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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University
James Hopkins Professor of Law, 2023 – Present
Faculty Center Fellow, 2023-2024
Shamik and Adrienne Trivedi Faculty Scholar, 2021 – 2023
Professor of Law, 2020 – Present
Associate Professor of Law, 2018 – 2020
Assistant Professor of Law, 2015 – 2018
Faculty Director, Pace Food Law Center, 2016 – Present

Courses: Administrative Law, Property Law, Environmental Law Survey, Food Systems Law, Agriculture Law & the Environment

Law School Service: Ad Hoc Constitutional Amendment Committee (Chair, Spring 2023); Faculty Development Committee (Chair: 2021-22, Member: 2015-2016, 2017-2018, 2023-2024); Appointments (Chair, 2020-21, 2019-20; Member, 2016-17); Curriculum Committee (2018-2019); Haub Environmental Scholars Program, Faculty Advisor (2016-2019).

University Service: Anti-Racist Education Task Force (2021-22); Campus Reopening Working Group (2020-22).

New York University School of Law
Adjunct Professor, Food Law & Policy Seminar, Fall 2020, Spring 2022, Spring 2023, Fall 2023

St. John's University School of Law
Adjunct Professor, Environmental Law, Fall 2019 & Fall 2020

UCLA School of Law
Teaching Fellow, Resnick Program for Food Law & Policy, 2013 – 2015

Georgetown University Law Center
Teaching Fellow & Staff Attorney, Institute for Public Representation, 2011 – 2013

PUBLICATIONS

Articles

Abundance and Other Food Fixations, 96 U. COLO. L. REV. __ (forthcoming 2025).

Gender Regrets: Banning Abortion and Gender-Affirming Care, UTAH L. REV. (forthcoming 2024 (with Noa Ben-Asher).

Eaters, Powerless by Design, 120 MICH. L. REV. 643 (2022) (winner of 2022 Goettel Prize for Faculty Scholarship).

FDA as Food System Steward, 46 HARV. ENVTL. L. REV. 1 (2022) (with Matthew Watson).

The Right Family, 39 COLUM. J. GENDER & L. 1 (2020) (with Noa Ben-Asher).

The New Food Safety, 107 CALIF. L. REV. 1173 (2019) (with Emily Broad Leib).

Drinking Water Protection and Agricultural Exceptionalism, 77 OHIO ST. L.J. 1195 (2016).

Regulating Farming: Balancing Food Safety and Environmental Protection in a Cooperative Governance Regime, 50 WAKE FOREST L. REV. 399 (2015).

A "Blunt Withdrawal"? Bars on Citizen Suits for Toxic Site Cleanup, 37 HARV. ENVTL. L. REV. 441 (2013).

Note, *Bundling Public and Private Goods: The Market for Sustainable Organics*, 85 N.Y.U. L. REV. 621 (2010).

Books, Book Chapters, and Symposium Pieces

Bodies as Food System Sacrifice Zones, *in* RESEARCH HANDBOOK ON INTERNATIONAL FOOD LAW (Michael Roberts ed. 2023).

Ecolabeling, *in* OXFORD HANDBOOK OF COMPARATIVE ENVIRONMENTAL LAW (Emma Lees & Jorge E. Viñuales eds., 2019) (with Jason Czarnezki & Sarah Main).

Food Systems, *in* CLIMATE CHANGE, PUBLIC HEALTH, AND THE LAW (Michael Berger & Justin Gundlach, eds., Cambridge University Press, 2018).

FOOD LAW AND POLICY: CASES AND MATERIALS (Wolters Kluwer 2018) (with Jacob Gersen & Michael Roberts).

Farming and Eating, 13 J. OF FOOD LAW & POL'Y 99 (2017) (invited contribution to special issue on Food Policy in the Trump Era).

The Safe Drinking Water Act/ Food Law Nexus, 32 PACE ENVTL. L. REV. 501 (2015) (invited contribution to symposium issue).

Setting the Table for Urban Agriculture, 46 URB. LAW. 199 (2014) (with Michael Roberts), also published in URBAN AGRICULTURE: POLICY, LAW, STRATEGY, AND IMPLEMENTATION (Martha H. Chumbler, Lawrence Bechler, & Sorell Negro, eds. 2015).

Popular Press

Oped, "Everything Wrong With Our Food System Has Been Made Worse by Coronovirus," *Los Angeles Times*, May 4, 2020, https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2020-05-04/meat-processing-plants-coronavirus-executive-order.

Letter to the Editor, "A Farming Revolution, Minus Factories," *New York Times*, Oct. 3, 2016, http://www.nytimes.com/2016/10/03/opinion/a-farming-revolution-minus-factories.html.

Oped, "The Labeling Shortcut," *Slate*, May 5, 2016, http://www.slate.com/articles/health_and_science/science/2016/05/the_fda_s_quest_to_define_natural_won_t_give_us_better_food.html.

EDUCATION

Georgetown University Law Center, L.L.M., *with distinction*, 2013

New York University School of Law, J.D., *magna cum laude,* 2010

Honors: Law Review Alumni Association Prize (2nd highest GPA after 5 semesters)
Maurice Goodman Memorial Prize (outstanding scholarship and character)
Order of the Coif
Furman Scholar (scholarship program for future academics)
Lederman/Milbank Fellow in Law and Economics (grant for research)
Center for Environmental and Land Use Law Fellow

Journal: *New York University Law Review*, Articles Editor

Activities: Research Assistant for Professor Vicki Been, Professor Oren Bar-Gill, and Professor Richard Revesz
Teaching Assistant, Civil Procedure, Professor Helen Hershkoff
Natural Resources Defense Council Environmental Law Clinic

Columbia University, B.A., History, Environmental Science, Creative Writing, 2004

CLERKSHIP

Hon. David S. Tatel, U.S. Court of Appeals, D.C. Circuit, 2010 – 2011

PRESENTATIONS & WORKSHOPS

The Farm Bill and Tribal Lands: *Indigenous Knowledge, Indigenous Food Production, and Climate*
Panelist, Natural Resources Law Teachers Institute (May 2024).

A Reflective Look at the Intersections of Ownership, Control, and Environmental Protection in Rural Environments Resnick Program 10th Anniversary Conference
Moderator and Panelist (April 2024).

Abundance and Other Food Fixations: EnviroSchmoozeFest
Presenter, Texas A&M (August 2023).

Governing Nutrient Pollution Beyond Farmers: *Workshop*
Participant, interdisciplinary collaborative to develop nutrient pollution management strategies, Sponsored by the National Socio-Environmental Synthesis Center (Jan. 2021 & Mar. 2022).

Free the Land: Land Tenure & Stewardship Reimagined
Moderator, New York University School of Law, Jan. 28, 2022.

Meatless Cities: A Workshop on How Cities Can Help Lead the Transition to a Plant-Forward Food System.
Invited Participant, Guarani Center on Environmental, Energy, and Land Use Law, New York University School of Law (June 2021).

Food Safety Law and the Treatment of Food Consumers
Panelist, *Food for Thought: The Impact of Food Choices in a Changing Climate*, Lewis & Clark Environmental Law Symposium (March 2021)

Farm Bill & Conservation Programs
Guest Speaker, Food Law and Policy Seminar, New York University School of Law, Sept. 17, 2019.

Agricultural Exceptionalism: History & Lessons
Guest Speaker, Animal Agriculture Reform Collaborative Legal Table Meeting, Sept. 17, 2019.

Food Law as Environmental Law
Emerging Environmental Law Conference, Vermont Law School, June 21, 2019

Modern Food Fascism
Law & Society Association Annual Conference, June 1, 2019

Food Sovereignty as a Reparations for Urban Renewal
Fifth Annual Sustainability Conference of American Legal Educators, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University, May 10, 2019

Farm Bill 101
Guest Speaker, Food Law and Policy Seminar, New York University School of Law, Jan. 29, 2019.

Modern Food Fascism
Georgetown University Law Center, Environmental Law Speakers Series, Nov. 1, 2018

Roundtable on Agriculture As/In Environment
Discussion Participant and Organizer in collaboration with the University of Illinois Program in Law & Philosophy (Sept. 28-30, 2018).

Food Policy Advocacy in New York City
New York City Food Policy Center, Hunter College, Mar. 20, 2018.

The Farm Bill as a Tool for Social Change
North Country Food Justice Summit, March 1, 2018

The Farm Bill as a Tool for Social Change
Yale Food System Symposium, Feb. 23, 2018

Mapping the New Food Safety
University of Arkansas School of Law, Faculty Workshop, Feb. 20, 2018.

Legal and Policy Tools for Dairy in a Changing Climate
Panelist, AALS Annual Conference, San Diego, Jan. 3, 2018.

Legal Barriers to Food Impact Valuation
IC Foods, U.C. Davis, Nov. 6, 2017.

Understanding the Farm Bill
Presenter, Stone Barns Center for Food & Agriculture, Sept. 28, 2017.

The Future of Food Law
Panelist, Cardozo School of Law, Apr. 20, 2017.

Legal Applications and Challenges
Panelist and Conference Organizer, Oxford Meeting on Impact Valuation, Oxford Environmental Change Institute, Environmental Research Workshop, Apr. 11, 2017.

Environmentalism at the FDA: Food and Beverage Packaging and the Law

Paper Workshop, Georgetown University Law Center, Environmental Research Workshop, Mar. 23, 2017.

Agriculture, Climate Change, and the USDA
Panelist and Panel Organizer, Good Food Festival, Climate Change and Agriculture: The Forgotten Industry, Mar. 17, 2017.

Farm Bill 101 and More: an Agricultural Conversation with U.S. Representative Sean Patrick Maloney
Interviewer, Bedford 2020 Food Forum, Mar. 4, 2017.

Annual Food Almanac
Panelist, SlowFood NYC, Feb. 28, 2017

The Future of Food Law: A Conversation with Kathleen Merrigan
Interviewer, Pace-NRDC Food Law Initiative Annual Event, Feb. 13, 2017.

New Voices in Administrative Law
Paper Workshop, AALS Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA, Jan. 2017

A Non-Perishable Food Movement
Guest Speaker, Food Law and Policy Seminar, New York University School of Law, Dec. 1, 2016.

Environmental Decisionmaking at the FDA
Invited Panelist, Law and Food Systems: Institutional Pathways Toward a New Paradigm, Food and Drug Law Institute & Georgetown Food and Drug Law Journal Symposium, Nov. 4, 2016.

Agricultural Exceptionalism and Environmental Law
Invited Presenter, Food Law Student Leadership Summit, Oct. 1, 2016.

Agriculture, Climate Change, and the USDA
Panelist and Panel Organizer, Yale Food Systems Symposium, Climate Change and Agriculture: The Forgotten Industry, Sept. 30, 2016.

Rethinking Lead in Drinking Water
Invited Panelist, Troubled Waters, New York State Bar Association, May 23, 2016.

Drinking Water Protection and Agricultural Exceptionalism
Guest Speaker, Current Challenges in Environmental Law Seminar, New York University School of Law, Apr. 26, 2016.

Contaminants of Emerging Concern: Law and Policy
Invited Panelist, Texas Environmental Law Journal Symposium, Contaminants of Emerging Concern and Water on Earth, University of Texas School of Law, Apr. 15, 2016.

A Farm Bill Primer: Myth and Reality
Guest Speaker, Food Systems & the Environment Seminar, Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, Jan. 26, 2016.

Food Rights in an Uncertain World

Panelist and Panel Organizer, Yale Food Systems Symposium, Yale Law School & Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, Oct. 30, 2015.

Colloquium on Environmental Scholarship
Paper Workshop, "Cities, Farms, and Drinking Water," Vermont Law School, Oct. 3, 2015.

University of Washington Junior Environmental Scholars Workshop
Paper Workshop, "Cities, Farms, and Drinking Water," UW School of Law, July 9, 2015.

Food Rights in an Uncertain World
Panelist and Panel Organizer, International Society of Public Law Annual Conference, Public Law in an Uncertain World, NYU School of Law, July 2, 2015.

US Environmental Regulation of Food Production & FSMA Basics
Guest Lecturer, Food Law Masters Program, University of Tuscia, Viterbo, Italy June 5-6, 2015.

Sabin Colloquium on Innovative Environmental Law Scholarship
Paper Workshop, "Cities, Farms, and Drinking Water," Columbia Law School, May 22, 2015.

Reconceptualizing the Future of Environmental Law
Roundtable Participant, Pace Environmental Law Review Symposium, Pace Law School, Mar. 20, 2015.

Environmental Threats to the Right to Food and International Legal Responses
Moderator, Journal of International Law and Foreign Affairs Symposium, Realizing the Right to Food, UCLA School of Law, Mar. 6, 2015.

Information to What End: The Role of the Consumer in Driving System Change
Organizer & Moderator, inaugural UCLA-Harvard Food Law and Policy Annual Conference, Transparency in the Global Food System, UCLA School of Law, Oct. 24, 2014.

Food, Health, and Whiteness as Property
Moderator, UCLA Critical Race Studies Annual Symposium, Whiteness as Property: A Twenty Year Appraisal, UCLA School of Law, Oct. 2, 2014.

Regulating Farming
Presenter, Faculty Colloquium, UCLA School of Law, Sept. 29, 2014.

Genetically Engineered Crops: A Panel Discussion
Moderator, UCLA School of Law, Apr. 17, 2014.

Regulatory and Legislative Landscape: A Look Ahead
Organizer & Moderator, Resnick Program for Food Law & Policy Conference, Food Fight: An Examination of Recent Trends in Food Litigation, UCLA School of Law, Apr. 11, 2014.

The Food Safety Modernization Act and Sustainability
Invited Panelist, Petrie-Flom Center Conference, New Directions for Food Safety: The Food Safety Modernization Act and Beyond, Harvard Law School, Feb. 21, 2014.

Farm Bill 101
Invited Panelist, Stanford Law School, Feb. 5, 2014.

Toward a Food Secure Future: Bridging the Gap Between Sustainable Agriculture and Hunger Elimination
Panelist, Yale Food Systems Symposium, Oct. 18, 2013.

Toward a Food Secure Future
Presenter, Georgetown University Law Center, Faculty Summer Workshop Series, June 20, 2013.

Rulemaking, Public Commenting, and Working with Agencies
Presenter, Environmental Law Institute Skills Workshop in Public Interest Environmental Law, Apr. 21, 2012.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison, LLP, NY, NY, Summers 2009 & 2010
Summer Associate (offer extended): Researched and drafted memos to support civil litigation on a range of issues such as tax foreclosure, fraud, and habeas.

New York City Dept. of Housing Preservation and Development, Summer 2008
Summer Intern: Assisted with program development related to the mortgage foreclosure crisis in New York City.

Springside School, Philadelphia, PA, 2004 – 2007
Upper School History Teacher: Taught modern world history, ancient world history, United States history, Middle Eastern history, and AP American Government and Politics. Coached varsity track and cross-country. Served as lead ninth-grade class advisor.

BAR ADMISSIONS, MEMBERSHIPS, & BOARDS

State Bar Admissions: Mass. (inactive), D.C. (inactive), NY (2013)

Federal Bar Membership: U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit (2011)

Professional Associations: American Association of Law Schools, Food Law Section Chair (2018), Environmental Law Section Officer; American Agricultural Law Association

Advisory Board Member: Resnick Program for Food Law & Policy at UCLA School of Law (2015 – 2018); Essex Farm Institute/Adirondack Council (2019-2022); Academy of Food Law and Policy (2019-2021).