

# Eric C. Alston

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## EDUCATION:

### The University of Chicago Law School

Juris Doctorate: Constitutional Law & Law and Economics

September 2011 – June 2014

### University of Maryland

Master of Arts: Economics

June 2006 – May 2008

College of Behavioral and Social Sciences

### University of Illinois

Dual Bachelor of Arts: Economics & Spanish

August 2000 – August 2004

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

## RESEARCH INTERESTS:

Law & economics, institutional and organizational analysis, digital governance, constitutional design, blockchain and digital currencies, economic institutional change, and 19th-century US legal and economic history

## ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS:

*Handbook on Institutions and Complexity* (co-edited with L. Alston & B. Mueller). Elgar: 2024 (forthcoming).

“Political and Economic Institutional Emergence” in Alston, E., L. Alston and B. Mueller, eds. *Handbook on Institutions and Complexity*. Elgar: 2024 (forthcoming).

“Digital Currency Industry Self-Regulation: Not All Consensus is Automatic.” *Virginia Journal of Law and Technology*. Vol. 27: 2023.

“The New Institutional Economics and Cliometrics” (w. L. Alston & B. Mueller) in Diebolt, C. and M. Hauptert, eds. *Handbook of Cliometrics*, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition. Springer: 2023.

“State Trust Lands and Natural Resource Use in the US Northwest” (w. S. Smith). *Journal of Historical Political Economy* 2(4): 2023.

“Governance as Conflict: Constitution of Shared Values Defining Future Margins of Disagreement.” *MIT Computational Law Report*. 2022.

“Blockchain and the Law: Legality, Law-like Characteristics, and Legal Applications,” in Caton, J, ed. *Economics of Blockchain and Cryptocurrencies*. Elgar: 2022.

“Development Derailed: Policy Uncertainty and Coordinated Investment” (w. S. Smith). *Journal of Law and Economics*. 2022.

“Blockchain Networks as Constitutional and Competitive Polycentric Orders” (w. W. Law, I. Murtazashvili, and M. Weiss). *Journal of Institutional Economics*. 2022.

“Can Permissionless Blockchains Avoid Governance and the Law?” (w. W. Law, I. Murtazashvili and M. Weiss). *Notre Dame Journal of Emerging Technologies*. 2: 2021.

“The Chronic Uncertainty of American Indian Property Rights” (with A. Crepelle, W. Law and I. Murtazashvili). *Journal of Institutional Economics*. 2021.

“Two Steps “Forward”, One Step “Back”?: Transformation and Correction in the Implementation of Ecuador’s 2008 Constitution,” in T. Ginsburg and A. Huq, eds. *From Parchment to Practice*. Cambridge: 2020.

“Constitutions and Blockchains: Competitive Governance of Fundamental Rule Sets.” *Case Western Journal of Law, Technology and the Internet*. 11(1): 2019.

“Presidential Term Limits and the International Community” (with C. Murray and M. Wiebusch), in A. Batur and R. Elgie, eds. *The Politics of Presidential Term Limits*. Oxford: 2019.

*Institutional and Organizational Analysis: Concepts and Applications* (with L. Alston, B. Mueller and T. Nonnenmacher). Cambridge: 2018.

“Muddying the Waters: 61 Years of Doctrinal Uncertainty in Montana Water Law” (with J. Stafford). *Brigham-Kanner Property Rights Journal* 7: 2018.

“Ecuador’s 2008 Constitution: The Political Economy of Securing an Aspirational Social Contract.” *Constitutional Studies* 3(1): 2018.

“Playing for Constitutional Time: Interim Constitutions & Transitional Provisions” (with T. Ginsburg), in F. Fagan and S. Levmore, eds. *The Timing of Lawmaking*. Elgar: 2017.

#### **WORKING PAPERS AND PROJECTS:**

- *Property, People, and Progress along Frontiers: How Land Policy Affects Selection and Outcomes* ([NSF Project](#) 09/2021)
- *Digital Currency Industry Self-Regulation and Human Flourishing* (TWCF Project 2022-30459)
- *Norms, Institutions and Digital Veils of Ignorance – Do Network Protocols Need Trust Anyway?* (under resubmission at *Regulation and Governance*)
- *Did Improving the Lot Improve the Lots of the People? Evaluating the Economic Mobility from the Homestead Act* (w S. Smith, B. Leonard, and E. Alston)
- *Leadership within Organizations* (w. L. Alston and B. Mueller) ([NBER Working Paper 28927](#))
- *Private Ordering as the Foundation for Frontier Law*
- *Measuring Constitutional Textual Entrenchment and Associated Long Run Outcomes* (w. M.P.R. Correia)
- *Police Unions Bargain For More Than Money* (w. T. Fegley, B. Jackson-Green and I. Murtazashvili)
- *Outer Space Banking: Toward an Orbital Financial Network?* (w. P. de Filippi and Z. Donohew)
- *Ghosted Towns: Commodities and Transportation in Economic Development* (w. B. Leonard)
- *Why Private Firms Aren’t Democratic (But Some Public Governments Are)*
- *Political Transaction Costs: Constitutions as Unique Barriers to Coaseian Bargaining*
- *Demand for Constitutional Decentralization*
- *Property on the Fringe: Urban Exploration, Graffiti, and Squatting*
- *Traits of Effective Leadership: Insights from Natural Language Processing of Biographies* (w. L. Alston, D. Cajueiro, and B. Mueller)
- *Collective Action Problems in Technology Adoption for Supply Chains: Ultimatum vs. Incremental Adoption* (w. M. Kwaramba & C. Kwaramba)
- *Can Privacy Rights Be Upheld in the Digital Age Absent Encryption? – Tailored ZK-Shielding as a Path Forward* (w. S. Cossar)
- *Litigating the Ledger: Civil Liability for DAO Controllers* (w. S. Cossar and M. Mannan)

#### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

##### **University of Colorado Boulder**

##### **AY 2023-2024**

- FNCE 4070 Financial Markets and Institutions (Spring)
- FNCE 4080 Blockchain & Digital Currencies (Spring)
- SRST 4827 Sustainable Space Governance (Spring)
- BCOR 1015 World of Business (Spring)

##### **AY 2022-2023**

- FNCE 4080 Blockchain & Cryptocurrencies: Speculation or Innovation? (Spring)
- MBAX 6962 Sound Money & Digital Currencies (Fall)

##### **AY 2021-2022**

- FNCE 4080 Blockchain & Cryptocurrencies: Speculation or Innovation? (Spring)
- SRST 4827 Sustainable Space Governance (Spring)
- BCOR 1015 World of Business (Fall & Spring)

- FNCE 4070 Financial Markets and Institutions (Fall & Spring)

#### AY 2020-2021

- SRST 4827 Sustainable Space Governance (Spring)
- BCOR 1015 World of Business (Spring)
- MBA Independent Study – Designing a Sustainable International Artisanal Business (Spring)
- FNCE 4080 Blockchain & Cryptocurrencies: Speculation or Innovation? (Fall)

#### AY 2019-2020

- FNCE 4070 Financial Markets and Institutions (Spring)
- BCOR 1015 World of Business (Spring)
- MBAC6002 Social, Moral and Economic Foundations of Business (Fall)
- Independent Study – The Economic Analysis of Private Organizations (Fall)

#### AY 2018-2019

- BCOR 1015 World of Business (Fall & Spring)
- Independent Study – Blockchain & Cryptocurrencies: Speculation or Innovation? (Spring)

#### AY 2017-2018

- BCOR 1015 World of Business (Fall & Spring)
- Finance 4828 – Social Institutions: Theory History and Methods (Spring)

#### AY 2016-2017

- BCOR105 World of Business (Spring)
- First Year Global Experience Peru (Spring)

#### Miscellaneous

- Guest lecturer in Digital Transformation of Law and Legal Tech. Panthéon-Assas Université. May 2023.
- Instructor in the University of Austin’s Polaris Leadership Fellowship Program, Nov. 2022 – June 2023
- Judge in the Daniels Ethics Fund March Madness Debate Challenge. March 2023.
- Lecturer in “[Introduction to Governance for Token Engineers](#).” Token Engineering Academy. 2022.
- Judge in the National College Fed Challenge at the Leeds School of Business. September 28, 2022.
- Guest lecturer in CESR 4005: Business Solutions for the Developing World on “Rule of Law and Economic Development” at CU Boulder Leeds School of Business, Sept. 2017 & 2016
- Closing Speaker at the Property and Environment Research Center’s Undergraduate and Graduate Colloquium: "Enhancing Environmental Quality through Property Rights and Markets" June 23, 2017.
- Visiting Scholar in the Law Faculty at Moscow’s Higher School of Economics – taught the grad-level course: “Political Economy of Institutions: Constitutions, Culture and Collective Action.” May 2015.
- Guest Lecturer in Mila Versteeg’s Comparative Constitutional Design Seminar at UVA Law on *Ecuador’s 2008 Constitution The Political Economy Underlying a New Social Contract*. Nov. 2014.
- T.A. in UMD-CP’s Econ History (311) and Macroecon (201) courses. August 2007 – May 2008.

#### MEDIA & PUBLIC EXPERTISE

- “[Classic Governance Dilemmas in the Context of DAOs](#).” RnDAO. January 11, 2024.
- “Killswitch Protocols” (w. S. Killian and G. David). Ethereum Foundation’s Summer of Protocols. 2024 (forthcoming).
- “[When Digital Carnival? – Distributed Control of the Metaverse Asset Layer to Enable Creative Digital Expression to Flourish](#)” in Dupont, Q., Dylan-Ennis, P. and Kavanagh, D., eds. *Cryptocarnival*. Off-Chain Collective: 2023.
- “[Design and Implementation of Constitutions and Digital Governance](#).” Kleros – Decentralized Courts Podcast. Jun. 3, 2023.
- “[Compliant Book-Keeping for DAOs through “Proof of Trusted Origin” - A Technical Guide](#).” BlockchainGov. May 9, 2023.
- “[What Constitutes a Constitution?](#)” (w. M. Zargham, K. Nabben and I. Ben-Meir). BlockScience. April 6, 2023.
- “[Maximum Freedom in Complex Social Organizations](#).” The Blockchain Socialist Podcast. April 2, 2023.
- Discussant for the Institute for Humane Studies’ “The Radical Firm: Emerging Technologies and Decentralizing Business” Discussion Series, Jan. – Apr. 2023.

- “Cryptocurrencies: The Good, the Bad, the Crazy.” CSGI, University of Colorado Colorado Springs. March 13, 2023.
- “DAO Constitutions and Amendability.” MetaGov House @ ETHDenver. March 3, 2023.
- “[Validator Commons](#).” RMIT’s Mint & Burn Podcast. Episode 48, recorded Dec. 13, 2022.
- “[Animating Purpose, Governance as Conflict & Institutional Incompleteness](#).” BlockScience. Nov. 7, 2022.
- “[Purpose as a Schelling Point: Principles and Operationalizable Components](#).” Metagovernance Seminar. Nov. 2, 2022.
- “[Challenges and Opportunities in Governance](#).” Smart Contract Research Forum Interviews. Nov. 2022.
- “Digital Currencies: The Good, the Bad and the Crazy.” Class VI Partners Investor Event. Sept. 9, 2022.
- “[Community, Process, and Decision Making](#).” Governance Learning Forum 2022. Aug. 18 and 19, 2022.
- “[Applying Lessons from Constitutional Public Finance to Token System Design](#).” BlockScience. July 28, 2022.
- “[On the Challenge and Promise of Understanding Historical Development Through Publicly-recorded Property Institutions](#).” Broadstreet. Dec. 17, 2021.
- “Report on Cryptocurrencies and Cryptocurrency Exchanges with Specific Examples of Kraken and Ripple.” Expert report prepared for civil/criminal cryptocurrencies case in Grand Junction. Aug. 2021.
- de Leon, Luis. “[Governor Polis floats the idea of Colorado becoming first state to accept cryptocurrency for taxes](#).” 9 News Denver. May 26, 2021.
- Rockett, Caitlin. “[The real disruption is coming](#).” Boulder Weekly. Mar. 11, 2021.
- “[Constitutions, Blockchains, & Governance](#).” RMIT’s Mint & Burn Podcast. Episode 7: Feb. 28, 2021.
- “[A roundtable on platform governance](#).” Galley. Apr. 14, 2020.
- “[On the connections between blockchain systems and public and private governance](#).” Galley. Apr. 2, 2020.
- “[How Blockchain will Re-shape Institutions and Information Sharing](#).” The Inc. Tank Podcast. Dec. 20, 2018.
- “Blockchain: The most impactful creation since the Internet Protocol?” Boulder Think Tank. May 5, 2018. (speaker)
- Speaker at “Deciphering Blockchain and ICOs ... Future or Fad?” CU Boulder Law School’s Silicon Flatirons Crash Course. Nov. 29, 2017.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**CU – Boulder** Scholar in Residence, Finance Division & Faculty Director, Hernando de Soto CMP  
August 2016 - Present

- Teach courses in fundamental economic and legal institutions to students at the Leeds Business School
- Pursue a research agenda surrounding constitutions, institutions, property law, and digital currencies
- Develop upper division electives in institutional analysis, property rights, and blockchain
- Liaise with other departments to create collaborative research and curriculum opportunities
- Develop and update an innovative curriculum in canonical economic thought for business students
- Present research at relevant conferences, seminars, and workshops at universities worldwide

### Comparative Constitutions Project

Research Associate

June 2011 – Present

- Identify research gaps in comparative constitutional law, and respond to project research requests
- Analyze draft constitutions given federalism, political structure, and devolution of power issues
- Provide rapid-response analysis of institutions in nascent countries
- Coded, indexed, and translated constitutions from Nicaragua to Venezuela to Honduras

### International IDEA

Yemeni Dialogue Contributor

September 2017 – November 2017

- Responded to rapid research requests surrounding comparative institutional design options
- Provided comparative analysis of interim legislative authorities, constitutional bodies, and secretariats

**Stand Together** (formerly CKI)

Senior Policy and Research Analyst

September 2014 – July 2016

- Developed policy positions in the criminal justice reform issue space, including overcriminalization, sentencing reform, collateral consequences, police militarization, and civil asset forfeiture
- Provided public commentary regarding criminal justice reform priorities on the state and federal levels
- Assisted in the development of a technology policy vision and policy priorities

**International IDEA**

Yemen Research Fellow

September 2014 – March 2015

- Provided critical feedback regarding nascent legal frameworks in such areas as rights and decentralization
- Coauthored a report on problems with the current draft to serve as input to the next drafting process
- Examined constitutional texts and legally binding framework documents for conformity

**United Nations Development Programme**

Research Associate

July 2013 – September 2013

- Provided comparative constitutional research over 20 years of Mongolian constitutional democracy
- Participated in constitutional amendment meetings in Vietnam regarding rights commitments

**International IDEA**

Human Rights Research Fellow

June 2013 – August 2013

- Drafted a chapter on decentralization of government power for Libya’s constituent assembly
- Prepared a detailed literature review on decentralization in constitutions and subsequent implementation
- Created a comprehensive dataset on the extent and form of decentralization in Muslim constitutions

**International Development Law Organization**

Constitution Reform Associate

June 2012 – September 2012

- Prepared a substantial report on the impact of the Kenyan Commission for the Implementation of the Constitution (CIC), including comparative analysis with similar commissions in other constitutions
- Met with members of the CIC, Civil Society, and thirty High Court Justices on a mission to Kenya
- Developed a comparative analysis of rights guarantees in the Somali Draft Constitution, the results of which were published in news sites including Washington Post, Huffington Post, Bloomberg, and others

**CONFERENCE, SEMINAR AND WORKSHOP EXPERIENCE:**

- Presenter at the Public Choice Society’s 2024 Conference on *Litigating the Ledger: Civil Liability for DAO Controllers*. March 23, 2024.
- Presenter at the University of Virginia Law School on *Digital Currency Industry Self-Regulation: Not All Consensus is Automatic*. February 9, 2024.
- Presenter at the University of Virginia Law School on *Measuring Long-run Constitutional Textual Entrenchment and Associated Outcomes*. February 8, 2024.
- Presenter at the University of Tokyo DAO Tokyo Conference on *Litigating the Ledger: Civil Liability for DAO Controllers*. February 7, 2024.
- Panelist at the University of Tokyo DAO Tokyo Conference on “The Emergence of DAOs.” February 6, 2024.
- Presenter at the Southern Economic Association 2023 Annual Conference on *Political and Economic Institutional Emergence*. November 21, 2023.
- Presenter at the Canadian Law and Economics Association Annual Conference on *Police Unions Bargain for More Than Money*, October 21, 2023.
- Presenter at the Ostrom Workshop Colloquium on *Norms, Institutions and Digital Veils of Uncertainty – Do Network Protocols Need Trust Anyway?*, September 18, 2023.
- Panelist at the 2023 Stanford DAO Workshop, August 31, 2023.
- Presenter at the Society for Institutional and Organizational Economics 2023 Annual Conference on *Political and Economic Institutional Emergence*. August 25, 2023.
- Presenter at the Association for Private Enterprise Education 2022 Annual Conference on *Outer Space Banking: Toward an Orbital Financial Network*. April 18, 2023.
- Presenter at the Association for Private Enterprise Education 2023 Annual Conference on *Blockchain*

*Philanthropy: DAO Non-profits in a Web3 Ecosystem.* April 17, 2023.

- Presenter at the Association for Private Enterprise Education 2023 Annual Conference on “Fiscal Institutions and Fiscal Policy.” April 16, 2023.
- Presenter at the American Society for Public Administration 2023 Annual Conference on *Blockchain Philanthropy: DAO Non-profits in a Web3 Ecosystem.* March 23, 2023.
- Prize Committee Member for the Ostrom Prize at the Public Choice Society’s 2023 Conference, March 18, 2023.
- Presenter at the Public Choice Society’s 2023 Conference on *Police Unions Bargain for More Than Money.* March 17, 2023.
- Presenter at the Plurality Institute’s Inaugural Conference at University of California Berkeley on “Good & Bad Conflict: Lessons From International Peacebuilding.” January 14, 2023.
- Presenter at RMIT’s What’s Governing Web3 Public Conference on “DAOs in Historical Organizational Perspective.” December 14, 2022.
- Presenter at the Designing Web3 Governance Workshop at RMIT’s What’s Governing Web3 Symposium on “Constituting Purpose: Mechanism Design, Principles, and Conflict.” December 13, 2022.
- Presenter at the Institutional Cryptoeconomics Workshop at RMIT’s What’s Governing Web3 Symposium on *Blockchain Networks as Constitutional and Competitive Polycentric Orders.* December 12, 2022.
- Presenter at Texas Tech University Department of Economics’ Research Seminar on *Measuring Constitutional Textual Entrenchment and Long Run Associated Outcomes.* December 2, 2022.
- Presenter at New York University’s Classical Liberal Institute Research Colloquium on *Measuring Constitutional Textual Entrenchment and Long Run Associated Outcomes.* October 31, 2022.
- Presenter at the Cato Institute’s Research Workshop on Human Progress on *Measuring Constitutional Textual Entrenchment and Long Run Associated Outcomes.* October 28, 2022.
- Presenter at the Canadian Law and Economics Association Annual Conference on *Digital Currency Industry Self-Regulation: Not All Consensus is Automatic.* October 22, 2022.
- Presenter at the Canadian Law and Economics Association Annual Conference on *Measuring Constitutional Textual Entrenchment and Long Run Associated Outcomes.* October 21, 2022.
- Presenter at the European Research Council’s BlockchainGov Polycentricity Reading Group on *Can Permissionless Blockchains Avoid Governance and the Law?.* October 20, 2022.
- Presenter at the Midwestern Law & Economics Association meetings at the University of Chicago on *State Trust Lands and Natural Resource Use in the US Northwest.* October 14, 2022.
- Presenter at the Institute for Humane Studies’ Papers Workshop on *Norms, Institutions and Digital Veils of Ignorance – Do Network Protocols Need Trust Anyway?.* August 13, 2022.
- Presenter at the Society for Institutional and Organizational Economics 2022 Annual Conference on *Measuring Constitutional Textual Entrenchment and Long Run Associated Outcomes,* June 24, 2022.
- Presenter at the Research Roundtable on Industry Self-Regulation hosted by the Law and Economics Center at George Mason University on *Digital Currency Industry Self-Regulation: Not All Consensus is Automatic,* June 6, 2022.
- Presenter at the Institutional and Organizational Economics Academy at IES Cargese on *Demand for Constitutional Decentralization,* May 22, 2022.
- Presenter at the Association for Private Enterprise Education 2022 Annual Conference on *Constitutional (In)stability: Institutional Certainty and Human Flourishing,* April 4, 2022.
- Presenter at the Public Choice Society’s 2022 Annual Conference on *Norms, Institutions and Digital Veils of Ignorance – Do Network Protocols Need Trust Anyway?.* March 12, 2022.
- Presenter at the Public Choice Society’s 2022 Annual Conference on *An Organizational Coase Theorem: Constitutional Constraints as Increasing in Exit Costs,* March 11, 2022.
- Presenter at the Southern Economic Association’s 2021 Annual Conference on *A Political Economy of Police Union Collective Bargaining due to the Employment Context of Policing,* November 22, 2021.
- Presenter at the Southern Economic Association’s 2021 Annual Conference on *Leadership Within Organizations,* November 22, 2021.

- Participant in the Australian Research Council & the Coalition on Automated Legal Applications’ “Legitimacy in Blockchain” Taskforce, July – December 2021.
- Presenter at the IHS Colloquium “Who is the ‘Self’ in Self-Determination?” on *An Organizational Coase Theorem: Constitutional Constraints as Increasing in Exit Costs*, August 10, 2021.
- Participant in the European Research Council’s Blockchain Governance Group, March – July 2021.
- Presenter at PERC’s Parks without Politics: Innovative Solutions for National Park Management Workshop on *US Annual National Parks Pass as a Barrier to Dynamic Pricing*, December 11, 2020.
- Presenter at the Southern Economic Association’s 2020 Annual Conference on *Piercing the Veil of Political Altruism, or Why Political Rules Are Weird*, November 22, 2020.
- Moderator and Co-designer of the “Networked Governance” virtual seminar series hosted by the Center for Governance and Markets at the University of Pittsburgh, Fall 2020.
- Presenter at the Southern Economic Association’s 2019 Annual Conference on *Ghosted Towns: Commodities and Transportation in Economic Development*, November 23, 2019.
- Presenter at King’s College London’s CSGS’s Symposium on Self-Governance on *Constitutions and Blockchains: Competitive Governance of Fundamental Rule Sets*. October 25, 2019.
- Presenter at the Canadian Law and Economics Association Annual Conference on *Constitutions and Blockchains: Competitive Governance of Fundamental Rule Sets*. September 21, 2019.
- Presenter at the Economic History Association’s 2019 Annual Meeting on *Ghosted Towns: Commodities and Transportation in Economic Development*. September 15, 2019.
- Presenter at the Society for Institutional and Organizational Economics 2019 Annual Conference on *Demand for Constitutional Decentralization*, June 29, 2019.
- Panelist at the Foundation for Economic Education’s Annual Conference on “How Crypto \_\_\_\_\_ Will Bring About a Better Society“, June 15, 2019.
- Participant at Indiana University’s Ostrom Workshop’s Political Institutions and Economy Policy Workshop, April 27, 2019.
- Presenter at the Association for Private Enterprise Education 2019 Annual Conference on *Ghosted Towns: Commodities and Transportation in Economic Development*. April 7, 2019.
- Presenter at the Institute for Humane Studies and Center for Growth and Opportunity’s Frontiers in Permissionless Innovation seminar on *Constitutions and Blockchains: Competitive Governance of Fundamental Rule Sets*, April 4, 2019.
- Presenter at the Southern Economic Association’s 2018 Annual Conference on *Development Derailed: Railroad Land Grants and Irrigation in the Western United States*, November 20, 2018.
- Participant at the Global Antitrust Institute’s Feeling the Heat: Antitrust in the Era of Platforms and Big Tech, November 17, 2018.
- Presenter at University of Michigan’s Empirical Legal Studies Conference on *Development Derailed: Railroad Land Grants and Irrigation in the Western United States*, November 9, 2018.
- Presenter at North Dakota State University’s conference on Blockchain on *Constitutional Amendment Rules and Blockchain: A Study in Competitive Private Governance*, October 27, 2018.
- Presenter at the “Shifting Environmental Demands: Old West v. New West” workshop at Arizona State University on *Recognition of Custom and Incentives to Formalize: Frontier Mineral Property Rights in the Supreme Court of Colorado*, October 18-20, 2018.
- Participant at the Renewing Indigenous Economies Tribal Leadership Forum at the Hoover Institution at Stanford, September 23-25, 2018.
- Presenter at the Canadian Law and Economics Association Annual Conference on *Recognition of Custom and Incentives to Formalize: Frontier Mineral Property Rights in the Supreme Court of Colorado*, September 22, 2018
- Presenter at the Society for Institutional and Organizational Economics 2018 Annual Conference on *Custom and the Formalization of Mineral Property Rights: Evidence from the Supreme Court of Colorado*, June 22, 2018.
- Participant at the International Center for Law and Economics and the Institute for Humane Studies’ Policy Research Seminar – The Anti-Economics Trend in Regulation: Lessons for Economists and Legal Scholars, June 19, 2018.

- Participant at Indiana University's Ostrom Workshop's Political Institutions and Economy Policy Workshop, April 12, 2018.
- Presenter at the Association for Private Enterprise Education 2018 Annual Conference on *Political Transaction Costs: Constitutions as Unique Barriers to Coaseian Bargaining*, April 3, 2018.
- Presenter at the Public Choice Society's 2018 Annual Conference on *Political Transaction Costs: Constitutions as Unique Barriers to Coaseian Bargaining*, March 3, 2018.
- Presenter at Emory University's Joint Conferences on Causal Inference, Institutions and Lawmaking on *Railroads, Popular Sentiment and Legal Uncertainty: Comparative Development of Irrigation in Colorado and Montana*, February 24, 2018.
- Presenter at William & Mary Law School's Brigham-Kanner Property Rights Conference on *Muddying the Waters: 61 Years of Doctrinal Uncertainty in Montana Water Law*, October 13, 2017.
- Presenter at Texas Tech University's Governing Natural Resources in the American West research workshop on *Custom and the Formalization of Mineral Property Rights: Evidence from the Supreme Court of Colorado*, August 24 & 25, 2017.
- Presenter at the Property and Environment Research Center's Lone Mountain Fellowship Workshop on *Railroads, Popular Sentiment and Legal Uncertainty: Comparative Development of Irrigation in Colorado and Montana*, August 8, 2017.
- Presenter at the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management International Conference on *Demand for Constitutional Decentralization*, July 13, 2017.
- Participant at the Central European University and International IDEA's Constitution-building in Africa Workshop, July 3 – 12, 2017.
- Participant at the Center for the American West's NSF-funded Sub-surface Mineral Rights Workshop, May 21-23, 2017.
- Participant at Indiana University's Ostrom Workshop's Political Institutions and Economy Policy Workshop, May 12, 2017.
- Presenter at the Association for Private Enterprise Education's 2017 Annual Conference on *Demand for Constitutional Decentralization*, April 12, 2017.
- Presenter at the Public Choice Society's 2017 Annual Conference on *Ecuador's 2008 Constitution: The Political Economy of Securing an Aspirational Social Contract*, March 4, 2017.
- Presenter at the Colorado School of Mines Department of Economics on *Ecuador's 2008 Constitution: The Political Economy of Securing an Aspirational Social Contract*, December 2, 2016.
- Delegate regarding "Blockchain Property Titling" at the Future Cities Forum with Voice & Exit 2016 in Austin, Texas, November 11-13, 2016.
- Workshop instructor for "Constitutional Reform: IVLP Program from Sri Lanka" at the Robert H. Smith Center for the Constitution at Madison's Montpelier. September 26, 2016.
- Participant in the George Mason University School of Law's Law & Economics Colloquium. September 2015 – May 2016.
- Presenter at Madison's Montpelier Center for the Constitution & UVA Law's Comparative Constitutional Law Roundtable on *Playing for Constitutional Time: Interim Constitutions & Transitional Provisions*. October 2015.
- Presenter at the Midwestern Law & Economics Association meetings at Kansas University School of Law on *Demand for Constitutional Decentralization*. October 2015.
- Presenter in the Political Economy workshop in the Economics Faculty at Moscow's Higher School of Economics on "Demand for Constitutional Decentralization." May 2015.
- Presenter in the George Mason University School of Law's Workshop in Law and Liberty on *Ecuador's 2008 Constitution: The Political Economy Underlying a New Social Contract*. March 2015.

## **SERVICE ACTIVITIES:**

### **Referee for Peer-reviewed Publications**

- Cosmos & Taxis
- Economic Papers
- IEEE Transactions in Engineering Management
- International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health

- International Journal of the Commons
- Journal of Institutional Economics
- Journal of Legal Studies
- Land Economics
- Public Choice
- Regulation and Governance
- Review of Law & Economics
- Sustainability

#### **Special Issue Editor**

- Chinese Public Administration Review
- Public Choice

#### **Exoneration Project Clinic, The University of Chicago Law School**

Student

- Examined witnesses in federal court in a habeas corpus case, and jointly prepared closing arguments
- Presented oral arguments in a petition for leave to file a successive post conviction motion in the IL state courts, after having worked on the case from investigation through the filing of the motion itself
- Worked on several other cases in different stages of the post-conviction relief process in Illinois

#### **Constitution Making Experiences of Vietnam and the USA Workshop**

Participant

- Provided comments and questions regarding Vietnamese constitutional amendments
- Drafted example amendments to propose to the Institute for Legislative Studies during the workshop

#### **Law & Technology Society, The University of Chicago Law School**

Co-Founder & Co-Executive Director

- Developed and successfully pitched the concept for the society along with other co-executive directors
- Coordinated board elections, and planned and executed numerous events

#### **Law & Economics Society, The University of Chicago Law School**

President ('12-'13) & Treasurer ('13-'14)

- Expanded the membership base numerous times over, and raised the society's profile accordingly
- Formalized the Coase-Sandor Institute as a source of additional funding for society activities

#### **AWARDS & HONORS:**

- Summer of Protocols 2023 Affiliate Researcher
- National Science Foundation Economics Project co-Principal Investigator, 2022 – 2025
- Templeton World Charity Foundation Project Leader, 2022-2024
- Daniels Fund Ethics Initiative Fellow AY22-23
- Ethereum Foundation Academic Awardee 2022
- Melvin Roberts Teaching Awardee AY21-22
- CCSR Research Fellow 2022
- Frasca Teaching Excellence Award Nominee 2017, 2018, 2022
- Hayek Fund Scholar 2018, 2020
- Implementation of Multicultural Perspectives in Research and Teaching Fellow AY17-18, AY18-19
- PERC Lone Mountain Fellow 2017

#### **ADDITIONAL SKILLS:**

- Capable statistical analyst (proficient in Stata)
- Fluent in Spanish and proficient in Catalan