

# C. CORA TRUE-FROST

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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

**Syracuse University College of Law**, *Associate Professor*, August 2011-present

Teaching Criminal Law, Regulatory Law and Policy, International Human Rights Law, International Law, European Court of Human Rights, and Constitutional Law II.  
University Meredith Teaching Recognition Award 2017. Lex Lucet Mundum Award 2018.

**Harvard Law School**, *Climenko Fellow and Lecturer in Law*, May 2007-June 2011

Taught First Year Legal Research & Writing, 2007-2011.  
Designed and ran reading group on the fragmentation of international law in Spring 2011.  
Co-taught with Dean Minow seminar “The Role of the Prosecutor in the International Criminal Court,” Winter 2011.

**Harvard University Edmond Safra Foundation Center for Ethics**, *Fellow*, September 2006-May 2007

Selected as 1 of 5 fellows to pursue independent research and writing, present work.  
Led and participated in seminars on select topics in moral and political philosophy.

## EDUCATION

**Harvard Law School**, LL.M., June 2006

- Fields of Study: International Law, International Relations, International Organizations, Human Rights; A average.
- Landon H. Gammon Fellowship & John E. Thayer Scholarship for academic excellence
- LL.M. Thesis, “The Evolving Import of the Security Council’s Thematic Resolutions,” A+

**Syracuse University College of Law (SUCOL)**, J.D./M.P.A., May 2001

**Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs**

- Top 3%; 6/257, *magna cum laude*
- SUCOL Law Fellowship for academic excellence (1 of 2; full tuition waiver and monthly stipend)
- Lead Articles Editor, *Syracuse Law Review*
- Moot Court Honor Society; Justinian Honor Society; Order of the Coif; Women’s Law Caucus; Big Sisters

**Trinity University**, San Antonio, TX, B.A., May 1992

- Majored in Philosophy (concentration in Ethics and Value Theory) and Sociology; Minor in German

## PUBLICATIONS

- *American Law, Global Norms: The Challenge of Enforcing Children with Disabilities’ Right to a Free and Appropriate Education*, 23 BIAŁOSTOCKIE STUDIA PRAWNICZE 87 (2018).
- *When the UN Addresses the” Conditions Conducive to Terrorism” What Happens to Human Rights?*, 2017 MICH. STATE L. REV. 805 (2017)
- *Weapons of the Weak: The Prosecutor of the ICC’s Power to Engage the UN Security Council*, 44 FSU L. REV. 2 (2017).

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### **PUBLICATIONS (CONT.'D)**

- THE FIRST GLOBAL PROSECUTOR: PROMISE AND CONSTRAINTS (Cora True-Frost, Martha Minow, and Alex Whiting, eds.). Contributors: David Scheffer, Jens Meierhenrich, Luis Moreno-Ocampo, Robert Mnookin, Christopher Stone, Phil Heymann, Pat Wald, Alex Whiting, Maximo Langer, Leila Sadat, Martha Minow, Cora True-Frost, Alex Whiting. (University of Michigan Press: April 2015).
- *The International Civil Servant: How the Prosecutor of the ICC Engages the UN Security Council*, in THE FIRST GLOBAL PROSECUTOR: PROMISE AND CONSTRAINTS (University of Michigan Press: April 2015).
- *Signaling Credibility: The Development of Standing in International Security*, 32 CARDOZO L. REV. 1183 (2011).
- Book review, Ian Hurd, AFTER ANARCHY, 123 POL. SCI. Q. 356 (Summer 2008). *The Security Council and Norm Adoption*, 40 N.Y.U. J. INT'L L. & POL. 115 (2007).

### **WORKS IN PROGRESS**

- *A Structural Case for Prosecutorial Declination* (working paper).
- *The Comparative Case for Prosecutorial Declination* (working paper).
- *Taking Stock of the Jurispathic Potential of International Law* (working paper).
- *Regulatory Lessons Learned from the UN Security Council's Engagement with the Ebola Epidemic* (working paper).

### **OTHER PUBLICATIONS**

- *The Security Council Marks Seventh Anniversary of Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security*, 11 ASIL INSIGHT 29 (December 17, 2007).
- *Beyond Levittown Towards a Quality Education for All Children: Litigating High Minimum Standards for Public Education*, 51 SYRACUSE L. REV. 1015 (2001).
- *Fighting the Gender Gap in Education in Sub-Saharan Africa: Ghana's Efforts and Malawi's Success*, IX MAXWELL REV.: J. OF SCHOLARSHIP AND OPINION 1 (Spring 2001).

### **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

International Law/International Relations, International Organizations, International Human Rights Law, Constitutional Rights, UN Security Council, International Criminal Law

### **SELECT UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

**Impunity Watch Director**, 2018-present

**Meredith Teaching Excellence Recognition Award Committee**, 2019

**Hiring Committee**, 2018-present

**Syracuse University Program on Refugee Assistance**, Faculty Advisor, 2015-present

**National Women's Law Student Association**, Faculty Advisor, 2015-present

**Jessup International Moot Court Competition**, Faculty Advisor, 2016-present

**University Senate Delegate**, 2014-2016

**International and Special Programs Initiatives Committee**, 2015-present

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### SELECT UNIVERSITY SERVICE (CONT.'D)

**Admissions Committee**, 2012-2017

**Curriculum Committee**, 2011-2012

**Student Note Advisor**, 2012-present

**Honor Code Committee**, 2011-present

**First Year Mentoring Program**, Faculty Mentor, 2012-2018

**Disability Law and Public Policy Center Faculty Member**, 2011-present

**Institute of National Security and Counterterrorism Affiliated Faculty**, 2011-present

**Niagara International Moot Court Competition**, Faculty Advisor, 2014-2016

**Summer Institute for Technology-Enhanced Teaching and Learning**, Participant, Summer 2014

**College of Law Human Rights Film Series**, Convener, 2012-present

**Regulatory Law Guest Speaker Series**, Convener, 2012-2018

**Syracuse University College of Law, J.D. Orientation**, Faculty, 2013-present

**Syracuse University College of Law, LL.M. Orientation**, Faculty, 2015-present

**International Strategic Crisis Negotiation Exercise**, Mentor, 2013, 2014

### GRANTS

- [Andrew Berlin Family Fund Grant](#), 2017  
[http://law.syr.edu/news\\_events/news/professor-true-frost-receives-grant-to-disseminate-research-and-organize-wo](http://law.syr.edu/news_events/news/professor-true-frost-receives-grant-to-disseminate-research-and-organize-wo)
- [Meredith Teaching Recognition Award](#), 2017  
<https://news.syr.edu/2017/05/professors-honored-with-prestigious-meredith-teaching-recognition-and-scholar-and-teacher-awards/>
- [University Research Grant](#), 2016  
[http://law.syr.edu/news\\_events/news/three-college-of-law-professors-awarded-research-grants-from-syracuse-unive](http://law.syr.edu/news_events/news/three-college-of-law-professors-awarded-research-grants-from-syracuse-unive)
- **College of Law Summer Research Grant**  
(received for summers of 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017)
- **Fulbright Fellowship**, declined in order to accept the Safra Fellowship, 2006
- **Climenko Fellowship**, Harvard Law School, 2007-2011  
<https://batchgeo.com/map/5ddc6f13fbb114ed03cd99bbc035e7fd>
- **Safra Fellowship**, Harvard University, 2006-2007  
<https://ethics.harvard.edu/former-graduate-fellows/2006-2007>

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

#### LEGAL PRACTICE

**Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP**, *Litigation Associate*, New York, NY, 10/01-9/03, 1/04-2/04

- Advised clients and researched and wrote briefs on a range of matters relating to litigation strategy, jurisdiction, contract, antitrust, copyright infringement, environmental, and RICO law.

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- Hired, trained and supervised over 50 attorneys, including local counsel partners in litigation.
- Appeared in federal court and argued on behalf of client in multi-million dollar litigation.

### **INTERNATIONAL LEGAL PRACTICE AND ADVOCACY**

#### **Special Court for Sierra Leone, *Legal Consultant Defense Team*, Freetown, Sierra Leone, 5/05-8/05**

- Researched and co-wrote motion for acquittal for former Director of War for the Civil Defence Forces, accused of war crimes and crimes against humanity.
- Prepared cross-examination and motion papers for use in the Civil Defence Forces trial, supported lead counsel during trial.

#### **NGO Working Group on Women, Peace and Security, *Coordinator*, UN Headquarters, NY, 8/04-5/05**

- Led ten international NGOs' advocacy strategy on Resolution 1325 on women, peace and security.
- Advised UN Security Council members, Member States and UN agencies on how fully to implement SC Resolution 1325 and CEDAW, in order to enhance gender parity in post-conflict and political processes.
- Persuaded UN Security Council members to include a Congolese woman in the UN Open Debate in 2004, the second such occurrence of inclusion of a civil society representative in the Council's history. Co-researched and co-wrote report on SC Resolution 1325.
- Represented NGO Working Group at numerous high-level events, on panels and at conferences.

#### **Judicial Systems Monitoring Programme ("JSMP"), *Legal Researcher; Women's Justice Unit Founder and Coordinator*, Dili, East Timor, 9/03-12/03, 3/04-6/04**

- Researched, wrote, and launched the first report to examine the gender-related criminal code provisions and women's access to formal justice in East Timor.
- Founded and established the Women's Justice Unit at JSMP, with support of the First Lady of East Timor. The unit continues to serve Timorese women.

#### **Lockerbie Trial Families Project, *Research Associate*, Syracuse, NY, 9/00-5/01**

- Conducted comparative research on US and Scottish criminal law and procedure; edited trial summaries for families of victims published on website funded by the Department of Justice.

### **TEACHING**

#### **New York City and Baltimore City Boards of Education, *Middle School Humanities Teacher, Teach For America*, Harlem, NY, 8/95- 8/97; Baltimore, MD, 8/92-7/94**

- Co-wrote school-wide sixth grade global Humanities curriculum, and led faculty teams at both schools.

### **SELECT SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS**

- Panel Convener and Moderator, "International Disability Law and the Experience of Marginality," American Society of International Law Conference, March 29, 2019 (selected).
- Seton Hall Law School Colloquium, "When the UN Addresses the "Conditions Conducive to Terrorism," (invitation)(Spring 2018).
- "Addressing the Conditions Conducive to Terrorism," European Society of International Law Conference, (application)(September 2017).

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### SELECT SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS (CONT.'D)

- “Addressing the Conditions Conducive to Terrorism,” Law and Society Conference (application) (June 2017).
- William and Mary Law School (invitation) (May 2017).
- “Addressing the Conditions Conducive to Terrorism,” University of Georgia Int’l Law Grrls Conference, March 2, 2017 (selected).
- “Addressing the Conditions Conducive to Terrorism,” Syracuse University Faculty Workshop, January 26, 2017.
- “Weapons of the Weak: The Prosecutor of the ICC’s Power to Engage the UN Security Council” University of Buffalo Faculty Workshop, October 2016 (invitation).
- “Addressing the Conditions Conducive to Terrorism,” Presenter, Women in International Law, Duke University Law School, September 16, 2016 (invitation).
- “Addressing the Conditions Conducive to Terrorism,” Presenter, Southeastern Area Law Schools, August 9, 2016 (selected).
- Emerging Issues in International Criminal and Human Rights Law,” Discussant and Panel organizer, Southeastern Area Law Schools, August 9, 2016 (selected).
- “Tools of the Weak,” Marvin Andersen International Law Colloquium, University of California, Hastings, February 4, 2016 (invitation).
- “An International Case for Saying No to the Security Council,” Bridging the Collaborative Gap, Disasters, Displacement, and Human Rights, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, September 27, 2015 (selected).
- “The First Global Prosecutor: Promise and Constraints,” Faculty Book Talk, Harvard Law School, November 4, 2015 (invitation).
- “An International Case for Prosecutorial Restraint,” Presenter, Women in International Law, Duke University Law School, summer 2015 (invitation).
- “Prosecuting domestic and international crimes: How prosecutorial discretion and extraterritoriality create and constrain possibilities for criminal accountability,” Chair, Co-Convenor and Panelist, Law and Society Conference, Seattle, May 2015 (proposed).
- “Ebola,” Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, August 2015 (proposed).
- “The International Response to the Ebola Epidemic,” International Organizations Caught in the Crossfire panel, Annual Meeting of the American Branch of the International Law Association, October 2014 (invitation).
- “The International Civil Servant: How the Prosecutor of the ICC Engages the UN Security Council,” Presentation at the New Scholars’ Colloquia, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, August 2014 (selected).
- “A Fiduciary Theory of International Humanitarian Law,” Discussant, McGill Law School, May 2014 (invitation).
- “The International Civil Servant: How the First Prosecutor Engaged the UN Security Council,” International Law/International Relations Colloquium, Cornell Law School, February 2014 (invitation).
- How the Prosecutor Educates and Influences the Security Council,” Junior International Law Scholars Association, Wharton Business School, June 2013 (selected).
- “The Relationship between the UN Security Council and the Office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court,” Office of the Prosecutor Distinguished Lecture Series, International Criminal Court, The Hague, Netherlands, November 23, 2012 (invitation).

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### **SELECT SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS (CONT.'D)**

- “Out of Country, Not Out of Politics,” Moderator, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse, October 2012 (invitation).
- “A Reply to Power and Constraint,” Temple Law School International Law Roundtable, September 2012 (invitation).
- “Transnational Courts and Transnational Settlements: Norms and International Relations,” Moderator/Discussant, Law and Society Conference, Chicago, May 2010. “International Dispute Resolution in Practice; Legal Efforts at Social Reform in Foreign Fora Panel,” Moderator/Discussant, Harvard International Law Journal Symposium, April 2010 (invitation).
- “International Accountability,” Moderator and organizer of panel, Law and Society Conference, Montreal, May 30, 2008.
- “Signaling Credibility: The Security Council’s Limited Accountability to Individuals,” International Law and International Relations Colloquium, Tufts University, April 2008 (invitation).
- “Gender Norms and Resolution 1325,” Women and Peace: A New Reality, Multidisciplinary Approaches to Security Council Resolution 1325, UN Headquarters, April 2008 (invitation). “Tenuous Governance: International Organizations’ Accountability to Individuals,” Junior International Law Scholars Conference, New York Law School, February 2008 (selected through competitive process).
- “A Case for Recognizing--and Enhancing--the Accountability of International Organizations to Individuals,” Climenko Workshop, Harvard Law School, February 2008. “Gender Norms and Resolution 1325,” American Branch of the International Law Association, Women and the UN: New Visions, New Hopes, New York City, October 2007 (invitation). Discussant, “Network Governance,” International Law-International Relations Seminar, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, October 2007 (invitation).
- “Accountability in International Peace and Security,” Climenko Workshop, Harvard Law School, July 2007 and Safra Ethics Foundation, Harvard University, May 2007.
- “Negotiating Peace and Equality,” Program on Negotiation, Harvard Law, April 2007 (invitation).
- “The Security Council and Norm Adoption,” Harvard European Law Association Working Papers Series, Harvard Law School, December 2006 (invitation).
- “The Security Council and Norm Adoption,” Safra Ethics Foundation, Harvard University, November 2006.

### **GENERAL WORKSHOPS AND PRESENTATIONS**

- “Countering Violent Extremism,” INSCT Syracuse University, April 2017.
- Invited Speaker, Juvenile Solitary Confinement Panel, Criminal Law Society, March 9, 2017.
- Organized Speechless Party and Discussion, Disability Law Society, February 22, 2017.
- Invited Speaker, Media for Social Responsibility: “Portrayals of Disability and Chronic Illness in Popular Culture”, Ithaca College, Roy H. Park School of Communications. September 30, 2016.
- National Women’s Law Student Association Gathering, September 2016.
- “The Relationship between the International Criminal Court and the UN Security Council,” Speaker. Program for the Advancement of Research on Conflict and Collaboration (PARCC) Conversations series, Maxwell School, (April 2016).
- “Building Skills in International Law,” Panelist. Syracuse University College of Law Orange Slice program, October 2014.

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- “A Shared Sense of Mission: The Maxwell/Teach For America Connection,” Moderator, October 2014.
- “Strategies for Teaching International Criminal Law,” Moderator. Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, Amelia Island, FL, August 2014.
- “The Case of Gilberto Valle, the So-Called “Cannibal Cop,” Discussant and Organizer, April 2014; April 2015.
- “International Criminal Law and Transitional Justice,” Regional Law Library Association of upstate New York, April 2014.
- “Human Rights and the International Criminal Court,” Seminar for Leaders for Democracy Fellows Institute, U.S. State Department Program at Maxwell School on Citizenship and Public Affairs, April 2014.
- “Peace and/or Justice: the UN Security Council and the International Criminal Court,” Impunity Watch speaker series, March 2014.
- “The Relationship between the Prosecutor and the ICC,” Impunity Watch speaker series, October 2013.
- “International Law and Development,” Panelist, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, August 2012, 2013.
- “International Law,” Impunity Watch, April 2013.
- “Nuremberg: Its Lessons for Today,” Discussant on cross-disciplinary panel discussing post-conflict justice, Syracuse University Remembrance Week, Palace Theater, April 2013.
- “Women in Post-Conflict Reconstruction,” Panelist, Maxwell School and Institute for National Security and Counterterrorism, January 2013. Invited regular discussant in International Law-International Relations Seminar at the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University & Harvard Law School Human Rights Program Visiting Fellows Series (2007-2011).

### **MEMBERSHIPS, ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND INTERESTS**

- *New York State Developmental Disabilities Planning Council Member*, appointed by Governor Cuomo, May 2015-present.
- *New York Chapter Partner Lead*, Cerebral Palsy Foundation, October 2016-present.
- *Invited Speaker*, Family Connections Program, Nestle Corporation, August 2017.
- *Pro-Bono Consultant*, Cerebral Palsy Foundation, American Academy of Developmental Medicine and Cerebral Palsy Meeting, September 2016.
- *Event Chair*, Annual Gala April 2017, ARISE Foundation.
- *World CP Day Video Producer*, October 2016.
- *World CP Day Committee member*, August 2016-present (selected through competitive process).
- *One of Top Two Fundraisers*, AccessCNY, “Anything That Rolls,” August 2015, 2016.
- *Consultant*, Civil Society Leadership Fellow Program; Open Society Foundation; Amman, Jordan; (April 2015); Phnom Penh, Cambodia (December 2015).
- *Lecturer*, “Human Rights and the International Criminal Court,” Seminar for Leaders for Democracy Fellows Institute, U.S. State Department Program at Maxwell School on Citizenship and Public Affairs, (April 2014, April 2015).
- *New York State Partners in Policymaking Partner graduate*, Fall 2015.
- *UNIQUE Editorial Board Member*, ARISE Foundation, 2014-2016. UNIQUE is an Art and Literary Magazine that shares the artistic visions and voices of individuals with disabilities. (2014-2016).

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- *Founding member of CP Connect*, a network that helps connect families of children with cerebral palsy in Central New York with necessary resources.
- *Keynote Speaker*, “Celebrating Inclusion and Achieving Independence,” ARISE Foundation, (April 8, 2014).

### **MEMBERSHIPS, ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND INTERESTS (CONT'D)**

- Tecumseh PTG Committee Member, successfully raised funds to build area’s first accessible playground.
- Institute for Social and Economic Research Policy, *Visiting Scholar*, Columbia University (Summer 2008).
- Organized and ran International Law Reading Group at Harvard Law School (Fall 2007).
- Human Rights Education Institute, *Consultant*, Coeur d’Alene, Idaho (2005).
- White & Case LLP, *Summer Associate*, New York, NY (drafted ICTR Memorandum, represented domestic violence victims) (2000).
- Admitted to practice in New York (2001) and Washington D.C. (2002). New York City Bar Association United Nations Committee (2002-2009).
- Admitted to United States District Court for the Southern Districts of New York and Eastern District of Michigan.
- *Member*: American Society of International Law; Law and Society; Junior International Law Scholars; American Branch of International Law Association.
- Conversational knowledge of German, some knowledge of French and Spanish.
- U.S. citizen, Army brat, lived eight years in Germany and traveled independently through over 65 countries.