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## ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

### Pennsylvania State Law

*Associate Dean for Research*, 2019 - present  
*Associate Dean for Diversity and Inclusion*, 2018 - present  
*Professor*, 2019 - present  
*Associate Professor*, 2017 - 2019  
*Assistant Professor*, 2013 - 2017

Fall 2013 - present  
University Park, PA

Courses: Family Law; Contracts; Sexuality and the Law; Juvenile Law.  
Penn State Law SBA Faculty Excellence in Diversity Award, 2018  
Penn State Commission on LGBTQ Equity Academic Achievement Award, 2017

### University of Illinois College of Law

*Visiting Assistant Professor*

Courses: Family Law; Sexuality and the Law; Gender and the Law.  
Teaching Excellence award (Spring 2013, Fall 2012, Spring 2012, Fall 2011, Spring 2011, Fall 2010).

Fall 2010 - Spring 2013  
Champaign Urbana, IL

## EDUCATION

### Yale Law School, J.D., June 2008

- *The Yale Law Journal*  
Editor-in-Chief, Volume 117
- *Yale Law and Policy Review*  
Executive Submissions Editor, Volume 26  
Submissions Editor, Volume 25

### University of Cambridge, M.Phil. Political Thought and Intellectual History, June 2005

- Dissertation: *The American Same-Sex Marriage Debate: Perspectives from the Marital Legal History of Race, Gender, and Sexual Orientation*

### University of Southern California B.A. Political Science, Minor in Theatre, May 2003

- Salutatorian, *summa cum laude*
- Truman Scholar, 2002 (given to approximately 75 college juniors nationwide for exceptional leadership potential and commitment to public service)
- Emma Josephine Bradley Bovard Award, 2003 (woman with highest GPA)

## PUBLICATIONS

### Articles

*The Rules of Maternity*, 84 TENNESSEE LAW REVIEW 367 (2017).

*Transgender Children, the Heckler's Veto, and Teaching Early Acceptance*, in Austin Sarat (ed.) STUDIES IN LAW, POLITICS, AND SOCIETY (Studies in Law, Politics and Society, Volume 72) Emerald Publishing Limited, pp.219 - 252 (2017).

*Expectant Fathers, Abortion and Embryos*, 43 J. L. MED. & ETHICS 330 (2015).

*The Origin of Parental Rights: Labor, Intent, and Fathers*, 41 FL. ST. UNIV. L. REV. 645 (2014).

*The Sexual Orientation of Fatherhood*, 2013 MICH. ST. L. REV. 983.

*Gendered Self-Evaluation of Female Law Students*, Symposium: Gender and the Legal Profession's Pipeline to Power, 2012 MICH. ST. L. REV. 1693 (2013).

*Intended Parents and the Problem of Perspective*, 24 YALE J. L. & FEMINISM 210 (2012).

*Clinical Evidence as Gendered*, 21 TEX. J. WOMEN & L. 85 (2011).

*Evaluating Legal Activism: A Response to Rosenberg*, 17 BUFF. J. GENDER L. & SOC. POL'Y 1 (2009).

*Government Advertising Space: Lessons for the "Choose Life" Specialty License Plate Controversy*, 3 ORIGINAL L. REV. 28 (2007).

*The Right to Contract: Use of Domestic Partnership as a Strategic Alternative to the Right to Marry Same-Sex Partners*, 28 WOMEN'S RTS. L. REP. 145 (Spring/Summer 2007).

### **Book Chapters**

*Rewritten Reber v. Reiss*, REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE REWRITTEN (ed. Kimberly Mutcherson), Cambridge University Press (forthcoming 2019).

*Irish Fatherhood in the Twentieth Century*, IRELAND AND MASCULINITIES IN HISTORY: FROM THE SIXTEENTH CENTURY TO THE PRESENT, *Genders and Sexualities in History series*, Palgrave Macmillan (2019).

*A Feminist Rewriting of Frontiero v. Richardson*, THE U.S. FEMINIST JUDGMENTS PROJECT (eds. Linda Berger, Bridget Crawford, & Kathryn Stanichi), Cambridge University Press (2016).

### **Book Reviews and Commentary**

Article Review, *Are Breastfeeding Protections Anti-Feminist?*, JOTWELL FAMILY LAW SECTION (2018) (invited).

Op-Ed, *When Judges Prey on Clerks*, N.Y. TIMES (Dec. 13, 2017).

Book Review, *Legalizing LGBT Families: How the Law Shapes Parenthood*. Amanda K. Baumle & D'Lane R. Compton, 9 JOURNAL OF FAMILY THEORY AND REVIEW 412 (2017) (invited).

Article Review, *Personal Narrative and Paternal Stereotypes*, JOTWELL FAMILY LAW SECTION (2017) (invited).

Article Review, *Inconsistency, Marriage Equality, and Legal Change by Stealth*, JOTWELL FAMILY LAW SECTION (2016) (invited).

Book Review, *Merle Weiner, A Parent Partner Status for American Family Law*, 31 BERKELEY J. GENDER, L. & JUST. 378 (invited).

Book Review, *Leigh Ann Wheeler, How Sex Became a Civil Liberty*, 2 INDIANA J. L. & SOCIAL EQUALITY 271 (2014) (invited).

Book Review, *Joanna L. Grossman & Lawrence L. Friedman, Inside the Castle: Law and Family in 20<sup>th</sup> Century America*, 30 L. & HISTORY REV. 448 (2012).

*Of Financial Rights of Assisted Reproductive Technology Non-Marital Children and Back-up Plans*, 83 S. CAL. L. REV. POSTSCRIPT (Jan. 2011).

Comment, *Overruling the Jury: Duncan v. GMC and Appellate Treatment of Hostile Work Environment Judgments*, 24 YALE L. & POL'Y REV. 485 (2006).

### **Encyclopedia Entries**

CULTURAL SOCIOLOGY OF DIVORCE: AN ENCYCLOPEDIA (SAGE Publications 2013) (entries on "Divorce Law – Hispanic Traditions" and "Palimony")

ENCYCLOPEDIA OF UNITED STATES POLITICAL HISTORY: VOL. 3, 1841-1877 (CQ Press 2009) (entry on "Civil Liberties").

ENCYCLOPEDIA OF UNITED STATES POLITICAL HISTORY: VOL. 4, 1878-1920 (CQ Press 2009) (entries on "Civil Liberties," "Federal Reserve Board," "Mark Hanna," and "Muckrakers").

ENCYCLOPEDIA OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT (CQ Press 2008) (entries on "Anti-Dial-a-Porn Act of 1989," "Boos v. Barry," "Boycotts," "Cornelius v. NAACP," "Alexander Meiklejohn," and "Herbert Wechsler").

### **Works in Progress**

*Police Sexual Violence and Combating Systemic Harms* (coauthored with Melissa Blanco) (forthcoming in California Law Review, 2020).

Fiftieth Anniversary of Stonewall Symposium: LGBTQ Employment Law (forthcoming in University of Richmond Law Review, 2020) (invited).

*Constitutionalizing Fatherhood* (forthcoming in Case Western Law Review, 2019).

*Trump, Gender Rebels, and Masculinities* (forthcoming in Wake Forest Law Review, 2019).

*Transgender Students and the Heckler's Veto*.

*Frozen Embryos and Masculinities*

### **LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS**

*Frozen Embryos and Masculinities*, Baby Markets, Washington, D.C., June 2019.

*Transgender Students and the Heckler's Veto*, Law and Society, Washington, D.C., June 2019

*Frozen Embryos and Masculinities*, Family Law Scholars and Teachers, Washington, D.C., May 2019.

*LGBTQ Rights Halfway Through Trump's First(?) Term: Advancement, Retrenchment, and Potential*, AALS Annual Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana, January 2019.

*Constitutionalizing Fatherhood*, Loyola Constitutional Law Colloquium, Loyola University Chicago School of Law, Chicago, Illinois, November 2018.

*Race-Conscious Admissions and the Future of “Diversity” on Campus* (moderator), Penn State Center for Education and Civil Rights and Penn State Center for the Study of Higher Education, October 2018.

*Reproductive Justice 101*, If/When/How Penn State Law Chapter, Penn State Law, October 2018.

*Teaching the Personal as Political in the Age of Trump*, SALT Teaching Conference, Penn State Law, October 2018.

*Outlining for Law School Exams*, Penn State BLSA, Penn State Law, October 2018.

*Constitutionalizing Fatherhood*, Penn State Law Faculty Workshop Series, Penn State Law, October 2018.

*Constitutionalizing Fatherhood*, Family Law Scholars and Teachers, New York, June 2018.

*Transgender Students and the Heckler’s Veto*, Law and Society Annual Conference, Toronto, June 2018.

*Academic Freedom: In and Out of the Classroom*, Penn State AAUP, March 2018.

*The Promise of Reproductive Rights in Retrospect: From the IWY National Women’s Conference to the Present*, The National Women’s Conference: Taking 1977 into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, Houston, Texas, November 2017.

*Transgender Children and the Heckler’s Veto*, Loyola Constitutional Law Colloquium, Loyola University Chicago School of Law, Chicago, Illinois, November 2017.

*Transgender Children, the Heckler’s Veto, and Teaching Early Acceptance*, LatCrit XXI Biennial Conference, Orlando, Florida, September 2017.

*Outlining and Law School Exams*, Penn State BLSA, Penn State Law, September 2017.

*Constitutionalizing Fatherhood*, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Conference, Boca Raton, Florida, August 2017.

Reproductive Justice Roundtable, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Conference, Boca Raton, Florida, August 2017.

*Constitutionalizing Fatherhood*, International Society of Family Law, Amsterdam, July 2017.

*Constitutionalizing Fatherhood*, Law and Society Annual Conference, Mexico City, June 2017.

*Transgender Students and the Heckler’s Veto*, Junior Scholars Rights and Ills Workshop, Stanford Law School, June 2017.

*Constitutionalizing Fatherhood*, Family Law Scholars and Teachers, New York, June 2017.

*Dress Codes, Transgender Students, and Gender Policing*, Penn State Behrend Gender Conference 2017: Circles of Community, Penn State Behrend, April 2017.

*Modernizing the Legal Response to Domestic Violence: Reconsidering the Role of Criminal Law Panel*, Penn State Family Law Society, Penn State, April 2017.

*The Rules of Maternity*, University of Pittsburgh School of Law, March 2017.

*All In at Penn State Law: Addressing Diversity and Implicit Bias in the Legal Academy*, Penn State Law, March 2017.

*Transgender Children, the Heckler’s Veto, and Teaching Early Acceptance*, Title IX: History, Legacy, and Controversy, University of Tennessee College of Law, March 2017.

*Child Maltreatment Panel: Understanding Physical Child Abuse*, Penn State Law Family Law Society, Penn State, February 2017.

*LGBTQA Student, Faculty and Staff Forum*, Penn State Commission for LGBTQ Equity, November 2016.

*Transgender Law*, Penn State Transgender Awareness Week, Penn State Commission for LGBTQ Equity, November 2016.

*Diversity Speaks*, Penn State Graduate Student Coalition, Penn State, October 2016.

*Trapped Post-Film Panel*, Penn State Department of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, State College, PA, September 2016.

*Reproductive Rights Panel*, Penn State Law ACS, Penn State, September 2016.

*Reproductive Justice Roundtable*, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Conference, Amelia Island, August 2016.

*Transgender Children and Teaching Early Acceptance*, Law and Society Annual Conference, New Orleans, June 2016.

*Maternal Coverture*, Family Law Scholars and Teachers Conference, New Orleans, May 2016.

*Unregulated Fatherhood*, International Society for Family Law, Jackson Hole, May 2016.

*Transgender Children and Teaching Early Acceptance*, LGBT Interdisciplinary Academic Symposium, Penn State, April 2016.

*Mommy Queerest Panel*, Penn State Law Outlaw, Penn State, April 2016.

*Transgender Children and Teaching Early Acceptance*, LatCrit Critical Constitutionalism Conference, Anaheim, CA, October 2015.

*Community Summit: Mass Incarceration*, Penn State Law BLSA, Penn State, October 2015.

*The Rules of Maternity*, AALS Workshop on Next Generation Issues of Sex, Gender and the Law, Orlando, FL, June 2015.

*Parentage Without Biology*, AALS Workshop on Shifting Foundations: Family Law's Response to Changing Families, Orlando, FL, June 2015.

*The Rules of Maternity*, Family Law Scholars and Teachers, Orlando, FL, June 2015.

*A World Without Biological Parentage*, Law and Society 2015, Seattle, WA, May 2015.

*The Rules of Maternity*, Delaware Valley Feminist Law Professors Conference, University of Pennsylvania, March 2015.

*The State of Black Women*, Black Lives Matter, Penn State Law BLSA, Penn State, February 2015.

*Teaching Social Justice as Doing Social Justice*, SALT Biennial Teaching Conference, UNLV, October 2014.

*Expectational Parental Interests*, Big Ten Untenured Conference, Indiana University, August 2014.

*Expectational Interests of Nontraditional Parents*, AALS Workshop on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Issues, Washington, DC, June 2014.

*Fathers, Abortion, and Equal Rights, What's in a Name?*, Law, Feminism, and Identity, Law and Society 2014, Minneapolis, MN, May 2014.

*ART and Parentage*, Law and Society 2014, Minneapolis, MN, May 2014.

*Expectant Fathers, Abortion, and Embryos*, Intersections in Reproduction: Perspectives on Abortion, Assisted Reproductive Technologies, and Judicial Review, Yale Law School, April 2014.

*The Sexual Orientation of Fatherhood*, Sexuality and Gender Studies at Penn State, Penn State Behrend, April 2014.

*The Intersection of Social Media and the Law*, Phi Alpha Delta, Penn State Dickinson School of Law, March 2014.

*The Sexual Orientation of Fatherhood*, Legal Scholarship 4.0, Northeastern University School of Law, Boston, MA, March 2014.

*The Sexual Orientation of Fatherhood*, Feminist Law Professors Annual Conference, Widener University Law School, Wilmington, DE, March 2014.

*The Sexual Orientation of Fatherhood*, Courting Justices: LGBT Law Advances in the Twenty-First Century, AALS Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity Issues, AALS Annual Meeting, New York, January 2014.

*The Origin of Parental Rights*, New Voices in Gender Studies, AALS Annual Meeting, New York, January 2014.

*The Sexual Orientation of Fatherhood*, Big Ten Untenured Conference, Indiana University, August 2013.

*Abortion and Paternal Rights*, Emerging Family Law Scholars, Brooklyn Law School, June 2013.

Chair and Discussant, Biotechnology, Bioethics and the Law, Law and Society Boston, MA, May 2013.

*The Origin of Parental Rights*, Law and Society Boston, MA, May 2013.

*The Sexual Orientation of Fatherhood*, In Search of Equality in Family Law, Michigan State Law Review Symposium, Michigan State University, April 2013.

*40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Roe v. Wade*, University of Illinois, March 2013 (panel discussion with Associate Dean Daniel Hamilton).

*Women's Law Society Symposium 2013: Breaking Expectations, Unfair Treatment? Gender in Criminal Law*, University of Illinois, February 2013 (panel discussion with Professor Karla Fischer).

*The Presidential Election*, University of Illinois, October 2012 (panel discussion with Associate Dean Daniel Hamilton).

*The Sexual Orientation of Fatherhood: A Legal Story*, Social Justice Feminism, University of Cincinnati Center for Race, Gender, and Social Justice, October 2012.

*Intended Parents and the Problem of Perspective*, Canadian Law and Economics Association Annual Conference, September 2012.

*Supreme Court Term in Preview*, University of Illinois, September 2012. Panel discussion with Professors J. Steven Beckett and Jud Mathews.

*Is There a "War on Women?" Constitutional Argument About Gender in an Election Year*, University of Illinois Constitution Day, September 2012.

*The Origin of Parental Rights: Labor, Intent, and Fathers*, Big Ten Untenured Conference, Indiana University, August 2012.

Discussion Group: Contemporary Issues on Gender and the Law, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Meeting, July 2012.

*The Origin of Parental Rights: Labor, Intent, and Fathers*, Sustaining Families: Global and Local Perspectives, Midwest Family Law Consortium and International Society of Family Law Conference, University of Iowa College of Law, June 2012.

*The Origin of Parental Rights: Labor, Intent, and Fathers*, Emerging Family Law Scholars, Fordham University School of Law, May 2012.

*Gendered Self-Evaluation of Female Law Students*, Gender and the Legal Profession's Pipeline to Power Conference, Michigan State University, April 2012.

*Talking (Back to) Beauty: (How) Can a Feminist Have a Conversation with the Cosmetics Industry?*, March 2012 (panel commentary with Professor Janet Liechty, College of Medicine and School of Social Work, on presentation by Professor Alma Gottlieb, Department of Anthropology).

*Feminism and Conservatism*, February 2012 (discussion with Karin Agness, sponsored by Federalist Society).

*The California Same-Sex Marriage Case*, Peking School of Transnational Law, December 2011.

*Intended Parents and the Problem of Perspective*, Indiana University Junior Faculty Exchange, October 2011.

*Intended Parents and the Problem of Perspective*, Big Ten Untenured Conference, Indiana University, August 2011.

*Intended Parents and the Problem of Perspective*, University of Illinois Faculty Roundtable, July 2011.

*Intended Parents and the Problem of Perspective*, Midwest Family Law Consortium, Michigan State University, June 2011.

*Intended Parents and the Problem of Perspective*, Emerging Family Law Scholars, UC Hastings College of Law, June 2011.

*Intended Parents and the Problem of Perspective*, University of Illinois Faculty Research Incubator, April 2011.

*Responding to Roe v. Wade: Should Social Issues Be Resolved in the Courts?*, University of Illinois Constitution Day, September 2011 (commentary on talk by Professor Mary Ziegler, St. Louis University School of Law).

*Clinical Evidence as Gendered: Fibromyalgia Social Security Claims*, Law and Society, San Francisco, June 2011.

*Proposition 8 or Proposition Hate?*, October 2010 (debate with Professor Lynn Wardle, Brigham Young University).

*Litigating Proposition 8 in the Federal Courts: Constitutional and Cultural Perspectives on the Right to Marry*, University of Illinois Constitution Day, 2010 (panel with Professor Dan W. Hamilton, University of Illinois).

*Marriage, Citizenship, and Acceptance: The Feminism of Same-Sex Marriage in America* Gender Unbound Conference, Research Centre for Law, Gender, and Sexuality, Keele University (UK), July 2007.

*Gendered Self-Evaluation: The Impact of Law School Culture on Female Law Students* The Art of Gender in Everyday Life IV, Idaho State University, April 2007.  
Awarded Best Graduate Student Paper prize.

## **SERVICE**

AALS 2019 Program Committee, Member.

AALS Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Section, Executive Committee Member.

AALS Family Law Section, Executive Committee Member.

Penn State University Presidential Commission on LGBT Equity, 2014 – 2018.  
Co-Chair, Curriculum Integration Committee, 2017 – 2018.  
Chair, Bylaws Committee, 2016 – 2017.  
Liaison to Faculty Senate Educational Equity and Campus Environment Committee, 2016 – 2017.  
Member, Health Care Equity Task Force, 2016 – 2017.  
Member, Legal and Strategic Response Task Force, 2016 – 2017.  
Chair, Employee Concerns Committee, 2015 – 2016.  
Member, Transgender Issues Committee, 2014 – 2015.

Outlaw (LGBTQ law student group), Advisor, 2015 – present.

PPGen (undergraduate Planned Parenthood student group), Advisor, 2017 – present.

Penn State Law Public Interest Advisory Group, 2014 – present.

Penn State LGBTQ Scholarship Selection Committee, 2017 – present.

Leading Law Students Selection Committee, 2016.

Bridge Fellowship Selection Committee, 2015.

PILF (Public Interest Law Fund) Fellowship Selection Committee, 2015.

Penn State Law Committees

Diversity Committee Chair, 2018 – present.  
Admissions Committee, 2018 – present.  
Faculty Works in Progress Committee Co-Chair, 2017 – present.  
Diversity Committee, 2016 – 2017.  
Curriculum committee, 2014 – 2016.  
Strategic Planning committee, 2013 – 2014.  
Ad hoc reviewer, *Bioethics*.  
Ad hoc reviewer, *Oñati Socio-Legal Series*.  
Ad hoc reviewer, *The Yale Law Journal*.

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND AFFILIATIONS**

Member, Centre County Advisory Council, Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission (appointed), 2017 – present.  
Democratic Precinct Committee Representative (appointed), 2017 – 2018.  
Auditor, Benner Township (elected), 2015 – 2017.  
Member, Board of Directors, Population Connection Action Fund, 2015 – present.  
Member, Board of Directors, Population Connection, 2013 – present.  
    Vice Chair, 2017 – present.  
    Chair, Audit Committee, 2015 – 2017.  
Member, Yale Law Women Alumnae Board, 2013 – 2015.  
Planning Committee, Feminist Legal Theory Collaborative Research Network, Law and Society, 2013 – 2015.  
Planning Committee, Emerging Family Law Scholars Conference, 2012 – 2015, 2016 – present.  
    Chair, 2013 – 2014.  
Secretary, Board of Directors, Truman Scholars Association, 2011 – 2012.  
Member, Truman Scholarship Campus Review Committee, University of Illinois, 2011 – 2013.

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

<b>The Hon. Gerard E. Lynch, United States Court of Appeals, 2nd Circuit</b>	2009-2010
<i>Clerk</i>	New York, NY
<b>The Hon. Raymond C. Fisher, United States Court of Appeals, 9th Circuit</b>	2008-2009
<i>Clerk</i>	Pasadena, CA