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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

Vermont Law School, Center for Agriculture and Food Systems

Assistant Professor of Law and Clinic Director, 2019 – present

Clinic Director and Clinical Instructor, 2018 – 2019

Courses taught:

Food and Agriculture Clinic

Advanced Food and Agriculture Clinic

Institutional service:

Member, Admissions Committee, 2020 – present

Member, Clinical and Experiential Working Group, 2018 – present

Mentor, Faculty Mentor Program, 2020 – present

Faculty Advisor, Jewish Law Student Association, 2019

Faculty Advisor, Food and Agriculture Law Society, 2018 – present

EDUCATION

Vermont Law School, South Royalton VT

Juris Doctor, *summa cum laude*, 2013

Vermont Law Review, Staff Editor

Institute for Energy and the Environment, Agriculture Energy Solutions Project Leader

Center for Agriculture and Food Systems, Research Associate

Honors and Awards: Public Interest Scholarship Recipient; Dean's Scholar; Academic Excellence

Award recipient for highest grades in Torts, Evidence, and Appellate Advocacy

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor MI

Bachelor of Science, *magna cum laude*, 2006

Majored in Environmental Science, minored in Spanish

Semester at La Universidad Católica in Santiago, Chile, 2004

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition, Washington, DC

Senior Policy Specialist, June 2015 – July 2018

Policy Specialist, June 2013 – May 2015

U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, Washington, DC

Legal Intern for the Honorable Paul L. Friedman, September – December 2012

White House Council on Environmental Quality, Washington, DC
Law Clerk, May – August 2012

District Department of the Environment, Washington, DC
Stormwater Management Division Intern, May – July 2011

Center for Food Safety, Washington, DC
Environmental Policy Associate, September 2008 – July 2010

KnowAtom, Inc., Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA
Science Instructor and Experiential Curriculum Designer, September 2007 – August 2008

Christodora, New York, NY
Experiential Educator, September 2006 – August 2007

PUBLICATIONS

Articles

Sophia Kruszewski & Samuel Ingraham, *Planting the Seed: A Proposal for a Farm Operation Test under the FSMA Produce Safety Rule*, KY J. OF EQUINE, AGRIC. & NAT. RES. L. (forthcoming Spring 2021).

Meeting the Legal Needs of Food Hubs during COVID-19 and Beyond, Agricultural Law Update, AM. AGRIC. L. ASS'N (Winter 2020).

[*The Vermont Legal Food Hub: Supporting Vermont's Agricultural Economy with Pro Bono Legal Assistance*](#), 45 VT. BAR J. 33 (Winter 2019).

[*Putting Local Food on the Menu: Challenges and Solutions to Sustaining the Local Food Sector*](#), 24 A.B.A. TYL 12 (Fall 2019).

[*Will the Trump Administration Support Farmers Facing FSMA Compliance?*](#), 13 J. FOOD L. & POL'Y 89 (2017).

Other

Esther Akwii & Sophia Kruszewski, *Defining and Regulating Agritourism: Trends in State Agritourism Legislation 2019-2020*, Center for Agriculture and Food Systems (forthcoming Spring 2021).

[*Supporting Vermont's farmers and fledgling attorneys through the Vermont Legal Food Hub*](#), VT. L. REV. Blog (Dec. 10, 2020).

[*Employment Law FAQ for Vermont Farmers and Farm Workers Related to Covid-19*](#), Center for Agriculture and Food Systems (April 2020).

Whitney Shields & Sophia Kruszewski, [*Farm and Food Law: A Guide for Attorneys in the Legal Food Hub*](#),

Vermont Edition, Center for Agriculture and Food Systems (March 2020).

Contributing Author, [*State Farm to School Policy Handbook: 2002-2018*](#), National Farm to School Network and the Center for Agriculture and Food Systems (June 2019).

Alyssa Hartman, Sophia Kruszewski, Erica Morrell & Peter Allison, [*Regional Trends in New England Farm to Institution Procurement Policy*](#), Center for Agriculture and Food Systems (August 2019).

William Northrop, Laurie Beyranevand & Sophia Kruszewski, [*The Farm Bill's Uncertain Future*](#), Vermont Law Top 10 Environmental Watch List (January 2019).

Contributing Author, [*Housing & Employment Rights for Vermont Dairy Workers*](#), Center for Agriculture and Food Systems and Migrant Justice (January 2019).

Lead Author, [*Understanding FDA's FSMA Rule for Produce Farms and Understanding FDA's FSMA Rule for Food Facilities*](#), National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition Special Reports (2016).

Contributing Author, [*Building Sustainable Farms, Ranches, and Communities*](#), U.S. Department of Agriculture (2014)

Co-author, [*A Farmer's Guide to Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy*](#), The Institute for Energy and the Environment at Vermont Law School (2011).

SELECTED SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Recognizing Nature's Value, JURIST, February 26, 2021 (panelist).

FSMA on the Farm: Compliance, Enforcement, and Beyond, American Agricultural Law Association Annual Educational Symposium, November 12, 2020 (panelist).

The Bankruptcy Code's Best-Kept Secret: How Chapter 12 Can Protect and Transform the Farm, Center for Agriculture and Food Systems webinar, November 6, 2020 (organizer and host).

Legal Resources for Food Hubs, National Good Food Network Conference, March 12, 2020 (speaker/facilitator).

Models for Change, Vermont Journal of Environmental Law Symposium: *Bridging the Gap: Reconciling Agriculture and Environmentalism*, October 25, 2019 (panel moderator).

Updates on Food Safety Modernization Act Legal Research Efforts, Northeast Center to Advance Food Safety national webinar, April 18, 2019 (co-presenter).

State Farm to Institution Policies: Trends to Celebrate, Best Practices to Mobilize, and Barriers to Success, 2019 Farm to Institution New England Summit, Amherst MA, April 4, 2019 (co-presenter).

The Farm Bill, Hothouse Earth Podcast Episode 1, January 2019, available [here](#) (invited guest).

Food Safety Modernization Act Effects on Aggregators and Distributors, Vermont Farm to Plate Aggregation and

Distribution Working Group, April 2016 (invited panelist).

PACA + PTI + FSMA and Food Safety Modernization Act Regulatory Update at the National Good Food Network Food Hub Conference, March 2016 (invited speaker)

Do FDA's New FSMA Food Safety Rules Apply to Me?, Pennsylvania Association for Sustainable Agricultural Annual Conference, February 2016 (invited speaker)

Food Safety Modernization Act, New England Farmers Union Convention, November 2015 (invited speaker).

Policy 201 - Sustaining Farm Bill Wins and Preparing for Future Federal Advocacy Opportunities, NESAWG Annual Conference, November 2015.

Agriculture Law in the Era of Sustainability, Texas A&M Law Review Symposium, October 2015 (invited panelist).

Pew Charitable Trusts Senate Briefing on FSMA Implementation, May 2015 (invited panelist).

Stakeholder Perspectives on FSMA Implementation, FDA Public Meeting on FSMA Implementation, April 2015 (invited panelist).

Shaping Agriculture's Future by Building Relationships and Partnerships, National Association of State Departments of Agriculture Annual Meeting, January 2015 (invited panelist).

FDA's FSMA Regulations, Local Food, and Sustainable Agriculture, American Agricultural Law Association Annual Conference, October 2014 (invited panelist).

Legislative Updates: Sustainable Agriculture in the Farm Bill, American Agricultural Law Association Regional Conference, June 2014 (invited speaker).

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND PUBLIC SERVICE

American Agricultural Law Association, Member, 2013 – present

Vermont Bar Association, Member, 2015 – present

Academy of Food Law and Policy, Member, 2018 – present

Clinical Legal Education Association, Member, 2018 – present

Northeast Organic Farming Association – Vermont, Board Member, 2020 – present

Farm Commons: Guiding Farmers to Legal Resiliency, Project Advisor, 2019 – present

Center for Agriculture and Food Systems: Farmers Market Legal Toolkit, Project Advisor, 2013 – 2016

BAR ADMISSIONS

Licensed in Vermont, 2015 – present

Admitted in Michigan, 2013