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PROFILE

Human rights law specialist with competence in legal and qualitative research methods. I have legal and operational experience in the field of refugee protection from Norway, the UK, the US and several countries in Africa.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Chr Michelsen Institute, Bergen, Norway

Aug. 2016 – present

Researcher and Senior Advisor

Coordinate and conduct research on the corruption-migration nexus at the U4 Anti-Corruption Resource Centre. Create and implement both online training and in-country workshops for development partners. Undertake research within the fields of international and European refugee law.

Faculty of Law, University of Bergen, Bergen, Norway

Aug. 2011 – Aug. 2016

Doctoral Researcher

As part of the project *Migration to Norway: Flows and Regulations* (Norwegian Research Council), wrote a monograph on the 'internal protection alternative' in refugee law. Co-organized the Bergen Summer School (2012) and the Nordic Asylum Law Seminar (2013). Spent 2012-2013 as a visiting scholar at Oxford University's Refugee Studies Centre.

Chr Michelsen Institute, Bergen, Norway

Aug. 2005 – Aug. 2011

Researcher and Senior Programme Coordinator

Wrote and coordinated research with an extensive network of international partners on topics related to justice sector reform, humanitarian aid and implementation of international legal frameworks for combating corruption. Lead training workshops for development partners and facilitated online courses. Managed seven staff members as acting co-director of the U4 Anti-Corruption Resource Centre in 2009-2010.

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Oxfam GB

Researcher

Aug. 2004 - Jan. 2005

Investigated human rights protection gaps and initiatives designed to address them in the DRC, Sri Lanka and Tanzania. Published the findings as part of an Oxfam report funded by the European Refugee Fund project *Asylum and Protection: Applying Field-Based Protection Knowledge at the EU Policy Level*.

Humanitarian Protection Advisor

Aug. 2003 - June 2004

Served as protection advisor to Oxfam's Mano River Region programs based in Monrovia. Conducted protection needs assessments to guide Oxfam's policy work and programming; built advocacy alliances with other agencies; and helped ensure that human rights issues were streamlined into the humanitarian response in Liberia.

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Nairobi, Kenya Oct. 2002 - July 2003

Resettlement Specialist, East, Horn and Great Lakes Regions

Interviewed and processed refugees for third-country resettlement in Sudan, Uganda and Rwanda. Trained field staff and implementing partners in refugee law, and conducted quality control of cases from UNHCR offices in the Great Lakes, East Africa and Horn of Africa regions.

Ford Foundation, New York, NY

Sept. 2000 - Sept. 2002

Program Associate, Human Rights Unit

Monitored and evaluated current grants, reviewed proposals and developed new areas of programming within three worldwide initiatives of the Human Rights Unit: refugee and migrant rights; economic, social and cultural rights; and international justice.

EDUCATION

University of Bergen Faculty of Law, PhD 2017

Affiliations: Visiting Scholar, Refugee Studies Centre, Oxford University (2012-2013)

Doctoral Affiliate, Refugee Law Initiative, University of London

Columbia University School of Law, Juris Doctor 2000

Honors: Stone Scholar, 2000

Public Interest Fellow, AIRE Centre (Advice on Individual Rights in Europe)

Yale College, Bachelor of Arts in Literature and International Studies, Cum Laude, 1995

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SELECT PUBLICATIONS

Schultz, J, *The Internal Protection Alternative in Refugee Law: Treaty Basis and Scope of Application Under the 1951 Convention on the Status of Refugees and its 1967 Protocol* (Brill Nijhoff, forthcoming 2018)

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McKeever, D, Schultz, J, and Swithern, S, *Foreign Territory: The Internationalisation of EU Asylum Policy* (Oxfam 2005)

Schultz, J. 'Economic and Social Rights in the United States: An Overview of the Domestic Legal Framework,' *Human Rights Brief* 11, no. 1 (2003)

LANGUAGES

English (mother tongue), Norwegian (proficient), French (reading knowledge)