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EMPLOYMENT

Henry C. Lauerman Professor of International Law, Wake Forest University, 2012 to present.
Professor of Law, 2006 to 2012.

Courses taught: International Law, International Environmental Law,
International Human Rights, International Trade Law,
Environmental Law, Property Law.

Professor of Law, Pennsylvania State University, Dickinson School of Law, 2004 to 2006.
Associate Professor of Law, 2002 to 2004; Assistant Professor of Law, 1998 to 2002.

Associate, Bickerstaff, Heath & Smiley, L.L.P., Austin, Texas, 1994 to 1998.

Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State, 1988 to 1994.

Law Clerk to Judge Joseph T. Sneed, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, 1987 to 1988.

UNITED NATIONS APPOINTMENT

United Nations Independent Expert (2012-2015) and Special Rapporteur (2012-2015) on the issue of human rights obligations related to the enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment, appointed by the United Nations Human Rights Council.

I conducted visits, received communications, and issued reports on the relationship of human rights and the environment, culminating in the presentation of Framework Principles on Human Rights and the Environment to the United Nations in March 2018.

EDUCATION

Stanford Law School, J.D. *with distinction*, 1987. Order of the Coif.

Rice University, B.A. *magna cum laude*, 1984. President, Baker College, 1983-1984.

SELECTED REPORTS TO THE UNITED NATIONS

The Human Right to a Healthy Environment, U.N. Doc. A/73/188 (19 July 2018).

Framework Principles on Human Rights and the Environment, U.N. Doc. A/HRC/37/59 (24 January 2018).

Children's Rights and the Environment, U.N. Doc. A/HRC/37/58 (24 January 2018).

Biodiversity and Human Rights, U.N. Doc. A/HRC/34/49 (19 January 2017).

Climate Change and Human Rights, U.N. Doc. A/HRC/31/52 (1 February 2016).

Methods of Implementation, U.N. Doc. A/HRC/31/15 (28 December 2015).

Compilation of Good Practices, U.N. Doc. A/HRC/28/61 (3 February 2015).

Mapping Report, U.N. Doc. A/HRC/25/53 (30 December 2013).

SELECTED SCHOLARSHIP

THE EVOLUTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL RIGHTS: APPLYING HUMAN RIGHTS TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (in progress; under contract with Cambridge University Press).

Human Rights, in Oxford Handbook of International Environmental Law (Lavanya Rajamani et al. eds., forthcoming 2019).

The Paris Agreement as a Human Rights Treaty, in HUMAN RIGHTS AND 21ST CENTURY CHALLENGES (Oxford University Press, forthcoming 2019).

THE HUMAN RIGHT TO A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT (John H. Knox & Ramin Pejan, eds.) (Cambridge University Press, 2018).

Human Rights Principles and Climate Change, in OXFORD HANDBOOK OF INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE CHANGE LAW (Cinnamon Carlarne et al. eds., 2016).

Human Rights, Environmental Protection, and the Sustainable Development Goals, 24 WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL LAW JOURNAL 517 (2015) (symposium).

The United States, Environmental Agreements, and the Political Question Doctrine, 40 NORTH CAROLINA JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW 933 (2015) (symposium).

Review of Burns H. Weston & David Bollier, Green Governance: Ecological Survival, Human Rights, and the Law of the Commons, 108 AMERICAN JOURNAL OF INT'L LAW 131 (2014).

Evaluating Citizen Petition Procedures: Lessons from an Analysis of the NAFTA Environmental Commission, 47 TEXAS INTERNATIONAL LAW JOURNAL 505 (2012) (with David Markell).

The Ruggie Rules: Applying Human Rights Law to Corporations, in THE UN GUIDING PRINCIPLES ON BUSINESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS (Radu Mares ed., 2011).

The Unpredictable Presumption Against Extraterritoriality, 40 SOUTHWESTERN LAW REVIEW 635 (2011) (symposium).

A Presumption Against Extrajurisdictionality, 104 AMERICAN JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW 351 (2010) (lead article).

Neglected Lessons of the NAFTA Environmental Regime, 45 WAKE FOREST LAW REVIEW 391 (2010) (symposium).

Diagonal Environmental Rights, in UNIVERSAL HUMAN RIGHTS AND EXTRATERRITORIAL OBLIGATIONS (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2010).

Climate Change and Human Rights Law, 50 VIRGINIA JOURNAL OF INT'L LAW 163 (2009).

Linking Human Rights and Climate Change at the United Nations, 33 HARVARD ENVIRONMENTAL LAW REVIEW 477 (2009) (symposium).

Horizontal Human Rights Law, 102 AMERICAN JOURNAL OF INT'L LAW 1 (2008) (lead article).

NRDC v. EPA, 101 AMERICAN JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW (2007) (case note).

The Flawed Trail Smelter Procedure, in TRANSBOUNDARY HARMS IN INTERNATIONAL LAW: LESSONS FROM THE TRAIL SMELTER ARBITRATION (Cambridge University Press, 2006).

The 2005 Activity of the NAFTA Tribunals, 100 AMERICAN JOURNAL OF INT'L LAW 429 (2006).

The Judicial Resolution of Conflicts Between Trade and the Environment, 28 HARVARD ENVIRONMENTAL LAW REVIEW 1 (2004) (lead article).

GREENING NAFTA: THE NORTH AMERICAN COMMISSION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL COOPERATION (Stanford University Press, 2003), co-edited with David L. Markell.

The Myth and Reality of Transboundary Environmental Impact Assessment, 96 AMERICAN JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW 291 (2002) (lead article). Received Francis Deák Prize.

A New Approach to Compliance with International Environmental Law: the Submissions Procedure of the NAFTA Environmental Commission, 28 ECOLOGY LAW QUARTERLY 1 (2001) (lead article).

PRESENTATIONS

I have lectured, presented papers, or taught classes at a number of academic institutions, including American University, Colgate University, Columbia Law School, Davidson College, Duke University, the European University Institute, the Graduate Institute (in Geneva), Guilford College, Harvard Law School, King's College London, La Salle University (in Bogotá), Lewis and Clark School of Law, Michigan State University, New York University Law School, North-West University (in South Africa), Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law, Southwestern Law School, the School of Law of the Sorbonne, Stanford Law School, the Swedish Royal Academy of Sciences, Temple University Beasley School of Law, University of the Andes, University College London, University of California Hastings College of Law, University of Cambridge, University of Fribourg, University of Geneva, University of Georgia School of Law, University of Hawaii School of Law, University of Idaho College of Law, University of Michigan School of Law, University of North Carolina School of Law, University of Oslo, University of Oxford (Linacre College), University of São Paulo School of Law, University of Texas School of Law, University of Washington School of Law, Vanderbilt Law School, Vermont Law School, Wuhan University, and Yale University.

I have made presentations to national and international bodies, including the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights, the Asia-Europe Meeting, the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, the Inter-American Human Rights Commission, the IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law, the North American Commission for Environmental Cooperation, the Philippines Human Rights Commission, the Secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child, the United Nations Human Rights Council, the U.S. Department of State Legal Adviser's Office, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency National Advisory Committee, and the World Bank, as well as at side events at the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the United Nations Environment Assembly, the United Nations Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals, and the World Conservation Congress.

I have also spoken at meetings of a number of professional associations and other non-governmental organizations, including the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Society of International Law, the Canadian Council on International Law, the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, the China Soong Ching Ling Foundation, the Environmental Grantmakers Association, the Global Judicial Institute for the Environment, the International Bar Association, the International Law Association, the Mexican Center for Environmental Law (CEMDA), the Southeastern Association of Law Schools, and the World Wildlife Fund.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Member of Advisory Board, UNDP Environmental Governance Program, 2016 to present.

Member of Board of Trustees, Universal Rights Group, Geneva, 2014 to present.

Member of Board, Wake Forest University Center for Energy, Environment, and Sustainability, 2014 to present.

Member Scholar of the Center for Progressive Reform, 2010 to present.

Special Counsel to the Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL), 2008 to 2012.

Chair, EPA National Advisory Committee on the Commission for Environmental Cooperation, September 1999 to August 2001, and May 2003 to September 2005.

Vice-Chair, American Bar Association/Canadian Bar Association/Barra Mexicana Joint Working Group on the Settlement of International Disputes, 1995 to 2004.

Member, American Society of International Law, 1990 to present.

Admitted to practice before the bars of Pennsylvania (1988) and Texas (1994).