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**LIBRARY EXPERIENCE:**

**Head of Faculty Services & Teaching Assistant Professor**

**University of Colorado-Boulder School of Law** 2022-present

- oversees library research support for faculty scholarship
- directs and supervises faculty scholarship additions to bepress (institutional repository)
- created and supervises Library R.A. pool
- tracks and promotes faculty work in “Notable Mentions” newsletter to law school
- oversees training for all law school R.A.s
- staffs reference desk
- participates in library collection development
- provides legal research and reference assistance to faculty, staff, students and attorneys
- teaches legal research instruction sessions in classes and externships
- creates and updates LibGuides
- oversees and manages SSRN’s Colorado Law Research Paper Series
- creates library displays to highlight faculty scholarship
- oversees aspects of course reserves

**Faculty Services Librarian & Assistant Professor in the University Libraries,**

**University of Denver Sturm College of Law** 2019-2022

- directed and supervised library research for faculty scholarship
- directed and supervised faculty scholarship additions to bepress (institutional repository)
- created and supervised Library R.A. pool
- created and oversaw faculty newsletter
- created and oversaw training program for all law school R.A.s
- staffed reference desk
- participated in library collection development
- provided legal research and reference assistance to faculty, staff, students and attorneys
- taught legal research instruction sessions in classes and externships
- created and updated LibGuides

**Faculty Services Librarian, Fordham University School of Law**, 2018-2019

- staffed reference desk 8-10 hours a week
- provided legal research assistance to faculty, staff and students
- taught legal research instruction sessions in classes and externships
- directed library support for faculty scholarship
- managed Library R.A. pool
- administered and managed program in Law Practice Technology
- participated in library collection development
- taught advanced legal research classes to law students
- oversaw R.A. training program

**Law Library Fellow, University of Arizona Law Library**, 2017- 2018

- staffed circulation and reference desks
- provided legal research assistance to faculty, staff, students, attorneys, and public
- cataloged Russian language legal materials
- processed and cataloged special collections and archival materials
- created library exhibit with archival materials

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**EDUCATION:**

<b>University of Arizona</b> , Tucson, AZ	MLIS August 2018
<b>University of Colorado-Boulder</b> , Boulder, CO	Ph.D., History August 2017
<b>Washington University School of Law</b> , St. Louis, MO	J.D., <i>cum laude</i> May 2011
<b>Cornell College</b> , Mt. Vernon, IA	B.A. Politics, <i>magna cum laude</i> May 2008

**COURSES TAUGHT AT COLORADO:**

- Foundations of Legal Research
- Scholarly Legal Research (formerly titled Academic Legal Research)
- Guest Lecturer, Legal Writing & Clinics

**COURSES TAUGHT AT PREVIOUS INSTITUTIONS:**

- Advanced Legal Research (co-taught)
- Basic Legal Research for LLMs
- Basic Legal Research Certificate
- Specialized Legal Research Certificate

**SCHOLARLY & TRADE PUBLICATIONS:**

*Soviet Lawyers and Concepts of Aggression in International Law* in SOCIALISM AND INTERNATIONAL LAW: THE COLD WAR AND ITS LEGACIES (Raluca Grossman & Ned Richardson-Little, eds., Oxford University Press 2024, invited chapter).

*Citation and Hierarchies in Legal Scholarship: The Illusion of Meritocracy* in THE ROLE OF CITATION IN THE LAW: A YALE LAW SCHOOL SYMPOSIUM (Michael Chiorazzi ed. 2022) 359.

*Cheetah is Now VitalLaw*, 51 COLORADO LAWYER 14 (May 2022).

*An Introduction to Faculty Services* (co-authored book chapter) in AN INTRODUCTION TO LAW LIBRARIANSHIP, Cas Laskowski & Zanada Joyner eds. (2021), book awarded 2022 AALL Joseph L. Andrews Legal Literature Award.

“*Genocide is Fascism in Action*”: Aron Trainin and Soviet Portrayals of Genocide, 22 JOURNAL OF GENOCIDE RESEARCH 1(2020) (peer-reviewed, solicited contribution, lead article).

Doctoral Dissertation: The Extermination of Peaceful Soviet Citizens: Aron Trainin and International Law (University of Colorado, 2017).

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#### **OTHER SELECT LEGAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:**

**Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies J.B. and Maurice C. Shapiro Research Fellow at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum:** research fellowship at the Holocaust Museum to research the Soviet role in the development of modern international criminal law (Fall 2015)

**International Criminal Court Legal Tools Project Research Assistant:** Analyzed implementation of international criminal laws in domestic legal systems in various countries (2010-2011)

**Cash Nickerson Fellow at Whitney Harris World Law Institute:** Researched numerous international law programs and reviewed drafts of international treaty prohibiting and defining crimes against humanity (2010-2011)

**Alaska Public Defender Agency Intern:** Researched and drafted legal memoranda; represented clients in hearings in Dillingham, Alaska (Summer 2010)

**Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia Legal Assistant** (United Nations- backed Khmer Rouge Tribunal): Researched and drafted investigative requests into forced marriage and attacks against culture as crimes against humanity; summarized witness statements; researched concept of autogenocide in Phnom Penh, Cambodia (Summer 2009)

#### **WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS:**

- Conference panelist, "History at the High Court," at American Association of Law Libraries' Annual Conference, July 19-22, 2025
- Conference presenter on "Citation and Hierarchies in Legal Scholarship" at Yale Law School's (online) *Symposium on Citation and the Law*, April 22-23, 2021
- Conference presenter on "Citation and Hierarchies in Legal Scholarship," University of Colorado-Boulder's (online) Little Boulder Conference, Jan. 20-23, 2021
- Conference presenter on "The Genocide Convention in the American Press" at Paris VII- Paris Diderot University's *War Memories*, June 14-16, 2016
- Conference presenter on "Peaceful Soviet Citizens" and Russia Today" at Columbia University's *The Politics of Memory: Victimization, Violence and Contested Narratives of the Past*, Dec. 3-5, 2015
- Conference presenter on "The Extermination of Peaceful Soviet Citizens: Aron Trainin and the Holocaust in the Soviet Union," at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Nov. 18, 2015
- Participant in 10-day thesis development workshop at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum on *The Holocaust in the Soviet Union*, June 22-July 1, 2015

#### **ACTIVITIES & SERVICE:**

- *Legal Research Corner* editor for the COLORADO LAWYER, 2021-present
- LISP-SIS member, 50-state toolkit manager for southwestern states, 2019-present
- LISP-SIS Secretary/Treasurer, 2024-present
- WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY JOURNAL OF LAW & POLICY associate editor, 2009-2011
- Colorado Law Admissions Committee, 2023-present
- Colorado Law Loan Repayment Assistance Program Committee, 2023-2024; 2025-present
- Wise Law Library Collections Development committee member, 2022-present
- Wise Law Library Faculty & Teaching Outreach committee member, 2023-present (committee chair, 2025-present)