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Current position

Professor of Law, University at Buffalo School of Law

Teaching

Contracts, Labor Law, Employment Discrimination Law, Employment Law, Law & Society, Tax Policy

Appointments held

2018	<i>Harry W. Arthurs Fellow</i> , Osgoode Hall Law School, York University
2011-2017	<i>Associate Professor of Law</i> , University at Buffalo School of Law
2016	<i>Visiting Scholar</i> , Duke University, Department of Political Science
2009-2011	<i>Law Research Fellow</i> , Georgetown University Law Center
2001-2002	<i>Law Fellow</i> , Service Employees International Union

Education

2009	PhD in Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
2006	MS in Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
2001	JD, <i>cum laude</i> , Cornell Law School
1997	BA, <i>cum laude</i> , in English, Brigham Young University

Grants, honors & awards

2018	Harry W. Arthurs Fellowship
2002-2003	University Fellowship
2003	NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Competition, Honorable Mention
2001	Arthur S. Chatman Prize in Labor Law, 2001
2000	Peggy Browning Fellow
1996-1997	University Scholarship, 1996-1997

Publications

BOOK

- 2024 THE LAW & ECONOMICS OF INCOME INEQUALITY: A CRITICAL APPROACH, Cambridge University Press (forthcoming)

EDITED VOLUME

- 2024 CRITICAL ENCOUNTERS WITH HABERMAS' LEGAL THEORY, Brill (with John Abromeit and Paul Linden-Retek, forthcoming)

JOURNAL ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

- 2024 *The Minimum Wage and Wage Protection*, in THE OXFORD HANDBOOK OF THE LAW OF WORK (Guy Davidov, Gillian Lester, and Brian Langille eds., forthcoming)
- 2024 *Inframarginalism and the Distributive Corollary of the Coase Theorem*, in TOWARD AN INFRAMARGINAL REVOLUTION: MARKETS AS WEALTH DISTRIBUTORS (Ramsi Woodcock ed., forthcoming)
- 2024 *Marx and Domination: Issues for Labour Law*, in NEW FOUNDATIONS FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT LAW (Kevin Banks and Richard Chaykowski eds., forthcoming)
- 2023 "Race and Reification," *Historical Materialism* 31(3):69–105 (2023)
- 2023 *Conflict of Laws? Tensions between Antitrust and Labor Law*, 90 U. CHI. L. REV. 379–436 (2023)
- 2021 *Evgeny Pashukanis' Commodity-Form Theory of Law*, in RESEARCH HANDBOOK ON LAW AND MARXISM 115–38 (Paul O'Connell & Umut Özsü eds., 2021)
- 2019 "Counterfeit Liberty," *Catalyst* 3(1):47–88 (Spring 2019)
- 2019 "The Law and Economics of Redistribution," *Annual Review of Law & Social Science* 15:559–582 (2019)
- 2018 "Models of Other-Regarding Preferences, Inequality and Redistribution" (with David Rueda and Daniel Stegmueller), *Annual Review of Political Science* 21:441–460 (2018)
- 2017 *Better than Basic Income? Liberty, Equality, and the Regulation of Working Time*, 50 INDIANA L. REV. 473 (2017)
- 2016 "The Altruistic Rich? Inequality and Other-Regarding Preferences for Redistribution" (with David Rueda and Daniel Stegmueller), *Quarterly Journal of Political Science* 11(4):385–439 (2016)
- 2016 *Should the Law Do Anything About Economic Inequality?*, 26 CORNELL J. L. & PUB. POL'Y 1–69 (2016)
- 2016 "Wage-Setting Institutions and Corporate Governance" (with Neel Rao), *Journal of Comparative Economics* 44(4):854–883 (2016)
- 2015 "Lords and Order: Credible Rulers and State Failure," *Rationality & Society* 27(2):161–194 (2015)
- 2014 *Productive Unionism*, 4 UC IRVINE L. REV. 679–724 (2014) (invited contribution for "Re-Imagining Labor Law" symposium)
- 2012 *Compensation, Employment Security, and the Economics of Public Sector Labor Law*, 43 U. TOL. L. REV. 533–561 (2012) (invited contribution for "Public Sector Labor Law at the Crossroads" symposium)
- 2012 *Labor Law, New Governance, and the Ghent System*, 90 N.C. L. REV. 319–378 (2012). Featured in [The Atlantic](#), [Vox](#), and the [On Labor blog](#).
- 2010 *Revitalizing Union Democracy: Labor Law, Bureaucracy, and Workplace Associations*, 88 DENV. U. L. REV. 1–56 (2010)
- 2010 *A Profession of ITs Own: The Rise of Health Information Professionals in American Healthcare*, in MEDICAL PROFESSIONALISM IN THE NEW INFORMATION AGE 132–73 (David J. Rothman & David Blumenthal eds., 2010) (with Mark Suchman)

BOOK REVIEWS

- 2021 Review of *Philosophical Foundations of Labour Law*, edited by Hugh Collins, Gillian Lester, and Virginia Mantouvalou. 41 COMP. LAB. L. & POL'Y J. 795 (2021)
- 2021 Review of *The Lie of Global Prosperity: How Neoliberals Distort Data to Mask Poverty and Exploitation*, by Seth Donnelly. *Science & Society* 85(2):286–88 (2021)
- 2019 Review of *New Frontiers of Empirical Labour Law Research*, edited by Amy Ludlow and Alysia Blackham. 40 COMP. LAB. L. & POL'Y J. 355 (2019)
- 2016 Review of *Varieties of Liberalization and the New Politics of Social Solidarity*, by Kathleen Thelen. *Contemporary Sociology* 45(1):93–95 (2016)

Media

- 2023 Matthew Dimick “Is Capitalism ‘a Thing’?” *LPE Project* blog, 23 October 2023
- 2023 Matthew Dimick “US Labor Law Protects the Use of Scabs. Rebuilding Workplace Solidarity Is the Solution.” *Jacobin*, 4 October 2023
- 2023 Matthew Dimick “The National Labor Relations Board Just Made It Easier for Workers to Win Unions” *Jacobin*, 5 September 2023
- 2022 Matthew Dimick “Capitalism and the Political Economy of the Constitution” *Catalyst Review* 29 September 2022, review of Joseph Fishkin and William E. Forbath, *The Anti-Oligarchy Constitution: Reconstructing the Economic Foundations of American Democracy* (Harvard University Press, 2022)
- 2022 Matthew Dimick “‘Without Remainder’: Law and the Constitution of Economy and Society” *Legal Form* blog, 11 July 2022
- 2021 Matthew Dimick “Courts and Capitalism: On Courts, Exchanges, And Rights” *LPE Project* blog, 22 July 2021
- 2020 Matthew Dimick (with Dom Taylor) “More Depth, Less Flatness: Marx’s Negative Ontology of Social Totality” *Legal Form* blog, 18 April 2020
- 2019 Matthew Dimick “Labor Rights Will Not Save the Labor Movement” *Jacobin*, 13 December 2019
- 2019 Matthew Dimick “Filling in the Rank-and-File Strategy” *New Politics*, 4 December 2019
- 2019 Matthew Dimick “Rights, Freedoms, and the Law: A Reply to Roberts” *Legal Form* blog, 16 October 2019
- 2019 Matthew Dimick “The Good and the Bad of Bernie Sanders’s Labor Plan” *Jacobin*, 29 August 2019
- 2019 Matthew Dimick “Base and Superstructure as Ontology” *Legal Form* blog, 17 August 2019
- 2017 Oren Cass, “More Perfect Unions” *City Journal*, Special Issue, *The Shape of Work to Come*, 2017
- 2017 Matthew Dimick, “Should Labor Law Reform Advocates Support a UBI?” *On Labor* blog, 17 July 2017
- 2017 Jonathan Rauch, “The Conservative Case for Unions” *The Atlantic*, July/August 2017
- 2017 Dylan Matthews, “Europe Could Have the Secret to Saving America’s Unions” *Vox*, 17 April 2017
- 2017 Matthew Dimick, “The Ghent System and Progressive Federalism” *On Labor* blog, 3 February 2017
- 2011 Matthew Dimick, “Maybe It’s a Relic, but the Union Model is Essential” *Salon*, 25 February 2011

Presentations

- 2023 “How the Legal Form Distorts Public and Private Autonomy,” Critical Encounters with Habermas’ Legal Theory, The Baldy Center for Law and Social Policy, May, 2023, Buffalo, New York
- 2022 “‘Without Remainder’: Law and the Constitution of Economy and Society,” Annual Meeting of the Law & Society Association, July, 2022, Lisbon, Portugal
- 2022 “Marx and Domination: Issues for Labour Law,” Rethinking the Foundations of Workplace Law, June, 2022, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
- 2022 “Conflict of Laws? Tensions between Antitrust and Labor Law,” *University of Chicago Law Review*

Law Review Symposium: Law and Labor Market Power, May, 2022, University at Chicago Law School

- 2021 “The Redistributive Value of the Minimum Wage,” Workshop at Tel Aviv University, December, 2021
- 2021 “Race and Reification,” 18th Annual Historical Materialism Conference, November, 2021, SOAS University of London
- 2021 “Intellectual Property and Income Inequality,” Imframarginalism & Internet, February, 2021, University of Kentucky Rosenberg College of Law
- 2019 “Marx, Legal Positivism, and Sovereignty,” 16th Annual Historical Materialism Conference, November, 2019, SOAS University of London
- 2018 “Critical Labor Law: A Critique,” Osgoode Hall Law School, York University, November, 2018 (invited)
- 2018 “The Comparative Political Economy of the Minimum Wage” (with Brett Meyer), American Law and Economics Association, May, 2018, Boston University School of Law
- 2017 “Comparative Models of Sectoral Bargaining,” Labor Law Reform Symposium, Harvard Law School, September 2017, Cambridge, Massachusetts (invited panelist)
- 2017 “The Law and Economics of Redistribution,” UNLV Boyd School of Law, September 2017, Las Vegas, Nevada (invited)
- 2017 “The Politics of Wage Regulation in Rich Democracies” (with Brett Meyer), Labour Law Research Network Conference, 2017, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
- 2017 “The Politics of Wage Regulation in Rich Democracies” (with Brett Meyer), Annual Meeting of the Law & Society Association, 2017, Mexico City
- 2017 “Equity and Efficiency in Liability Rules,” Stanford University, Harvard/Stanford/Yale Junior Faculty Forum, June 2017, [2017 Junior Faculty Forum](#)
- 2016 “Labor Market Institutions and Redistributive Voting,” Duke University Department of Political Science, Political Economy Workshop, February 2016
- 2015 “Progressive Taxation and Redistribution” (with Daniel Stegmueller), 111th Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 2015, San Francisco
- 2015 “The Politics of Low-Wage Work in the Wealthy West” (now “The Politics of Wage Regulation in Rich Democracies”) (with Brett Meyer), 111th Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 2015, San Francisco
- 2015 “The Altruistic Rich? Inequality and Other-Regarding Preferences for Redistribution,” (with David Rueda and Daniel Stegmueller) American Law and Economics Association, May, 2015, Columbia University Law School
- 2014 “Risk, Redistribution, and Progressivity” (now “Political Economy of Risk and Ideology”) (with Daniel Stegmueller, 73rd Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, April, 2014, Chicago
- 2015 “Labor-Market Institutions and Redistributive Voting,” Comparative Political Economy Seminar, University of Oxford, December, 2014 (invited)
- 2014 “Inequality, Fairness, and Preferences for Redistribution” (with David Rueda and Daniel Stegmueller), 110th Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 2014, Washington, D.C.
- 2014 “Wage-Setting Institutions and Corporate Governance,” 26th Annual Meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, June, 2014, Chicago
- 2014 “Labor Power and Employer Organizations,” 26th Annual Meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, June, 2014, Chicago
- 2014 “Wage-Setting Institutions and Corporate Governance,” American Law and Economics Association, May, 2014, University of Chicago Law School
- 2014 “Inequality, Labor-Market Institutions, and Redistributive Voting,” 72nd Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, April, 2014, Chicago
- 2014 “Inequality, Fairness, and Preferences for Redistribution” (with David Rueda and Daniel Stegmueller),

- 2014 72nd Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, April, 2014, Chicago
 2014 “Inequality, Fairness, and Preferences for Redistribution” (with David Rueda and Daniel Stegmüller),
 21st International Conference of Europeanists, March, 2014, Washington, D.C.
- 2014 “Productive Unionism,” Douglas Cunningham Lecture, Faculty of Law, Queen’s University, March,
 2014, Kingston, Ontario, Canada (invited)
- 2013 “Labor Market Institutions and Redistributive Voting,” 25th Annual Meeting of the Society for the
 Advancement of Socio-Economics, June, 2013, University of Milan, Italy
- 2013 “Labor Market Institutions and Redistributive Voting,” Labour Law Research Network Inaugural
 Conference, June, 2013, Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona, Spain
- 2013 “What Do Labor Laws Do?” American Law and Economics Association, May, 2013, Vanderbilt Law
 School
- 2013 “Productive Unionism,” University of California, Irvine Law Review Symposium: Re-Imagining
 Labor Law: Building Worker Collectivities After the NLRA, February, 2013
- 2012 “Reciprocity and Redistribution,” ClassCrits V Workshop, November, 2012, University of Wisconsin,
 Madison
- 2012 “What Do Labor Laws Do?” CRIMT, October, 2012, HEC Montréal, Québec, Canada
- 2012 “What Do Labor Laws Do?” Labor and Employment Law Colloquium, September, 2012, North-
 western University Law School and Loyola University Chicago School of Law
- 2012 “What Do Labor Laws Do?” 24th Annual Meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-
 Economics, June, 2012, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- 2012 “Unions, Employers and Social Policy Preferences,” Democracy and the Workplace Conference,
 February, 2012 (invited), Boyd School of Law at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas
- 2011 “Labor Law and Union Strength in 21 OECD Countries,” Conference on Empirical Legal Studies,
 November, 2011, Northwestern University Law School
- 2011 “Security, Efficiency, and Public Sector Labor Law,” University of Toledo Law Review Symposium:
 Public Sector Labor Law: At the Crossroads, October, 2011 (invited)
- 2011 “Labor Law, New Governance, and the Ghent System,” Law and Society Association Annual Meet-
 ings, 2011, San Francisco, CA
- 2010 “Paths to Power: Labor Law, Union Density, and the Ghent System,” paper selected for presenta-
 tion at the Fifth Annual Seton Hall Employment and Labor Law Scholar’s Forum, October, 2010
- 2010 “Paths to Power: Labor Law, Union Density, and the Ghent System,” Labor and Employment Law
 Colloquium, September, 2010, Washington University Law School and St. Louis University Law
 School
- 2010 “Revitalizing Union Democracy: Labor Law, Bureaucracy, and Workplace Associations,” Law and
 Society Association Annual Meetings, 2010, Chicago, IL
- 2009 “Revitalizing Labor Union Democracy: Labor Law, Bureaucracy, and Workplace Associations,”
 Midwestern Law and Economics Association Annual Meetings, 2009, University of Wisconsin,
 Madison
- 2009 “A Profession of Its Own: The Rise of Health Information Professionals in American Healthcare”
 (with Mark C. Suchman), American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, 2009, San Fran-
 cisco, CA
- 2008 “Hospitals, HIPAA, and the Politics of PARO: Modeling and Measuring Heterogeneous Organi-
 zational Postures Toward Legal Change” (with Mark C. Suchman and Sarah Swider), American
 Sociological Association Annual Meetings, 2008, Boston, MA
- 2006 “Political Transitions in Warring States” (with Scott Gehlbach), International Society for the New
 Institutional Economics Annual Conference, 2006, Boulder, CO
- 2006 “*Arma et Leges*: A Critique of Michael Mann’s Concept of the State,” American Sociological Asso-
 ciation Annual Meetings, 2006, Montréal, Québec, Canada
- 2005 “Taming the Market for Medical Information: ‘Sharing is (S)caring’ on the Digital Frontier” (with
 Mark C. Suchman and Karen S. Schaepe), American Sociological Association Annual Meetings and
 Law and Society Association Annual Meetings, 2005, Philadelphia, PA

“Of Land and Lordship: Class Structure, Class Formation, and the Origins of Property in Early Medieval England,” American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, 2004, San Francisco, CA

Professional Service

REVIEWER

American Political Science Review, Cambridge University Press, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Contemporary Sociology*, *Critical Sociology*, *Distinktion: Journal of Social Theory*, *European Political Science Review*, *Historical Materialism*, *International Journal of Comparative Labour Law and Industrial Relations*, *Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis*, *Journal of Empirical Legal Studies*, *Journal of Politics*, Oxford University Press, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, *Rationality & Society*, *Rethinking Marxism*, Routledge, *Socio-Economic Review*, *Yale Law Journal*