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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

BROOKLYN LAW SCHOOL Brooklyn, NY 2013 – current Professor of Law

Courses: Family Law, Criminal Law, Children and the Law (constitutional law of children and parents, juvenile justice, and child welfare/foster system), Sex Crimes (seminar), Public Interest Lawyering: Theory and Practice, Legal Profession (professional responsibility)

Leadership Roles: Edward V. Sparer Public Interest Fellowship (circa 50 current students and hundreds of alumni) (2007-current; Co-Director beginning Spring 2020); Marsha Garrison Family Law Fellowship (Cofounder 2015; Director 2018-current) (4-6 students annually)

Service: Diversity & Inclusion Committee (2019-current); Status Committee (2022-24); Workshops Committee (2015-2019, 2022-23); Appointments Committee (2013-15, 2019-20, 2021-22); Ad Hoc Committee for Anti-Racist Statement & Faculty Training (co-creator, 2020-21); Curriculum Committee (2012-2022); Experiential Learning Committee (2020-21); Long Range Planning Committee (2012-13, 2017-18); Advisor to Moot Court Honor Society (2012-16); Professional Development Committee (2010-15); Clerkship Committee (2007-09, 2011-12); Work with student groups including If/When/How, Family Law Society, Criminal Law Society, Balsa, BLISPI, pro bono Suspension Representation Project (2008-current).

2007-12 Instructor of Law

Courses: Fundamentals of Law Practice; Fundamentals of Legal Drafting

FORDHAM UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW New York, NY Fall 2022 Adjunct Professor of Law

Taught Family Law. Counseled students on public interest and family law careers, and wrote recommendations.

COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL New York, NY Spring 2022 Visiting Professor of Law

Fall 2020 Taught Family Law and, in 2022, Criminal Law. Supervised students on independent studies.

Spring 2019 Participated as a faculty advisor to the Public Interest Public Service Fellowship.

Spring 2020

PUBLICATIONS AND WORKS-IN-PROGRESS

Articles

- *Racing & Erasing Parental Rights*, 104 B.U.L. REV. 2061 (2024)
- *Disrupting Carceral Logic in Family Policing*, 121 MICH. L. REV. 939 (2023) (reviewing Dorothy Roberts, TORN APART: HOW THE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM DESTROYS BLACK FAMILIES—AND HOW ABOLITION CAN BUILD A SAFER WORLD (2022))

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- *The Place of the Prosecutor in Abolitionist Praxis*, 69 UCLA L. REV. 164 (2022)
- *#MeToo and the Myth of the Juvenile Sex Offender*, 17 OHIO ST. J. CRIM. L. 335 (2020)
- *Redrawing the Boundaries of Relational Crime*, 69 ALA. L. REV. 169 (2017)
- *Recasting Vagueness: The Case of Teen Sex Statutes*, 74 WASH. & LEE L. REV. 173 (2017)
- *Adopting the Gay Family*, 90 TUL. L. REV. 311 (2015)
- *Punishment as Protection*, 52 HOUSTON L. REV. 1313 (2015)
- *Parsing Parenthood*, 17 LEWIS & CLARK L. REV. 113 (2013)
- *All in the Family: Towards A New Representational Model for Parents and Children*, 24 GEO. J. LEGAL ETHICS 303 (2011)
- *Caught Between Two Systems: How Exceptional Children in Out-of-Home Care Are Denied Equality in Education*, 19 YALE L. & POL'Y REV. 81 (2000)

Law Review Online Essays & Pieces

- (with Shanta Trivedi), *Parenting as Crime*, 15 CAL L. REV. ONLINE 13 (2024)
- *Criminalizing Community, Policing Space: Conspiracy, Young Thug & the "Stop Cop City" Protestors*, HARVARD L. REV. BLOG (Aug. 28, 2024)
- *Perfect Plaintiffs*, 125 YALE L. J. FORUM 136 (2015)
- *Marriage Equality and the New Maternalism*, 6 CAL L. REV. CIRCUIT 145 (2015)

Symposia Contributions & Book Chapters

- *Kinship Care and Adoption Myopia*, 76 RUTGERS L. REV. 689 (2024) (nonmarital roundtable symposium Sept. 2023)
- Invited contribution to a written symposium and webinar on Professor Wendy Bach's book, PROSECUTING POVERTY, CRIMINALIZING CARE (October 2023).
- *A Perfect Storm: Teens, False Confessions & Prosecutorial Involvement*, 58 N. ENG. L. REV. 1 (2024) (invited contribution to a symposium on Professor Dan Medwed's book BARRED: WHY THE INNOCENT CAN'T GET OUT OF PRISON (Nov. 2023))
- (with Maybell Romero), *Prosecutorial Mutiny*, 60 AM. CRIM. L. REV. 1403 (2023)
- (with Caitlyn Garcia), *Divest, Invest, and Mutual Aid*, 12 COLUM. J. RACE & L. 601 (2022)
- Cynthia Godsoe, *The Victim/Offender Overlap & Criminal System Reform*, 87 BROOK. L. REV. 1319 (2022)
- (with Abbe Smith & Ellen Yaroshefsky), *Can You Be A Legal Ethics Scholar and Have Guts?*, 35 GEO. J. LEGAL ETHICS 429 (2022)
- *Rewritten Supreme Court Opinion in Sessions v. Morales-Santana*, 582 U.S. ___ (2017), in FEMINIST JUDGEMENTS: FAMILY LAW OPINIONS REWRITTEN (Rachel Rebouche ed., CAMBRIDGE UNIV. PRESS (2020)
- (Book Chapter) *Parental Love and Purposeful Violence*, in THE POLITICIZATION OF SAFETY (Jane Stoeber ed., NYU PRESS 2018)
- *Participatory Defense: Humanizing the Accused & Ceding Control to the Client*, 69 MERCER L. REV. 715 (2018)
- *Redefining Parental Rights: The Case of Corporal Punishment*, 32 CONSTT. COMM. 281 (2017)
- (Book Chapter) A rewrite of the Supreme Court opinion in *Michael M. v. Sonoma Cty*, 450 U.S. 464 (1981)

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(statutory rape) in *FEMINIST JUDGEMENTS: REWRITTEN OPINIONS OF THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT* (Kathryn M. Stanchi, Linda L. Berger and Bridget J. Crawford eds., (CAMBRIDGE UNIV. PRESS 2016)

- *Contempt, Status and The Criminalization of Non-Conforming Girls*, 35 *CARDOZO L. REV.* 1091 (2014)
- *Permanency Puzzle*, 2013 *MICH. STATE L. REV.* 1113 (2013)
- *Just Intervention: Differential Response in Child Protection*, 21 *J.L. & POL'Y* 73 (2012)
- *Introduction, Adolescents in Society: Their Evolving Legal Status*, 20 *J.L. & POL'Y* 1 (2012)

Works-in-Progress

- *Devaluing Kin*
- *The New Banishment* (with Sarah Swan)
- *Obedience Crimes*
- *FAMILIES IN THE CARCERAL STATE* (with Jessica Dixon Weaver) (edited book project)

OPINION PIECES & SELECT MEDIA

Opeds & Shorter Pieces

- (co-authored with Professor Bennett Capers), *Neely's death and reasonableness: Like in the Bernhard Goetz case, how the word is interpreted will determine if the subway killing by Daniel Penny is lawful or not*, *NY DAILY NEWS* (May 13, 2023)
- (co-authored with Professor Miriam Baer), *Bruce Castor Botched the Cosby Case Even Worse Than It Seems*, *SLATE* (Jul 03, 2021)
- (co-authored with Professor Steve Dean), *Welfare Policy in America Must Be Antiracist This Time Around*, *THE IMPRINT* (March 15, 2021)
- Cynthia Godsoe, *An Abolitionist Horizon for Child Welfare*, *L. & POL. ECON. PROJECT BLOG* (Aug. 6, 2020)
- (co-authored with now-Manhattan DA Alvin Bragg), *The Prosecutor's Role in Curbing Infections in Prisons*, *ROUTE FIFTY* (June 05, 2020)
- (co-authored with Professor Aya Gruber), *After the Weinstein Verdict: Relief, and Some Fears a Bad Precedent May Have Been Set*, *NY DAILY NEWS* (Feb. 25, 2020)
- Letter to the Editor, *NY TIMES* (Dec. 10, 2015) (calling for better treatment of girls and young women in the juvenile and criminal systems)
- *Why 20 States Treat Raping Your Wife as a Lesser Crime*, *TPM* (July 30, 2015)
- *Give Restitution to Victims of Child Pornography, But Also Recognize All Child Victims of Sexual Exploitation*, *HUFF POST*. Jan. 28, 2014
- *Good Enough to Parent But Not to Marry*, *HUFF POST* (June 24, 2013)
- *Blame Poverty, Not Parents*, *NAT'L L. J.* (May 17, 2012)
- *Age Matters*, *NAT'L L.J.* (Apr. 4, 2011)
- *Restoring Families*, *NAT'L L.J.* (May 31, 2010)
- *Finally, a Safe Harbor for Exploited Youth*, *NAT'L L.J.* (Nov. 10, 2008)

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Select Media

- Quoted in Jeremy Fredricks and Samanta Habashy, *Supreme Court to Decide About Supervised Release*, MEDILL ON THE HILL, (Feb. 25, 2025)
- Quoted in Chris Bragg, *Five Key Takeaways From Our Investigation Into the Queens Surrogate's Court*, NEW YORK FOCUS, (Jan. 7, 2025)
- Quoted in Harlem World Magazine, *NYC Juvenile Centers Face 400+ Lawsuits Alleging Decades of Staff Sexual Abuse*, HARLEM WORLD MAGAZINE (Oct. 2, 2024)
- Quoted in Rick McKay, *Charges against father of Georgia shooting suspect test emerging legal strategy*, REUTERS (Sept. 7, 2024)
- Quoted in Justin Curto, *So How is the YSL Trial's New Judge Doing?*, VULTURE (Aug. 19, 2024)
- Quoted in Gabrielle Settles, *No evidence that hush-money trial jurors were 'Biden voters' | USA TODAY* (June 28, 2024)
- Quoted in Gabrielle Settles, *Photo of Black justices doesn't show panel hearing Trump appeal. It's not set yet*, Fact Check | POLITIFACT (June 7, 2024)
- Interview with Russian-language international TV network RTVI (June 7, 2024) (re Louisiana approving physical castration for people convicted of sex offenses)
- Interview CNN INTERNATIONAL TV (April 30, 2024) (re Trump New York “hush money” trial)
- Quoted in Madison Czopek, *Which judges will hear Donald Trump's appeal? It's too early to know, experts say*, POLITIFACT (May 31, 2024)
- Interview, GERMAN PUBLIC RADIO (April 25, 2024) (re Weinstein conviction being overturned)
- Karen Zraiek et al, *What Weinstein's Overturned Conviction Means for His California Case*, NY TIMES (Apr. 26, 2024)
- Quoted in Mark Berman, *A N.Y. court tossed Harvey Weinstein's conviction. Could it help Trump?*, WASH. POST (Apr. 4, 2024)
- Quoted in Alexander Panetta, *Trump's historic trial starts this month. Here's what will happen. The timeline, the verdict, the sentence: 5 experts make predictions on New York hush-money case*, CBC NEWS (Apr. 1, 2024)
- Podcast Interview for the NEW ENGLAND LAW REVIEW (Fall Symposium Preview) Discussion of Prof. Dan Medwed's book *Barred, prosecutorial misconduct & false confessions by young people*. (Nov. 14, 2023)
- Quoted in Joe Palazzolo and Rebecca Ballhaus, *Ex-Tabloid King Poses Threat to Donald Trump in Hush Money Case*, WALL STREET JOURNAL (April 6, 2023)
- Quoted in Kayla Epstein, *How Will Trump be Treated at Court Today?*, BBC ONLINE (April 5, 2023)
- Quoted in Jonah E. Bromwich and Maria Cramer, *Botched Prosecution Lets Notorious Ex-Detective Walk Free*, NY TIMES (Jan. 31, 2023)
- Quoted in Joshua Rhett Miller, *Cheesecake, chicken soup and poison: How a Dominatrix was Charged with Attempted Murder*, NY POST (Jan. 31, 2023)
- Quoted in Samantha Cole, *The Legal System is Completely Unprepared for Apple Airtag Stalking*, VICE MEDIA (Dec. 9, 2022)
- Quoted in Jonah E. Bromwich, *Win Bolsters Push to Highlight Prosecutors' Misconduct*, NY TIMES (Jul. 22, 2022)
- Quoted in Paula Cho, *Motherhood and Addiction and CPS: How Mothers Who Use Drugs Lost Their Children*, TRUPLANDIA MAGAZINE (May 12, 2022)
- Quoted in Jonah Bromwich, *Family Court Lawyers Flee Low-Paying Jobs, Parents and Children*, NY TIMES (April 29, 2022)
- Interviewed on NEW YORK 1 NEWS with Erroll Flynn to discuss the Cuomo prosecution (Jan. 10, 2022)

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- Interviewed on NEW YORK 1 NEWS with Erroll Flynn to discuss the Gov. Cuomo prosecution (Nov. 1, 2021)
- My article *Perfect Plaintiffs*, (125 YALE L.J. FORUM 136 (2015)) discussed in Margaret Talbot, *How the Real Jane Doe Shaped the Abortion Wars*, NEW YORKER (Sept. 13, 2021)
- Quoted in Ari Feldman, NEW YORK 1 NEWS ONLINE discussing Gov. Cuomo's liability for sexual harassment (Aug. 11, 2021)
- Quoted in Rory Fleming, *What Would It Have Taken to "Stop Singas"?*, FILTER (June 16, 2021)
- Quoted in George Joseph, *Prosecutors Wrongfully Convicted Three Men Who Spent 24 Years Behind Bars. Will They Be Disbarred?*, GOTHAMIST (May 6, 2021)
- Quoted in Jack Karp, *Jones Marks Shift In High Court's Juvenile Justice Rulings*, LAW360 (May 2, 2021)
- Interviewed by George Joseph, *Court Reform Group Files 21 Complaints Against Current and Former Queens Prosecutors*, WNYC (May 5, 2021)
- Quoted in Emma Mayer, *Can Bill Cosby Be Prosecuted in Other States?*, NEWSWEEK (June 30, 2021)
- Quoted in Melissa Chan, *Police in New York Are Defying State and City Orders to Wear Masks*, TIME (June 5, 2020)
- Quoted in Christina Carrega, *Framed Brooklyn Man Wants Judge to Vacate \$40G Child Support Bill*, NY DAILY NEWS (Feb. 12, 2018)
- Quoted on *The Chip Franklin Show: Too drunk to consent?* KGO 810 (June 19, 2017)
- Quoted in Ginia Bellafante, *Getting Rid of Bail Is Only the Start*, NY TIMES (June 1, 2017)
- Quoted in Ellen Friedrichs, *Your 5 Most Common Questions About Alcohol and Consent – Answered*, EVERYDAY FEMINISM (May 2016)
- Quoted in Joanna Rothkopf, *Comedian Avenges Sidewalk Assault by Launching Social Media Campaign Against Popular Brooklyn Bar*, JEZEBEL (Nov. 3, 2015)
- Panelist on HUFFINGTON POST LIVE, *Setting The Record Straight On Marital Rape* (Aug. 3, 2015)
- Quoted in Charisma L. Troiano, *Challenges Continue for Both Defense and Prosecution in Gurley Case: Questions About NYPD Policy May Factor into Legal Arguments*, BROOKLYN DAILY EAGLE (Feb. 25, 2015)
- Quoted in Riley Yates, *Pregnant Women Rarely Face Charges for Drug Use*, MCCALL (Jan. 24, 2015)
- Quoted in *Trek Leather Increases Threat of Corporate Officer Liability*, INTERNATIONAL TRADE REPORTER (Dec. 4, 2014)
- Interviewed on NY 1 NEWS regarding the Eric Garner grand jury (Dec. 3, 2014)
- Quoted in Kate Pickert, *School District: Student Is Partly to Blame for Sex with Teacher*, TIME MAGAZINE (Nov. 14, 2014)
- Quoted in Benjamin Mueller, *Dispute Over Judges Leaves Family Courts in Limbo*, NY TIMES (June 15, 2014)
- Quoted in Emma G. Fitzsimmons and Benjamin Mueller, *Reduced Charge for Boy in Fatal Bronx Stabbing*, NY TIMES (June 30, 2014)
- Quoted in Emma G. Fitzsimmons and Benjamin Mueller, *Lawyer Says Boy in Killing May Go Before Grand Jury*, NY TIMES (June 24, 2014)
- Quoted in Charisma Miller, *Wedding off, who keeps the ring?*, BROOKLYN EAGLE, (Apr. 29, 2013)
- Quoted in Sam Howe, *Debate Continues: Are Parents Accountable for Injuries Caused By Their Children*, BROOKLYN EAGLE (Dec. 19, 2012)
- Guest blogger, *Parenthood Redux & Windsor/Perry and Marriage/Parenthood*, PRAWFSBLAWG (August 2012, June 2013)

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SELECT PRESENTATIONS

- *Devaluing Kin*, West Coast Gender, Sexuality & Law Conference, UC Irvine Law School (Feb. 2025)
- Co-Presenter, AALS Family & Juvenile Law Section Junior Scholar Award (AALS Annual Meeting) (Jan. 2025)
- *The New Banishment* (with Sarah Swan), ABA Criminal Section Scholarship Workshop (virtual) (Dec. 2024)
- Commentator, AALS Criminal Procedure Section Junior Scholars (virtual) (Oct. 2024)
- *Poverty of Family Law*, Sixth Annual Non-marital Roundtable, University of Virginia Law School (Sept. 2024)
- Co-organizer, panel on *Sex Crimes and Punishments: Do Sex Offender Registries and Residency Restrictions Do More Harm Than Good?* (BLS Center for Criminal Justice & co-sponsored by the Greenburger Center for Social and Criminal Justice) (Sept. 2024)
- Presenter, *Law's False Binaries*, and moderator, at Crimfest (Cardozo Law School) (July 2024)
- *Poverty of Family Law*, Annual Decarceral Scholars WIP Series (virtual) (June 2024)
- *Obedience Crimes*, Family Law Teachers & Scholars Conference at University of Baltimore Law School (June 2024). I also moderated and commented on another session.
- Co-chair, Presenter, *Poverty of Family Law*, and commentator, Feminist Legal Theory CRN, Law & Society Annual Meeting (May 2024)
- *Racing and Erasing Parental Rights*, University of Chicago Law School, Workshop on the Regulation of Family, Gender and Sexuality (April 2024)
- Co-organizer & Commentator, Criminal Justice Ethics Schmooze at Fordham Law School (April 11-12, 2024)
- Co-organizer and host, Annual Sparer Public Interest Fellowship Forum: *Illuminating Civil Justice: Data and Court Transparency as Tools for Systems Change* (April 2024)
- Invited panelist, *Anti-Carceral Feminism: Exploring Non-Carceral Solutions to Survivor Advocacy* (Cardozo Law School) (Feb. 2024)
- *Racing and Erasing Parental Rights* NYC family law workshop at Cardozo Law School (Jan. 2024)
- Commentator, AALS Criminal Law Section Works-in-Progress (AALS Annual Meeting) (Jan. 2024)
- Co-Presenter, AALS Family & Juvenile Law Section Achievement Award (to Professor Dorothy Roberts) (AALS Annual Meeting) (Jan. 2024)
- Invited speaker on prosecutorial misconduct and false confessions among youth, Northeastern Law School Criminal Procedure Class (Dec. 2023)
- Invited speaker on representing juveniles in criminal cases, Northeastern Law School Juvenile and Family Law Association (Dec. 2023)
- Speaker, Webinar on Wendy Bach's book PROSECUTING POVERTY, CRIMINALIZING CARE, with an interdisciplinary group of scholars (virtual) (Nov. 2023)
- Panelist, symposium on Dan Medwed's book, BARRED: WHY THE INNOCENT CAN'T GET OUT OF PRISON (New England Law School) (Nov. 2023)
- *Racing and Erasing Parental Rights*, SMU Law School Faculty Workshop (Nov. 2023)
- *Kinship Caregiving & Adoption Myopia*, Fifth Nonmarriage Roundtable (Rutgers Law School, Newark, NJ) (Sept. 2023)
- Invited panelist on Rethinking Carceral Approaches to Gender-Based Violence (Universite of Lille, France) (July 2023)
- *Racing & Erasing Parental Rights in the Family Policing System*, Annual Decarceral Scholars WIP (virtual) (July 2023) *Racing and Erasing Parental Rights*, Brooklyn Law School summer faculty workshop (summer 2023)
- *Racing & Erasing Parental Rights in the Family Policing System*, Faculty Workshop (Brooklyn Law School, NY) (June 2023)

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- *Racing & Erasing Parental Rights in the Family Policing System*, Family Law Teachers & Scholars Conference (Boston College Law School, MA) (June 2022).
- Organizer and Panelist, Session on Carceral Civil Systems, LSA Annual Meeting 2023 (San Juan, Puerto Rico) (May-June 2023)
- *Obedience Crimes*, Criminal Justice Ethics Schmooze (New York Law School, NY) (June 2023) (also served as a moderator and co-organizer)
- *Prosecutorial Mutiny* (co-authored with Maybell Romano) Gordon Gamm Symposium at Tulane Law School (April 2023)
- Moderator and Commentator on Book Event for Marsha Garrison, FAMILY LIFE, FAMILY LAW, AND FAMILY JUSTICE, BLS (April 2023)
- Presentation on Prosecutorial Misconduct and Accountability New York Project to the NYC Bar Association Government Ethics and State Affairs Committee (NY) (Mar. 2023)
- Panelist, *Incorporating Indigenous Issues into the Curriculum* (focusing on Family Law) (Brooklyn Law School, NYC) (Mar. 2023)
- Co-organizer, Criminal Law Section Panels as Section Chair, AALS Annual Meeting (San Diego, CA) (Jan. 2023)
- Invited Commentator, workshop on Jocelyn Simonson's book, RADICAL ACTS OF JUSTICE, (Brooklyn Law School, NY) (Oct. 2022)
- *Prosecutorial Mutiny* (co-authored with Maybell Romano) Reform-minded Prosecution Symposium, American Criminal Law Review (Georgetown Law School) (Oct. 2022)
- Panelist, Webinar on *Prosecutorial Misconduct: The Unchecked Abuse* (co-sponsored with VOCAL & Civil Rights Corp) (Brooklyn Law School, virtual) (Oct 2022)
- Invited Presenter on Sex Offenses Among Juveniles to a closed group of progressive prosecutors from around the U.S. (including Kim Foxx, Alvin Bragg, Saytana Dayberry and 12 more), at the Institute for Innovation in Prosecution (John Jay College, NY) (September 2022)
- *Disrupting Carceral Logic in Family Policing*, Family Law Scholars Session, SEALS (Florida) August 2022)
- *Disrupting Carceral Logic in Family Policing*, Crimfest July 2022 (Cardozo Law School) (July 2022) (and moderated another session)
- Panel discussion on books by Professors Aya Gruber & Leigh Goodmark, LSA Annual Meeting (Lisbon, Portugal) (July 2022)
- *Disrupting Carceral Logic in Family Policing*, Family Law Teachers & Scholars Conference (Temple Law School, PA) (June 2022). I also moderated and commented on another session.
- *Disrupting Carceral Logic in Family Policing*, Decarceration Summer WIP series (virtual) (June 2022)
- *Prosecutorial Mutiny* (co-authored with Maybell Romero), *Criminal Justice Ethics Schmooze* (New York Law School, NY) (June 2022). I also moderated a session.
- Panelist, *The Prosecution Symposium*, (UNLV Law School, Nev.) (April 2022)
- Panelist, *Prosecutors, the Attorney Disciplinary Process, and Publicity: Should Grievances against Prosecutors Remain Secret?*, (Cardozo Law School, virtual) (Mar. 2022)
- Co-chair, *Criminal Justice Section Networking* session, AALS Annual Meeting (virtual) (Jan. 2022). As vice chair of the section, I also helped to organize and attended our section's four sessions.
- Panelist, *Integrating Race & Issues of Inequality in Family Law Teaching*, AALS Annual Meeting (virtual) (Jan. 2022)
- *Obedience Crimes*, NY Family Law Consortium (Cardozo Law School, virtual) (Dec. 2021)
- *Obedience Crimes*, workshop, Deason Center Criminal Justice (SMU Law School) (Nov. 2021)
- Panelist & Co-organizer with Kate Mogulescu, Symposium, *The Place of the Victim in the Criminal System* (NY, co-sponsored by the Brooklyn Law Review and the BLS Center for Criminal Justice) (Oct. 2021)
- *The Place of the Prosecutor in Abolitionist Praxis*, Crimfest (virtual) (July 2021)

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- Participant & Commentator, *Feminist Legal Theory Summer WIP Series* (June-Aug. 2021)
- Participant (& sometime moderator), Criminal Law WIP Summer Series (June-August 2021)
- *Ethics Scholars & Activism* (early draft to be co-authored with Abbe Smith & Ellen Yaroshefsky), Criminal Justice Ethics Schmooze (Fordham Law School) (June 2021) and I moderated another session.
- *Defending the Family*, Family Law Teachers & Scholars Conference (Brooklyn Law School) (virtual) (June 2021), and I moderated another session.
- Presented, with Professor Bennett Capers, a “master class” on Implicit Bias and Anti-Racism for circa 20 NYC Family Court judges (virtual) (June 2021)
- *Divest, Invest & Mutual Aid*, Symposium on Dorothy Roberts’ Strengthened Bonds (Columbia Law School, NYC) (June 2021)
- *An Abolitionist Horizon for Child Welfare*, LSA 2021 Annual Meeting (virtual) (May 2021)
- Presenter, Building an Anti-Racist Curriculum (focusing on Family Law & Criminal Law) (Brooklyn Law School, NY) (May 2021)
- Invited Panelist, *The Political Economy of Motherhood*, Yale Law School’s Law & Political Economy Project Inaugural Conference (virtual) (March 2021)
- *The Place of the Prosecutor in Abolitionist Praxis*, workshop (Duke Law School Wilson Center) (virtual) (Feb. 2021)
- Commentator, LPE *Junior Scholar Workshop* (virtual) (Feb. 2021)
- Conference Participant, AALS Annual Meeting (virtual) (Jan. 2021)
- *The Place of the Prosecutor in Abolitionist Praxis*, Columbia Law School Faculty Workshop (November 2020)
- Guest speaker, University of Colorado Law School Criminal seminar class (Prof. Aya Gruber) (Oct. 2020)
- Panelist, Symposium on *Measuring #MeToo: The Movement’s Impact on Civil Law, Criminal Law, and Alternative Justice* (Washington & Lee Law School) (Sept. 2020)
- Invited participant, Criminal Justice Discussion Group on *Progressive Prosecutors*, SEALS (virtual) (August 2020)
- Participant, Crimfest (virtual) (July 2020)
- Participant (& sometime moderator), Criminal Law WIP Summer Series (virtual) (June-Aug. 2020)
- *An Abolitionist Horizon for Child Welfare*, Decarceral Summer WIP Series (virtual) (July 2020)
- *The Place of the Prosecutor in Abolitionist Praxis*, workshop (Brooklyn Law School) (July 2020)
- *An Abolitionist Horizon for Child Welfare*, Family Law Teachers & Scholars Conference (Brooklyn Law School, virtual) (June 2020)
- *An Abolitionist Horizon for Child Welfare*, NY Family Law Consortium (May 2020)
- *Vague Neglect* (co-authored work in progress) at Crimfest, Brooklyn Law School (July 2019). I also moderated a panel at this conference.
- *Participatory Defense: Humanizing the Accused and Ceding Control to the Client*, SEALS 2020 (participated in a Criminal Justice Discussion Group on Prosecution and Defense and served as a mentee to a junior faculty member) (Boca Raton, Florida) (Aug. 2019)
- *#MeToo and the Myth of the Juvenile Sex Offender* (piece for Ohio State Journal of Criminal Law symposium Fall 2019) at Family Law Scholars and Teachers Conference (Howard University Law School, Washington D.C.) (June 2019). I also commentated on another work at this conference.
- *Vague Neglect* (co-authored work in progress), Law and Society Annual Meeting (Washington, DC) (June 2019)
- *#MeToo and the Myth of the Juvenile Sex Offender*, 2019 Criminal Justice Ethics Schmooze (Cardozo Law School) (June 2019). I also moderated a panel.

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- Debate with Professor Helen Alvare on current family law and reproductive justice issues (Columbia Law School) (March 2019) (sponsored by the CLS Federalist Society)
- Panelist, *Rape Law in the Era of #metoo*, sponsored by the Section on Criminal Justice (AALS Annual Meeting (New Orleans, LA (Jan. 2019)
- Panelist, *Parents' and Children's Rights in a Post-Obergefell World*, sponsored by the Section on Family and Juvenile Law, AALS Annual Meeting (New Orleans, LA) (January 2019)
- Co-Organizer & Host, Criminal Justice Ethics Schmooze, Brooklyn Law School (June 2018); also presented a work-in-progress, *Client Dignity & Defense*
- Co-Organizer & Host, Criminal Justice Ethics Schmooze (Brooklyn Law School) (June 2018), where I presented a work-in-progress, *Client Dignity & Defense*
- *Non-Criminal Harms & Offenses* at the following places:
- Law and Society Annual Meeting (Toronto, Canada) (June 2018)
- NYC Family Law Colloquium (Cardozo Law School) (Mar. 2018)
- Crimfest Criminal Law Conference (Cardozo Law School) (July 2018)
- *Parental Love and Purposeful Violence* at The Politicization of Safety Conference (Book chapter) (UC Irvine Law School, CA) (Apr. 2017)
- *Disentangling Exploitation and Morality* at the following places:
- SEALS, Workshop on Family Law (Boca Raton, Fla) (Aug. 2017)
- Junior Scholars Criminal Justice Roundtable (Brooklyn Law School & St. Johns Law School) (July 2017)
- Law and Society Annual Meeting (Mexico City, Mexico) (June 2017)
- Family Law Scholars and Teachers Annual Meeting (Fordham Law School) (June 2017)
- *Redrawing the Boundaries of Relational Crime* at the following places:
- American Constitution Society Junior Scholars Public Law Workshop (Jan. 2017) (selected through a call for papers)
- Invited faculty workshop at Chapman University Law School (March 2017)
- Crimfest Criminal Law Conference (Cardozo Law School) (July 2016)
- Law and Society Annual Meeting (June 2016)
- Family Law Scholars and Teachers Annual Meeting (June 2016)
- Harry Krause Emerging Family Law Scholars Workshop (University of Illinois Law School) (May 2016)
- *Participatory Defense: Humanizing the Accused & Ceding Control to the Client*, at SEALS, Criminal Justice Workshop (Boca Raton, Fla) (August 2017)
- *The Perils of "Doing God's Work": Prosecutors and Child Abuse Cases*, Criminal Justice Ethics Schmooze (New York Law School) (June 2017)
- Reading of book contribution to the FEMINIST JUDGMENTS PROJECT, (New York University, NY) (December 2016)
- *Balancing Client Dignity and Mitigation in Juvenile Defense* (work-in-progress) Criminal Justice Ethics Schmooze (Cardozo Law School) (June 2016)
- Moderator, a panel on ethics in the representation of children and youth for PLI's Children and the Law Institute (New York, NY) (July 2016)
- *Vulnerable Offenders: Girls in the Juvenile Justice System*, Invited Participant Workshop on Children, Vulnerability and Resilience (Emory Law School) (December 2015)
- Panelist, *After Obergefell: The Next Steps on the Path to Equality* (Brooklyn Law School) (November 2015)
- *Recasting Vagueness: The Case of Teen Sex Statutes*, Faculty Workshop (Hofstra Law School) (October 2015)
- *Recasting Vagueness: The Case of Teen Sex Statutes*, SEALS Junior Scholars Workshop (Boca Raton, Florida) (August 2015)
- *Recasting Vagueness: The Case of Teen Sex Statutes*, 2015 Crimfest (Cardozo Law School) (July 2015)

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- *Victims and Offenders in Intimate Crimes*, AALS Mid-year Meeting on Shifting Foundations in Family Law (June 2015)
- *Victims and Offenders in Intimate Crimes*, Family Law Scholars and Teachers Conference (Florida A & M School of Law) (June 2015)
- *Recasting Vagueness: The Case of Teen Sex Statutes*, AALS Mid-year Meeting on Next Generation Issues in Sex, Gender and the Law (June 2015)
- Chair and Discussant, *Roundtable on Governance Feminism*, LSA Annual Meeting (May 2015)
- Panelist, *Forum on Race & Policing Post-Ferguson*, Brooklyn Law School (January 2015)
- Panelist, *Conflicts of Interest*, 18th Judicial Conference of the United States Court of International Trade (New York, NY) (Dec. 2014)
- *Victims and Offenders in Intimate Crimes*, 2014 Crimfest (Rutgers Newark) (July 2014)
- *Adopting the Gay Family*, AALS Mid-Year Meeting on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (Orlando, Florida) (June 2014)
- *Adopting the Gay Family*, Fordham Junior Faculty Colloquium (May 2014)
- Organizer and Panel Chair, *Youth & Gun Violence*, AALS Annual Meeting (New York, NY) (Jan 2014)
- *Bias in Administering the Family*, State of the Family 2013 Symposium, (University of Richmond School of Law, Richmond, VA) (September 2013)
- Practicing Law Institute (PLI), 16th Annual Children's Law Institute, Panelist on The Rights of Adolescents (New York, NY) (July 2013)
- Co-organizer and host, Emerging Family Law Scholars and Teachers Conference, (Brooklyn Law School) (June 2013) & Presented *Adopting the Gay Family*
- *Punishment as Protection*, Law and Society Annual Meeting (San Francisco, CA) (May 2013)
- *Administering the Family Making and Teaching Real Family Law Conference*, (University of Wisconsin Law School) (April 2013)
- *Permanency Puzzle* Symposium on In Search of Equality in Family Law (April 2013)
- Co-Chair, Symposium on *Reforming Child Protection Law: A Public Health Approach*, Brooklyn Law School (Michigan State School of Law) (April 2012)
- *Punishment as Protection*, AALS Annual Meeting (San Francisco, CA) (January 2012)
- Columbia Law School, 17th Annual Paul Robeson Conference, *Realizing Justice: Incarceration, Advocacy and the Consequences of the Juvenile Justice System*, Panelist (April 2011)
- *All in the Family: Towards A New Representational Model for Parents and Children*, (William and Mary School of Law), Family/Children & Law Junior Faculty Workshop, (July 2010)

EDUCATION

1995 – 98 **HARVARD LAW SCHOOL**, J.D., *cum laude* **Cambridge, MA**

Honors Hewlett Law and Negotiation Research Fellowship

Honorary Irving Kaufman Fellowship for Public Interest

Activities Harvard Women's Law Journal: Articles Editor

Board of Student Advisers (student teacher selected through competitive process)

Battered Women's Advocacy Project: Court Director & Advocate

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Court Appointed Special Advocate: Guardian ad Litem for Foster Children Children and Family Rights Project: Board Member

1997 - 98 **BOALT HALL SCHOOL OF LAW, U.C. BERKELEY Berkeley, CA**
Visiting Student. *Berkeley Women's Law Journal: Recent Developments Contributor*

1989 - 93 **HARVARD UNIVERSITY, A.B. Social Studies, magna cum laude with distinction Cambridge, MA**
Honors *Thomas T. Hoopes Prize for excellence in undergraduate work (awarded summa cum laude on thesis about women in the World War II French Resistance based on archival research in French). Phi Beta Kappa; Harvard College Scholarship; Agassiz Award for academic achievement; Center for European Studies Research Grant.*

CLERKSHIP & FELLOWSHIP

1998 – 99 **U. S. DISTRICT COURT E.D.N.Y., HON. R. EDWARD KORMAN Brooklyn, NY –**
Judicial Clerk.

1999-2001 **SKADDEN PUBLIC INTEREST FELLOWSHIP San Francisco, CA & Bronx, NY**
Awarded public interest fellowship to work at the Child Care Law Center and Legal Aid Society's Juvenile Rights Division.

EMPLOYMENT & PRO BONO EXPERIENCE

- 2021- **Member**, Accountability New York, a group of law professors and advocates seeking to bring current attention and accountability to prosecutorial misconduct by filing ethics complaints in cases where appellate courts have found serious misconduct, sometimes resulting in the incarceration of likely innocent people. Also, a party to a pro bono lawsuit (with Patterson Bellknap as counsel) to increase transparency of attorney discipline processes.
- 2021-24 **Pro bono Expert Affiant** in litigation to raise the rates paid assigned counsel in New York State current criminal and family court cases, NY County Lawyers Assn et al. v. NY State et al (N.Y. State Ct.). Case settled successfully.
- 2022 **Appointed Member**, Transition Team Committee on “Juveniles & Emerging Adults,” Manhattan DA Alvin Bragg.
- 2019- **Pro bono Court Appointed Next Friend/Guardian ad Litem** for minor plaintiffs in class Current action lawsuit to reform foster parent licensing for those with criminal records (still in negotiations).
- 2010-12 **Pro bono Court Appointed Next Friend/Guardian ad Litem** for minor plaintiff in class action lawsuit to cease city's illegal placement of foster children in psychiatric facilities, *A.M. v. Mattingly*, (E.D.N.Y.).

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- 2007- **Pro Bono Court Appointed Next Friend/Guardian ad Litem** for minor plaintiff in class action current lawsuit on behalf of developmentally disabled foster children, *City v. Maul*, (N.Y. State Ct.).
- 2006-07 **CHILDREN’S LAW CENTER New York, NY**
Appellate Attorney. Wrote and argued appeals for child and teen clients on custody/visitation, paternity and domestic violence issues.
- 2004-06 **ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN OF NEW YORK, INC. New York, NY**
Impact Litigation Attorney. Litigated federal class action cases on education and juvenile justice issues, including of children illegally discharged or excluded from schools and teens with disabilities not being provided special education services while incarcerated. Provided technical assistance and training nationwide to attorneys and other advocates on juvenile justice, reentry and special education.
- 1999-01 **JUVENILE RIGHTS DIVISION, LEGAL AID SOCIETY New York, NY**
Staff Attorney & Skadden Fellow, Special Litigation and Law Reform Unit & Brooklyn & Bronx offices. Represented children and youth in delinquency and abuse/neglect trials. Litigated impact cases in federal court and did state legislative advocacy relating to juvenile justice and foster care reform. Testified before NYC City Council on juvenile justice policies.
- 1999-00 **CHILD CARE LAW CENTER San Francisco, CA**
Developed family violence project and represented parents in subsidized childcare hearings and welfare ‘reform’ impact litigation.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- **Co-Reporter,** American Bar Association Criminal Justice Standards project on Standards for Victims. Responsible for drafting nationally distributed guidance to local, state, and federal jurisdictions on the first standards for victims. Consult with policymakers, scholars, and experts in policing, mental health, substance use, prosecution, and defense. With Co-Reporter and Chair, represent the Task Force in the ABA’s review process. (Jan. 2022-current).
- **Co-Chair,** Feminist Legal Theory CRN for the Law & Society Annual Meeting (2023-24)
- **Chair,** American Association of Law Schools (AALS) Section on Criminal Law (2022); **Executive Committee Member** (2017-2024)
- **Chair,** AALS Section on Family and Juvenile Law (2019); **Executive Committee Member** (2014-current)
- **Board Member,** U.S. District Court EDNY Civil Litigation Fund (2012-current) (court fund to administer funds for depositions, experts etc. to pro bono attorneys in the EDNY, founded by Judge Weinstein)
- **Mentor,** Harvard’s Center for Public Interest Careers (2010-current)
- Member, Decarceral Scholars group & the newly formed Critical Legal Collective
- Alumni member, Skadden public interest fellowship xx
- **Chair,** AALS Section on Children and the Law (2014); **Executive Committee Member** (2012-2021)
- **Board Member,** GEMS (working with commercially sexually exploited girls and young women) (2011-2019)

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- **Chair**, Feminist Legal Theory Critical Research Network (CRN) for the 2015 LSA Annual Meeting
- **Signatory**, Amicus Brief of family law scholars in *Obergefell v. Hodges* (U.S. Supreme Court marriage equality case) (March 2015)
- **Chair**, Juvenile Justice Committee of the New York City Bar Association (2008-11)
- **Board Member**, Brooklyn Autism Center (2007-2011)
- **Member**, Education Committee of the New York City Bar Association (2003-06)
- **Member**, New York and California bars. Admitted to practice before the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York.