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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

**Professor of Law and Director, Institute for Race and the Law, Roger Williams University School of Law, Bristol, Rhode Island:** Director of Institute Since 2023; Professor Since July, 2022. Currently teaching Race and the Foundations of American Law, a mandatory course for second year students; also Evidence; Slavery and Human Trafficking in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century; Introduction to Islamic Jurisprudence and Law; and *Amistad* (an honors seminar on abolitionism and the *Amistad Affair* (with Prof. Jonathan Gutoff)).

**Professor of Law (Visiting), Elisabeth Haub School of Law, Pace University, White Plains, New York:** Spring 2022. Criminal Law; Slavery and Human Trafficking in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

**Professor of Law (Adjunct) New York University School of Law, New York, New York:** Since 2018. Islamic Jurisprudence.

**Professor of Law Emeritus, Seton Hall University School of Law, Newark, New Jersey:** Full-time Professor from July 1979 to June 2016. Evidence; Islamic Jurisprudence; Legal Implications of the recent Middle East Revolutions; Law in the Modern Middle East; Professional Responsibility; Jurisprudence; Civil Rights; Post-Conviction Remedies; Prisoners' Rights; Slavery, Human Trafficking and the Law; Children, Family the State; Lectures on special topics in Comparative Law.

**Director, Program for the Study of Law in the Middle East, Cairo, Egypt and Amman, Jordan; Sept.1996 –June 2016.** Founded, organized and directed the only American Bar Association-approved study abroad programs in the Arabic-speaking Middle East; eighteen-year program in Cairo, Egypt, based at the American University in Cairo, involved 10-25 law students and 3 faculty members each summer and offered courses in Islamic Jurisprudence, Comparative Law, International Criminal Law, Admiralty and Maritime Law, International Oil and Gas Law, International Human Rights, and International Trade; more recent program in Amman, Jordan, involved 10-12 law students and 3 faculty members, and offered courses in Comparative Legal Traditions, Islamic Banking and Finance, Law in the Modern Middle East, Islamic Jurisprudence, and International Oil and Gas Law.

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (CON'D):**

**Director, Zanzibar Winter Intersession Program on Modern Day Slavery and Human Trafficking**, Zanzibar, Tanzania; January 2007-June 2016. Founded, organized, and directed unique American Bar Association-approved study abroad program in Zanzibar, Tanzania; the program was the first of its kind and the only study abroad program focusing on human trafficking and modern-day slavery; involving 30-40 students, three faculty members, and prominent judges and practitioners involved in anti-trafficking initiatives.

**Director, The Center for Social Justice, Seton Hall University School of Law**; Newark, New Jersey -- July 1982 to June 1993. Management and coordination of Law School's six clinical programs, the Pro Bono Service Program and the Affordable Housing Colloquium, all funded since 1991 by a \$5.3 million endowment established by the United States Congress and involving over 150 students each semester, 15 full time lawyers and a large paraprofessional support staff; endowment now exceeds \$15 million.

**Professor of Law (Visiting); Washington and Lee University School of Law**; Lexington, Virginia -- August 1998 to December 1998; Evidence and Professional Responsibility.

**Associate Professor of Law (Visiting); Faculty of Law, University of Nairobi**; Nairobi, Kenya--August 1985 to June 1987; Torts, Legal Systems and Methods, Principles of Management for Engineers (Torts/Contracts/Professional Liability).

**Clinical Lecturer, Rutgers, The State University, School of Law**; Newark, New Jersey--August 1976 to June 1979. Instruction and supervision of third year students in litigation on behalf of indigents under student practice rule.

**Project Director, American Civil Liberties Union of New Jersey**; Newark, New Jersey--Nov. 1974 to August 1976. Civil Liberties litigation on behalf of under-represented residents of Northern New Jersey.

**Staff Attorney, Essex County Legal Services**; Orange, New Jersey--June 1974 to November 1974; General civil litigation.

## **EDUCATION:**

**J.S.D.**, 2007, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, New York; Dissertation Advisor: Professor George P. Fletcher (Columbia University); Committee Members: Professors Lawrence Rosen (Princeton University) and Brinkley Messick (Columbia University); Dissertation Topic: "Conceptions of Equality and Slavery in Islamic Law: Tribalism, Piety, and Pluralism"

## **EDUCATION (CON'D):**

**LL.M.**, 2002, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, New York;  
LL.M Thesis: “The Ulama and the Abolition of Slavery in Nineteenth Century Egypt:  
Pristine Islam and Law Reform”

**J.D.**, 1974, RUTGERS, THE STATE UNIVERSITY, SCHOOL OF LAW, Newark, New  
Jersey;

**B.A.**, Anthropology, 1970, WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY, Middletown, Connecticut.

## **BOOKS & ARTICLES:**

### **Books and Book Chapters:**

*Possessed by the Right Hand: The Problem of Slavery in Islamic Law and Muslim Cultures*, a comprehensive legal history of slavery and efforts at abolition in the Muslim world, primarily focusing on the Indian Ocean region and Eurasia. The book argues that Muslims currently labor under an “illusion of abolition” and that there is now an urgent need to accomplish true abolition under Islamic law (Leiden: Brill, 2019).

“Slavery and Society in East Africa, Oman and the Persian Gulf,” book chapter in *What is a Slave Society? The Practice of Slavery in Global Perspective*, a collection of essays on the viability of Moses I Finley’s definitions of slavery and slave societies, as applied both in history and in contemporary times (Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 2018) (Noel Lenski and Catherine M. Cameron, eds.);

*Indian Ocean Slavery in the Age of Abolition*, a collection of 13 essays on historical and contemporary slavery, the slave trades, and abolition, in the Indian Ocean world (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2013) (Co-edited with Robert Harms and David W. Blight);

“Straight, No Chaser: Slavery, Abolition and Modern Islamic Thought,” book chapter in *Indian Ocean Slavery in the Age of Abolition* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2013) (Robert Harms, Bernard K. Freamon, and David W. Blight, eds.);

“Definitions and Conceptions of Slave Ownership in Islamic Law,” book chapter in *The Legal Understanding of Slavery: From the Historical to the Contemporary* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012) (Jean Allain, ed.);

“Islamic Law and Trafficking in Women and Children in the Indian Ocean World,” book chapter in *Trafficking in Slavery’s Wake: Law and the Experience of Women and Children in Africa* (Athens: Ohio University Press, 2012) (Benjamin N. Lawrance and Richard L. Roberts, eds.);

## Books and book chapters (con'd):

“The Emergence of a New Qur’anic Hermeneutic and The Role and Impact of Universities in West and East,” book chapter in *The Law Applied: Contextualizing the Islamic Shari’a: a volume in honor of Frank E. Vogel* (London; New York: I. B. Taurus, 2008) (Peri Bearman, Wolfhart Heinrichs and Bernard G. Weiss, eds.);

"Action Research for Justice in Newark, N.J." in *Educating for Justice: Social Values and Legal Education*, (Aldershot, U.K.: Ashgate, 1997) (Jeremy Cooper and Louise Trubek, eds.);

*Evidence: Cases and Problems*, 2nd Edition, (Norcross, Ga.: Harrison, 1995) (with Bracy, Raitt, Bodensteiner, and Klebba);

## Articles:

*ABA-Mandated Instruction on Racism and Recent State Legislation Banning Such Instruction in University Classrooms: ‘Jim Crow’ Redux*, 29 ROGER WILLIAMS U. L. REV. 11 (2024).

“Are The Persian Gulf City-States Slave Societies?” *Aeon*, (2022), <https://aeon.co/essays/are-the-persian-gulf-city-states-slave-societies>.

*Toward the Abolition of Slavery under the Aegis of Islamic Law*, THE COMPARATIVE JURIST (May 1, 2020), <https://comparativejurist.org/2020/05/01/toward-the-abolition-of-slavery-under-the-aegis-of-islamic-law/>.

*ISIS, Boko Haram, and the Human Right to Freedom from Slavery under Islamic Law*, 39 FORDHAM INT’L. L. J. 245 (2015).

*Some Reflection on Post-Enlightenment Qur’anic Hermeneutics*, 2006 MICHIGAN STATE L. REV. 1403 (2008).

*The Origins of the Anti-Segregation Clause in the New Jersey Constitution*, 35 RUTGERS L. J. 1267 (2004).

*Martyrdom, Suicide, and the Islamic Law of War: A Short Legal History*, 27 FORDHAM INT’L. L. J. 299 (2003).

*Slavery, Freedom and the Doctrine of Consensus in Islamic Jurisprudence*, 11 HARVARD H. RTS. J. 1 (1998).

*A Blueprint for a Center for Social Justice*, 22 SETON HALL L.REV. 1225 (1992).

## Articles (con'd):

*Public Censure for Bigoted Speech: A New Perspective, in Crossfire--Censure and the Academic Community*, 1 SETON HALL CONST. L.J. 5 (1989).

*Peer Review Physicians and the State Action Exemption: Are they Protected When They Act in Bad Faith?* 9 PREVIEW OF U.S. SUP. CT. CASES 247 (1988);

*A Review of the Rights of Terminally Ill Patients* (with Linda Mehling), 1 YALE L.& POL'Y REV. 80 (1982).

"Death with Dignity Laws: A Plea for Uniform Legislation" 5 SETON HALL LEGIS. J. 105 (1982).

## Encyclopedia Entries and Reviews:

"Book Review: Jonathan A.C. Brown. *Slavery and Islam*. London: Oneworld academic, 2019. 448 pp.," *Journal of Islamic Ethics*, 4 (Spring 2020): 1-5.

"Slavery," in *The Princeton Encyclopedia of Islamic Political Thought* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2013) (Gerhard Bowering, Patricia Crone, Mahan Mirza, et al., eds.).

"Ideological Origins of Antislavery Thought," in 1 *Encyclopedia of Antislavery and Abolition*, pp. 345-357 (Westport, Conn. and London, U.K.: Greenwood Press) (2007).

"Qur'an and Antislavery," in 2 *Encyclopedia of Antislavery and Abolition*, pp.555-560 (Westport, Conn., and London, U.K.: Greenwood Press, 2007).

"An Optimistic Democrat," review of "After Jihad" by Noah Feldman (Farrar, Straus, and Giroux, New York, 2003) at <http://www.h-net.msu.edu/reviews/showrev.cgi?path=245321058076891>.

"A Primer in Islamic Law," a review of Laleh Bakhtiar's *Encyclopedia of Islamic Law: A Compendium of the Major Schools* (Kazi Publications, Chicago, 1995) at <http://www2.hnet.msu.edu/reviews/showrev.cgi?path=2008395203> 6279.

## PODCAST:

<https://shows.acast.com/that-wilbur-smith-show/the-indian-ocean-slave-trade-with-professor-bernard-freamon>,

## WORKS IN PROGRESS:

*Slavery, Human Trafficking and the Law*, draft textbook manuscript to be used by law students in a course of the same name. The textbook traces the legal history of slavery and slave trading from ancient times through to the twenty-first century and undertakes a comprehensive treatment of current legislation, international treaties and conventions, and court decisions.

**“Prioritarianism and the Abolition of Slavery under Islamic Law,”** draft article explicating a jurisprudential theory that advances a basis for the abolition of slavery under Islamic law.

**“The Williams Theses and Slavery and Abolition in the Indian Ocean World,”** draft article that begins an effort to descriptively and normatively chart the political economy of slavery and abolition in the Indian Ocean World; also a section of a book chapter in my recently published book *Possessed by the Right Hand: The Problems of Slavery in Islamic Law and Muslim Cultures* (Leiden: Brill, 2019).

**“The Reluctant Abolitionist: The Life and Times of Barghash bin Sa’id, Sultan of Zanzibar,”** Biography of the Islamic Sultan who facilitated the abolition of slavery in Zanzibar.

**“Ethiopia and the Origins of Slavery in the Middle East,”** draft article or potentially a small book on the practice of slavery in pre-Islamic Ethiopia and the influence of that practice on conceptions of slavery that developed on the Arabian Peninsula and particularly after the revelations of the Qur’an and the prophethood of Muhammad.

## PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

President, Bristol Middle Passage Port Marker Project, Inc., Bristol, Rhode Island.

Elected member, American Law Institute, Philadelphia, PA.

Co-convener, 2008 Conference on “The Teaching of Islamic Law in American Law Schools,” sponsored by The Islamic Legal Studies Program at Harvard Law School.

Chairperson, Section on Islamic Law of the Association of American Law Schools 2007 – 2008.

Chairperson, Section on Africa of the Association of American Law Schools, 2003 – 2004.

Editorial Board, New Jersey Law Journal, 1987-present.

## **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS (con'd):**

Trustee, American Civil Liberties Union of N.J., 1992-2008.

Various national, state, local, and specialty bar associations.

## **AWARDS & HONORS:**

June 2013: Alfred C. Clapp Award for Excellence in Editorial Writing; awarded by the publisher and editorial board of the New Jersey Law Journal.

March 2010 – Elected to Membership in the American Law Institute, Philadelphia, Pa.

Fall 2007 – Postdoctoral Fellowship, Gilder Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery, Resistance, and Abolition, Yale University, New Haven, Conn.

1999-2000 - Samuel I. Golieb Fellowship in Legal History; New York University School of Law.

1999 - Dean's Fellowship; Seton Hall Law School.

1993 - Special Student; Al-Azhar Al-Sharif, Cairo, Egypt.

1991 - Professor of the Year; Awarded by Student Bar Association, Seton Hall University School of Law.

1978 - Outstanding Rutgers Law School Faculty Member; Awarded by the Association of Black Law Students at Rutgers Law School.

1974 - J. Skelly Wright Prize in Civil Rights and Civil Liberties; Awarded by Rutgers Law School Faculty.

1969 - Summer Study Award (Algeria); African-American Institute, Wesleyan University.

## **SIGNIFICANT LITIGATION:**

Of Counsel, Briefed, and Argued Williams v. State, 251 Ga. 749, 312 S.E.2d 40 (1983) (The Atlanta Child Murders Case) (Lynn Whatley, Esq., of the Georgia Bar, Counsel of Record).

**Counsel of Record or Amicus in a number of argued matters, resulting in published appellate and trial court opinions, including:**

Middlesex County Ethics Committee v. Garden State Bar Association, 457 U.S. 423 (1982) (U.S. Supreme Court established rule of federal court abstention in state-initiated lawyer discipline cases);

In re Witherspoon, 203 N.J. 343 (2010) (New Jersey Supreme Court opinion of appropriate discipline for lawyer who sought discount in fees in return for sexual favors);

Board of Education of the Borough of Englewood Cliffs v. Board of Education of the City of Englewood v. Board of Education of Borough of Tenafly, 170 N.J. 323 (2002) (Amicus brief on behalf National Office of NAACP) (New Jersey Supreme Court mandates that State Department of Education has primary responsibility to remedy unconstitutional school segregation in the public high schools.

In re Pena, 162 N.J. 15 (1999) (New Jersey Supreme Court opinion in lawyer discipline case involving alleged conflict of interest);

In re Ravich, et. al., 155 N.J. 357 (1998) (New Jersey Supreme Court established standards for evaluation of client solicitation allegations in mass-disaster cases);

Board of Education of the Borough of Englewood Cliffs v. Board of Education of City of Englewood v. Board of Education of Borough of Tenafly and A.S., R.S., Intervenor, 132 N.J. 327 (1993) (Amicus Brief on behalf of National Office of NAACP) (N.J. Supreme Court affirmed administrative decision ordering inter-district remedies to combat racial segregation in public high schools);

In re Executive Com'n on Ethical Standards Re: Appearance of Rutgers Attorneys, 116 N.J. 216 (1989) ( Amicus Brief on behalf of Society of American Law Teachers supporting Rutgers Attorneys in dispute over applicability of conflict of interest statute to appearance of Rutgers Attorneys before Council on Affordable Housing)(New Jersey Supreme Court permits appearance by Rutgers Attorneys before Council on Affordable Housing);

In re Hinds, 90 N.J. 604, 449 A.2d 483 (1982) (N.J. Supreme Court recognized first amendment defense in certain lawyer discipline cases and *sua sponte* amended the disciplinary rule to permit such defenses to be raised) (companion to 457 U.S. 423 (1982));

Delgado v. Newark, 165 N.J. Super. 477, 398 A.2d 604 (Law Div. 1979) (Superior Court held that cause of action against City for police misconduct under federal civil rights acts is cognizable in state court, even where some police officers are unidentifiable);

References furnished upon request.