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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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### ROGER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY, Bristol, RI

*Associate Professor of Law, July 2018 – Present*

- Taught courses in Property, Wills & Trusts, Law & Economics, and Statistics for Lawyers.
- Served on Legal Practice, Bar Success, and Curriculum committees.
- Selected for the University's Faculty Diversity & Inclusion Fellowship for the 2019-2020 year.

### AMERICAN BAR FOUNDATION, Chicago, IL

*Affiliated Scholar, July 2018 – Present*

- Researched and consulted on the *After the JD* and the *After Tenure* research projects.

*American Bar Foundation/ AccessLex Institute Doctoral Research Fellow, August 2017 – June 2018*

- Completed doctoral dissertation on the economics of legal education.

### UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE, Louisville, KY

*Lecturer, May 2017 – August 2018*

- Taught three graduate courses on Organizational Administration and created departmental curricula.

## EDUCATION

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### VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY, Nashville, TN

*Ph.D. in Policy Studies, June 2018*

- Provost Graduate Fellow and Experimental Education Research Training (ExpERT) Fellow
- Specialties in the economics, politics, and law of higher education, and quantitative research methods
- Dissertation: *Chasing Paper: The Economics of Attending Law School in the 21st Century*

### UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY, Lexington, KY

*J.D., May 2013*

- Provost Scholar and U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky Judicial Fellow
- *Kentucky Law Journal*, Notes Editor
- Latino Law Student Association, President

### UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME, Notre Dame, IN

*M.Ed., May 2010*

- Thesis Award for *Roles We Play: Psychosocial Development Stages in Romeo & Juliet*

### DARTMOUTH COLLEGE, Hanover, NH

*A.B. in English and Spanish Literature, June 2008*

- College Citation Award and Dean's List Recipient
- Tucker Foundation and Rockefeller Center for Public Policy Grant Recipient

## PUBLICATIONS

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### LAW REVIEW AND PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

- *Analyzing Law School Choice*, 2020 U. ILL. L. REV. \_\_\_\_ (forthcoming 2020) (discussed in INSIDE HIGHER ED and JOTWELL).
- *Funding University Research or Patent Litigation?*, 51 U. PAC. L. REV. \_\_\_\_ (forthcoming 2019) (with B.L. Frye).
- *Notetaking Modes and Academic Performance in Two Law School Courses*, 68 J. LEGAL EDUC. \_\_\_\_ (forthcoming 2019) (with C.P. Murphy & Y. Warnapala).
- *The 2019 Revealed-Preferences Ranking of Law Schools*, 7 BELMONT L. REV. \_\_\_\_ (forthcoming 2019) (with B.L. Frye) (discussed in ABOVE THE LAW).
- *A Value-Added Ranking of Law Schools*, 29 U. FLA. J. L. & PUB. POL'Y \_\_\_\_ (forthcoming 2019).
- *An Econometric Analysis of North Carolina's Legislative Right to Counsel*, 47 J. L. & EDUC. 489-510 (2018) (with A.R. Nelson) (Peer Reviewed).
- *An Empirical Analysis of University Patent Activity*, 7 N.Y.U. J. INTELL. PROP. & ENT. L. 51-84 (2018) (with B.L. Frye).
- *A Revealed-Preferences Ranking of Law Schools*, 70 ALA. L. REV. 495-531 (2017) (with B.L. Frye) (discussed in the WASHINGTON POST and ABOVE THE LAW).
- *The Dissertation Dilemma and the Challenge of American Graduate Education*, 26 GOOD SOCIETY 313-331 (2017) (with C.P. Loss) (Peer Reviewed).
- *Fixing Forum Selling*, 25 U. MIAMI BUS. L. REV. 1-27 (2017) (with B.L. Frye).
- *Labor Market Returns for Graduates of Hispanic-Serving Institutions*, 59 RESEARCH IN HIGHER EDUC. 29-53 (2017) (with T.J. Park & S.M. Flores) (discussed in POLITICO) (Peer Reviewed).
- *An Empirical Study of Law Journal Copyright Practices*, 16 J. MARSHALL REV. INTELL. PROP. L. 207-245 (2016) (with B.L. Frye & F.L. Runge).
- *Trusting U.: Examining University Endowment Management*, 42 J. C. & U. L. 159-212 (2016) (Peer Reviewed).
- *Something Corporate: The Case for the Treatment of Proprietary Education Institutions as Corporations*, 40 J. C. & U. L. 247-284 (2014) (Peer Reviewed).
- *Old School: A Recommendation for the Treatment of the Disposition of Property Exempt from Local Zoning Ordinances in Kentucky*, 6 KY. J. EQUINE AGRI. & NAT. RES. L. 221-251 (2014).
- *Not-So-Open Access to Legal Scholarship: Balancing Stakeholder Interests with Copyright Principles*, 20 RICH. J. L. & TECH. 1-34 (2013).

### BOOK CHAPTERS

- *Technology Transfer and the Public Good*, in RESEARCH HANDBOOK ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER, ed. J.H. Rooksby (forthcoming 2019) (with B.L. Frye).
- *The College and Its Trustees and Officers*, in THE LAW OF HIGHER EDUCATION, 6<sup>TH</sup> ED., ed. W.A. Kaplin, B.A. Lee, N.H. Hutchens, & J.H. Rooksby (2019) (with J.H. Rooksby).
- *Corporate Philanthropy*, in BUSINESS & CORPORATE ENGAGEMENT WITH HIGHER EDUCATION: MODELS, THEORIES, AND BEST PRACTICES, ed. M. Clevenger & C.J. MacGregor (2019) (with M. Clevenger & C.J. MacGregor).
- *How Higher Education Thinks and Behaves*, in BUSINESS & CORPORATE ENGAGEMENT WITH HIGHER EDUCATION: MODELS, THEORIES, AND BEST PRACTICES, ed. M. Clevenger & C.J. MacGregor (2019) (with M. Clevenger & C.J. MacGregor).
- *Historical Evolution of Higher Education in the United States*, in OXFORD BIBLIOGRAPHIES IN EDUCATION, ed. L. Meyer (2016) (with C.P. Loss & S. Hinz).

## BOOK REVIEWS

- *Review of The Branding of the American Mind: How Universities Capture, Manage, and Monetize Intellectual Property and Why It Matters*, 43 J. C. & U. L. 231-234 (2018).

## IN PROGRESS AND OTHER WRITING

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### WORKING PAPERS

- *Examining the Impact of Divestment on University Endowments* (with C.R. Marsicano).
- *Predictors of Mobility in the Legal Academy* (with M. Dawe).
- *Analyzing Long-term Wage Returns to Law School Graduates*.

### OTHER PROJECTS IN PROGRESS (AS OF AUGUST 2019)

- Beginning data collection on probate cases in Rhode Island to determine predictors of appeal.
- Analyzing data on law students' career motivations as a function of their expected debt loads.
- Submitted a proposal to study a national dataset of patent litigants in the technology transfer sector.
- In final consideration for a \$125,000 grant from the AccessLex Institute to examine which law schools consistently beat their predicted bar passage rates and to investigate how they do so.

### SCHOLARLY BLOGGING

- Contributing Editor, HIGHER EDUCATION LAW, [www.highereducationlaw.org](http://www.highereducationlaw.org) (2015-Present).
- Guest, THE LSSSE BLOG, <http://lssse.indiana.edu/category/blog/> (June 2019).

## PRESENTATIONS

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### INVITED LECTURES

- *Understanding the Different Ways in Which Prospective Law Students Navigate the Decision of Whether and Where to Go to Law School* (with J.M. Organ).
  - Northeast Association of Pre-Law Advisors Conference, Boston, MA – June 19, 2019.
- *Funding University Research or Patent Litigation?* (with B. Frye).
  - Intellectual Property, Trade, and Ethics Conference, Sacramento, CA – April 5, 2019.
- *Ranking Law Schools* (with P.L. Caron, R.J. Morse, and J.C. Shepherd).
  - AccessLex Legal Education Research Symposium, Scottsdale, AZ – Nov. 11, 2018.
- *The Perennial Challenge of Cost, Affordability, and Access in Legal Education* (with B. Currier, S. Daniels, R. Van Cleave, & J.W. Wegner).
  - American Bar Association Mid-Year Conference, Vancouver, BC – Feb. 2, 2018.
- *Analyzing the Effect of Financial Aid on Law School Matriculation*.
  - AccessLex Legal Education Research Symposium, Clearwater Beach, FL – Nov. 8, 2017.
- *An Empirical Study of University Patent Activity* (with B.L. Frye).
  - Searle Center Research Roundtable on Patent & Technology, Chicago, IL – May 5, 2017.
- *Crunching the Numbers: A Value-Added Approach to Law School Rankings*.
  - University of Kentucky College of Law Brown Bag, Lexington, KY – Feb. 26, 2016.

### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- *An Empirical Look: How Well Are We Preparing Law Students to Become Ethical Leaders who Serve Others?*
  - American Association of Law Schools, Washington, DC – January 2, 2020.
- *Analyzing Law School Choice*.

- Law & Society Association, Washington, DC – June 1, 2019.
- *Analyzing the Effect of Financial Aid on Law School Matriculation.*
  - Association for Education Finance and Policy, Washington, DC – March 15, 2018.
  - Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Chicago, IL – Nov. 2, 2017.
- *BYOA: An Econometric Analysis of North Carolina's Right-to-Counsel Law* (with A.R. Nelson).
  - Education Law Association, San Diego, CA – Nov. 10, 2017.
  - Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Chicago, IL – Nov. 2, 2017.
- *Predicting Federal Judicial Decision Making in College Admissions Cases.*
  - Association for Studies in Higher Education, Columbus, OH – Nov. 12, 2016.
  - Education Law Association, Orlando, FL – November 4, 2016.
- *Labor Market Returns for Hispanic Serving Institution Graduates* (with T.J. Park & S.M. Flores).
  - American Educational Research Association, Washington, DC – April 8, 2016.
- *An Empirical Study of Law Journals' Copyright Practices* (with B.L. Frye & F.L. Runge).
  - Conference on Empirical Research on Copyright Issues, Chicago, IL – Nov. 20, 2015.
- *A Comparative Law & Economic Analysis of Faculty Compensation in the U.S. and Mexico.*
  - Comparative & International Education Society, Washington, DC – March 12, 2015.
- *Whom Do U. Trust?: An Examination of College Endowment Management During the Recession.*
  - National Education Finance Conference, Indianapolis, IN – May 2, 2013.
- *The Case for Fiduciary Duties in Proprietary Postsecondary Education.*
  - Education Law Association, Hilton Head, SC – Nov. 8, 2012.

## UNIVERSITY AND GOVERNMENT SERVICE

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### LATINO POLICY INSTITUTE AT ROGER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY

*Latino Policy Institute Board Member, January 2019 – Present*

- Reviewed research proposals and recommended policy initiatives for this statewide institute.

### KENTUCKY COUNCIL ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

*Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education Council Member, July 2012 – June 2013*

- Appointed by Governor Beshear to serve on Kentucky's higher education regulatory board.
- Implemented the lowest statewide, public university tuition increase in decades.

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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### BAR ADMISSION

- Commonwealth of Kentucky Bar Association (active).

### AFFILIATIONS

- American Bar Association; American Association of Law Schools; Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management; Law & Society Association; and Society for Empirical Legal Studies.

## PERSONAL INTERESTS

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### INTERESTS

- Art; college sports; half marathons; hot yoga; live music; maps; midcentury design; skiing; and travel.