

## C. CORA TRUE-FROST

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**Bond, Schoeneck and King Distinguished Professor of Law**  
**Laura J. and L. Douglas Meredith Professor of Teaching Excellence**  
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### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

**Syracuse University College of Law, *Bond, Schoeneck and King Distinguished Professor of Law, Laura J. and L. Douglas Meredith Professor of Teaching Excellence***  
*Professor with tenure*, August 2020-present.  
*Assistant Professor*, August 2011-2017; *Associate Professor with tenure*, August 2017-2020.  
Teaching Constitutional Law (Bill of Rights), International Human Rights Law, International Law, and European Court of Human Rights.  
Taught Criminal Law and Regulatory Law and Policy.  
University Meredith Teaching Recognition Award 2017. Lex Lucet Mundum Award 2018.  
Institute for Security Policy and Law Affiliated Faculty.  
Disability Law and Public Policy Program and Institute for Security Policy Affiliated Faculty.  
Burton Blatt Institute Affiliated Faculty.

**University of Oslo, *Fulbright Scholar and Guest Researcher***, Pluricourts Centre for the Study of the Legitimate Roles of the Judiciary in the Global Order, Fall 2022.

**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.  
Regular invited participant/discussant in International Relations/International Law colloquium.

**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.

### GRANTS AND AWARDS

- [Laura J. and L. Douglas Meredith Professor of Teaching Excellence](#). Recognizing outstanding teaching at Syracuse University. Improving universal design in instruction. 2024-2027
- Pluricourts Grant, \$70,000, [Unburdening Access: European Tribunals, International Disability Law: Accessibility and Accommodation, from Disability Studies to Studying Ableism](#). June 2023
- [Fulbright Scholar](#), University of Oslo, Pluricourts Centre for the Study of the Legitimate Roles of the Judiciary in the Global Order, Fall 2022
- EU/Erasmus Scholar, University of Bialystok, May 2022
- [Bond, Schoeneck and King Distinguished Professor](#), 2020-2024
- Journal of Global Rights and Organizations and Impunity Watch News Grant, 2018-2019, \$5,000; 2019-2020, \$7,000, 2020-2021, \$7,000, 2021-2022, \$7,000, 2022-2023, \$9,000; 2023-2024, \$7,000
- ‘Cuse Grant, “Seminar on the Effectiveness of Human Rights Treaties,” 2019-21, \$8,000

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- [Andrew Berlin Family Fund Grant](#), 2017
- [Meredith Teaching Recognition Award](#), 2017
- [University Research Grant](#), 2016
- College of Law Summer Research Grant, received every summer 2012-2024
- [Climenko Fellowship](#), Harvard Law School, 2007-2011
- [Safra Fellowship](#), Harvard University, 2006-2007

### 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

- *Accommodating Equality in the Skies: the Difference Disability Makes*, OUP (forthcoming 2025).
- *Listening to Dissonance at the Intersections of International Human Rights Law*, 43 MICH. J. INT.’L L. 361 (2022).
- *Can International Criminal Law Help Express the Unrealized Value of Disabled Lives?* 116 AJIL UNBOUND, 79-83 (2022).
- *The Rule of Law vs. Autocracy*, THE RULE OF LAW IN RETREAT, (Slawomir Redo & Helmut Kury, eds.) (Lexington, Books: 2021).
- *International Disability Law and the Experience of Marginality*, 113 AM. SOC’Y INT’L L PROC. 287 (2019).
- *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).
- 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).

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- *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).

### *Other Publications/Press Coverage:*

- US News and World Report, [Supreme Court arguments on abortion pill could unify judges](#), March 26, 2024.
- New Mexico Reporter, [U.S. Supreme Court hears case to restrict access to medication abortion](#), March 27, 2024.
- CBS News New York, April 18, 2023, *Federal Court Rulings on Mifepristone*.
- *Parenting in the Shadow of Scarce Ventilators*, Newsday, March 28, 2020.
- *What Have We Learned from the Rwandan Genocide?* U.S. News and World Report, April 5, 2019.
- 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).
- *International Disability Law and the Experience of Marginality*, *ASIL Proceedings*, (2019).
- *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 and Tribunals, European and International Human Rights Law, Constitutional Rights, Disability Rights Law, UN Security Council

## **SELECT UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

- *Journal of International Law and Commerce*, Advisor, 2023-present
- *Journal of Global Rights and Organizations* and Impunity Watch News, Director, 2017-present
- International Law Society Advisor, 2021-present
- Chancellor's Giving Committee, 2019-present
- Women's Law Student Association Advisor, 2013-2023
- Inclusion Committee, 2021-present
- Campus Facilities Advisory Board, 2017-2018, 2019-2022
- Distinguished Lecturer Series Convener, 2017-present
- College of Law Human Rights Film Series, Convener, 2012-present
- Academic Standards Committee, 2023
- Meredith Teaching Excellence Recognition Award Committee, 2019
- Certificates, Degrees, Programs Committee, 2019-2020

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- Hiring Committee, 2018-2019, 2021-2022
- Jessup International Moot Court Competition, Faculty Advisor, 2016-2018
- University Senate Delegate, 2014-2016
- International and Special Programs Initiatives Committee, 2015-present
- Mentoring Program, Faculty Mentor, 2012-present
- Institute of National Security and Counterterrorism Affiliated Faculty, 2011-present
- Niagara International Moot Court Competition, Faculty Advisor, 2014-2016
- Syracuse University College of Law, J.D. and LL.M. Orientation, Faculty, 2015-present
- International Strategic Crisis Negotiation Exercise, Mentor, 2013, 2014

### 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.
- 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.
- 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.

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### 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

- Maynooth University Keynote Speaker, September 2025.
- Academy of European Law, “Equality Before the Law: The Difference Disability Makes,” series of three talks, June 19-22, 2023 (invited).
- “Unburdening Access Before the European Court of Human Rights: Clarifying Accessibility, Reasonable Accommodation, and Anti-Discrimination Rights,” paper presented at conference I organized and received grant for from Pluricourts, held at Literaturhuset, June 12, 2023.
- Justice on the World Stage: Inside the ICC, National Security Law Today, episodes 277 and 278 June 28, 2023 (podcast).
- Journal of Global Rights and Organizations Distinguished Lecturer Series, “The European Court of Human Rights,” April 2023.
- Pluricourts, “Listening to Dissonance in International Human Rights Law—the Difference Disability Makes,” Lunch Workshop, September 28, 2022.
- “Listening to Dissonance at the Intersections of International Human Rights Law,” University of Bialystok as Erasmus Scholar, May 11, 2022.
- Supreme Court Preview, Syracuse University College of Law, September 23, 2021.
- “Harmony and Dissonance at the Intersections of International Human Rights Law,” Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, August 2021 (selected).
- “The Transitional Justice Framework,” panelist “Transitional Justice in the Americas: Accountability for Severe and Pervasive Human Rights Violations,” Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, UN Headquarters, June 17, 2021.
- “Harmony and Dissonance at the Intersections of International Human Rights Law,” Law and Society Association Annual Conference, May 2021.
- “Hot Topics Before the U.S. Supreme Court: Rights Intersections in Context,” Justica Federal, Escola da Magistratura, Porto Alegre, Brazil, August 8, 2019; Pontificia Universidade Catolica do Rio Grande Do Sul, Programa de Pos-Graduacao, Porto Alegre, Brazil, August 8, 2019.
- “Comparative Constitutional Law, Exchanging Hemispheres Program, Mackenzie Law School, Sao Paulo, Brazil, August 2-7, 2019.
- Panel Convener and Moderator, “International Disability Law and the Experience of Marginality,” American Society of International Law Conference, March 29, 2019 (selected).
- “International Disability Law and Intersectionality,” Women in International Law Conference, Duke, May 2019 (invited).
- Discussant, “Reintegrating Collaborators After Mass Atrocities: Experimental Evidence from Mosul, Iraq,” University of Michigan, Empirical Legal Studies Conference, (November 10, 2018).
- Seton Hall Law School Colloquium, “When the UN Addresses the Conditions Conducive to Terrorism,” Spring 2018 (invited).

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- “Addressing the Conditions Conducive to Terrorism,” European Society of International Law Conference, September 2017 (selected); Law and Society Conference June 2017 (applied); William and Mary Law School May 2017 (invited); University of Georgia Int’l Law Grrls Conference, March 2, 2017 (selected).
- “Weapons of the Weak: The Prosecutor of the ICC’s Power to Engage the UN Security Council” University of Buffalo Faculty Workshop, October 2016 (invited).
- “Addressing the Conditions Conducive to Terrorism,” Presenter, Women in International Law, Duke University Law School, September 16, 2016 (invited).
- “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 (invited).
- “The First Global Prosecutor: Promise and Constraints,” Faculty Book Talk, Harvard Law School, November 4, 2015 (invited).
- “An International Case for Prosecutorial Restraint,” Presenter, Women in International Law, Duke University Law School, summer 2015 (invited).
- “Prosecuting domestic and international crimes: How prosecutorial discretion and extraterritoriality create and constrain possibilities for criminal accountability,” Chair, Co-Convener 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 (invited).
- “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 (invited).
- “The International Civil Servant: How the First Prosecutor Engaged the UN Security Council,” International Law/International Relations Colloquium, Cornell Law School, February 2014 (invited).
- “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 (invited).
- “Out of Country, Not Out of Politics,” Moderator, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse, October 2012 (invited).
- “A Reply to Power and Constraint,” Temple Law School International Law Roundtable, September 2012 (invited).
- “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 (invited).

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- “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 (invited).
- “Gender Norms and Resolution 1325,” Women and Peace: A New Reality, Multidisciplinary Approaches to Security Council Resolution 1325, UN Headquarters, April 2008 (invited).
- “Tenuous Governance: International Organizations’ Accountability to Individuals,” Junior International Law Scholars Conference, New York Law School, February 2008 (selected).
- “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 (invited).
- Discussant, “Network Governance,” International Law-International Relations Seminar, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, October 2007 (invited).
- “Accountability in International Peace and Security,” Climenko Workshop, Harvard Law School, July 2007 and Safra Ethics Foundation, Harvard University, May 2007 (invited).
- “The Security Council and Norm Adoption,” Harvard European Law Association Working Papers Series, Harvard Law School, December 2006 (invited), Safra Ethics Foundation, Harvard University, November 2006.

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

- *President and Founder*, Special Education Student Parent Teacher Association, Jamesville-Dewitt School District, 2021-present.
- *Developmental Disabilities Planning Council*, 2015-2024.
- *Consultant*, Out of My Mind Productions, Toronto, June 2022.
- *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). *Mentor* (Summer 2021).
- *New York State Partners in Policymaking Partner* graduate, Fall 2015.
- *Keynote Speaker*, “Celebrating Inclusion and Achieving Independence,” ARISE Foundation, (April 8, 2014).
- Institute for Social and Economic Research Policy, *Visiting Scholar*, Columbia University (Summer 2008).
- 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.
- 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 75 countries.

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