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EXPERIENCE

**PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY
RICK J. CARUSO SCHOOL OF LAW**
Professor of Law

- Courses: Public International Law, Space Law, International Criminal Law, International Environmental Law, Criminal Law, Negotiation

January 2016 - Present
Malibu, California

NOTRE DAME LAW SCHOOL

Co-Director
Summer IP & Technology Law in London Program
Visiting Professor
Distinguished Adjunct Professor

London, England
Summer 2016, Summer 2017

Fall Semester 2015
Spring Semester 2015

**PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF LAW**

Director of Global Programs
Associate Professor of Law & Academic Director, London Program

January 2009 to 2014
London, England

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY

Adjunct Professor, "Public Diplomacy in a Global Context"

Spring Semesters 2011 – 2013
Malibu, California

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Deputy Assistant Secretary of State
Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs

September 2005 - January 2009
Washington, DC

PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY, SCHOOL OF LAW

Associate Professor of Law
Academic Director, London Program

London, England

BARRISTER

9 Gough Square Chambers
• Barrister practicing at the English Bar.

London, England

EDUCATION

King's College, University of London

LL.M. (Merit) International Environmental Law; Dispute Resolution

London, England

Barrister, The Honourable Society of the Middle Temple

Inns of Court School of Law Called to the Bar of England and Wales

London, England

City University

Diploma in Law

London, England

Boston University

M.A., International Relations

Heidelberg, Germany

Pepperdine University

B.A., Political Science, Intercultural Communications

Malibu, California

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Congestion Charging and Exemptions for Diplomats: 'Chiseling Little Crooks' or Defenders of Diplomacy?
Arizona Journal of International & Comparative Law, Vol. 43, Issue 2 (Forthcoming November 2026)

U.S. Presidential Election Campaigns 1789 – 2024

UK Edition - Biteback Publishers (Forthcoming October 2026)

Book Chapter on the 2012 Election: Obama v Romney

THE GENERALS

Hodder & Stoughton Publishers, June 2026

Chapter on General Colin Powell

Hydro-Politics and the Weaponization of Water

GIS, February 11, 2026

THE DICTATORS

Hodder & Stoughton Publishers, September 2024

Chapter on General Augusto Pinochet

First Twelve in the Box: Implicit Bias Driving the Peremptory Challenge to the Point of Extinction

Oregon Law Review, Vol.102, No.2 (2024)

Who Will Own Outer Space?

GIS, August 15, 2024

The Presidents: 250 Years of American Political Leadership

Hodder & Stoughton Publishers, UK Edition (2021); US Edition (2023)

Book Chapter on the 41st President, George H.W. Bush

Who Will Control the Black Sea? Moscow's Wartime Blockades of Ukraine are Prompting Calls for Stronger Protection of Navigation and Revisions to a Key Agreement Regulating the Passage of Ships

GIS, OCTOBER 11, 2022

PUBLICATIONS (cont'd)

The Rise of Public Diplomacy 2.0

J. INT'L SECURITY AFF., Fall 2009

Public Diplomacy: A Practitioner's Perspective

52 AM. BEHAV. SCIENTIST 791 2009

"Water, water, everywhere, Nor any drop to drink": The Urgency of Transnational Solutions to International Riparian Disputes

10 GEO. INT'L ENVTL. L. REV. 399, 1998

SELECTED COMMENTARY & OP-EDS

Customers Shouldn't Be Responsible for E-Waste—Producers Should Be

The Hill, July 13, 2020

The UK Government Has Badly Misled Harry Dunn's Family (on diplomatic immunity)

The Times (London), January 16, 2020

The Law That Makes U.S. Expats Toxic

Wall St. Journal, October 10, 2015

War Crimes in Syria

Los Angeles Times, January 24, 2014

How to Lose Friends, Influence and Citizens

Wall St. Journal, July 17, 2013

U.S. Public Diplomacy With Twitter

Washington Post, Dec. 24, 2008

MEDIA

Frequent expert commentator on television, radio, Internet and print media in most European and Eurasian countries as well as globally including BBC/BBC World Service Radio & TV, CNN International, C-Span, SKY News, Bloomberg, RFE/RL, VOA, Al Jazeera (Arabic & English)

Print Media Op Eds: Washington Post, Wall St. Journal, Los Angeles Times, The Hill, The Times (London), The Telegraph (London), The Sunday Times (London)

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS (2020 – Present)

VenTech, The Business of Space – To Infinity and Beyond

Panelist with President of Teledyne Space Imaging, and the COO of Umbra Remote Sensing, Santa Barbara, CA, October 15, 2025

Who Will Own Outer Space?

Distinguished Speaker Series, The Santa Barbara Club, Santa Barbara, CA, April 28, 2025

The New World Order

Panelist, Transatlantic Online Event

The British American Project, March 9, 2025

We Can. But Should We? Exploring Outer Space

Panelist with NASA's Senior Policy Advisor and Legislative Liaison for the Moon to Mars Program

The British American Project Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, November 8, 2024

US Elections and the Future of Europe

Panelist with Ecaterina Miscisina (Moldova), Iryna Domnenko (Ukraine), and Sarah Baxter, Director Marie

Colvin Center for International Reporting, Stony Brook University, October 14, 2024

A Hinge Moment in History: Ukraine, US Election, and the International World Order

Interlaken, Switzerland, May 23, 2024

International Co-Chair, The Role of Sanctions in Moderating Russian Federation Behavior

American Society of International Law (ASIL) & the Ukrainian Association of International Law

Lviv, Ukraine, December 6-11, 2023

Defeating Putinism

7th Tbilisi International Conference

Tbilisi, Georgia, September 2-5, 2023

President George H. W. Bush

National Churchill Leadership Center, Washington, DC, February 27, 2023

Ukraine's Response to Russia's Aggression

Ukrainian International Law Experts in Ukraine & the US, Dispute Resolution Society, November 4, 2022

The Presidents – 250 Years of American Political Leadership

Buxton International Literary Festival, Buxton, England, July 23, 2022

Connecting Campuses at Home and Abroad: Synergies Not Silos

International Legal Education Abroad 2022 Conference

American University Washington College of Law, April 21-22, 2022

Gender, Religious and Political Oppression and Comparative Law

American Society of Comparative Law, October 16, 2020

An Integrated Approach to NATO Communications

North Atlantic Treaty Organization – NATO

Palais d'Egmont, Brussels, Belgium, January 23 - 24, 2020

MEMBERSHIPS

- Bencher, The Honourable Society of the Middle Temple
- Society of English and American Lawyers – Board Member & Chairman Emeritus
- Chatham House, Royal Institute for International Affairs
- British-American Project
- American Society of International Law, Serving on the Society's 2026–2027 Honors Committee

- International Law Association, American Branch
- The Pilgrims of Great Britain
- Advisory Board, USC Center on Public Diplomacy
- Advisory Board, Vandenberg Coalition
- Board of Directors, Channel City Club & Committee on Foreign Relations, Santa Barbara, CA
- Board of Directors, Independence Avenue Media

Dual Nationality: US and UK

SERVICE

1. Law School Service

Committee Leadership & Service

- **Chair, Global Programs and Student Life Committee** (2024–2026):
- **Member, Curriculum Committee** (2025–2026).
- **Member, Academic Dismissal Committee** (Summers 2024, 2025, 2026).
- **Lead Organizer, London Law Program 40th Anniversary Celebrations** (2024–2025): Coordinated anniversary events, including a black-tie dinner at Middle Temple in July 2025 and program commemorative activities in October 2024.

Student Organizations & Event Organization

- **Faculty Advisor / Event Organizer, International Law Society (ILS):**
 - Organized speaker event with Michelle Hanlon (“Godmother of Space Law”) and student session on the Space Law LLM (Feb 2026).
 - Coordinated event with the American Society of International Law (ASIL) featuring the film *Stand Tall for the Rule of Law* and a Careers in International Law Q&A (Jan 2026).
 - Panelist/Organizer, Careers in International Law Panel with Prof. Jack Coe (Sept 2025).
 - Organized International Law Student Panels featuring JD/LLM students sharing cross-border career paths (Mar 2023, Apr 2024).
 - Organized International Law Faculty Panel (Mar 2024).
 - Coordinated Zoom session with ILS Rep Reid Jackson and Nanuka Kruashvili from Tbilisi, Georgia (Sept 2024).
- **Middle Temple Moot Court Visit** (Sept 2024): Facilitated visit for Middle Temple participants and hosted students in Criminal Law classes.

Law School Community & Institutional Events

- **Presenter, Parris Awards:** Presented the 1L Evan T. Carthen Award for Section B (Apr 2025).
- **Speaker, Student Commissioning Service:** Delivered Words of Life for graduating student (2025, 2026).
- **Host, APIL Auction Dinner** (2024, 2025, 2026).
- **Host, 1L Section B Class Gathering** (2024, 2025,).

- **Participant/Attendee:** Law School Dinner with Supreme Court Justice Amy Coney Barrett (Sept 2024), Pepperdine TechLearn AI Faculty Panel (Aug 2024), Founders Day (Sept 2024), First Generation Law School Mixer (Aug 2024), and regular Faculty Workshops (2024–2026).

2. University Service

- **Member, University Technology and Learning Faculty Steering Committee (TLFSC)** (2025–2026): Evaluated and supported campus-wide rollouts for Simple Syllabus, NotebookLM, Respondus LockDown Browser, and generative AI initiatives.
- **Early Adopter & Tech Pilot** (2024–2025): Served as an early tester for the Gemini AI enterprise license rollout and early adopter for the Canvas Learning Management System transition.

3. Professional Service & External Governance

- **Bench**, The Honourable Society of Middle Temple (2023–Present): Serve as a member of the governing body of the Inn of Court; participate in ongoing governance meetings.
- **Committee Member, Committee on Teaching International Law**, American Branch of the International Law Association (ABILA) (2023–Present).
- **Chairman Emeritus & Board Member**, Society of English and American Lawyers (SEAL) (2023–Present).
- **Institutional Delegate & Institutional Representative:**
 - **ABILA West:** Represented Pepperdine Caruso School of Law at UCLA and brought delegation of international law students (Feb 2026).
 - **American Society of International Law (ASIL) Annual Conferences:** Represented Pepperdine Caruso Law as an Academic Partner institution in Washington, DC (Apr 2024, Apr 2025, Apr 2026).
 - **ASIL** Serving on the Nominating Committee for The Manley O. Hudson Medal, The Goler T. Butcher Medal, and The Honorary Member Award
 - **ABILA International Law Weekend:** Represented Pepperdine Caruso Law in New York (Oct 2023).

4. Community, Board & Civic Service

- **Board of Directors**, Channel City Club / Committee on Foreign Relations ("Santa Barbara's Window on the World") (2023–Present).
 - **Emcee & Event Moderator:**
 - Michelle L.D. Hanlon on *Weaponizing Space – The Quiet Conflict Above* (Feb 2026).
 - Sir Jeremy Greenstock (Former UK Ambassador to the UN) on *Can a Competitive World Avoid Conflict?* (Nov 2025).
 - Daniel Crocker (Former Deputy Asst. Secretary of Commerce) on *Will Tariffs Make America Weak or Strong?* (Sept 2025).
 - Goli Ameri (Former Asst. Secretary of State) on *Who Needs Soft Power?* (Mar 2025).

- Dr. Jerrold Green (President, Pacific Council) on *Changing Trends in Middle East Politics* (Oct 2024).
- David Ruffley (Former UK MP) on *Britain and the US Post-Brexit* (Apr 2024).
- Major Kenneth Bell (USAF) on *Great Power Competition in Space* (Mar 2024).
- Rear Admiral John F. Weigold IV (Ret.) on *China Perspectives* (Feb 2024).
- **Board of Directors**, Independence Avenue Media, Washington, DC (2025–Present): Serve on board for international journalism initiative delivering analysis on U.S. foreign policy and democratic governance to international audiences.
- **Advisory Board Member**, USC Center for Public Diplomacy, University of Southern California (2024–Present).
- **Award Judge**, Goli Ameri Prize for Innovation in Public Diplomacy, U.S. Department of State (2025–2026).

5. Media Commentary & Public Legal Education

Regularly invited legal and international security commentator for global media outlets (BBC World News TV, BBC World Service Radio, NPR, LBC Radio UK, Times Radio UK, GB News).

Selected Media Commentary (2024–2026):

- **International Conflict & Security:** Analysis on the Russia-Ukraine War, NATO developments, and Iran (LBC Radio, March 2026; LBC/Times Radio Alaska Summit Coverage, August 2025; LBC ATACMS decision coverage, November 2024).
- **U.S. Foreign Policy & Electoral Analysis:** Guest Presenter/Analyst for BBC World Service & NPR's *Weekend* (June 2025, November 2024, May 2024); U.S. Presidential Election and transition coverage (BBC World News TV, BBC Newsday, LBC Radio, November 2024; GB TV Debate and candidate analysis, June–July 2024).
- **Podcasts:** Guest on *Presidents, Prime Ministers, Monarchs, and Dictators* discussing General Augusto Pinochet (June 2025).