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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

University of South Carolina School of Law, Columbia, SC 2017-Present
James P. Mozingo III Legal Research Chair. Teach classes in legislation, health care law, civil procedure, and conflicts of law.

Positions History:

James P. Mozingo III Legal Research Chair (2026-Present)
Professor of Law (2024-2026)
Associate Professor with Tenure (2021-2024)
Assistant Professor (2017-2021)

EDUCATION

Yale Law School, J.D., June 2011
Nathan E. Mag Scholar, 2009-2011

Honors: Thomas I. Emerson Prize (best paper or project on a subject related to legislation)
Barry S. Cohen Prize (best writing on a subject related to literature and the law)

Activities: Research Assistant to Professor Bruce Ackerman
Dean's Advisor
Yale Journal of Law & the Humanities, Editor
Nonprofit Organizations Clinic, Fall 2009

University of California, Irvine, M.A. in English, 2007

Honors: Murray Kreiger Fellowship in Literary Theory (outstanding entering graduate student with interest in literary theory)

Dartmouth College, B.A., *magna cum laude*, English, Minor in Human Development & Education, 2004

Honors: Presidential Scholarship (for students with exceptional academic promise)
High Honors from English Department (for "outstanding independent work")
Second Arthur Feinstein 1955 Memorial Prize (for outstanding thesis)
Second Edward R. Perkins Literature Prize (for exceptional promise in English)

PUBLICATIONS

Amending Linguistic Textualism, 101 N.Y.U. L. REV. 888 (2026).

The Amended Statute, 92 U. CHI. L. REV. 1291 (2025).

The Fair Notice Fiction, 75 ALA. L. REV. 487 (2023).

Where Is Statutory Law?, 108 CORNELL L. REV. 1041 (2023).

Federal Bureaucratic Studies, 80 WASH. & LEE L. REV. 229 (2023).

Revisiting the Congressional Review Act, 11 TEX. A&M L. REV. 1 (2023).

Disaggregating Legislative Intent, 90 FORDHAM L. REV. 2221 (2022).

Making Federalism Work: Lessons from Health Care for the Green New Deal, 55 U. RICH. L. REV. 765 (2021) (with Shelley Welton).

The Congressional Bureaucracy, 168 U. PA. L. REV. 1541 (2020) (with Abbe Gluck).

Rethinking the Conflicts Revolution in Personal Jurisdiction, 105 MINN. L. REV. 679 (2020).

AMERICAN CONFLICTS OF LAW: CASES AND MATERIALS (2020) (with Robert Felix, Ralph Whitten, & Rich Seamon).

Legislative History in the Modern Congress, 57 HARV. J. ON LEGIS. 91 (2019).

When Courts Should Ignore Statutory Text, 26 GEO. MASON L. REV. 453 (2019).

The Staffer's Error Doctrine, 56 HARV. J. ON LEGIS. 83 (2019).

National "Harmony": An Inter-Branch Constitutional Principle and its Application to Diversity Jurisdiction, 93 NEB. L. REV. 139 (2014).

"Done In Convention": The Attestation Clause and the Declaration of Independence, 121 YALE L.J. 1236 (2012) (student note).

A Distaste for War at Walden Pond: Thoreau's The Bean-Field, Theories of Personal Property, and the Mexican-American War, 23 YALE J.L. & HUMAN. 389 (2011) (student note).

Book Review, 25 RHETORIC REV. 466 (2006) (reviewing RONALD C. ARNETT, *DIALOGIC CONFESSION: BONHOEFFER'S RHETORIC OF RESPONSIBILITY* (2005)).

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

American Law Institute
Member

2026-Present

AALS Section on Legislation and Law of the Political Process
Chair

February 2022-February 2023

Administrative Conference of the United States

Fall 2021

Consultant. Conducted study on proposed reforms to the Congressional Review Act for independent federal agency. Provided foundation for agency approval and submission to Congress of reform recommendations. Consulted with congressional committees, on ongoing basis, regarding potential reforms.

AALS Sections on Legislation & Administrative Law
Co-Organizer, New Voices Panel

2020-21

Catawba Indian Nation

Fall 2019

Co-Instructor & Statutory Drafter. Served as co-instructor for Legislative Drafting Practice & Policy Course at Joseph F. Rice School of Law. Course worked with the Catawba Indian Nation, the only federally recognized tribe in the state of South Carolina, to produce a legal code on domestic violence for the Nation.

LEGAL CONFERENCES & PRESENTATIONS

“Working With Statutes,” Presentation, Governing for Impact, Washington, D.C. (Aug. 21, 2025)

“Understanding Statutory Law,” Presentation, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, D.C. (Aug. 21, 2024)

“Price Tag Equality,” Annual Meeting on Law & Society, Denver, CO (June 7, 2024)

“The Amended Statute,” Legislation Roundtable, Georgetown University Law Center (Mar. 8, 2024)

“The Fair Notice Fiction,” Legislation Roundtable, Georgetown University Law Center (Mar. 10, 2023)

“The Fair Notice Fiction,” Legislation & Law of the Political Process Section Panel, AALS Annual Meeting (Jan. 5, 2023)

“Where Is Statutory Text,” Global Meeting on Law & Society, ISCTE University Institute of Lisbon (July 14, 2022)

“The Congressional Bureaucracy,” Law & Governance Series, Penn Program on Regulation (Dec. 8, 2021) ([recording available](#)) (with Abbe Gluck)

“The Congressional Bureaucracy,” Gray Center Podcast, Antonin Scalia Law School, George Mason University (Sept. 15, 2020) (with Abbe Gluck & Josh Chafetz)

“The Congressional Bureaucracy,” Gray Center Roundtable, George Mason Law School (Mar. 5-6, 2020) (with Abbe Gluck)

“Popular Sovereignty in Statutory Interpretation,” Legislation Roundtable, Yale Law School (Feb. 28, 2020)

“The Sovereignty Revolution in Personal Jurisdiction,” Junior Faculty Forum, Richmond School of Law (May 21, 2019)

“Congress’s Divisions of Labor: Implications for Legislative History,” Legislation Roundtable, Fordham University School of Law (Mar. 2, 2018)

“The Work of the Office of the Legislative Counsel in Congress,” Inaugural Local Legislative Drafting Summit, New York City Hall (July 16, 2016)

“The Staffer’s Error Doctrine,” Legislation Roundtable, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law (Mar. 11, 2016)

PROFESSIONAL LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Office of the Legislative Counsel, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC 2011-2017
Counsel. Worked with all the committees and Members of the House of Representatives to draft legislation on a non-partisan, impartial, and confidential basis. Drafted legislation related to the Medicare program and the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, as well as legislation relating to health information technology and health care fraud, waste, and abuse.

Beldock Levine & Hoffman, New York, NY Summer 2010
Legal Intern. Assisted civil rights practice group at public interest law firm. Contributed research and writing to police misconduct, false imprisonment, and government employee whistleblower litigation.

United States Attorney’s Office, Southern District of New York, New York, NY Summer 2009
Legal Intern. Worked in Major Crimes and Narcotics Units of the Criminal Division. Assisted in a wide variety of Assistant U.S. Attorneys’ work, including examination of evidence for trial and drafting of legal memoranda.

BAR ADMISSION

New York (2011)