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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of California, Irvine School of Law

Chancellor's Professor of Law

2024

Professor of Law

2022-2024

Teaching:

Courses: Constitutional Analysis, Property, Family Law, Law and the Body

Service:

Appointments Committee

2024 - 2025

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee

2022 - 2024

Florida State University College of Law, Tallahassee, Florida

Donald Hinkle Professor of Law

2013-2022

Associate Professor of Law

2012-2013

Teaching:

Courses: Constitutional Law, Family Law, Property, Sexuality, Gender & the Law
Florida State University Teaching Award Nominee (2015, 2017, 2020, 2021)

Service:

Appointments, Chair (2020-2021)

Associate Dean for Research (2019-2020)

Appointments, Member (2013-2014; 2018-2019; 2021-2022)

Dean Search Committee (2015-2016)

Promotion & Tenure Committee, Chair (2017; 2018-2019)

Promotion & Tenure Committee, Member (2016; 2019-2020)

Admissions Committee, Chair (2014-2015)

Curriculum Committee, Chair (2016-2017)

Curriculum Committee, Member (2018; 2021-2022)

Judicial Clerkships Committee, Member (2018)

Roger Williams School of Law, Bristol, Rhode Island

Associate Professor of Law

2008-2012

Assistant Professor of Law

2007-2008

Teaching:

Courses: Constitutional Law I, Constitutional Law II, Family Law, Property, Sexuality, Gender & the Law

Service:

Appointments Committee, Member (2007-2008; 2010-2011)

Honors Committee, Chair (2011-2012)
Admissions Committee, Member (2010-2011)

Brown University, Department of Political Science, Providence, Rhode Island
Visiting Professor of Political Science 2009, 2010, 2011

Teaching:

Courses: Constitutional Law, Sexuality, Gender & the Law
Taught Constitutional Law (twice) to around 100 undergraduates and a Sexuality, Gender & the Law seminar

Washington & Lee University School of Law, Lexington, Virginia
Visiting Assistant Professor of Law Fall 2006
(permanent offer extended but declined)

Teaching:

Courses: Constitutional Law, Sexuality, Gender & the Law

University of Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor, Michigan
Visiting Instructor of Law Spring 2006

Teaching:

Course: Sexuality, Gender & the Law

University of Toledo College of Law, Toledo, Ohio
Assistant Professor of Law 2003-2007

Teaching:

Courses: Constitutional Law, First Amendment, Family Law, Sexuality, Gender & the Law, Criminal Law

Service:

Appointments Committee, Member (2004-2005)

EDUCATION

YALE LAW SCHOOL, J.D., 2001

Honors: Colby Townsend Prize (best paper by a second-year student); Coker Teaching Fellow (for Professor Reva Siegel)

Activities: *Yale Law Journal* (Chief Essays Editor); *Yale Journal of Law & Humanities* (Member)

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY, Ph.D., 1999 (Comparative Literature w/concentration in Italian; advisor: Professor Robert Hollander)

Honors: Mellon Fellow, Center for Human Values (Princeton); Fulbright Fellow (Università degli Studi di Firenze & Società Dantesca Italiana, Florence,

Italy); C.H. Grandgent Award (best article on Dante by an American or Canadian graduate student) (Harvard University & the Dante Society of America)

Publications: *Boccaccio's Decameron and the Fictions of Progress* (1999, Ph.D. dissertation); Robert Hollander & Courtney Cahill, *Day Ten of the Decameron: The Myth of Order*, XXIII STUDI SUL BOCCACCIO 113 (1995), *reprinted in* ROBERT HOLLANDER, BOCCACCIO'S DANTE AND THE SHAPING FORCE OF SATIRE 109-169 (1997); Courtney Cahill, *The Limitations of Difference in Paradiso XIII's Two Arts: Reason and Poetry*, 114 DANTE STUDIES 245 (1996).

BARNARD COLLEGE, B.A., 1993; Classics & English Literature, *summa cum laude*

Honors: Phi Beta Kappa; Honors & Distinction in majors; Jean Willard Tatlock Prize for Excellence in Latin (Columbia College); W. Cabell Greet Prize for Excellence in English Literature (Barnard College)

BOOKS

BUSTED: POLICING WOMEN ON TOP (Oxford University Press, forthcoming, 2026).

ESTATES IN LAND AND FUTURE INTERESTS: A STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE 6th ed. (Wolters Kluwer) (with Linda Edwards).

ARTICLES & ESSAYS

The Other Footnote, 135 YALE LAW JOURNAL (forthcoming, 2025).

Sex Equality's Irreconcilable Differences, 132 YALE LAW JOURNAL 1065 (2023).

Reproductive Exceptionalism In and Beyond Birth Rights, 100 B.U. L. REV. ONLINE 152 (2020) (online symposium responding to DOV FOX, BIRTH RIGHTS AND WRONGS: HOW MEDICINE AND TECHNOLOGY ARE REMAKING REPRODUCTION AND THE LAW (2019)).

The New Maternity, 133 HARVARD LAW REVIEW 2221 (2020).

- Winner, Dukeminier Award (2021)

After Sex, 97 NEBRASKA LAW REVIEW 1 (2018).

- Reprinted in part in JUDITH DAAR, GLENN COHEN, SEEMA MOHAPATRA, & SONIA SUTER, REPRODUCTIVE TECHNOLOGIES AND THE LAW (3rd ed.).

Universalizing Anonymity Anxiety, 3 J. L. & BIOSCIENCES 647 (2016) (invited).

Reproduction Reconceived, 101 MINNESOTA LAW REVIEW 617 (2016).

- Reprinted in Minnesota Family Law Journal (2018).

Obergefell and the "New" Reproduction, 100 MINNESOTA LAW REVIEW HEADNOTES 1 (2016).

The Oedipus Hex: Regulating Family After Marriage Equality, 49 U.C. DAVIS LAW REVIEW 183 (2015).

- Winner, Dukeminier Award, Michael Cunningham Prize (2017)
- Reviewed by Douglas NeJaime, *Alternative Reproduction in the Age of Marriage Equality*, Jotwell (2016), at <http://family.jotwell.com/2016/03/>.

Does the Public Care how the Supreme Court Reasons? Empirical Evidence and Normative Concerns in the Case of Same-Sex Marriage (with Geoffrey Rapp), 93 NORTH CAROLINA LAW REVIEW 303 (2015).

Abortion and Disgust, 48 HARVARD CIVIL RIGHTS-CIVIL LIBERTIES LAW REVIEW 410 (2013).

- Discussed in Anu Kumar, *Disgust, Stigma, and the Politics of Abortion*, MS. (Magazine) (May 22, 2017).

Regulating at the Margins: Non-Traditional Kinship and the Legal Regulation of Intimate and Family Life, 54 ARIZONA LAW REVIEW 43 (2012).

Disgust and the Problematic Politics of Similarity, 109 MICHIGAN LAW REVIEW 943 (2011) (essay reviewing MARTHA NUSSBAUM, FROM DISGUST TO HUMANITY: SEXUAL ORIENTATION & CONSTITUTIONAL LAW (2010)).

Celebrating the Differences That Could Make a Difference: United States v. Virginia and a New Vision of Sexual Equality, 70 OHIO STATE LAW JOURNAL 943 (2010) (Justice Ginsburg Symposium).

(Still) Not Fit to Be Named: Moving Beyond Race to Explain Why ‘Separate’ Nomenclature for Gay and Straight Relationships Will Never Be ‘Equal,’ 97 THE GEORGETOWN LAW JOURNAL 1155 (2009).

Rhetorical Atavism and the Narrative of Progress in the Debate Over Marriage Equality, 1 THE FREEDOM CENTER JOURNAL 64 (2008) (symposium and invited contribution to the inaugural issue of *The Freedom Center Journal*, University of Cincinnati College of Law).

“If Sex Offenders Can Marry, Then Why Not Gays and Lesbians?”: An Essay on the Progressive Comparative Argument, 55 BUFFALO LAW REVIEW 222 (2007) (invited contribution to the annual essays issue).

The Genuine Article: A Subversive Economic Perspective on the Law’s Procreationist Vision of Marriage, 64 WASHINGTON & LEE LAW REVIEW 393 (2007).

Same-Sex Marriage, Slippery Slope Rhetoric, and the Politics of Disgust: A Critical Perspective on Contemporary Family Discourse and the Incest Taboo, 99 NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 1543 (2005).

- Linked to in Thomas Edsall, *Purity, Disgust, and Donald Trump*, N.Y. TIMES (Jan. 6, 2016).

“What is Our Bane, That Alone We Have in Common”: Incest, Intimacy, and the Crisis of Naming, 21 STUDIES IN LAW, POLITICS, AND SOCIETY 3 (A. Sarat & P. Ewick, eds, 2000) (invited contribution).

SHORTER WORKS

Unbundling Breastfeeding, Jotwell (2023) (reviewing Naomi Schoenbaum, *Unsexing Breastfeeding*, 107 MINN. LAW REV. (2022)).

Extreme Anti-Transgender Laws Will Backfire for Conservative States, SLATE (Apr. 30, 2021).

Fair Housing for a Non-Sexist Household, Jotwell (2021) (reviewing Noah M. Kazis, *Fair Housing for a Non-Sexist City*, 134 HARV. L. REV. 1684 (2021)).

Kinship at the Border, Jotwell (2020) (reviewing NARA B. MILANICH, *PATERNITY: THE ELUSIVE QUEST FOR THE FATHER* (2019)).

Disestablishing the Mother & Courts, Law, and Social Change: A Response to Litman, Take Care Online Symposium (2019) (invited commentary on REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS AND JUSTICE STORIES (Kate Shaw, Reva Siegel, & Melissa Murray, eds. 2019)).

The Space In-Between, Jotwell (2019) (reviewing Naomi R. Cahn, *Revisiting Revocation upon Divorce?*, 103 IOWA L. REV. 1880 (2018)).

The Story of Parenthood, Jotwell (2018) (reviewing Douglas NeJaime, *The Nature of Parenthood*, 126 YALE L.J. 2260 (2017)).

Perfecting Procreation, Jotwell (2017) (reviewing JUDITH DAAR, *SELECTIVE BREEDING IN AN ERA OF REPRODUCTIVE TECHNOLOGIES* (2017)).

On Marriage Equality and Transformation Through Preservation, Jotwell (2016) (reviewing Douglas NeJaime, *Marriage Equality and the New Parenthood*, 129 HARV. L. REV. 1185 (2016)).

PRESENTATIONS & CONFERENCES

2025

- Presenter, Public Law Workshop, Yale Law School, *The Other Footnote* (November 4, 2025)
- Presenter, *The Other Footnote*, Legal Pathways Beyond *Dobbs*: Rebuilding Equality, UCLA School of Law (March 6 & 7, 2025)
- Organizer, West Coast Sexuality, Gender and the Law Conference (UCI, February 21 & 22)

2024

- Keynote Speaker, California Appellate Judicial Attorneys Institute, Judicial Council of California's Center for Judicial Education and Research ("Constitutional Sex Equality After *Dobbs*"), Anaheim, California
- Speaker, Women in Leadership, Orange County ("Constitutional Sex Equality After *Dobbs*")
- Podcast on Busted: Policing Women on Top, Taboo Trades Seminar (Prof. Kimberly Krawiec), UVA Law
- Founding Member and Presenter, West Coast Sexuality, Gender and the Law Conference (Loyola Law School)
- Participant, 14th Annual Supreme Court Term in Review (UCI School of Law)
- Speaker, Global PrideMatters Event: Insights from LGBTQ+ Industry Leaders, Alix Partners
- Commentator, UCI Law Immigration Roundtable

2023

- Presenter, "Sex Equality's Irreconcilable Differences," George Washington University Law School
- Presenter, 303 Creative LLC v. Elenis, Marlborough School, Los Angeles
- Panelist, LGBTQ Equality Today, UCI Outlaw
- Presenter, Cesar Chavez Day, UCI School of Law

2022

- Presenter, "Sex Equality's Irreconcilable Differences," Faculty Workshop, University of Connecticut School of Law
- Presenter, "Sex Equality's Irreconcilable Differences," Roundtable on LGBTQ Rights, Vanderbilt Law School
- Presenter, Supreme Court Review, Concerned Citizens of Laguna Woods

2021

- Panelist, "A Conversation on Reproductive Rights: The Texas Issue," White & Case LLP (with Jael Humphrey, Senior Counsel, State Legislative Affairs at NARAL Pro-Choice America)
- Presenter, "Sex Equality's Irreconcilable Differences," Faculty Workshop, Texas A&M School of Law
- Presenter, "Litigating Abortion Cases After Texas," Debevoise & Plimpton (with Shannon Selden)
- Panelist, "Abortion in the Courts from *Casey* to *Dobbs*," FSU Federalist Society
- Moderator, "The Public Law of the Body," ICON-S The International Society of Public Law: Annual Conference

2020

- Speaker, “Women and the Court After RBG,” Yale Law Women and Debevoise & Plimpton
- Panelist, “The Court After RBG,” FSU College of Law
- Presenter, “The New Maternity,” Faculty Presentation, University of Richmond Law School & the Jepson School for Leadership Studies
- Invited Presenter, “The New Maternity,” Faculty Workshop, University of San Diego School of Law (March 2020; cancelled)

2019

- Presenter, “The Supreme Court’s Title VII Cases, 2019 Term,” Holland & Knight, Boston, Mass.
- Presenter, “The New Maternity,” Faculty Presentation, UCLA School of Law
- Presenter, “The New Maternity,” Baby Markets Roundtable, The George Washington University Law School
- Commentator, Baby Markets Roundtable, The George Washington University Law School
- Presenter, “The New Maternity,” Faculty Workshop, The University of Arizona, James E. Rogers College of Law

2017

- Presenter, “Sex and the New Reproduction,” Baby Markets Roundtable, University of Texas School of Law
- Guest Speaker, “LGBT Rights in the Trump Administration,” St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Tallahassee, Florida

2016

- Presenter, “Reproduction Reconceived,” Baby Markets Roundtable, University of California, Irvine School of Law

2015

- Panelist, “Same-Sex Marriage: Religious Liberty After *Obergefell*,” FSU Federalist Society
- Panelist, “Same-Sex Marriage: A Conservative, a Libertarian, and a Liberal,” FSU Federalist Society
- Presenter, “Legal Issues After Marriage Equality,” Tallahassee Women Lawyers
- Presenter, “Family Law Issues After Marriage Equality,” Florida First District Court of Appeal (Lunch & Learn Series)
- Panelist, “Gay Rights and the Procreative Right,” AALS Workshop on Shifting Foundations in Family Law, Orlando, Florida
- Moderator, “After Marriage,” American Constitution Society, Washington, D.C.

2014

- Organizer, After Marriage Symposium, FSU College of Law

2013

- Panelist, “Law, Humanities, and the Vulnerable Subject,” AALS Annual Meeting
- Presenter, “After Marriage,” Brown University

- Panelist, “Same-Sex Marriage: A Debate,” Brown University, Taubman Center for Public Policy & American Institutions

2012

- Panelist, “Marriage Equality,” Brown University

2011

- Presenter, “Regulating at the Margins: Non-Traditional Kinship and the Legal Regulation of Intimate and Family Life,” Faculty Presentation, University of Colorado Law School
- Presenter, “Regulating at the Margins: Non-Traditional Kinship and the Legal Regulation of Intimate and Family Life,” Faculty Presentation, Florida State University College of Law

2010

- Lecture, “Beyond Prop. 8: Race, Sexuality, Religion and Same-Sex Marriage,” Annual Masha Dexter Lecture, Brown University
- Presenter, “Family Law and the Marginal Moment,” Faculty Workshop, Marquette Law School
- Panelist, “Religious Liberty and Same-Sex Marriage in Rhode Island,” Roger Williams Federalist Society

2009

- Presenter, “Reorienting Sexual Orientation and the Law: Lessons Learned from Justice Ginsburg and *United States v. Virginia*,” Ohio State University, Moritz College of Law, The Jurisprudence of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg: A Discussion of Fifteen Years on the U.S. Supreme Court
- Presenter, “The Legal Case for Marriage Equality,” Brown University (Brown Democrats)
- Presenter, “The Legal Case for Marriage Equality,” Rhode Island Young Democrats
- Presenter, “(Still) Not Fit To Be Named: Moving Beyond Race To Explain Why ‘Separate’ Nomenclature for Gay and Straight Relationships Will Never Be ‘Equal,’” Brown University (Janus Conversation)
- Presenter, “Law and the Marginal Moment,” Brown University Pre-Law Society
- Presenter, “(Still) Not Fit To Be Named: Moving Beyond Race To Explain Why ‘Separate’ Nomenclature for Gay and Straight Relationships Will Never Be ‘Equal,’” Brown University (Out to Lunch Series)

2008

- Presenter, “The ‘S’ Word,” Faculty Workshop, Chapman University School of Law
- Presenter, “The ‘S’ Word,” Feinstein Institute Speaker Series, Roger Williams School of Law

2007

- Presenter, “Rhetorical Atavism and the Narrative of Progress in the Debate Over Marriage Equality,” University of Cincinnati College of Law, “Reconstructions: Historical Consciousness and Critical Transformation”

- Presenter, “Just Rhetoric?: How (and Why) Rhetoric is Driving the Debate Over Marriage Equality,” University of Michigan Law School

2006

- Presenter, “The Genuine Article: A Subversive Economic Perspective on the Law’s Procreationist Vision of Marriage,” Feminism and Legal Theory Workshop, Emory Law School
- Presenter, “The Genuine Article: A Subversive Economic Perspective on the Law’s Procreationist Vision of Marriage,” Faculty Presentation, Washington & Lee University School of Law

2004

- /Panelist, “Justice Scalia’s Jurisprudence,” University of Michigan Law School

2000

- Presenter, “‘What is Our Bane, That Alone We Have in Common’: Incest, Intimacy, and the Crisis of Naming,” Law, Culture, and the Humanities Conference, Washington, D.C.

MEDIA CONTRIBUTIONS

Interview with Robert Scavone, Jr. from Summarily (podcast) (discussing Florida Supreme Court abortion decision, *Planned Parenthood of Southwest and Central Florida v. Florida*) (April 2024).

Interview with Spike Cohen from Muddied Waters Media (podcast) (discussing anti-trans laws) (aired May 13, 2021).

Interview with Gina Jordan from WLRN (Miami), South Florida’s NPR affiliate (discussing marriage equality in Florida and nationally as well as the emerging conflict between marriage equality and religious freedom) (aired February 3 and 4, 2015).

SERVICE

Williams Institute Dukeminier Awards Journal Selection Committee (2017)

Jotwell Contributor, Family Law Section (2016-present)

OTHER LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Law Clerk to the Honorable Harold Baer, Jr.
United States District Court for the Southern District of NY 2002-2003

Simpson Thacher & Bartlett, New York, New York
Litigation Associate 2001-2002

BAR ADMISSION – New York (2001)