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ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

University of Oregon School of Law - Eugene, Oregon

Frank Nash Professor of Law	2015-present
Professor of Law	2004 – 2015
Associate Professor of Law	1997 – 2004
Associate Dean of Academic Affairs	1997 – 1998
Assistant Professor	1991 – 1997

Teaching Experience

Tort Law, Criminal Procedure, International Law, Human Rights Law,
International Business Transactions, International Trade Law,
European Union Law, Undergraduate International Law

EDUCATION

<i>Postgraduate Teaching Fellow</i> University of Pennsylvania History Department Courses Taught: History of American Law, Human Rights Law	1990 – 1991
<i>Juris Doctor</i> Harvard Law School Board of Student Advisors	1984
<i>B.A. Summa Cum Laude</i> Virginia Tech Political Science (Hons) Phi Beta Kappa	1980

HONORS

University of Oregon, Martin Luther King, Jr. Award	2005
University of Oregon, Charles Johnson Award	2004
Wayne Morse Center, Resident Scholar	2002 – 2003
Society of American Law Teachers, Human Rights Award	2001

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Tort Law & Practice (5th ed., LexisNexis 2016) (With Vetri, Levine, & Vogel) (with Teachers Manual).

Tort Law & Practice (4th ed., LexisNexis 2011) (With Vetri, Levine, & Vogel) (with Teachers Manual).

Law Reviews and Book Chapters

International Law, Colonialism, & The African, in THE PALGRAVE HANDBOOK OF AFRICAN COLONIAL AND POSTCOLONIAL HISTORY (Martin Shanguhya & Toyin Falola, eds., Palgrave Macmillan 2018).

Bandung 1955: The Deceit and Conceit of Post-Colonial Leadership, in BANDUNG, GLOBAL HISTORY AND INTERNATIONAL LAW: CRITICAL PASTS AND PENDING FUTURES (Fakhri et. al. eds., Cambridge University Press 2017).

Jon Jacobson and the Law of the Sea: An Imaginative and Disciplined Brilliance (JELL, Winter 2015).

Ballots and Bullets: The Right to Democratic Governance in International Law After The Egyptian Coup, 32 WISCONSIN INT'L L. J. 4 (2014).

The Incoherence and Functional Incompetence of International Law: Toward a New Paradigm of Human Relationship, 37 FORDHAM INT'L L. J. 1 (2013).

Dealing With The World As It Is: Reimagining Collective International Responsibility, 12 WASH. U. GLOB. STU. L. REV. 4 (2013).

A World Made of Violence and Misery: Human Rights As A Failed Project of Liberal Internationalism, 37 BROOK. J. INT'L. L. 2 (2012).

Chapter 19: "Abnormally Dangerous Activities." *Torts*, OREGON STATE BAR LEGAL PUBLICATIONS (2012).

In Memoriam-Keith Aoki, 45 UC DAVIS L. REV. 5 (2012).

Unbound by Law: Keith Aoki As Our Avatar (with Steven W. Bender), 90 OR. L. REV. 5 (2012).

Good Bananas, Bad Bananas: Hard Lessons From A Soft War, *Proceedings of the 104th Annual Meeting*, AMERICAN SOCIETY OF INTERNATIONAL LAW (ASIL) pp. 469-472 (2010).

Scholarship As Autobiography: An Appreciation of Dom Vetri's Quest for Harmony, 88 OR. L. REV. 1 (2009).

Africa and the Politics of Destruction: A Critical Re-examination of Neocolonialism and Its Consequences, 10 OR. REV. INT'L. L. 2 (2008).

International Law at a Grotian Moment: The Invasion of Iraq in Context, 18 EMORY INT'L. L. REV. 1 (2004).

Confronting Globalization: Lessons from the Banana Wars and the Seattle Protests, 81 OR. L. REV. 3 (2002).

Transnational Critical Race Scholarship: Transcending Ethnic and National Chauvinism in the Era of Globalization, MICH. J. OF RACE AND LAW, VOL. 5, NO. 1 (Fall 1999).

Forward: Citizenship and Its Discontents (with Keith Aoki and Robert Chang), 76 OR. L. REV. 207 (1997).

Safeguarding the Democratic Entitlement: A Proposal for UN Involvement in National Politics, 30 CORNELL INT'L. L. J. 287 (1997).

Reaffirming Faith in the Dignity of Each Human Being: The United Nations, NGO's and Apartheid, 19 FORDHAM INT'L. L. J. 1464 (1996).

World Order in the Post-Cold War Era: The Relevance and Role of the United Nations After Fifty Years, 20 BROOK. J. INT'L. L. 255 (1994).

C. Clyde Ferguson: A Short Reflection (In Memoriam: C. Clyde Ferguson, Jr.), 97 HARV. L. REV. 1271 (1984).

International Law Consulting Reports

Sierra Leone: Legal and Judicial Sector Assessment (The World Bank, Legal Vice Presidency, May 2004) (Co-author, Report on Access to Law and Justice in Sierra Leone).

Forty Years of Hostility is Enough – Consequences of the United States' Economic Embargo on Cuba (1999) (Report of the TransAfrica Forum Delegation).

Human Rights and Economic Development in Haiti (1998) (Report of TransAfrica Forum Fact-Finding Mission to Haiti).

Bananas Not Just A Trade Issue: Jeopardizing Democracy and U.S. National Interest in the Caribbean (1997) (Report of Eminent Persons Group Mission to Jamaica, Dominica, Antigua, and St. Lucia).

Selected Opinion Articles

Military's Ouster of Morsi Poorly Rationalized, THE REGISTER-GUARD, July 10, 2013.

Drones and the Perpetual Myth of Civilized War, THE REGISTER-GUARD, Feb. 17, 2013.

Happy Talk In A World of Misery, THE REGISTER-GUARD, Oct. 23, 2011.
Reprinted as, *It's A Miserable World After All*, THE OREGONIAN, Oct.23, 2011.

A Welcome Turn to Pragmatism in International Diplomacy, THE OREGONIAN, Mar. 26, 2011.

Human Rights Must Include Freedom From Economic Discrimination, THE REGISTER-GUARD, Sept. 26, 2005 (with L. Hope Lewis).

A Hunch Not Enough To Justify Police Action, THE REGISTER-GUARD, Dec. 2, 2004.

Invasion of Iraq Was Wrong On Principle, THE REGISTER-GUARD, July 11, 2004.

WTO Appellate Body Issues First Decision – Against the United States, OREGON STATE BAR NEWSLETTER, International Law section, Vol. X, No. II, July 1996.

With Calm, Dignity, Mandela's People Came, THE REGISTER-GUARD, May 5, 1994.

South Africans Look to Life After Election, THE OREGONIAN, April 13, 1994.

U.S. Wavering on Somalia Disturbing, THE REGISTER-GUARD, Oct. 19, 1993.

UNIVERSITY AND LAW SCHOOL SERVICE

Selected University Service

University African American Speaker Series
(Chair)

2018-

University Faculty Advisory Council	2017
Law School Dean Search Committee	2016-17
University Ombuds Advisory Group	2016-17
Provost Committee on Confidentiality of Medical and Psychological Records	2015
Search Committee, Assistant Vice President Sexual Assault Prevention	2015
University Senate Committee to Address Sexual Violence and Survivor Support	2014 – Present
Genocide and Mass Atrocities Steering Committee	2014 – Present
African Studies Program	1994 – Present
International Studies	1994 – Present
Hans Linde Law Fellowship Selection Committee, Wayne Morse Center	2012 – 2014
Ad Hoc Faculty Review Committee (to assist Vice Provost for Academic Affairs)	2011
Ad hoc Faculty Group (Selection of Vice Provost for International Affairs)	2010
Wayne Morse Center Advisory Board	2003 – 2006
International Coordinating Council (Co-Chair)	2003 – 2004
Provost Search Committee	2003
Search Committee Vice-Provost for Research	1999
University Affirmative Action Advisory Committee (Chair)	1992 – 1994

Selected Law School Service

Chaired and served on various committees including Academic Standing, Admissions, Curriculum, Appointments, LL.M. Review, LL.M. Admissions, Dean's Faculty Advisory, Dean Search, Lectures & Awards, & Personnel.

BAR ADMISSION AND PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Society of International Law
 American Bar Association
 Society of American Law Teachers (SALT)
 Oregon State Bar, International Law Section
 New York State Bar (1985)

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Human Rights, Political Praxis and Critique, THE OXFORD CONSORTIUM FOR HUMAN RIGHTS WORKSHOP SERIES, QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY, Oct. 26, 2016.

Human Rights and Governance in Africa: Lessons From the Ebola Epidemic, the Boko Haram Insurgency, and Refugee Deaths in the Mediterranean, University of Oregon African Studies Program, HUM 315, May 7, 2015

Haunted by the Spectacular and the Ordinary, University of Oregon, Diversity & Inclusion, Nov. 23, 2015

Ebola, Human Security, and the Responsibility to Protect, Michigan State University College of Law Symposium: “Live and Let Die: Can Political Indifference to Mass Atrocity Be Overcome by Laws on Humanitarian Intervention or the Doctrine of Responsibility to Protect?” March 27, 2015.

The Right to Education in the Promotion of International Human Rights, Education is not a Crime Symposium, University of Oregon, February 26, 2015.

Human Right: Where Have We Been, Where Should We Go Next? Two Perspectives, (Debate with Dr. Hugo Slim, Oxford University), University of Oregon, February 3, 2015.

Deadly Cooking, Silent Deaths: Facilitating Improved Health Care & Appropriate Technologies for Poor Women in Developing Countries, Remarks at Instove Demonstration, Eugene, October 26, 2014.

Reimagining Collective Responsibility Under International Law: From R2P to D2A, Seattle University School of Law Faculty Presentation, November 18, 2013.

Sources of International Law: Treaties, Custom, and Soft Law, Northeastern University Law School, Presentation to International Law Class, June 13, 2013.

Embracing The End of International Law, University of Denver School of Law Faculty Presentation, April 4, 2013.

Joseph Kony, George Clooney, and Charles Taylor: Social Media Campaigns, International Criminal Tribunals, and Outstanding Issues of Self-Determination in Africa, Seattle University, Global African Studies Department, Africa Day, June 1, 2012.

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Lectures, South Eugene High School, AP Government Class, 2011 & 2012.

Good Bananas, Bad Bananas: Hard Lessons From A Soft War, 104th Annual Meeting of the American Society of International Law, March 2010.

Foundations and Challenges of Human Rights Lawyering, SALT Annual Trina Grillo Conference, March 2010.

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights After Sixty Years: Rest In Peace? Whittier Law School, April 2009.

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights at 60: Celebrating Dreams & Accepting the Limits of Law and Politics, Ideas Matter Lecture Series, Philosophy Department, Oregon State University, January 2009.

The Unipolar Moment: The Rapid Rise and Fall of the Project to Create a Unipolar International Order, Oregon Review of International Law Symposium, March 2008.

Kwame Nkrumah's "Neocolonialism – the Last Stage of Imperialism": A Critical review, JILP Symposium, U.C. Davis Law School, March 2007.

International Financial Institutions and African Economic Development, (Moderator) Stanford Journal Of International Law Young Scholars Symposium, March 2004.

Good Governance in Operation: Observations of a World Bank Functionary in Sierra Leone, University of Oregon Law School Faculty Presentation, September 2003.

Human Rights Origins and Promise of the New African-American Reparations Movement, Wayne Morse Symposium, University of Oregon School of Law, January 2002.

Consent, Compliance and Enforcement of Human Rights Norms: The African Experience, AALS Workshop on Human Rights: Teaching & Scholarship, October 2000.

The International Enforcement of Human Rights in a Uni-Polar World, The American Society of International Law, Washington, D.C., March 1999.

The Role of the ICJ Regarding Apartheid and the Status of Namibia, The World Court and the Future of the International Rule of Law for Africa,

50th Jubilee Seminar for Africa Honoring the International Court of Justice, Cape Town, South Africa, Feb. 4-9, 1998.

A Critique of Liberal Theories of Race and Ethnicity: The South African Context, New Approaches to Comparative Law Conference, Salt Lake City, Utah, October 1996.

Public International Law: History and Political Engagement, New Approaches to International Law Conference, Madison, Wisconsin, June 1996.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Volunteer Consultant 2009

“The World on Trial,” (public television international affairs program)
Pilot episode on “the Muslim Veil in France,” sponsored by Penn State Public Broadcasting System and Pennsylvania State University, Dickinson School of Law.

The World Bank, Consultant March - July 2002

Worked with World Bank and United Kingdom Department for International Development staff to assess the impact of the decade-long civil war on Sierra Leone’s justice sector and to make recommendations on how to promote law reform and access to justice in the delivery of governmental services and to stimulate the private sector.

TransAfrica Forum, Havana Cultural Festival August 2000

Represented TransAfrica in discussions with Cuban representatives in Havana for a series of cultural events to be held in Havana that would bring together artists from Africa and the Americas. Goal was to promote improved US-Cuba relationship and expose human rights consequences of US economic sanctions on Cuba.

TransAfrica Forum, Human Rights Mission to Cuba January 1999

Member and Rapporteur of delegation that visited Cuba to assess the state of human rights, race relations, the impact of the U.S. embargo, and prospects for improved relations between Cuba and the United States. Met with President Fidel Castro and other top Cuban officials and travelled to various parts of the country. Wrote report for submission to governmental and non-governmental leaders.

TransAfrica Forum, Fact-Finding Mission to Haiti July 1998

Member and Rapporteur of delegation of prominent Americans that visited Haiti at the request of Haiti's government to assess developments in the country after almost four years of democratic governance. Met with President Aristide, Prime Minister Preval, other government officials, opposition and civil leaders, and travelled throughout the country. Wrote report that evaluated performance of the government and identified needs and priorities in the areas of human rights and economic development. Report also dealt with opportunities for international developmental assistance, trade promotion, and consequences of international aid and privatization programs.

Oregon State Bar, International Law Section Seminar February 1997

Organized and hosted a seminar: "A Practical Approach to International Law and Business in Japan and China," Eugene, Oregon.

Eminent Persons Group, Trade Mission to Jamaica, Dominica, & St. Lucia December 1996

Member and Rapporteur of fact-finding mission led by Congresswoman Maxine Waters to several Caribbean banana-producing countries to evaluate consequences for the region of American opposition to European trade preferences. Met with government officials, business and civil society leaders in each country. Wrote report documenting negative consequences of global trade rules and U.S. policies for the U.S. and the region. Report was designed to assist in the defense of European trade preferences granted to bananas originating from region.

Haiti's 1995 Presidential Election December 1995

Election Observer

Member of team of law professors that observed Haiti's first election marking a transition from one democratically elected leader to another. Worked with government officials and US embassy personnel to gain access to polling site around capital city.

South African Elections Monitoring Project January – May 1994

Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights Under Law
Washington, D.C.

Coordinator

Coordinated the recruitment, training, and deployment of U.S.-based non-governmental observers for South Africa's first all-race democratic election. Coordinated a pre-election fact-finding visit by a delegation of international lawyers to various parts of South Africa experiencing civil strife. Supervised the preparation of reports on the work of the South African Independent Electoral Commission and other South African government agencies involved in the election.

Legislative Director/Research Fellow

Washington, D.C.

Served in various capacities, including supervising staff responsible for developing and implementing TransAfrica's foreign policy priorities. Worked on U.S. policies toward Africa, the Caribbean, and Latin America. Edited foreign policy publications and wrote newspaper and magazine articles on foreign affairs. Accompanied TransAfrica Director Randall Robinson on fact-finding visit to Angola during its civil war, and to meetings with Nelson Mandela and leadership of the African National Congress shortly after Mandela's release from prison. Helped to coordinate the U.S. Free South Africa Movement and Nelson Mandela's first visit to the United States in 1990.

