

CODY CORLISS

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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF LAW

2022-present

Courses: Criminal Law, Evidence, International Law, International Criminal Law, Domestic and International Terrorism (seminar)

UNIVERSITY OF RICHMOND SCHOOL OF LAW

VISITING ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF LAW

Spring 2025

Courses: Criminal Law, Domestic and International Terrorism (seminar)

EDUCATION

CORNELL LAW SCHOOL, J.D., 2009

UNIVERSITEIT LEIDEN, M.A. in History (Migration and Ethnicity focus), 2006

HARVARD UNIVERSITY, A.B. in Comparative Study of Religion, *cum laude*, 2003

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL RESIDUAL MECHANISM FOR CRIMINAL TRIBUNALS/ INTERNATIONAL CRIM. TRIB. FOR THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA

Legal Officer, Office of the Prosecutor, The Hague, Netherlands

2015-2022

Notable cases

- *Prosecutor v. Ratko Mladić* (General, Army of Republika Srpska)
- *Prosecutor v. Radovan Karadžić* (President, Republika Srpska)
- *Prosecutor v. Stanišić and Simatović* (State Security Officials, Serbia)
- *Prosecutor v. Turinabo, et al.* (Witness Interference, Rwanda)

K&L GATES LLP

Associate, Litigation, Pittsburgh, PA

2010-2015

WEST VIRGINIA SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS

Law Clerk to Justice Margaret L Workman, Charleston, WV

2009-2010

SHEARMAN & STERLING LLP

Summer Associate, Brussels, Belgium

Summer 2008

LAW REVIEW PUBLICATIONS

The War Crime of Spreading Terror, 51 YALE JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW __ (2026) (forthcoming)

An International Prosecutor as U.S. Special Counsel, 2025 UTAH LAW REVIEW 675 (2025)

Digital Terror Crimes, 62 COLUMBIA JOURNAL OF TRANSNATIONAL LAW 58 (2023)

Human Trafficking as "Modern Slavery": The Trouble with Trafficking as Enslavement in International Law, 71 SOUTH CAROLINA LAW REVIEW 603 (2020)

Prosecuting Members of ISIS for the Destruction of Cultural Property, 45 FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 183 (2018)

Truth in Advertising: Applying Commercial Speech Regulations to the Secondary Dissemination of Scientific Research Publications, 90 ST. JOHN'S LAW REVIEW 883 (2016)

Called On: A Novel Reflecting the Changing Nature of Legal Education, 6 HOUSTON LAW REVIEW OFF THE RECORD 199 (2016)

Truth Commissions and the Limits of Restorative Justice: Lessons Learned in South Africa's Cradock Four Case, 21 MICHIGAN STATE INTERNATIONAL LAW REVIEW 273 (2013)

SHORTER PUBLICATIONS

Opinion Pieces (Legal):

Vladimir Putin, War Criminal, PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE, 3 August 2023

Put War Criminals Behind Bars, CHARLESTON GAZETTE-MAIL, 3 October 2009

Electing Judges—With Cash, CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR, 30 January 2008

We Cannot Allow Activist to be Silenced (Regarding Ayaan Hirsi Ali), CHARLESTON GAZETTE-MAIL, 12 November 2007

The First Amendment: Teen View of Press Rights is Frightening, CHARLESTON GAZETTE-MAIL, 22 March 2005

Opinion Pieces (Non-Legal):

Let Us Now Praise a Great Man, Ken Hechler, CHARLESTON GAZETTE-MAIL, 12 December 2016

Why the Enthusiasm for Charter Schools?, CHARLESTON GAZETTE-MAIL, 28 April 2010

VP Candidate Pads Resume With Wardrobe from Saks, CHARLESTON GAZETTE-MAIL, 2 November 2008

Sexism Doesn't Explain Hillary's Struggles, CHARLESTON GAZETTE-MAIL, 28 June 2008

Non-Fiction Book Reviews:

Amsterdam, Russell Shorto, PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE, 14 December 2013

Hidden America: From Coal Miners to Cowboys, An Extraordinary Exploration of the Unseen People Who Make this Country Work, Jeanne Marie Laskas, PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE, 9 September 2012

Winter Journal, Paul Auster, PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE, 26 August 2012

No Time to Lose, Peter Piot, CHARLESTON GAZETTE-MAIL, 21 July 2012

Beautiful Souls, Eyal Press, PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE, 13 May 2012

The Big Thirst, Charles Fishman, CHARLESTON GAZETTE-MAIL, 28 May 2011

Coyote at the Kitchen Door: Living with Wildlife in Suburbia, Stephen DeStefano, VIRGINIA QUARTERLY REVIEW, Spring 2010

Master of Shadows: The Secret Diplomatic Career of the Painter Peter Paul Rubens, Mark Lamster, ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH, 22 November 2009

Methland, Nick Reding, CHARLESTON GAZETTE-MAIL, 22 August 2009

Fresh, Susanne Freidberg, VIRGINIA QUARTERLY REVIEW, Summer 2009

The Scotia Widows, Gerald M. Stern, CLEVELAND PLAIN DEALER, 31 August 2008

Less Safe, Less Free, David Cole and Jules Lobel, PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE, 6 January 2008

The Nine, Jeffrey Toobin, PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE, 30 September 2007

Fiction Book Reviews:

Sweet Tooth, Ian McEwan, PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE, 24 March 2013
Capital, John Lanchester, PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE, 8 July 2012
The Illumination, Kevin Brockmeier, ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH, 11 February 2011
I Curse the River of Time, Per Petterson, ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH, 15 August 2010
Beneath the Lion's Gaze, Maaza Mengiste, ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH, 10 January 2010
Wolf Hall, Hilary Mantel, ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH, 10 October 2009
The Girl Who Played with Fire, Stieg Larsson, CLEVELAND PLAIN DEALER, 2 August 2009
The Age of Orphans, Laleh Khadivi, CLEVELAND PLAIN DEALER, 15 March 2009

SCHOLARLY ENGAGEMENT

University of Michigan Law School—Ann Arbor, MI April 25, 2025
Presented *The War Crime of Spreading Terror* at Michigan Junior Scholars Conference (Julian Arato, discussant)

William & Mary Law School—Williamsburg, VA January 25, 2025
Guest lecturer on international criminal tribunals, International Criminal Law (Law 385)

Indiana University Maurer School of Law—Bloomington, IN December 13, 2024
Presented *The War Crime of Spreading Terror* at Junior International Law Scholars Association annual meeting (Asaf Lubin, discussant)

University of Chicago Law School—Chicago, IL November 16, 2024
Presented *The War Crime of Spreading Terror* at American Society of International Law Midyear Research Forum (Saira Mohamed, discussant)

Northwestern Pritzker School of Law—Chicago, IL September 27, 2024
Presented *The War Crime of Spreading Terror* at International Law and Social Sciences First Biennial Workshop (Dan Krčmaric, discussant)

University of Amsterdam—Amsterdam, Netherlands July 17, 2024
Presented *An International Prosecutor as U.S. Special Counsel* at the International Legal Ethics Conference

Junior International Law Scholars Association July 11, 2024
Presented *The War Crime of Spreading Terror* at Summer Works-in-Progress Workshop (Taylor Dalton, discussant) (Online)

American Society of International Law-Midwest Interest Group May 10, 2024
Presented *An International Prosecutor as U.S. Special Counsel* at 2024 Works-in-Progress Workshop (Aram Gavoort, discussant) (Online)

AALS Section on National Security Law April 26, 2024
Presented *The War Crime of Spreading Terror* at Early Works in National Security Law Workshop (Rachel VanLandingham, discussant) (Online)

Northeastern University Law School—Boston, MA March 1, 2024
Presented *An International Prosecutor as U.S. Special Counsel* at Northeastern University Junior Scholars' Conference

West Virginia University College of Law—Morgantown, WV February 28, 2024
Presented *An International Prosecutor as U.S. Special Counsel* at Faculty Workshop

Cornell Law School—Ithaca, NY January 9, 2024
Presented *An International Prosecutor as U.S. Special Counsel* at Junior International Law Scholars Association annual meeting

Duquesne Kline School of Law—Pittsburgh, PA April 21, 2023
Presented preliminary research on specific intent and the war crime of terror at Mon River Faculty Colloquium

American University Washington College of Law—Washington, DC January 24, 2023
Presented *Digital Terror Crimes* at Faculty Workshop (Rebecca Hamilton, discussant)

Boston University School of Law—Boston, MA January 13, 2023
Presented *Digital Terror Crimes* at Junior International Law Scholars Association annual meeting

University of South Carolina Rice School of Law—Columbia, SC February 21, 2020
Participated in panel on “Labor Trafficking and the Law”

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Central Appalachia Region of the American Red Cross May 14, 2025
Presented lecture “An Insider’s Account of Prosecuting International Crimes” (Online)

Rotary Club of Charleston, West Virginia—Charleston, WV April 21, 2025
Presented lecture on international criminal law and the International Criminal Court

William & Mary Law School—Williamsburg, VA January 27, 2025
Participated in panel on careers in international law (with Evan Criddle)

West Virginia University College of Law—Morgantown, WV September 17, 2024
Participated in panel “*Trump v. United States*: The Evolving Law of Presidential Immunity” for Constitution Day (with Robert Bastress, Anne Lofaso, Larry Rosenberg, and John Taylor)

West Virginia Bar Association—White Sulphur Springs, WV March 27, 2023
Presented “The Practice of International Law” at the State Bar Annual Meeting

Art Museum of West Virginia University—Morgantown, WV February 23, 2023
Participated in panel “Combat and Art: An Interdisciplinary Conversation” (with Lisa Di Bartolomeo and Kristina Olson)

Charleston School of Law—Charleston, SC February 24, 2021
Presented “The Practice of International Criminal Law” (Online)

Allegheny HYP Club—Pittsburgh, PA January 4, 2017
Presented “The ICTY and the Prosecution of Ratko Mladić”

Univ. of Pittsburgh, Center for European Studies—Pittsburgh, PA February 26, 2016
Presented “Prosecuting War Crimes: The Prosecution of Ratko Mladić”

SERVICE

National

- Co-Chair, Junior International Law Scholars Association (2025-2027)

College of Law

- Faculty Appointments (Fall 2024)
- Global Programs (2023-2024)
- Academic Planning (2023-2024)
- Assessment (Fall 2022)
- Faculty Advisor, WVU Criminal Law Society (2022-2024)

SELECTED HONORS

American Society of International Law Stand Tall for the Rule of Law Summit, Lviv, Ukraine (invited expert) (2023)

West Virginia Lawyers and Leaders Award (West Virginia Executive Magazine) (2023)

Martin Luther King, Jr. Living the Dream Award (Human Rights), West Virginia Martin Luther King, Jr. State Holiday Commission (2017)

Leader of Tomorrow Award, St. Gallen Symposium, St. Gallen, Switzerland (2008)

Rotary International Ambassadorial Scholar (full tuition scholarship with stipend) (2005-2006)

Harvard College John Harvard Scholar (2003) (highest academic rank)

BAR ADMISSIONS

State of West Virginia

State of Pennsylvania (inactive)