Immunity Scholars as *Amici Curiae* in Support of Plaintiffs-Appellees, *NSO Group Technologies Ltd. v. WhatsApp, Inc.*, 17 F.4th 930 (9th Cir. 2021) (co-author) (arguing that corporation is not entitled to foreign official immunity) [[SSRN](#)]

Brief of Professors William S. Dodge and Maggie Gardner as *Amici Curiae* in Support of Respondents, *Republic of Hungary v. Simon*, 141 S. Ct. 691 (2021) & *Federal Republic of Germany v. Philipp*, 141 S. Ct. 703 (2021) (U.S. Supreme Court) (co-author) (arguing that prudential comity abstention should not be a basis for dismissing claims in federal courts) [[SSRN](#)]

Brief of International Law Scholars as *Amici Curiae* in Support of Respondents, *Nestlé USA, Inc. v. Doe I*, 141 S. Ct. 1931 (2021) (U.S. Supreme Court) (author and counsel of record) (arguing that international human rights norms may be applied to corporations) [[SSRN](#)]

Brief of *Amici Curiae* Professors of Foreign Relations Law, *United States v. California II*, 2020 WL 4043034 (E.D. Cal. 2020) (author) (arguing that California's cap-and-trade agreement with Quebec is not preempted under various doctrines of foreign affairs preemption) (cited by the court at *11) [[SSRN](#)]

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Brief of Professors of Conflict of Laws as *Amici Curiae* in Support of Appellant, *In re Irving H. Picard, Trustee for the Liquidation of Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC*, 917 F.3d 85 (2d Cir. 2019) (author) (arguing that when transfer from the United States has been avoided, recovery provisions of the Bankruptcy Code reach subsequent transfers outside the United States) [[SSRN](#)]

Brief of Professor William S. Dodge as *Amicus Curiae* in Support of Plaintiffs-Appellants, *Simon v. Republic of Hungary*, 911 F.3d 1172 (D.C. Cir. 2018) (author) (arguing that prudential exhaustion is not a ground for dismissing expropriation claims under Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act) (cited by majority, 911 F.3d at 1180) [[SSRN](#)]

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Extraterritorial Application of Federal Securities Law: What Hath Morrison Wrought?, Conference in Honor of Professor Linda Silberman, New York University School of Law, New York, New York (April 20, 2023)

A Century of Changes in Extraterritoriality, International Symposium on Accelerating Changes Unseen in a Century and the Development of International Law, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Institute of International Law, Beijing, China (via Zoom) (November 26, 2022)

International Human Rights Litigation in U.S. Courts, Salle 102, University of Paris 1 & 2 (April 19, 2022); Institute of International Humanitarian Studies, Aix-Marseille University (April 14)

The Many State Doctrines of Forum Non Conveniens, Workshop on International Law in Domestic Courts, Fordham University School of Law (via Zoom) (December 3, 2021)

Challenging Secondary Sanctions in U.S. Courts, Conference on Secondary Sanctions in the International Legal Order, Ghent University & Utrecht University (via Zoom) (December 2, 2021)

Extraterritoriality of Statutes and Regulations, Conference on Extraterritoriality and International Law, Utrecht University and Indiana University Maurer School of Law (via Zoom) (September 16, 2022)

Substituted Service and the Hague Service Convention, Private International Law Workshop, Fordham University School of Law (via Zoom) (June 22, 2021)

U.S. Extraterritoriality and China, Renmin University, Beijing, China (via Zoom) (April 15, 2021)

The Role of International Law in U.S. Constitutional Interpretation, Federalist Society Conference, University of Pennsylvania (via Zoom) (March 19, 2021)

Human Rights Cases at the U.S. Supreme Court, National Security Group, Yale Law School (via Zoom) (October 28, 2020)

Jurisdiction to Adjudicate Under Customary International Law, European Journal of International Law Workshop on the Restatement (Fourth) of Foreign Relations Law, New York University, School of Law (via Zoom) (October 15, 2020)

U.S. Approaches to Extraterritoriality, Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law, Hamburg, Germany (via Zoom) (July 14, 2020)

Extraterritorial Regulation of Business: From Securities to Bankruptcy and Beyond, John D. Ayer Lecture, UC Davis School of Law, Davis, California (March 4, 2020)

Navigating the Foreign Sovereign Immunity Minefield to Enforce Investor-State Awards, Conference on the History and Future of the ALI Restatement on International Commercial and Investor-State Arbitration, Pepperdine University, Caruso School of Law, Malibu, California (February 28, 2020)

Reciprocity in China-U.S. Judgments Recognition, Faculty Workshop, Vanderbilt University Law School, Nashville, Tennessee (February 5, 2020)

Presumptions Against Extraterritoriality in State Law, Northern California International Law Scholars, McGeorge School of Law, Sacramento, California (September 13, 2019)

Corporate Liability and Human Rights, Detlev F. Vagts Roundtable, American Society of International Law Annual Meeting, Washington, DC (March 28, 2019)

Reasonableness in the Restatement (Fourth) of Foreign Relations Law, Conference on the Extraterritorial State, Willamette University College of Law, Salem, Oregon (January 25, 2019)

- The New Presumption Against Extraterritoriality*, Faculty Workshop, UC Hastings College of the Law, San Francisco, California (January 15, 2019)
- International Comity in the Restatement (Fourth) of Foreign Relations Law*, Sokol Colloquium on Private International Law, University of Virginia School of Law, Charlottesville, Virginia (January 11, 2019)
- The New Presumption Against Extraterritoriality*, Workshop on International Law in Domestic Courts, University of Pennsylvania Law School, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (December 7, 2018)
- After Jesner—Corporate Liability for Human Rights Violations in U.S. and Foreign Courts*, Judicial Advisory Board, American Society of International Law, Washington, DC (November 16, 2018)
- Reasonableness and Comity in the U.S. Restatement (Fourth) of Foreign Relations Law*, Utrecht University, Utrecht, Netherlands (October 30, 2018)
- International Litigation and the New U.S. Restatement of Foreign Relations Law*, Tsinghua University School of Law, Beijing, China (April 26, 2018); China University of Political Science and Law, Beijing, China (April 25, 2018); East China University of Political Science and Law, Shanghai, China (April 23, 2018)
- Personal Jurisdiction and Aliens*, Public Law Workshop, UC Berkeley School of Law, Berkeley, California (March 1, 2018)
- Jesner v. Arab Bank: The Future of Corporate Liability Under the Alien Tort Statute*, American Bar Association, Section of International Law, Teleconference Presentation (December 5, 2017)
- Customary International Law, Change, and the Constitution*, Symposium on the Law of Nations and the United States Constitution, Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, DC (November 3, 2017)
- The New Presumption Against Extraterritoriality in the U.S. Supreme Court’s Case Law and the Restatement Fourth of the Law of Foreign Relations*, Conference on U.S. Litigation Today, Swiss Institute of Comparative Law, Lausanne, Switzerland (June 23, 2017)
- The New Presumption Against Extraterritoriality*, Colloquium on International Law and Politics, UC Berkeley School of Law, Berkeley, California (February 3, 2017)

International Comity in Comparative Perspective, Duke-Japan Conference on Comparative Foreign Relations Law, Japan Institute of International Affairs, Tokyo, Japan (October 10, 2016)

Requiring Exhaustion for International Investment Claims, Symposium on Adjudicating Across Borders: Contemporary Challenges in International Arbitration, Stanford Law School, Stanford, California (April 30, 2016)

An Appellate Mechanism for Investment Treaty Arbitration, Symposium on Investment Treaty Dispute Settlement, McGeorge School of Law, Sacramento, California (February 19, 2016)

Focusing the Presumption Against Extraterritoriality, Northern California International Law Scholars, UC Davis School of Law, Davis, California (August 28, 2015)

Chevron Deference for Extraterritorial Regulation, Yale-Duke Foreign Relations Law Roundtable, Yale Law School, New Haven, Connecticut (October 3, 2014)

International Comity in American Law, Bay Area Civil Procedure Forum, UC Hastings College of the Law, San Francisco, California (September 17, 2014)

Alien Tort Litigation: The Road Not Taken, The Honorable Roger J. Traynor Lecture, UC Hastings College of the Law, San Francisco, California (August 20, 2014)

Defining and Punishing Offenses Under Treaties, Faculty Workshop, UC Davis School of Law, Davis, California (February 20, 2014)

Public Policy and Reciprocity in Relation to Foreign Tax and Penal Judgments, Sokol Colloquium on Private International Law, University of Virginia School of Law, Charlottesville, Virginia (April 19, 2013)

International Comity in American Courts, 2013 Distinguished Global Law Lecture, Lewis & Clark Law School, Portland, Oregon (March 11, 2013)

Understanding the Presumption Against Extraterritoriality after Morrison v. National Australia Bank, Conference on Transnational Securities and Regulatory Litigation in the Aftermath of *Morrison v. National Australia Bank*, University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law, Sacramento, California (March 1, 2013)

The President's Recognition Power at Its Lowest Ebb, Panel on *Zivotofsky v. Clinton*, International Law Association, International Law Weekend, New York, New York (October 26, 2012)

Corporate Liability Under Customary International Law, Conference on Corporate Responsibility and the Alien Tort Statute, Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, DC (March 27, 2012)

Corporate Liability for Human Rights Violations: A View from the State Department, U.C. Davis School of Law, Davis, California (March 5, 2012)

The Presumption Against Extraterritoriality after Morrison, American Society of International Law Annual Meeting, Washington, DC (March 25, 2011)

The Presumption Against Extraterritoriality and the Alien Tort Statute, Amnesty International Conference on Human Rights in U.S. Courts, San Francisco, California (March 18, 2011)

International Comity in American Courts, Faculty Workshop, BYU School of Law, Provo, Utah (February 17, 2011)

The Cutting Edge of Extraterritoriality: Developments under the Alien Tort Statute, AALS Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California (January 7, 2011)

Morrison's Effects Test, Conference on Beyond Borders: Extraterritoriality in American Law, Southwestern Law School, Los Angeles, California (November 12, 2010)

The Application of Human Rights Law in U.S. Domestic Courts, Panel on International Justice in a Human Rights Era, International Bar Association Annual Meeting, Vancouver, Canada (October 5, 2010)

An Alien Tort Statute Case in 2010 (mock hearing), American Bar Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California (August 7, 2010)

Can There Be Justice in the U.S. for International Wrongs?: The Alien Tort Statute—Here, Now, and in the Future, Northern District of California Judicial Conference, Sonoma, California (April 11, 2010)

Jurisdiction to Prescribe and the Alien Tort Statute, Workshop on the Alien Tort Statute, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts (October 24, 2009)

Local Remedies and NAFTA Chapter Eleven, Conference on Fifteen Years of Chapter Eleven Arbitration, McGill University Faculty of Law, Montreal, Canada (September 25, 2009)

Labor Rights Claims Under the Alien Tort Statute, Conference on International Labor Standards, Rights and Beyond, Stanford Law School, Stanford, California (August 14, 2009)

- Customary International Law and Reputation*, Panel on Andrew Guzman, *How International Law Works: A Rational Choice Theory*, UC Berkeley School of Law, Berkeley, California (March 9, 2009)
- After Sosa: The Future of Customary International Law in the United States*, International Law Association, International Law Weekend—West, Willamette University College of Law, Salem, Oregon (March 7, 2009)
- The Faces of Comity*, American Society of International Law Research Colloquium on International Economic Law, UCLA School of Law, Los Angeles, California (February 13, 2009)
- International Comity in American Courts*, Workshop on International Law in Domestic Courts, Temple University, Beasley School of Law, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (December 8, 2008)
- Changing Rationales for Comity: From Private to Public*, Colloquium on Public/Private International Law, UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law, Las Vegas, Nevada (September 20, 2008)
- The Public-Private Distinction in the Conflict of Laws*, Symposium on Public and Private Law in the Global Adjudicative System, Duke University School of Law, Durham, North Carolina (February 15, 2008)
- “Conflicts Thinking” and the Evolution of Extraterritoriality*, Workshop on Territoriality, UCLA School of Law, Los Angeles, California (March 3, 2006)
- After Sosa: The Future of Customary International Law in the United States*, Conference on Outsourcing American Law, American Enterprise Institute, Washington, DC (February 21, 2006)
- Teaching the CISG in Contracts*, Workshop on Integrating Transnational Legal Perspectives into the First Year Curriculum, Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, Washington, DC (January 4, 2006)
- The Story of The Paquete Habana: Customary International Law as Part of Our Law*, Workshop on International Law in Domestic Courts, Vanderbilt University Law School, Nashville, Tennessee (December 12, 2005)
- The Structural Rules of Transnational Law*, Faculty Seminar, University of New South Wales, Faculty of Law, Sydney, Australia (April 26, 2005)

Bridging Erie: Customary International Law in the U.S. Legal System After Sosa v. Alvarez-Machain, Conference on International Law and the 2003-04 Supreme Court Term: Building Bridges or Constructing Barriers Between National, Foreign and International Law?, University of Tulsa College of Law, Tulsa, Oklahoma (October 29, 2004)

Educating Transnational Business Lawyers, Conference on Educating Lawyers for Transnational Challenges, Association of American Law Schools, Hawaii (May 26, 2004)

Domestic Court Review of Chapter Eleven Awards, Conference on the Two Faces of Court-Arbitrator Interaction Under Investment Treaties, Institute for Transnational Arbitration and American Society of International Law, Washington, DC (March 31, 2004)

Recent Challenges to Alien Tort Litigation, American Bar Association Annual Meeting, Section of International Law and Practice, San Francisco (August 10, 2003)

Legal Globalization: International Law and the Federal Courts, American Society of International Law Panel, Sixth Circuit Judicial Conference, Memphis (April 11, 2003)

The Structural Rules of Transnational Law, American Society of International Law Annual Meeting, Washington, DC (April 5, 2003)

Dispute Resolution Under NAFTA Chapter Eleven, American Society of International Law Panel, Seventh Circuit Judicial Conference, Chicago (May 7, 2002)

Loewen v. United States: Trials and Errors Under NAFTA Chapter Eleven, Clifford Symposium on Tort Law and Social Policy, DePaul College of Law, Chicago (April 19, 2002)

An Economic Defense of Concurrent Antitrust Jurisdiction, Symposium on International Litigation Honoring Professor Russell Weintraub, University of Texas School of Law, Austin, Texas (February 21, 2002)

Teaching International Business Transactions from a Transnational Legal Process Perspective, Section on Socio-Economics, AALS Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana (January 3, 2002)

Control and Appeal in Chapter Eleven Arbitration, American Society of International Law Annual Meeting, Washington, DC (April 6, 2001)

The Structural Rules of Transnational Law, International Law and Politics Workshop, U.C. Berkeley School of Law (March 1, 2001)

Which Torts in Violation of the Law of Nations?, Conference on Holding Multinational Corporations Responsible under International Law, U.C. Hastings College of the Law (February 26, 2001)

International Law, History, and the Problem of Translation: Lessons from the Alien Tort Statute, International Law Association, International Law Weekend—West, Pepperdine University School of Law, Malibu, California (January 27, 2001)

China's Accession to the WTO: Implications for China's Judiciary, Presentation to Civil Trial Procedure Delegation of Shanghai and Jinan Judges, U.C. Hastings College of the Law (November 2, 2000)

National Courts and International Arbitration: Exhaustion of Remedies and Res Judicata under NAFTA Chapter Eleven, Symposium on NAFTA Chapter Eleven, U.C. Hastings College of the Law (February 26, 2000)

Ingredients of a Successful International Business Transactions Course, AALS Conference on International Business Transactions, Washington, DC (February 17, 2000)

Weighing the Listener's Interest: Justice Blackmun's Commercial Speech and Public Forum Opinions, Symposium on the Jurisprudence of Justice Harry A. Blackmun, U.C. Hastings College of the Law (October 17, 1998)

The Helms-Burton Act and Transnational Legal Process, Symposium on the Helms-Burton Act, U.C. Hastings College of the Law (January 25, 1997)