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University of Wyoming College of Law
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EDUCATION

Harvard Law School, *SJD*, 2013

Dissertation: “The Law of the Colorado River:
A Contemporary Perspective on Its Transformation”
Fields of Study: Water Law and Policy
Property Law and Theory
Environmental History in the American West
Committee: Joseph Singer, Harvard Law School
Richard Lazarus, Harvard Law School
John Leshy, UC Hastings College of Law
Rachel St. John, Harvard University, History Department
Honors: “Distinguished” Grade on Comprehensive Examination

Harvard Law School, *LLM*, 2009 (waived)

LLM Paper: “Western Water Law in the Twenty-First Century:
A Theoretical Critique of the Prior Appropriation Doctrine”
Honors: 3.82 GPA (equivalent, no class rankings)

University of Oregon School of Law, *JD*, 2006

Honors: Order of Coif (top 5%)
Dean Orlando John Hollis Scholar (1 of 2 in class)
Orlando John & Marian H. Hollis Scholarship
Francis I. Cheney Scholarship
Thomas M. Dempsey Scholarship
Law Review: *Oregon Law Review*, Executive Editor (2005-2006)
Oregon Law Review, Staff Editor (2004-2005)
Maxine Lee Award for Editorial Excellence
Certificates: Environmental & Natural Resources Law Certificate
Pro Bono Certificate

University of Utah, *BS*, Environmental Studies, 2003

Honors: *Magna Cum Laude* (top 2%)
Phi Kappa Phi
American West Center Floyd O’Neil Scholarship
College of Social and Behavioral Sciences Honors Scholarship

TEACHING & RESEARCH INTERESTS

Natural Resources Law
Environmental Law
Native American Natural Resources Law
Property Law
Federal Courts
Administrative Law
American Indian Law
U.S. Legal History

EXPERIENCE

University of Wyoming College of Law, Associate Professor, July 2016-present

- Teach courses in Water Law & Policy, Advanced Water Law & Policy, Advanced Water Law & Policy Field Seminar, Federal Courts, and International Environmental and Natural Resources Law.
- Serve on Master's and Doctoral Committees of candidates in Haub School of Environment and Natural Resources, History Department, and Program in Ecology.
 - Jonathan Bowler, Field of Study: Legal Dimensions of Socioecological Systems (Ph.D. Ecology, Dec. 2019 expected graduation) (Member).
 - Michael Kollker, "Struggling to Operate a Cash Register Stocked with Only Nickels: Drought Contingency Operations for Lake Powell" (J.D./M.A. ENR, May 2017 graduation) (Chair).
 - Carlo Migliaccio, "The Confluence of Cultures: The Cultural Origins of the Conflict Over Water Rights on the Wind River Indian Reservation, 1908-1934" (M.A. History, May 2017 graduation) (Member).

University of Wyoming College of Law, Assistant Professor, Aug. 2014-July 2016

- Recipient of UW College of Law Extraordinary Merit Award for 2014-2015 academic year.
- Taught courses in Water Law, Advanced Water Law, Advanced Water Law Field Seminar, Federal Courts, and International Environmental and Natural Resources Law.
- Served on Master's Committees of candidates in Geography Department, Haub School of Environment and Natural Resources, and History Department.
 - Peter Levish, "The Future of the Colorado River Compact: Preparations for the Interim Guidelines' 2020 Review" (J.D./M.A. ENR, Dec. 2016 graduation) (Chair).
 - Kelly Blomberg, "The Need for Co-Management of Bull Lake and Diversion Dam on the Wind River Indian Reservation" (J.D./M.A. ENR, May 2016 graduation) (Chair).
 - Jared Fluckiger, "An Idaho Water Court?: A Review of and Recommendation for Idaho's Future Water Administration Needs" (J.D./M.A. ENR, May 2016 graduation) (Chair).
 - Jonathan Bowler, "Managing Recreation Resources: An Assessment of Recreation Opportunities in the Green River's Uinta Basin, Utah" (M.P. Geography, M.A. ENR, Dec. 2015 graduation) (Member).
 - Brian Annes, "Interstate Water Banking in the Upper Colorado River Basin: Flexibility and Efficiency for a Dynamic Landscape" (J.D./M.A. ENR, May 2015 graduation) (Co-Chair).

University of Wyoming College of Law, Visiting Professor, Aug. 2013-Aug. 2014

- Taught courses in Water Law, Advanced Water Law, Land Use Law, and Property Law.
- Served on Master's Committees of candidates in Geography Department and Haub School of Environment and Natural Resources (see above).

Harvard Water Security Initiative, Dissertation Fellow, Aug. 2011-May 2013

- Awarded two-year fellowship from comparative water policy institute at Harvard University.
- Completed dissertation on legal framework governing Colorado River system ("Law of the River").
- Assisted with organizing and securing funding for collaborative Water Federalism Project co-sponsored by Water Security Initiative and Harvard Law School Environmental Law Program.
- Delivered guest lectures in water policy courses at Harvard Kennedy School and Harvard College.

Colorado River Governance Initiative, CU Law School, Visiting Fellow, June 2011-Sept. 2012

- Served as visiting fellow at water policy initiative within CU Law School's Getches-Wilkinson Center focused on analysis of legal and policy issues facing Colorado River Basin.
- Co-authored law review article synthesizing CRGI research, *Equity & the Colorado River Compact* (citation below), and drafted related memoranda and reports posted on CRGI website.

Harvard Water Federalism Project, Research Fellow, Oct. 2011-June 2012

- Served as leader of interdisciplinary research team tasked with evaluating contemporary water policy issues in Colorado River Basin in conjunction with Harvard Water Federalism Project.
- Conducted extensive field work—site visits and interviews—in basin during January 2011.
- Served as lead author of article prepared for, and presented at, Harvard Water Federalism Project conference in April 2012: *Challenge & Response in the Colorado River Basin* (citation below).
- Assisted with developing *Water Policy* journal issue published stemming from conference.

Harvard Law School, Academic Fellow, May 2011-Aug. 2011

- Awarded summer academic fellowship to undertake research project addressing intersection of property law and natural resources law—*i.e.*, using property law as lens to examine character and evolution of legal frameworks governing natural resources.
- Drafted Part I of S.J.D. dissertation, entitled "Water as Property," based on research.

Harvard Kennedy School of Government, Teaching Fellow, Jan. 2011-May 2011

- Delivered lectures and presentations, evaluated student work, provided advising, and assisted with administering graduate level comparative water policy course with international focus.

Harvard Law School, Research Assistant, Oct. 2010-Feb. 2011

- Assisted Professor Joseph Singer with research analyzing consumer protection and mortgage laws for NO FREEDOM WITHOUT REGULATION: THE HIDDEN LESSON OF THE SUBPRIME CRISIS (2015).

Harvard University History Department, Research Assistant, Oct. 2010-Dec. 2010

- Assisted Professor Rachel St. John with research and editing for LINE IN THE SAND: A HISTORY OF THE WESTERN U.S.-MEXICO BORDER (2011).

Harvard University History Department, *Teaching Assistant*, June 2010-Aug. 2010

- Conducted class discussions, evaluated student work, and provided advising in summer term course examining history of American Revolution.

Harvard Environmental Science & Public Policy Program, *Teaching Fellow*, Jan. 2010-May 2010

- Delivered lectures and presentations, evaluated student work, provided advising, and assisted with administering undergraduate level comparative water policy course with international focus.

Harvard Law School, *Graduate Program Fellow*, Aug. 2009-May 2010

- Served as LL.M. Advisor for 2009-2010 class, providing academic and professional advising, reviewing academic papers and project proposals, and organizing extracurricular events.

Harvard Emmett Environmental Law & Policy Clinic, *Research Fellow*, May 2009-Aug. 2009

- Prepared memoranda for white papers addressing domestic and international regulatory framework applicable to offshore carbon sequestration as component of U.S. climate change policy.

Oregon Supreme Court, *Law Clerk*, Jan. 2007-Aug. 2008

- Served as law clerk for Oregon Supreme Court—primarily, former Chief Justice Paul J. De Muniz.
- Drafted opinions and memoranda, managed petitions for review docket, and supervised externs.

Oregon Department of Justice, *Law Clerk*, May 2005-April 2006

- Served as law clerk in litigation unit charged with handling complex civil cases on State of Oregon's behalf in state and federal trial and appellate courts, including major environmental suits.
- Drafted memoranda, composed portions of pleadings, and participated in litigation strategy sessions.

Oregon Court of Appeals, *Motions Clerk*, May 2004-Aug. 2004

- Served as motions clerk while completing judicial externship with Oregon Court of Appeals Motions Department and Office of Appellate Legal Counsel.
- Drafted memoranda for procedural and substantive motions, and participated in deliberations.

University of Utah Biology Department, *Teaching Assistant*, Jan. 2003-May 2003

- Conducted discussion sections, evaluated student work, provided advising, and organized public service projects in undergraduate level course on global environmental issues.

University of Utah American West Center, *Research Fellow*, Sept. 2002-Feb. 2003

- Awarded research fellowship to draft paper examining role of local steel mill, Geneva Steel, in development of 1997 National Ambient Air Quality Standards under Clean Air Act.

PUBLICATIONS

Jason Robison, Barbara Cosens, Sue Jackson, Kelsey Leonard & Daniel McCool, *Indigenous Water Justice* (forthcoming 2017) (expounding concept of “indigenous water justice” (IWJ), examining water-justice struggles of Indigenous Peoples in Colorado, Columbia, and Murray-Darling basins, introducing concept of “water colonialism” to synthesize struggles, and advocating for IWJ based on principles and prescriptions rooted in U.N. Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples)

https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3013470

Erum Sattar, Jason Robison & Daniel McCool, *Evolution of Water Institutions in the Indus River Basin: Reflections from the Law of the Colorado River* (forthcoming 2017) (addressing future evolution of transboundary water institutions within Indus River Basin based upon comparative analysis and derivative reflections from Colorado River Basin and Law of the River)

Jason Anthony Robison, *The Colorado River Revisited*, 88 U. COLO. L. REV. 475 (2017) (revisiting Stanford Law School Dean Charles Meyers's seminal article *The Colorado River* after fifty years, chronicling changes in and around Colorado River Basin and evolution of Law of the River's international and interstate allocation framework across period, and considering analytically and prescriptively adaptive patterns apparent from evolution and their continuation in future), http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2727279

Jason Anthony Robison, *Climate Change & Allocation Institutions in the Colorado River Basin*, in WESTERN WATER POLICY AND PLANNING IN A VARIABLE AND CHANGING CLIMATE 289 (2016) (assessing salient water policy and management issues posed by climate change for existing institutions governing water allocation in and around U.S. portion of Colorado River Basin) https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2543697

Jason A. Robison, *Colorado River Water in Southern California: Evolution of the Allocation Framework, 1922-2015*, 27 W. LEGAL HIST. 139 (2015) (surveying legal history of interstate and intrastate allocation framework governing southern California's use of Colorado River water) (Second-Runner Up for 2014 Jerome I. Braun Prize in Western Legal History) https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2543629

Jason A. Robison, *Wyoming's Big Horn General Stream Adjudication*, 15 WYO. L. REV. 243 (2015) (surveying legal history of State of Wyoming's 37-year-long general stream adjudication for Wind/Big Horn Basin), <http://repository.uwyo.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1030&context=wlr>

Jason Robison, Katja Bratschovsky, Jaime Latcham, Eliza Morris, Vanessa Palmer & Arturo Villanueva, *Challenge and Response in the Colorado River Basin*, 16 WATER POL'Y 12 (2014) (providing historical survey of evolution of Law of the River, discussing contemporary policy issues facing Colorado River governance, and considering lessons from and for Colorado River Basin vis-à-vis water policy in five other major river basins examined in Harvard Water Federalism project), <http://www.iwaponline.com/wp/016S1/wp016S10012.htm>

Jason A. Robison & Lawrence J. MacDonnell, *Arizona v. California & the Colorado River Compact: Fifty Years Ago, Fifty Years Ahead*, 3 ARIZ. J. ENVTL. L. & POL'Y 130 (2014) (analyzing from historical and contemporary perspectives complex and critically important relationship between Colorado River Compact and U.S. Supreme Court's *Arizona v. California* decision upon 50th anniversary of latter), <http://www.ajelp.com/articles/az-v-ca-robison-macdonnell/>

Jason A. Robison & Douglas S. Kenney, *Equity & the Colorado River Compact*, 42 ENVTL. L. 1157 (2012) (discussing textual commitment to equity ("equitable apportionment") within Colorado River Compact, highlighting major policy issues bearing on compact's ability to fulfill commitment in contemporary times, and calling for engagement with issues in ongoing dialogue regarding Colorado River governance), <http://law.lclark.edu/live/files/13155-robison-kenneyfinal-for-webiste.pdf>

Jason A. Robison, *A Compact in and of Itself*, Book Review of NORRIS HUNDLEY, JR., *WATER AND THE WEST: THE COLORADO RIVER COMPACT AND THE POLITICS OF WATER IN THE AMERICAN WEST* (2d ed. 2009), H-Net (September 2010), <http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showpdf.php?id=30572>

Jason A. Robison, Comment, *Shaping Oregon Climate Policy in Light of the Kyoto Protocol*, 21 J. ENVTL. L. & LITIG. 207 (2006) (assessing climate change policy at international and regional levels and advocating for implementation of regional policy along West Coast shaped in accordance with Kyoto Protocol), <http://law.uoregon.edu/org/jell/docs/211/OEL106.pdf>

PRESENTATIONS

“Indigenous Water Justice in the Colorado, Columbia & Murray-Darling Basins.” Presentation at Waterkeeper Alliance 2017 Annual Conference, Park City, UT; June 9, 2017.

“Indigenous Water Justice.” Presentation at Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation’s Eighteenth Institute for Natural Resources Law Teachers, Indigenous Rights and North American Natural Resource Activity Panel, Banff Centre, Banff, Alberta; June 2, 2017.

“Let’s Talk About Water: A Film Festival Exploring Water Issues Through Social Justice.” Panel Participant at University of Wyoming Multicultural Association of Student Scientists’ Film & Water Symposium, Laramie, Wyoming; April 13, 2017.

“The Life and Times of the Yellowstone River Compact: Reflections & Visions at the Close of *Montana v. Wyoming*.” Presentation at University of Wyoming, Water at Risk Panel, Fall 2016 Earth, Wind, and Water Series, Laramie, Wyoming; September 13, 2016.

“The Life and Times of the Yellowstone River Compact: *Montana v. Wyoming* and Beyond.” Presentation at Wyoming State Bar, Energy and Natural Resources Section Summit, Casper, Wyoming; July 28, 2016.

“Synthesis of the Indigenous Water Justice Symposium.” Panel Moderator at University of Colorado Law School 2016 Martz Summer Conference, Coping with Water Scarcity in River Basins Worldwide: Lessons Learned from Shared Experiences, Boulder, Colorado; June 9, 2016.

“*Montana v. Wyoming*: The Yellowstone River Compact in the U.S. Supreme Court.” Presentation at University of Wyoming Saturday University, Western Wyoming Community College, Rock Springs, Wyoming; April 23, 2016.

“What’s at Stake in the Negotiation and Litigation of Interstate Water Compacts?” Panel Moderator at *University of Denver Water Law Review* Ninth Annual Symposium, Conflicts & Cooperation: The Past, Present, and Future of Interstate Water Compacts, Denver, Colorado; April 8, 2016.

“A Survey of Wyoming Water Law.” Presentation at University of Wyoming, College of Law, Energy, Environmental, and Natural Resources Law Clinic, Laramie, Wyoming; February 22, 2016.

“The Colorado River Revisited.” Presentation at Vermont Law School Sixth Annual Environmental Scholarship Colloquium, South Royalton, Vermont; October 3, 2015.

“Wyoming’s *Big Horn* General Stream Adjudication, 1977-2014.” Presentation at Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation’s Seventeenth Institute for Natural Resources Law Teachers, Frontiers in Water Adjudication Panel, University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law, Salt Lake City, Utah; May 28, 2015 (panel materials: <http://www.rmmlf.org/NRLT15umr/NRLT15-Materials.pdf>).

“Water Master Joseph Sax: A Tribute.” Presentation at American Society for Environmental History Conference, The Multifaceted Legacies of Joe Sax, 1936-2014, Panel, Washington, D.C.; March 19, 2015 (panel materials: https://orgsync.com/84764/custom_pages/12126).

“From Trial to Tribulation: Equitable Apportionment of the Laramie River & Formation of the Colorado River Compact.” Presentation at Laramie Rivers Conservation District, Laramie Conservation Expo, Laramie, Wyoming; March 7, 2015.

“Climate Change and the Colorado River.” Presentation at University of Denver, Sturm College of Law, Environmental Law Workshop, Denver, Colorado; February 23, 2015.

“Wyoming Water Law: An International, Interstate & Intrastate Survey.” Presentation at University of Wyoming, College of Law, Energy, Environmental, and Natural Resources Law Clinic, Laramie, Wyoming; February 19, 2015.

“Colorado River Water in Southern California: Evolution of the Allocation Framework, 1922-2014.” Presentation at Rocky Mountain Junior Scholars Forum, University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law, Salt Lake City, Utah; November 14, 2014.

“Colorado River Water in Southern California: Evolution of the Allocation Framework, 1922-2014.” Presentation at Western History Association, 2014 Annual Conference, Newport Beach, California; October 16, 2014.

“Western Water Law & Sustainable Food Production.” Presentation at University of Wyoming, Consumer Issues Conference, Laramie, Wyoming; October 10, 2014.

“Climate Change and Allocation Institutions in the Colorado River Basin.” Presentation at University of Wyoming, College of Law, Advanced Water Law Seminar, Laramie, Wyoming; May 1, 2014.

“Climate-Based Institutional Change Within the Colorado River Basin.” Presentation at University of Wyoming, Department of Geography, Laramie, Wyoming; February 14, 2014.

“The Ambiguous Colorado River Compact.” Presentation at Laramie County Bar Association, Cheyenne, Wyoming; September 19, 2013.

“Reckoning *Arizona v. California* with the Colorado River Compact.” Presentation at University of Colorado Law School Conference, *Arizona v. California* at 50: The Legacy and Future of Governance, Reserved Rights, and Water Transfers, Boulder, Colorado; August 16, 2013.

“The Indeterminacy of the Colorado River Compact.” Presentation at University of Wyoming, College of Law, Natural Resources Law Club Brown Bag, Laramie, Wyoming; April 26, 2013.

“Water as Property: The Law of the River in the Colorado River Basin.” Presentation at Harvard Law School, Graduate Program, Second Dissertation Colloquium, Cambridge, Massachusetts; March 6, 2013.

“Forging Ahead in the Era of Limits: The Evolution of Interstate Water Policy in the Colorado River Basin.” Presentation at Harvard University Water Federalism Project Conference, Cambridge, Massachusetts; April 20, 2012.

“Water as Property: The Law of the River in the Colorado River Basin.” Presentation at Harvard Law School, Graduate Program, First Dissertation Colloquium, Cambridge, Massachusetts; November 30, 2011

“Institutions for Environmental Governance: Water Rights Systems in the Colorado River Basin.” Presentation at Harvard Law School Graduate Program Environmental Law Panel, State and Nature: Global Perspectives on Institutions for Environmental Governance in the Twenty-First Century, Cambridge, Massachusetts; April 14, 2011.

Invited Participant and Commentator at Harvard Water Security Initiative / Uniwater (University of Melbourne and Monash University joint initiative) Collaborative Session, University of Melbourne, Melbourne, Australia; June 28-30, 2010.

SERVICE

UW Advisory Committee on Native American Affairs, *Committee Member*, May 2017-present

- Advise UW President and other administrators regarding Native American Center and efforts to provide more open, inclusive, and positive environment for Native American students.
- Assist with events aimed at increasing enrollment and retention of Native American students.
- Facilitate positive, productive relationship with Eastern Shoshone and Northern Arapahoe tribes on Wind River Reservation.

Sesquicentennial Colorado River Exploring Expedition, *Committee Member*, April 2016-present

- Serve as steering committee member for historical and prospective project commemorating sesquicentennial of John Wesley Powell’s historic 1869 expedition down Green and Colorado rivers.
- Serve as lead editor of edited volume to be published with project—VISION & PLACE: JOHN WESLEY POWELL AND REIMAGINATION OF THE COLORADO RIVER BASIN (forthcoming 2019).
- Provide input on academic and public outreach events to be organized in conjunction with project and associated collaborations with academic, governmental, and non-governmental entities.

UW College of Law, EENR Group Ad Hoc Committee, *Committee Member*, Sept. 2014-present

- Contribute to committee work on Environment, Energy & Natural Resources (EENR) law curriculum, J.D./M.A. program with Haub School, and EENR certificate program.
- Led committee efforts to develop three-part Water Law & Policy course sequence and new course in International Environmental & Natural Resources law.

UW College of Law, Curriculum/Assessment Committee, *Committee Member*, Sept. 2014-present

- Contribute to committee work on curriculum review and assessment of learning outcomes.

UW College of Law, Natural Resources Law Club, *Faculty Advisor*, Sept. 2013-present

- Advise NRLC officers on annual schedule of events and speakers sponsored by club.
- Assist with advertising and making arrangements for sponsored events and speakers.
- Organized guest presentations and panel discussions on Australian water law, climate change policy, Colorado and Wyoming water law, land use law, and Law of the Colorado River.

UW Haub School of Env't. & Nat. Resources, *Dean Search Committee Member*, Sept. 2016-May 2017

- Contribute to work of committee tasked with recruiting and hiring Haub School Dean, including solicitation of applications, candidate interviews, and committee deliberations.

Indigenous Water Justice Symposium, *Lead Organizer*, Sept. 2015-June 2016

- Collaborated with Australian, Canadian, and U.S. colleagues at six universities to organize joint symposium addressing issues of “water justice” facing Aboriginal Communities, Canadian First Nations, and Native American Tribes in Colorado, Columbia, and Murray-Darling river basins.
- Facilitated keynote, moderator, and panelist commitments at symposium from diverse group of roughly two dozen Indigenous community leaders, academics, policymakers, and professionals.
- Spearheaded funding efforts for coverage of symposium costs, including international travel.
- Organized and served as panel moderator for Indigenous Water Justice Symposium synthesis session at University of Colorado Law School’s 2016 Martz Summer Conference.

University of Wyoming *Big Horn Symposium*, *Committee Chair*, Sept. 2013-Sept. 2014

- Served as chair of diverse 10-member steering committee responsible for organizing university-wide symposium on Wyoming’s 37-year-long *Big Horn* general stream adjudication upon its completion.
- Secured and assisted with securing substantial symposium funding from interdisciplinary group of 12 sponsoring entities across University of Wyoming campus.
- Assisted with securing generous grant from Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation for publication of *Wyoming Law Review* issue dedicated to *Big Horn* symposium.
- Facilitated 7 authorship commitments for *Wyoming Law Review*’s symposium issue.
- Facilitated keynote and panelist commitments from diverse, accomplished group of two dozen speakers associated with federal, state, and tribal governments, and academic institutions.
- Developed and assisted with administering symposium travel grant program for students.
- Arranged for hosting of symposium at Wind River Hotel and Casino on Wind River Indian Reservation and live streaming and digital recording of proceedings for public access.
- Completed various related tasks involving budgeting, coordination, and programming.

Additional Service

- Volunteer Judge, UW College of Law, Jessup Int’l Law Moot Court Competition, 2015-2017.
- Moderator, “You Be The Judge” Program, Albany County Courthouse, 2015.

BAR ADMISSION Member of Oregon Bar (inactive; admitted 2006)

LANGUAGES English, Spanish