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ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH SCHOOL OF LAW, Pittsburgh Pennsylvania

Professor of Law (2022-present)

Associate Professor of Law (2016 – 2022)

Assistant Professor of Law (2010 – 2016)

Courses Taught: Jurisprudence
Legal Process
Performing Justice Seminar
Property
Professional Responsibility
Rights in American Law – Theory and Practice

NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL, New York, New York

Visiting Professor, Lawyering (2009 – 2010)

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, New York

Acting Assistant Professor of Lawyering (2005 – 2008)

EDUCATION, CLERKSHIPS & FELLOWSHIP

COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL, New York, New York

J.S.D., 2006

Heffernan Fellow

BROOKLYN LAW SCHOOL, Brooklyn, New York

J.D. 1996, *Summa Cum Laude*

Valedictorian

William B. Carswell Scholar

Edward V. Sparer Public Interest Law Fellow

First Scholarship Prize

Scribe Award for best *Law Review* Note

Brooklyn Law Review, Second Circuit Review Editor

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

B.F.A. (Theater)

JUDGE PIERRE N. LEVAL, U.S. COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE SECOND CIRCUIT

Law Clerk (1996 – 1997)

OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR GENERAL, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Bristow Fellow (1997 – 1998)

JUDGE EDWARD R. KORMAN, U.S. DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NY
Law Clerk (1999 – 2000)

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

The Lover of the Law – Book project

Property and More-than-Human Personhood – Law review article

PUBLICATIONS: LEGAL SCHOLARSHIP (showing selected citations)

Lawyers for White People? 69 KANSAS L. REV. 349 (2021).

- Elizabeth Chamblis, Darnell, LaToya, Brad & Laurie, Lawyers' Responses to Email Requests for Representation, JOTWELL: LEGAL PROFESSION (Sept. 19, 1022)
- NYC Bar, Remote Practice & Harassment & Discrimination in Law Practice: A CityBar Podcast (2021)

Rules, Tricks and Emancipation. Book chapter in LAW'S POROSITIES/POROSITES DU DOIT, ed. Vivian Curran. Dec 2020, pub: Société de législation comparée, Paris (pp 125-141)

- Noted on Legal Theory Blog (2019)

Blackstone, William In: Sellers M., Kirste S. (eds) ENCYCLOPEDIA OF THE PHILOSOPHY OF LAW AND SOCIAL PHILOSOPHY. (Springer, Dordrecht 2020).

Doctrinal Reasoning as a Disruptive Practice, 6 JOURNAL OF LAW AND COURTS 215 (2018)
(Peer Reviewed)

- Felipe Jiménez, Legal Principals, Law & Tradition, 33 YALE J. L. & HUMAN. 59 (2022)
- Felipe Jiménez, Law, Morality, and the One-System View: A Response to T. R. S. Allan, 66 AM. J. JURIS. 27 (2021)

Performing Justice, 2 EMOTIONS: HISTORY, CULTURE, SOCIETY 52 (2018) (PEER REVIEWED)

- KATHRYN D. TEMPLE, LOVING JUSTICE: LEGAL EMOTIONS IN WILLIAM BLACKSTONE'S ENGLAND (2019)

Blackstone: Expositor and Censor of Law Both Made and Found, Chapter in BLACKSTONE AND HIS CRITICS, Anthony Page and Willfrid Prest, ed. (Hart Publishing, 2018)

https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2981723 (Peer Reviewed)

- Samuel L. Bray, The Mischief Rule, 109 GEO. L.J. 967 (2021)
- Samuel Beswick, Retroactive Adjudication, 130 YALE L.J. 276(2020).
- Recommended on Legal Theory Blog (2017)

Empirical Doctrine, 66 CASE WESTERN L. REV. 1 (2015)

- Christian Boulanger, The Comparative Sociology of Legal Doctrine: Thoughts on a Research Program, 12 GERMAN L.J. 1362 (2020).
- Nancy M. Modesitt, A New Type of Circuit Split: The Hidden Circuit Split in Retaliation Cases, 68 U. KAN. L. REV. 137(2019).

Law and Artifice in Blackstone's Commentaries, 4 JOURNAL OF LAW: 3 CHAPTER ONE, August 2014. <http://journaloflaw.us/>

- Craig A. Stern, A Mistake of Natural Law: Sir William Blackstone and the Angelican Way, 4 U. BOLOGNA L. REV. 325 (2019).
- James C. Fisher, The Trust as Trojan Horse: A Comparative Perspective on Trusts' Role in Japanese Succession Law, 103 IOWA L. REV. 1945 (2018).
- Noted on Legal Theory Blog (2014)
- Noted on Legal History Blog (2014)

Reading Blackstone in the Twenty-First Century and the Twenty-First Century through Blackstone, Chapter in RE-INTERPRETING BLACKSTONE'S COMMENTARIES: A SEMINAL TEXT IN NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL CONTEXT, Wilfrid Prest, ed. (Hart Publishing, Oxford 2014) https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2402231 (Peer Reviewed)

- Christopher S. Havasy, Joshua C. Macey & Brian Richardson, Against Political Theory in Constitutional Interpretation, 76 VAND. L. REV. 899 (2023)
- Martin J. Minot., The Irrelevance of Blackstone: Rethinking the Eighteenth-Century Importance of the Commentaries, 104 VA. L. REV. 1359 (2018).
- John V. Orth, The Strange Career of the Commentaries, OXFORD HANDBOOK OF LEGAL HISTORY, Marcus D. Dubbler & Christopher Tomlins, eds. (Oxford 2018)
- R.H. Helmolz, (Review) Eighteenth Century Law in the Twenty First Century, *New Rambler*, (2017)
- Noted on The Originalism Blog
- Wilfrid Prest, *Blackstone's Magna Carta*, 94 N.C. L. REV. 1495 (2016)

Theater of International Justice, 3 CREIGHTON INTL. & COMP. L. J. 121 (2012) (symposium issue)

- Carsten Stahn, JUSTICE AS MESSAGE, EXPRESSIVIST FOUNDATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE (Oxford 2020)
- Frederick Mark Gedicks, Working Without a Net: Supreme Court Decision-Making as Performance, 2018 BYU L. REV. 57 (2018).
- Rebecca Gidley, Trading a Theatre for Military Headquarters: Locating the Khmer Rouge Tribunal, 40 CONTEMPORARY SOUTHEAST ASIA 279 (2018).
- Featured Publication of Interest, Brandeis University, Intl. Center for Ethics, JUSTICE AND PUBLIC LIFE NEWSLETTER, November 2013
- R. Hughes, *Ordinary Theatre and Extraordinary Law at the Khmer Rouge Tribunal*, ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING, SOCIETY & SPACE D (Sage Journals)

The Persistence of Proximate Cause, 90 DENVER U. L. REV. 77 (2012)

- Marin R. Scordato, Three Kinds of Fault: Understanding the Purpose and Function of Causation in Tort Law, 77 U. MIAMI L. REV. 149 (2022)
- Felipe Jiménez, Some Doubts about Folk Jurisprudence: The Case of Proximate Cause, 8/23/2021 U. CHI. L. REV. ONLINE 1 (2021)
- Patrick J. Borchers, Richard D. Freer, Thomas C. Arthur, *Ford Motor Company v. Montana Eighth Judicial District Court: Lots of Questions, Some Answers*, 71 EMORY L.J. ONLINE 1 (2021)

- Anita Bernstein, *There's Feminism in Those Judgments*, 61 B.C. L. REV. E-SUPPLEMENT I.-112 (2020).
- Justin P. Steil, *A Flood - Not a Ripple - Of Harm: Proximate Cause under the Fair Housing Act*, 40 CARDOZO L. REV. 1237 (2019).
- Amy L. Landers, *Proximate Cause and Patent Law* 25 B.U. J. SCI. & TECH. L. 329 (2019).
- Christina O'Connell, *Ban the Box: A Call to the Federal Government to Recognize a New Form of Employment Discrimination*, 83 FORDHAM L. REV. 2801 (2015)
- Emily Michiko Morris, *Intuitive Patenting*, 66 S.C. L. REV. 61 (2014)

Documentary Disenfranchisement, 86 TULANE L. REV. 389 (2011)

- JAMES A. GARDNER & GUY-URIEL CHARLES, *ELECTION LAW IN THE AMERICAN POLITICAL SYSTEM*, (3D. ED. 2023)
- Neal L. Sobol, *Defeating DeFacto Disenfranchisement*, 75 FL. L. REV (2023)
- Alec Ewald, "These Are the Things That You Have to Learn": The Misinformation Problem and Collateral Consequences Facing People with Conviction Histories in the United States, 58 CRIMINAL LAW BULLETIN (2022)
- Michael Morse, *The Future of Felon Disenfranchisement Reform, Evidence from the Campaign to Restore Voting Rights in Florida*, 109 CAL. L. REV. 1143 (2021).
- MARGARET COLGATE LOVE, JENNY ROBERTS AND CECILIA KLINGELE, *COLLATERAL CONSEQUENCES OF CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS: LAW, POLICY AND PRACTICE* s 2:2, *Civil and political rights—Overview* (Nov. 2021 update)
- AMY GORE, ELEANOR GROSSMAN, KARL OAKES AND JEFFREY J. SHAMPO, *AM. JUR. 2D Elections* s 44, (Nov. 2021 update)
- JAMES A. KUSHNER, *GOV. DISCRIM.: EQUAL PROTECTION LAW & LITIG.* s 10:3, *Voting—Enfranchisement* (Nov. 2021 update)
- Bernice B. Donald & Devon C. Muse, *Lifelong Collateral Consequences: The Modern-Day Scarlet Letter*, 68 DRAKE L. REV. 707 (2020)
- Mary Charlotte Y. Carroll, *Locked in and Locked out: Applying Charming Betsy to U.S. Felony Disenfranchisement*, 38 YALE L. & POL'Y REV. 397 (2019-2020)
- Franciska Coleman & Aval-Naree S. Green, *Black Lives Matter: A Conversation on Health and Criminal Justice Disparities*, 20 U. MD. L.J. RACE, RELIGION, GENDER & CLASS 209 (2020).
- Victoria Shineman, *Restoring voting rights: evidence that reversing felony disenfranchisement increases political efficacy*, 41 POLICY STUDIES 131 (2020).
- Kaitlyn Woltz, *DEMOCRACY IN THE AGE OF MASS INCARCERATION, IN EXPLORING THE SOCIAL AND POLITICAL ECONOMY OF ALEXIS DE TOCQUEVILLE* (Boettke P., Martin A., eds.). (Palgrave Macmillan, Cham. 2020). Available at https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-34937-0_7.
- Andrei Poama & Tom Theuns, *Making offenders vote: democratic expressivism and compulsory criminal voting*, 113 AMERICAN POLITICAL SCIENCE REVIEW 796 (2019).
- Lisa Marshall Manheim & Elizabeth G. Porter, *The Elephant in the Room: Intentional Voter Suppression*, 2018 SUP. CT. REV. 213 (2018).
- TRIPKOVIC, MILENA, *PUNISHMENT AND CITIZENSHIP : A THEORY OF CRIMINAL DISENFRANCHISEMENT* (Oxford Univ. Press 2018).

- James M. Binnall & Lauren M. Davis, Californians with a Felony Conviction Are Now Eligible for Jury Service: How Would They Know?, 32 STAN. L. & POL'Y REV. ONLINE 1 (2017).
- Darren Lenard Hutchinson, Undignified: The Supreme Court, Racial Justice, and Dignity Claims, 69 FLA. L. REV. 1 (January 2017).
- Victoria Nourse & Gregory Shaeffer, *Empiricism, Experimentalism, and Conditional Theory*, 67 S.M.U. L. REV. 141 (2014)
- Jeremy Travis, *et al.*, eds., THE GROWTH OF INCARCERATION IN THE UNITED STATES: EXPLORING CAUSES AND CONSEQUENCES (Nat. Research Council of the Nat. Academies, Nat. Acad. Press, 2014)
- A.S. Gerber *et al.*, *Can Incarcerated Felons Be (Re)Integrated into the Political System? Results from a Field Experiment*, AM. J. OF POLITICAL SCIENCE (December 2014)
- Marc Meredith & Michael Morse, *Do Voting Rights Laws Increase Ex-Felon Turnout*, 651 ANNALS AM. ACAD. POL. & SOC. SCI. 220 (January 2014)
- Janai S. Nelson, *The First Amendment, Equal Protection and Felon Disenfranchisement: A New Viewpoint*, 65 FL. L. REV. 111 (2013)
- Recommended on Larry Solum Legal Theory Blog & Rick Hasen Election Law Blog (2012)

Magical Realism, in LAW AND MAGIC: A COLLECTION OF ESSAYS, Christine A. Corcos, ed. (Carolina Academic Press, 2010)

A Theory of Adjudication: Law as Magic, 41 SUFFOLK U. L. REV. 773 (2008)

- Vivian Curran, The Un-Common Law, IN A COSMOPOLITAN JURISPRUDENCE: ESSAYS IN MEMORY OF H. PATRICK GLENN (Helge Dedek, ed.) (Cambridge University Press 2021).
- Charles E.A. Lincoln IV, THE DIALECTICAL PATH OF LAW (Lexington Books 2021).
- Carole Blackburn, BEYOND RIGHTS: THE NISGA'A FINAL AGREEMENT AND THE CHALLENGES OF MODERN TREATY RELATIONSHIPS (University of British Columbia Press 2021).
- Upendra Baxi, AMELIORATING HUMAN FUTURES THROUGH POSTDEVELOPMENT?, IN THE LIMITS OF LAW AND DEVELOPMENT (Sam Adelman & Abdul Paliwala eds.) (Routledge 2020).
- Marett Leiboff, Challenging the Legal Self in Performance, IN OXFORD HANDBOOK OF LAW AND HUMANITIES (Simon Stern, Maksymilian Del Mar, Bernadette Meyler eds.) (Oxford University Press 2020).
- Ntina Tzouvala, CAPITALISM AS CIVILISATION: A HISTORY OF INTERNATIONAL LAW n.51 (Cambridge University Press 2020).
- Alan Calnan, The Nature of Reasonableness, 105 CORNELL L. REV. 81 (2020).
- Sean Beadore, Studying Law: The Insider/Outsider Problem, 44 J. LEGAL PROF. 257 (2020).
- David E. Adelman & Robert L. Glicksman, Judicial Ideology as a Check on Executive Power, 81 OHIO ST. L.J. 175 (2020).
- Donald J. Netolitzky, Organized Pseudolegal Commercial Arguments as Magic and Ceremony, 55 ALTA. L. REV. 1045 (2018)
- Alexis Alvarez-Nakagawa, *Law as Magic. Some Thoughts on Ghosts, Non-Humans, and Shamans*, 18 GERMAN L. J. 1247 (2017)

- Fabian Galinas, Clement Camion, Karine Bates, Siena Anstis, Catherine Piche, Mariko Khan, Emily Grant, FOUNDATIONS OF CIVIL JUSTICE: TOWARD A VALUE BASED FRAMEWORK FOR REFORM, (Springer Intl. 2015)
- F. Gelinas *et al.*, *Forme et Legitimite de la Justice: Regard sur le role de la 'architecture et des rituels judiciaires*, REVUE INTERDISCIPLINAIRE D'ETUDES JURIDIQUES (2015)
- Nicholas Blomley, *Performing Property: Making the World*, 26 CANADIAN J. L. & JURIS. 23 (2013)

Of Taints and Time: Race, Cause & Criminal Disenfranchisement, in AFTER THE WAR ON CRIME, Mary Louise Frampton, Jonathan Simon & Ian F. Haney Lopez, eds. (NYU Press, 2008)

Just Words? The Effects of No-Citation Rules in Federal Courts of Appeals, 29 VERMONT L. REV. 555 (2005)

- Rachel Brown *et al.*, Is Unpublished Unequal? An Empirical Examination of the 87% Nonpublication Rate in Federal Appeals, 107 CORNELL L. REV. 1 (2021)
- WRIGHT & MILLER: FEDERAL PRAC. & PROC. § 3978.10, § 3978 Citing Unpublished Opinions (Apr. 2021 update).
- Judith M. Stinson, Preemptive Dicta: The Problem Created by Judicial Efficiency, 54 LOY. L. A. L. REV. 587 (2020-2021)
- Elizabeth Earle Beske, Rethinking the Nonprecedential Opinion, 65 UCLA L. REV. 808 (2018)
- Niccol Ridi, Mirages of an Intellectual Dreamland? Ratio, Obiter and the Textualization of International Precedent, 10 J. INT'L DISP. SETTLEMENT 361 (2019)
- Paul W. Kahn, MAKING THE CASE: THE ART OF THE JUDICIAL OPINION (2016)
- Michael Coenen, *Rules Against Rulification*, 124 YALE L. J. 644 (2014)
- David R. Cleveland, *Local Rules in the Wake of Federal Rule of Appellate Procedure 32.1*, 11 J. APP. PRACTICE & PROCESS 19 (2010)
- Hillel Y. Levin, *Iqbal, Twombly, and the Lessons of the Celotex Trilogy*, 14 LEWIS & CLARK L. REV. 143 (2010)
- Frederick Schauer, THINKING LIKE A LAWYER 77 n. 31 (Harvard U. Press, 2009)
- Frederick Schauer, *Authority and Authorities*, 94 VIRGINIA L. REV. 1931 (2008)
- Scott E. Gant, *Missing the Forest for a Tree*, 47 B. C. L. REV. 705 (2006)
- Stephen B. Burbank, *Judicial Accountability to the Past, Present and Future: Precedent, Politics and Power*, 28 U. ARK. LITTLE ROCK L. REV. 19 (2005)
- David Vladeck & Mitu Gulati, *Judicial Triage: Reflections on the Debate over Unpublished Opinions*, 62 WASH. & LEE L. REV. 1667 (2005)
- Patrick J. Schiltz, *Much Ado about Little: Explaining the Sturm und Drang over the Citation of Unpublished Opinions*, 62 WASH. & LEE L. REV. 1429 (2005)

Introduction: Symposium on Race, Crime, and Voting: Social, Political, and Philosophical Perspectives on Felony Disenfranchisement in America, 36 COLUMBIA HUMAN RIGHTS L. REV. 1 (2004)

Blind Faith & Reasonable Doubts: Investigating Belief in the Rule of Law, 24 SEATTLE L. REV. 691 (2001)

- Caleb E. Mason, *An Aesthetic Defense of the Nonprecedential Opinion*, 55 UCLA L. REV. 643 (2008)

- F. Gelinas *et al.*, *Forme et Legitimite de la Justice: Regard sur le role de la'architecture et des rituels judiciaires*, REVUE INTERDISCIPLINAIRE D'ETUDES JURIDIQUES (2015)
- Marc O. DeGirolami, *Faith in the Rule of Law*, 82 ST. JOHN'S L. REV. 573 (2008)
- Ann Scales, *LEGAL FEMINISM: ACTIVISM, LAWYERING AND LEGAL THEORY* (NYU Press 2006)

Note: A Possible Remedy for Unthinking Discrimination, 61 BROOKLYN L. REV. 4 (1995)

- Kenneth R. Davis, *The Invisible Ban: Negligent Disparate Impact*, 70 AM. U. L. REV. 1879 (2020)
- Dallan F. Flake, *When Should Employers Be Liable for Factoring Biased Customer Feedback into Employment Decisions?*, 102 MINN. L. REV. 2169 (2018)
- Bina Nayee, *Where Breaking Glass Ceilings Leads to Glass Walls: Gender-Disparate Managerial Decision-Making Power and Authority*, 87 FORDHAM L. REV. 371 (2018)
- Stephanie Bornstein, *Reckless Discrimination*, 105 CAL. L. REV. 1055 (2017)
- Solon Barocas & Andrew D. Selbst, *Big Data's Disparate Impact*, 104 CAL. L. REV. 671 (2016)
- *The Supreme Court 2007 Term Leading Cases, Constitutional Law*, 122 HARV. L. REV. 346 (2008)
- Justin D. Levinson, *Forgotten Racial Equality: Implicit Bias, Decisionmaking, and Misremembering*, 57 DUKE L. J. 345 (2007)
- Christopher A. Bracey, *The Cul de Sac of Race Preference Discourse*, 79 S. CAL. L. REV. 123 (2006)
- Michelle A. Travis, *Perceived Disabilities, Social Cognition and 'Innocent Mistakes'*, 55 VAND. L. REV. 481 (2002)
- Ian Ayres, *PERVASIVE PREJUDICE?* (U. Chicago Press, 2001)
- Amy L. Wax, *Discrimination as Accident*, 74 INDIANA L. J. 1129 (1999)

Focusing Legal Aid on Criminal Defence Marginalizes Women's Legal Service Needs, SOUTH AFRICAN JOURNAL ON HUMAN RIGHTS, Vol. 11, Part I (1995)

SELECTED ESSAYS FROM BLACKSTONE WEEKLY

<http://blackstoneweekly.wordpress.com>

SELECTED OTHER PUBLICATIONS

To Protect People from COVID 19, Halt Unnecessary Air Pollution (with Emily Collins)
PITTSBURGH CITY PAPER (Op-Ed) (April 2020)

Look at the History of Voter ID, PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE (Op-Ed) (September 2012)

- Excerpted and discussed in numerous print and online publications including HUFFINGTON POST, DAILY KOS, and CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR

Final Report: 2008-2009 Ohio Elections Summit and Conference (with Lawrence Norden), Brennan Center for Justice at NYU School of Law (2009),

http://brennan.3cdn.net/9ccb57cb5de1711173_nkm6bqc3y.pdf

- Cited in Elora Mukherjee, *Abolishing the Time Tax on Voting*, 85 NOTRE DAME L. REV. 177 (2009).

The Right to Cite: Why Fair and Accountable Courts Should Abandon No-Citation Rules, JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE SERIES, Brennan Center for Justice at NYU School of Law (2005), www.brennancenter.org/dynamic/subpages/download_file_35429.pdf

- Cited in *Colley v. Peacehealth*, 2013 WL 4736218 (Wash. App. Div. 1 2013)
- Cited in Hawai'i Supreme Court, Order Amending Rule 35 of the Hawai'i Appellate Procedure (Acoba, JJ., dissenting) (2008)

Locking Out the Vote, THE AMERICAN LAWYER (April 2003)

Personal and Political, DISSENT (Winter 1999)

WOMEN ON THE FRONT LINES: MEETING THE CHALLENGE OF AN AGING AMERICA (ed., with Alan Pifer, and author/co-author of four chapters) (Urban Inst. Press, Washington, DC, 1993)

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Legal Animism, Law and Society Assn. Annual Meeting, San Juan, PR (June 2023)

We Have Never Been Owners, Newcastle Law School, Newcastle University, Newcastle upon Tyne, UK (May 2023)

Personhood, Property & Slavery, Assn. Law, Property & Society, Annual Meeting, Southampton, UK (May 2023)

The Lover of the Law, Salon de Novembre, La Maison Dora Maar, Menerbes, France (November 2022)

Animist Rights, Law and Society Assn. Annual Meeting, Denver, CO (Virtual) (June 2021)

Lawyers for White People, Junior Faculty exchange, Penn State Law School (Virtual) (October 2020)

Race, Crime, and Voting Rights: The Ongoing Battle for Democracy in Florida (Virtual), in University of Pittsburgh Library System's Voting is Power series. (September 2020)

Legal Decision Making as Ritual Magic, Law & Anthropology Panel, *Becoming Authoritative*, AALS Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C. (January 2020)

Insubordinate Accommodations, Association for Law, Property and Society, Annual Meeting, University of Syracuse, Syracuse, NY (May 2019)

Rules, Tricks and Emancipation. Inaugural Lecture of the Law, Culture and Ethics Symposium, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA (April 2019)

Skeptical Sorcery, After the Rule, Symposium, Australian National University, Centre for Arab and Islamic Studies and Centre for Law Arts and the Humanities, Canberra, AU (September 2018)

Performing Justice, Institute for International Law and the Humanities, Melbourne Law School, Melbourne, AU (September 2018) and Association for the Study of Law, Culture and Humanities Annual Meeting, Stanford Law School, Palo Alto, CA (April 2017)

Rules & Tricks: The Idea and Practice of Rule Following, Law's Porosities, American University, Washington, DC (October 2017)

Doctrine as a Disruptive Practice, Stanford/Yale/Harvard Junior Faculty Forum, Stanford Law School, Palo Alto, CA (June 2017)

Performance and Justice, (Invited) Patricia Williams Seminar – Law, Culture and Notions of Justice; Columbia Law School, NYC (October 2016)

Discriminating Professionals: Can Lawyers Choose Clients on the basis of Race or Gender? International Legal Ethics Conference, Fordham Law School, NYC (July 2016)
Law and Society Assn. Annual Meeting, New Orleans (June 2016)

Discriminating Professionals, or, Lawyers for White People, Legal Ethics Scholars Roundtable, Cardozo Law School, NYC (March 2016)

Formality, Impartiality and Rule of Law, Crosscutting Program: Reforming Law, Scholarship and Pedagogy by Disciplinary Design, AALS Annual Meeting, New York City (January 2016)

Blackstone: Expositor and Censor of Law Made and Found, Symposium on Blackstone and His Critics, Australian and New Zealand Law & History Society Conference, University of Adelaide (December 2015)

Critical Commentaries: Reading Blackstone for Fun and Provocation, University of Technology Sydney (December 2015)

Introductory Speaker/Respondent, Reinventing the Humanities, Georgetown University, Washington, DC (October 2015)

Personhood, Violence & Rule of Law, Patricia Williams Seminar -- The Anatomy of Autonomy: From Personhood to Personification; Columbia Law School, NYC (October 2015)

Formality and Impartiality in Legal Decision Making, Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, Seattle (May 2015)

Doctrinal Reasoning, Empirical Science and Legal Personhood, Patricia Williams Seminar -- The Anatomy of Autonomy: From Personhood to Personification; Columbia Law School, NYC (April 2015)

Doctrine, Ritual and Impartiality, Association for the Study of Law, Culture and Humanities Annual Meeting, Georgetown University Law School, Washington, DC (April 2015)

Chair/Discussant, Panel: Icons of Justice, Association for the Study of Law, Culture and Humanities Annual Meeting, Georgetown University Law School, Washington, DC (April 2015)

Empirical Doctrine, Case Western Reserve University School of Law Faculty Workshop, Cleveland, OH (November 2014)

Empirical Doctrine, Florida International University School of Law Faculty Workshop, Miami, FL (October 2014)

Reconstructing Legal Doctrine, Third Annual Mon River Law Faculty Colloquium, West Virginia University College of Law (April 2014)

Reconstructing Legal Doctrine, Legal Scholarship 4.0 Conference, Northeastern University Law School (selected by competitive review for junior faculty workshop) (March 2014)

Pretend Property: Legal Fictions, Scientific Inventions and the Discovery of Patent Law, Association for the Study of Law, Culture and Humanities Annual Meeting, University of Virginia School of Law (March 2014)

Reconstructing Legal Doctrine and Due Process, Patricia Williams Seminar: The Anatomy of Autonomy: From Personhood to Personification, Columbia Law School (March 2014)

Reconstructing Legal Doctrine, University of Maryland/University of Baltimore Junior Faculty Forum (February 2014)

Can Policy Save Doctrine? University of Kentucky School of Law Developing Ideas Workshop (May 2013)

Reading Blackstone in the 21st Century and the 21st Century through Blackstone, Three School Colloquium, University of Pittsburgh School of Law (April 2013)

Theater of International Justice, Association for the Study of Law, Culture & Humanities Annual Meeting, Birkbeck College, University of London (March 2013)

Co-Chair/Panelist, Roundtable Discussion: *Blackstone's Commentaries on the Laws of England*, Association for the Study of Law, Culture & Humanities Annual Meeting, Birkbeck College, University of London (March 2013)

Theater of International Justice, Institute for International Law and the Humanities, Melbourne Law School, Melbourne (December 2012)

Reading Blackstone in the 21st Century and the 21st Century through Blackstone, International symposium, Reinterpreting Blackstone's Commentaries, University of Adelaide, Adelaide Australia (December 2012)

Today's Attack on Voting Rights, American Constitution Society, University of Wyoming (October 2012)

Theater of International Justice, Patricia Williams Seminar – Law, Media and Public Policy, Columbia Law School, New York City (October 2012)

Theater of International Justice, LatCrit South-North Exchange on Theory, Law and Culture, Curridabat, Costa Rica (May 2012)

The Persistence of Proximate Cause, Feminist Law Professors Conference, Drexel University, (January 2012)

The Persistence of Proximate Cause, Michigan State University Junior Faculty Forum (October 2011)

Foreclosure, Formality & Law, Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco (May 2011)

De Facto Disenfranchisement, Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, Chicago (May 2010)

Legal Doctrine/Legal Ritual, New Perspectives on Legal Rationality Workshop, Center for Jewish Law and Contemporary Civilization, Cardozo School of Law (April 2009) (I organized this conference with Cardozo Prof. Suzanne Last Stone)

Role Conflicts for the Solicitor General, A Conversation with Charles Fried on the United States Office of the Solicitor General, Columbia Law School (January 2009)

Slavery and Criminal Disenfranchisement, Seminar on Memory & Slavery, Columbia University, NYC (February 2008)

Magical Realism, Association for the Study of Law, Culture and Humanities Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C. (March 2007)

REVIEW ACTIVITY

Peer reviewer: Dutch Research Council (NWO) Social Sciences and Humanities
Cambridge University Press
Law, Culture and the Humanities
Law & Society Review
Law & Literature
Law & Social Inquiry

SELECTED MEDIA APPEARANCES

Interviewed, WESA FM, Pittsburgh, PA, regarding Allegheny District Attorney's refusal to offer pleas to the clients of a defense attorney who had criticized his office. June 2021

Interviewed, quoted in PublicSource regarding the ongoing legal and political battle over mail-in voting in Pennsylvania. Dec 2020

Interviewed, The Confluence, WESA FM (Pittsburgh's NPR station) about post-election litigation that might affect the outcome of the Presidential race. Nov 2020

Interviewed, WESA FM about the ethics of bringing legal claims that revolve around vague reports of voter fraud. Nov 2020

Interviewed, WITF (NPR affiliate) regarding the continued post-election saga and the concerns that the Trump administration might reverse recent presidential election results. Nov 2020

Interviewed, The Confluence, WESA FM about what voters should expect to know about ballot results on Election Day. Nov 2020

Interviewed, USA Today about whether Pennsylvania legislature is free to appoint a slate of presidential electors just because the election results are delayed. Sept 2020

Interviewed, WESA FM, Pittsburgh, PA, regarding Pennsylvania Supreme Court gerrymandering decision. February 8, 2018.

Interviewed, on five local radio programs in cities across Canada regarding constitutional obstacles to Donald Trump's campaign promises. Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. November 16, 2016.

Interviewed, on eight local radio programs in cities across Canada regarding voter suppression efforts in the U.S. presidential election. Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. October 6, 2016.

Quoted, Husna Haq, *Are Luxury Condo Purchases Hiding Dirty Money?* The Christian Science Monitor, January 2016.

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National Television Appearance, Democracy Now, September 2012

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INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

Student Care Team (2020 – present)
Faculty Advisor, Pitt Student Chapter American Constitutional Society(2017-present)
Faculty Advisor, Pitt Law Review (2019 – 2022)
Teaching Committee (2021-2022)
Chair, Appointments Committee (2020-2021)
Colloquium Committee (2020-2021)
Ad Hoc Judicial Clerkship Committee (2020-2021)
Ad Hoc Committee to develop rules re scholarship awards (2020-2021)
Pitt University Committee on Creativity (2019-2020)
Chair, Curriculum Committee (2019-2021)
Diversity Committee (2018- 2019)
Colloquium Committee (2017-2018)
Budget/Planning Committee (2016-2019)
Scholarship Committee (2015-2016)
Steering Committee (2015-2016, 2014-2015, 2011-2012)
Learning Outcomes Assessment Committee (2015-2016)
Curriculum Committee (2013-2014)
Teaching Committee (2012-2013)
Dean Search Committee (2011-2012)
Appointments Committee (2010-2011)

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Pro Bono representation, amicus brief in support of appellants in *Bonner/McLinko v. Pennsylvania*, PA Supreme Court (2022)

Pro Bono representation, appellate argument in *Sierra Club v. PA Dept. Environmental Protection*, for Fair Shake Environmental Legal Services, PA Commonwealth Court *en banc* (February 2019)

Discussant/Moderator, Panel on Racial Justice and Implicit Bias, Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges, Pittsburgh (February 2015)

Workshop on Appellate Advocacy, Fair Shake Environmental Legal Services, Pittsburgh (October 2014)

Faculty Member, Building Trial Skills, National Institute for Trial Advocacy (NITA), University of Pittsburgh School of Law (May 2014)

SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

Member, Pennsylvania Advisory Committee to the U.S. Civil Rights Commission (2020-present)

Judge of Elections, Pittsburgh (November 2021)

Election Protection Supervisor, Pittsburgh (November 2020)

Founder & Director, Pitt Law Voting Rights Project (2020 – present)

Election Protection Supervisor, Pittsburgh (November 2018)

Election Protection Supervisor, Pittsburgh (November 2016)

Voting Rights Workshop, Environment and Energy Community Outreach Center (EECO), East Liberty, Pittsburgh (March 2015)

Field Worker, Election Protection, Pittsburgh (November 2014)

Constitutional Law Class for High School Students, Future Lawyers' Day, University of Pittsburgh School of Law (April 2013)

Election Protection Supervisor, Pittsburgh (November 2012)

Voting Rights trainings for Pittsburgh poll workers (October 2012)

Presentation on Civil Rights, Fifth Grade Class, Colfax Elementary School, Pittsburgh (March 2011)

Legal Ethics Workshop, Disability Rights Network of Pennsylvania Annual Retreat, Pittsburgh (April 2015)

"What Does a Lawyer Look Like"? CLE Program: Miss Representation: A Call to Fight the Media's Limiting Portrayal of Women and Girls and its effect on Power and Influence, Women's Bar Assn. of Western Pa., Chatham University, Pittsburgh (October 2013)

Voting Rights Training for Poll Workers, University of Pittsburgh School of Law (October 2012)

Making Voting More Accessible, American Constitution Society Pittsburgh Lawyers Chapter and National Council of Jewish Women, Pittsburgh Section (September 2012)

Workshop on Ethics for Legal Administrators, Papernick & Gefsky, Pittsburgh (March 2011)

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

ADVANCEMENT PROJECT, Washington, DC

Senior Attorney, Voter Protection Program (2008 – 2009)

Litigation and voting rights advocacy in 2008 election cycle, focusing on communities of color in Missouri, Ohio and Colorado. Filed federal lawsuit to obtain restraining order to stop Colorado's pre-election voter purge; worked with local advocates and election officials in swing states on voter registration issues and barriers to voters of color.

BRENNAN CENTER FOR JUSTICE AT NYU SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, NY

Associate Counsel (2001 – 2005)

Federal civil litigation practice focused on voting rights; policy research and advocacy on judicial independence. Developed legal theories and strategies for impact litigation challenging felony disenfranchisement. Lead counsel during appellate stage for *Johnson v. Bush*, class action challenge to Florida's permanent voting ban for those convicted of felonies. Worked in coalition with other national civil rights groups to challenge felony disenfranchisement laws in a series of federal lawsuits and through direct advocacy. Presented legislative testimony. Drafted legislation. Testified at Hearing that led to adoption of Federal Rule of Appellate Procedure mandating open citation.

DEBEVOISE & PLIMPTON, New York, NY

Summer Associate (1997)

PAUL, WEISS, RIFKIND, WHARTON & GARRISON, New York, NY

Summer Associate (1995)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Association of Law Schools

American Bar Association

Association of Law, Property and Society

Association for the Study of Law, Culture and the Humanities

American Constitution Society (Board Member Pittsburgh Lawyers Chapter; Faculty Advisor, Pitt Law Chapter)

Law and Society Association

BAR ADMISSIONS

New York (active since 1997)

Inactive: U.S. Second Circuit; U.S. Fifth Circuit, U.S. Eleventh Circuit, U.S. Eastern District of New York, U.S. District of Colorado