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EDUCATION

- 2011-2016: DPhil (International Relations), University of Oxford
Thesis Title: 'Unfinished Business: Legalisation and Implementation in Business and Human Rights.'
- 2009-2011: MPhil (International Relations), University of Oxford
Thesis Title: 'Unintended Consequences in a Laboratory for State-Building: The United Nations and the Implications of a Dominant Executive in Timor Leste.'
- 1999-2005: Bachelor of Laws (Hons I)/Bachelor of Commerce (Hons I), University of Sydney

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

- 2014: Scatcherd Scholarship (University of Bologna) & Departmental Studentship (Politics & IR, Oxford)
- 2009: Clarendon & St Edmund Hall Postgraduate Scholarships for MPhil/DPhil (University of Oxford)
- 2006: Henry S. Albinski Prize for Best Honours Thesis in Australian Foreign and Defence Policy: 'Hands Across the Sea: Australian Foreign Policy and the Solomon Islands.'
- 2004: Selected for Syd Law School Exchange Program to attend NYU to specialise in Public International Law
- 2000-02: Dean's List for Academic Performance for excellence across all Govt & International Relations subjects

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Oct 2012 –Jul 2017: Lecturer & Tutor Magdalen, Wadham, LMH & Mansfield Colleges
University of Georgia (Oxford Campus)

- Courses Designed/Taught: 'The Role of International Law in International Politics' & 'Comparative Human Rights'.
- Courses Taught: 'Rights and Liberties in English Law' & Core IR Papers for Philosophy, Politics and Economics including 'International Relations', 'IR in the Era of the Cold War', and 'IR in the Era of Two World Wars.'

May-Sept 2015: Associate Shearman & Sterling, London Office

- Assisted on corporatization and privatisation of major European public entity.

Oct-Dec 2014: Associate to the Chief Justice Supreme Court of Appeal of Namibia, Windhoek

- Assisted the Chief Justice and other senior judges with judgment-writing and related research in constitutional, administrative, international, and criminal law (with focus on both Namibian and comparative legal perspectives). In particular, I worked on: (i) *ES v AC* [2015] NASC 11, which concerned the right of a mother (and Jehovah's Witness) to refuse a blood transfusion following an emergency caesarean; and (ii) *Government of the Republic of Namibia v LM and others* [2014] NASC 19, which concerned whether several HIV-positive women had been sterilised in the absence of informed consent (see blog I wrote on that case here: <http://ohrh.law.ox.ac.uk/supreme-court-of-namibia-finds-hiv-positive-women-sterilised-without-informed-consent/>).

June 2011 - June 2014: Researcher

Denis Galligan, Professor (Socio-Legal Studies), Oxford
Liora Lazarus, Professor (Faculty of Law), Oxford
Sarah Percy, University Lecturer (IR), Oxford

- Assisted Professor Galligan with several research projects including a co-authored chapter on constitutional history; assisted Professor Lazarus with research on security and the rule of law; assisted Professor Percy (now at UQ) with research on Somali piracy and international law.

Apr 2007 - Aug 2009: Lawyer

Allens-Linklaters, Sydney
Commercial Litigation/Banking & Finance

- Drafted court documents, letters of advice, and research memoranda;
- As pro bono coordinator for the Sydney office, I devised and implemented projects to enhance the firm's pro bono work, with a particular focus on developing the firm's volunteer programs;
- Specific matters on which I worked included mega-litigation involving several insurers, reinsurers and other parties; a Trade Practices dispute involving several prominent Australian corporations; a complex contractual dispute concerning the takeover of a large mining corporation; and an internal restructure of an airport holdings company.

Jan 2006 - Mar 2007: Associate to Justice Tamberlin

Federal Court of Australia, Sydney

- Research for his Honour on points of corporations, international, administrative, intellectual property and competition law, including summarising and critically analysing upcoming first instance and appeal-level matters;
- Assisted his Honour with the preparation of judgments for both single judge and Full Court matters;
- Significant cases included: (1) *Hicks v Ruddock* (2007) 156 FCR 574, which concerned the decision of the Australian government not to request the return of David Hicks when he was being held in Guantanamo Bay; and (2) *United Salvage Pty Ltd v Louis Dreyfus Armateurs SNC* [2006] FCA 116, which related to the salvage of a Swedish ship off Port Gladstone in Queensland.

Jan - Mar 2005: Intern

Department of Disarmament, UN Headquarters, New York

- This department prepares political assessments for the Secretary-General on the maintenance of international security through conventional weapons control and halting the proliferation of small arms and WMDs.

Sept 2004 – Dec 2004: Researcher

Centre of Law & Security, New York University

- Prepared research for Karen J. Greenberg, Executive Director of the Centre and co-editor of *The Torture Papers: The Road to Abu Gharib* (2005), on individuals indicted under the US Patriot Act (H.R. 3162).

Mar 2004 – Jul 2004: Intern

Human Rights Commission, Sydney

- Prepared research and drafted advice on diverse issues including special measures favouring women in union appointments; the right of children to participate in decisions affecting them; and the legal entitlement of casual workers to parental leave.

PUBLICATIONS

- 2015: Claire Palmer, 'What can Post-Democracy tell us about TNCs and Extraterritorial Violations of Human Rights?', *Political Quarterly*, vol. 87(1), January–March 2016
- 2014: Denis Galligan and Claire Palmer, 'Patterns of Constitutional Thought from Fortescue to Bentham: A Collection of Essays on Selected British, French, and American Authors' in Galligan, D. *Constitutions and the Classics*, Oxford University Press (2014)

VOLUNTEER POSITIONS

- 2012-2017: **Oxford Pro Bono Publico Researcher** University of Oxford, United Kingdom
- Researched on OPBP projects related to: (1) the provisions related to executive power as set out in the Sierra Leone and other African constitutions; (2) children's rights as affected by large-scale construction projects in Brazil; and (3) procedural rules related to the *Canadian Indigenous Rights and the Tar Sands* litigation.
 - In 2014, I coordinated a group of undergraduate Mansfield students to attend practical training at Amicus, a London-based organisation that assists clients on death row in the United States.
- 2007-2009: **Food Van Volunteer** Youth Off The Streets, Sydney
- 2006-2009: **Canteen Volunteer** Matthew Talbot Hostel, Sydney
- 2004: **St. Luke's 'GO' Elementary School Tutoring** Greenwich Village, New York

LANGUAGES

French (Intermediate).