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## EDUCATION

University of Southern California Law School J.D. 1978

Honors and activities: Articles Editor, Southern California Law Review;  
Law Scholarship recipient

University of California, Los Angeles B.A. 1974

Honors and activities: Summa Cum Laude graduate, Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society, Pi Gamma Mu Honor Society, California State Scholar; major: Political Science/International Relations.

Foreign Languages Russian, Polish

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Law Instruction:

2008-Present

Chapman University School of Law,  
Professor of Law and The "1939" Society Law Scholar in Holocaust and Human Rights Studies,

Expertise: International Law; Comparative Law; Law and the Holocaust; International Business Transactions and Litigation. Additionally, Research Fellow, Holocaust Educational Trust, London, England; University of Haifa School of Law, Israel; Visiting Professor of Law at Haifa "Holocaust, Genocide and the Law" (2003,04,05,08, and 09), Visiting Professor of Law at Southern Cross University School of Law, Lismore, N.S.W., Australia "Holocaust, Genocide and the Law"

Whittier Law School

Professor of Law (Associate Professor 1982-86)

Expertise: Comparative Law; The Holocaust, Genocide and the Law; International Criminal Law; International Business Litigation; International Business Transactions; Public International Law; Trade Law of Emerging Markets (Chinese Law and Russian Law) Civil Procedure; Torts; and Criminal Law Visitor and Term Positions: Spring 2006 and Spring 2008, Research Collaborative to teach "Holocaust, Genocide and the Law" at University of Minnesota Law School in conjunction with Whittier Law School through

video teleconference, Research Fellowship, YAD VASHEM, Israel (The Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority) and holder of the Baron Friedrich Carl von Oppenheim Chair for the Study of Racism, Antisemitism and the Holocaust. Spring 2003; Fellow, Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington D.C.; Spring 2002 Visiting Professor of Law at Brooklyn Law School Courses: Torts; Holocaust and the Law

1988-89, 94, 97, 2000 University of San Diego School of Law Instructor Summer Abroad (Summer)

1994 – 1996

Legal Experience:

Harvard Law School  
Visiting Scholar (Spring semesters only) East Asian Legal Studies

Morrison & Foerster, Litigation Associate

The Honorable Ozell M. Trask  
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit Law Clerk

PUBLICATIONS:

BOOKS:

Global Legal Traditions: Comparative Law for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (Carolina Academic Press, 2020) (co-author)

Searching for Justice After the Holocaust: Fulfilling the Terezin Declaration and Immovable Property Restitution (Oxford University Press, 2018) (co-author)

Law and the Holocaust: U.S. Cases and Materials (Carolina Academic Press, 2016)

The Holocaust, Genocide and the Law: The Quest for Justice in a post-Holocaust World (Oxford University Press, 2013) [Winner, National Jewish Book Award 2016]

Forgotten Trials of the Holocaust (NYU Press 2012) (co-author)

Holocaust Restitution: Perspectives on the Litigation and Its Legacy (NYU Press, 2006) (co-author)

Holocaust Justice: The Battle for Restitution in America's Courts (NYU Press

ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS (selected):

"From Lamentation to Liturgy to Litigation": The Holocaust Restitution Movement as a Model for Bringing Armenian Genocide-Era Restitution Suits in American Courts," *Marquette Law Review* (2011) (co-author)

"Prosecuting Nazi War Criminals in the UK and Lessons for Today: Will History Repeat Itself?" *University College of London Human Rights Review* (2011) (co-author)

"Reparation and Restitution," *in* the *Cambridge Dictionary of Jewish History and Culture* (Cambridge: Cambridge U. Press 2011)

"The Thousand Year Reich's Over One Thousand Anti-Jewish Laws," *in* *The Routledge History of the Holocaust*, (Routledge 2011)

"The Holocaust, Nuremberg and the Birth of Modern International Law" *in* *Holocaust and Justice: Representation & Historiography of the Holocaust in Post-War Trials* (Oxford: Berghahn Books 2010)

"Litigating the Pillage of Cultural Property in American Courts: Chabad v. Russian Federation and Lessons Learned, 32 *Loyola International and Comparative Law Review* 45 (2011) (co- author) (a different version of this article appears in the *International Journal of Cultural Property*, v. 17, issue 2, pp.361-386)

"Ein Unabgeschlossenes Kapitel Der Holocaust-Justiz: Die Holocaust Restitutionsbewegung und die Nazi-Raubkunst" [The Unfinished Business of Holocaust Justice: The Holocaust Restitution Movement and Nazi Looted Art], in *Catalog accompanying art exhibition Raub und Restitution – Kulturgut aus jüdischem Besitz von 1933 bis heute* [Robbery and Restitution – Jewish-Owned Cultural Assets from 1933 to Today] at *Jüdisches Museum Berlin* [Jewish Museum, Berlin] and *Jüdisches Museum Frankfurt* [Jewish Museum, Frankfurt] (2009)

"Holocaust Reparation and Restitution," entry in *The Cambridge Dictionary of Jewish Religion, History, and Culture* (J. Baskin. Ed.2009.)

"Japan Should Follow the International Trend and Face Its History of World War II Forced Labor," *The Asia-Pacific Journal*, Vol. 5-3-09, January 2009

Raphael Lemkin's *Dossier On the Armenian Genocide* (CAR 2008) Foreword

"What Can Be Done About Genocide: American Civil Justice As A Model For Remedial Action," in *Will Genocide Ever End?* John K. Roth, Carol Ritter and James Smith, Editors ( St. Paul , MN: Paragon Press 2002, paperback edition 2007)

"In the Footsteps of Raphael Lemkin," 2 *Genocide Studies and Prevention* 51 (Spring 2007)

"Contemporary Legal Lessons from the Holocaust," 19 *Jewish Political Studies Review* 15 (Spring 2007)

"The Role of the Soviet Union at the International Military Tribunal at Nuremberg" chapter in *Die Nürnberger Prozesse: Völkerstrafrecht seit 1945 / The Nuremberg Trials: International Criminal Law Since 1945* (Herbert R Reginbogin, Christoph J Safferling, und Walter R Hippel, editors (Kluwer 2006)

"The Gray Zones of Holocaust Restitution: American Justice and Holocaust Morality" in *Gray Zones: Ambiguity and Compromise in the Holocaust and Its Aftermath*, Jonathan Petropoulos & John K. Roth (Oxford, K: Berghahn Books 2005)

"The Holocaust on Trial: David Irving vs. Penguin Books Ltd. And Deborah Lipstadt" in *Jews on Trial*, Robert Garber, Editor (Ktav Publishing House 2005)

"Suing Hitler's Willing Business Partners: American Justice and Holocaust Morality," 16 *Jewish Political Studies Review* 3 (Fall 2004)

"Lex Americana : Holocaust Litigation in American Courts As A Model for Remedial Action for Genocide and Other Human Massive Rights Abuses" in *Enteignet – Vertrieben – Ermordet :Beiträge zur Genozidforschung [Expropriated - Expelled – Killed: Genocide Studies]*, dominikschaller, Rupert Boyadjian, Vivianne Mountain & Hanno Scholtz, Editors ( Zurich : Chronos Verlag 2004) Contributor

"Trading With the Enemy: Holocaust Restitution, The United States Government, and American Industry," 28 *Brooklyn Journal of International Law* 683 (2003) (co-author)

"Nuremberg in America: Litigating The Holocaust in United States Courts," 34 *University of Richmond Law Review* 1 (2000). [234-page study of the Holocaust restitution movement in the United States - Article cited in various court decisions, including in *AIA v. Garamendi*, 539 U.S. 396 (2003)

"Holocaust Restitution In the United States : A Search For Justice" in *Remembering For the Future: The Holocaust In An Age of Genocide*, John K. Roth and Elizabeth Maxwell, Editors. (London: Palgrave 2001)

"Holocaust Restitution in Comparative Perspective," 20 *Berkeley Journal of International Law* 101 (2001)

"*www.swissbankclaims.com*: The Legality and Morality of the Holocaust-Era Restitution Settlement with the Swiss Banks," 25 *Fordham Journal of Int'l Law* 64 (2001)

Encyclopedia of Genocide , Contributing Editor Israel Charny, Executive Editor, (Santa Barbara , CA : ABC-CLIO 2000)

“Reexamining the Doctrine of Humanitarian Intervention in Light of the Atrocities in Kampuchea and Ethiopia,” 23 Stanford Journal of International Law 547 (1987) [

“Abolishing the Act of State Doctrine,” 134 University of Pennsylvania Law Review 325 (1986)

## REPRESENTATIVE PRESENTATIONS

Annual Einspruch Lecture, “The Legacy of the Nuremberg Trials,” University of Texas, Dallas, October 25, 2020

Co-Organizer of Conference to Commemorate the 70th Anniversary of the Nuremberg Trials, Loyola Law School, Los Angeles, November 19-20, 2015

Co-Organizer of Conference to Commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Eichmann Trial, Loyola Law School, Los Angeles, September 15-16, 2011

“Jewish Treasures in the Former Soviet Union: Chabad v. Russian Federation,” Conference on Looted Art, Harvard Law School, February 8-9, 2008

Organizer of Tribute to Benjamin Ferencz, Chief Prosecutor in U.S. v. Ohlendorf, [Trial of No. 9] at Nuremberg, Germany on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of issuance of verdicts (April 19, 1948), American Society of International Law Annual Conference, Washington, D.C. April 10, 2008

“Transitional Justice” conference and Pierre Genest Visiting Fellow at Osgoode Hall Law School, York University, Toronto, Canada February 2008, Keynote address

"Genocide Restitution Litigation: Comparative Analysis of Armenian Genocide Victims and Other Victim Groups," paper presented at "Armenian Genocide and International Law" conference, USC Institute of Armenian Studies, September 9, 2007

"Post-War Trials, the Holocaust and the Current Rules of International Criminal Justice" paper presented at Yad Vashem (The Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority), Jerusalem conference "Post-War Trials and the Holocaust: Representation, Awareness and Historiography," December 19-21, 2006

"The Morality and Immorality of Holocaust Restitution," Annual Feibel Family Lecture on Law and Judaism Presenter at Michael E. Moritz College of Law, Ohio State University, March 2, 2006

"Pursuing Human Dignity: The Legacies of Nuremberg for International Law, Human Rights, and Education" paper presented at Harvard Law School conference commemorating 60th anniversary of the Nuremberg Trials, November 3, 2005

"The Role of the Soviet Union in the International Military Tribunal at Nuremberg," Nuremberg Trials Conference, sponsored by Touro Law School, Nuremberg, Germany, July 14-16, 2005

Lead co-organizer of two conferences held to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the Nuremberg Trials: in New York at Cardozo Law School, March 2005; and in Nuremberg, Germany in Courtroom 600 of the Palace of Justice, the original location of the Nuremberg Trials, July 2005

"Profiting from the Holocaust and the Search for Justice: Lessons for the African-American Reparations Movement," paper presented at "Restitution and Reconciliation in International Perspective" conference at Brown University, March 20, 2005 (portions of paper incorporated in the Brown University Steering Committee on Slavery and Justice Report ([http://brown.edu/Research/Slavery\\_Justice/documents/slaveryandjustice.pdf](http://brown.edu/Research/Slavery_Justice/documents/slaveryandjustice.pdf)))

"The Morality and Immorality of Holocaust Restitution," paper presented at Fordham Law School, Conference on Holocaust Restitution: Reconciling Moral Imperatives with Legal Initiatives and Diplomacy, November 1, 2001

"Holocaust Restitution in Comparative Perspective," paper presented at Association of Genocide Scholars Bi-Annual Conference - University of Minnesota, June 12, 2001

"Trading with the Enemy: Holocaust Restitution and American Industry," paper presented at Boalt Hall School of Law, University of California, Berkeley, Stefan A. Riesenfeld Symposium 2001, Fifty Years In the Making: World War II Reparation and Restitution Claims, March 9, 2001

"Holocaust Restitution Litigation in the United States: A Triumph of American Justice," paper presented at U.C.L.A. Conference on Confronting the Past: Memory, Identity, and Society, February 4, 2001

*Siderman de Blake v. Republic of Argentina*, the first U.S. case to hold a foreign nation responsible for torture committed on foreign soil. Lead co-counsel, 1996

#### OTHER

Expert witness before the Government Reform Committee, U.S. House of Representatives, Hearing on Holocaust-era insurance, September 16, 2003.