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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of South Carolina School of Law, Columbia, SC
Assistant Professor of Law, 2022 – present

Teaching: Parents, Children, and the State; Problems in Professional Responsibility;
Civil Rights; Sex and the Law.

Tulane Law School, New Orleans, LA
Forrester Fellow, July 2020-June 2022

PUBLICATIONS & WORKS IN PROGRESS

Articles:

Sex-Defining Laws and Equal Protection, 112 Calif. L. Rev. __ (forthcoming 2024)

Don't Be Afraid of the Nonbinary Bogeyman, 74 FLA. L. REV. FORUM __ (2023) (reviewing Marie-Amélie George, *Expanding LGBT*, 73 FLA. L. REV. 243 (2021)) (forthcoming).

Adjudicating Identity, 9 TEX. A&M L. REV. 267 (2022).

My Brother's Keeper, My Sister's Neglector: A Critique and Explanation of Single-Sex Initiatives for Black Boys, 38 COLUM. J. GENDER & L. 60 (2020).

Working it Off: Introducing a Service-Based Child Support Model, 17 U. PA. J. L. & SOC. CHANGE 163 (2016).

Masking Discrimination: How the "Second Wave" of RFRA's Can Weaken Protections for LGB Individuals, 72 NAT'L LAW. GUILD REV. 109 (2015).

Studs and Protest-Hypermasculinity: The Tomboyism within Black Lesbian Female Masculinity, 15 J. LESBIAN STUD. 480 (2011) (peer-reviewed).

Book Chapters:

Losing Custodial Mothers in Child Support Reform, in GENDER AND JUSTICE: THEORETICAL PRACTICES OF INTERSECTIONAL IDENTITY (Elaine Wood ed., 2021).

Shorter Works & Amicus Briefs:

Explaining Fulton’s Narrow Holding, Georgetown University, Berkley Center for Religious Peace & World Affairs (July 2021) (invited submission) (analyzing the Supreme Court’s decision in *Fulton v. City of Philadelphia*).

Hiring from the Government? Make Sure Not to Expose Your Laterals to Criminal Liability, ALAS LOSS PREVENTION J. (Winter 2020) (co-authored).

Catastrophic Verdicts: Malpractice Trends Arising Out of Low Limit/High Exposure Cases, BLOOMBERG LAW (May 15, 2018).

Masterpiece Cakeshop, Ltd. v. Colorado Civil Rights Commission, No. 16-111 (U.S. 2017) (amicus brief on behalf of businesses and organizations supporting respondents) (co-authored).

EDUCATION**Harvard Law School**

Juris Doctor, Cum Laude; May 2016

Dean’s Scholar Prize: Corporations; Reproductive Rights & Justice

Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review, *Solicited Content Editor*

Washington University in St. Louis

Bachelor of Arts, Cum Laude, Anthropology & Psychology; May 2010

Dean’s List Fall 2008–Spring 2010

Pride Alliance, *President*

Varsity Basketball Team

Senior Honors Thesis: *“It’s Just Gay!” An Analytic Look Into the Lives of Black Lesbians in South Carolina*.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

“Sex-Defining Laws and Equal Protection” (presented under various titles)

- *Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Conference* (July 2023).
- *Law & Society Association Annual Conference* (June 2023, July 2022).
- *University of Tennessee Law School, Faculty Workshop Series* (March 2023).
- *AALS Section on Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity Issues, New Voices Panel* (January 2023).
- *University of South Carolina School of Law Faculty Workshop* (January 2023).
- *Mid-Atlantic Family Law Scholars Roundtable* (December 2022).
- *Equality Law Scholars’ Forum* (November 2022).
- *Feminist Legal Theory Conference, Baltimore School of Law* (April 2022).
- *LGBTQ Roundtable, Vanderbilt University Law School* (April 2022).
- *Intellectual Life Series, Tulane Law School* (April 2022).

“Child Support and Care Work”

- *Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Conference* (July 2022).
- *Family Law Scholars and Teachers Annual Conference* (June 2022).
- *Nonmarriage Roundtable, Washington University in St. Louis* (October 2021).
- *Junior Scholars Workshop, Center for Justice, Law & Societies at UMass Amherst* (October 2021).

“Adjudicating Identity”

- *Summer Feminist Legal Theory Series* (July 2021).
- *Law & Society Graduate Student & Early Career Workshop* (May 2021).
- *Michigan Law Junior Scholars Conference* (April 2021).
- *Intellectual Life Series, Tulane Law School* (February 2021).
- *Law & Society Association Annual Conference* (May 2020).
- *Association for the Law, Culture, and the Humanities Annual Conference* (March 2020).

“My Brother’s Keeper, My Sister’s Neglector”

- *Association for the Law, Culture, and the Humanities Annual Conference* (March 2019).

“Masterpiece Cakeshop Download,” *Steptoe & Johnson LLP* (June 2018).

SERVICE

- Editorial Board Member, *WOMEN AND THE LAW* (2023 ed.)
- Curriculum Committee, University of South Carolina (2022-present).
- Vice-Chair, AALS Section on Family & Juvenile Law (2022-present).
- Planning Committee, Family Law Scholars and Teachers Conference (2021-present).

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIP

United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, Philadelphia, P.A.
Law Clerk to the Honorable Judge Jane R. Roth, September 2018 – August 2019

OTHER LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Steptoe & Johnson LLP, Washington D.C.
Litigation Associate: Insurance, Professional Liability, and Commercial Disputes Practice Groups, August 2019 – January 2021; September 2016 – August 2018
Summer Associate, May 2015 – August 2015

Supreme Court Litigation Clinic, Washington, D.C.
Legal Intern, January 2016 – February 2016

Urban Justice Center, Sex Workers Project, New York, N.Y.
Legal Intern, May 2014 – August 2014

Whitman Walker Name and Gender Change Clinic, Washington, D.C.
Legal Intern, January 2014 – May 2014

OTHER TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Achievement Preparatory Academy, Washington D.C.
8th Grade Algebra 1 Teacher & 7th Grade Life Sciences Teacher, August 2012 – June 2013

Teach for America Corps Member, Washington, D.C.
9th Grade Algebra 1 Teacher at KIPP DC: College Prep, July 2010 – July 2012

Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Sexuality Studies, Washington University in St. Louis
Undergraduate Teaching Assistant, Spring 2010

BAR ADMISSIONS

Maryland
District of Columbia
United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit