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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Pennsylvania Law School, Philadelphia, PA 2006 - present

Professor of Law and History, July 2011 - present

Assistant Professor, 2006-11.

Secondary appointment in Department of History, 2008-present.

Courses: Family Law; Employment Discrimination; Law and Social Movements in Twentieth-Century America; Gender and the Law in Recent American History; Feminist Legal Advocacy in the Twentieth Century United States; Marriage: History and Law.

Research interests: Feminism and civil rights; history of marriage and the family.

New York University School of Law, New York, NY 2004 - 06

Samuel I. Golieb Fellow in Legal History.

Yale University, New Haven, CT 1999 - 2002

Teaching Fellow in U.S. Intellectual History and in U.S. Social and Political History.

Coker Teaching Fellow, Fall 2000. First-term Constitutional Law section.

EDUCATION

Yale University, Department of History, Ph.D., 2006

Dissertation: (Lerner-Scott and George Washington Egleston prizes)

“Reasoning from Race: The Civil Rights Paradigm and American Legal Feminism”

Distinction in Qualifying Examinations

Yale Law School, J.D., 2001

Yale Law Journal: Senior Editor; Admissions Committee

Yale Journal of Law and the Humanities: Articles Editor; Executive Editor

Harvard College, A.B., *summa cum laude*, in Social Studies, 1997

Thesis: “The Difference Discrimination Makes: Substantive Equal Protection and the Virginia Military Institute Case” (Thomas T. Hoopes Prize)

Harvard Political Review: Asst. Managing Editor

Harvard Magazine: Berta Greenwald Ledecy Fellow

EXPERIENCE

- Hon. Guido Calabresi, U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit**, New Haven, CT 2003 – 04
Law Clerk.
- National Urban League**, New York, NY 1999 - 2003
Contributing Editor for Opportunity Journal and The State of Black America.
- Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law**, Washington, DC Summer 2000
Law Clerk, Employment Discrimination Project.
- NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund**, New York, NY Summer 1999
Legal Intern.
- National Bureau of Economic Research**, Cambridge, MA Summer 1996
Research Assistant in economic history to Prof. Claudia Goldin, Harvard University.
- Radcliffe Public Policy Institute**, Cambridge, MA 1994 - 96
Research Assistant in gender, politics, and media to Institute Fellow and journalist.

PUBLICATIONS

Book

Reasoning from Race: Feminism, Law, and the Civil Rights Revolution (Harvard University Press, 2011).

Articles

“A New ERA or a New Era? Amendment Advocacy and the Reconstitution of Feminism,” 103 *Northwestern University Law Review* 1223 (2009). Reprinted in *Women and the Law* (Jane Campbell Moriarty ed., 2010).

“Reconstructing the Race-Sex Analogy,” 49 *William and Mary Law Review* 1789 (2008).

“The Strange Career of Jane Crow: Sex Segregation and the Transformation of Anti-Discrimination Discourse,” 18 *Yale Journal of Law and the Humanities* 187 (2006).

“Constitutional Choices: Legal Feminism and the Historical Dynamics of Change,” 92 *California Law Review* 755 (2004).

“‘A Common Fate of Discrimination’: Race-Gender Analogies in Legal and Historical Perspective,” 110 *Yale Law Journal* 1045 (2001) (Note).

Book Chapters

“‘When the Trouble Started’: The Story of *Frontiero v. Richardson*,” in *Women and the Law Stories* (Foundation Press, 2010).

“Civil Rights on Both Sides: Reproductive Rights and Free Speech in *Schenck v. Pro-Choice Network*,” in *Civil Rights Stories* (Foundation Press, 2008).

“Gender Equality” (with Nathaniel Persily, et al.), in *Public Opinion and Constitutional Controversy* (Oxford University Press, 2008).

Other

“The Law of Aging,” Book Review of Hendrik Hartog, *Someday All This Will Be Yours: A History of Inheritance and Old Age*, *Jotwell*, March 2012.

“How Can the Marriage Equality Movement Reason from Race?” American Constitution Society (ACS) Blog, September 8, 2011.

“A Legal Historian’s First Book,” Multi-Part Guest Posts, *Legal History Blog*, June 2011.

“Women: United States Law,” in *Oxford International Encyclopedia of Legal History* (Oxford University Press, 2009).

“Pauli Murray,” in *Encyclopedia of the Supreme Court of the United States* (Macmillan, 2008).

“Two Women, Two Histories,” *Harvard Magazine* (November/December 2007).

“How and Why Was Feminist Legal Strategy Transformed, 1960-1973?” *Women and Social Movements, 1600-2000* (website: Alexander Street Press, 2007).

SELECTED HONORS AND AWARDS

Darlene Clark Hine Award, Organization of American Historians (awarded for best book on African American women’s and gender history), 2012.

Jane Rainie Opel Young Alumna Award, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Harvard University (presented annually to an alumna in the 10th reunion class for an outstanding contribution to the advancement of women, to her profession, or to the Institute), 2007.

Lerner-Scott Prize, Organization of American Historians (awarded for best dissertation on U.S. Women’s History), 2007.

George Washington Egleston Historical Prize for Dissertation, Yale University (co-recipient), 2006.

Michael Egger Prize for Best Student Note on a Current Social Problem, *Yale Law Journal*, 2001.

Columbia/Georgetown/USC Law and Humanities Interdisciplinary Junior Scholar Workshop, 2003.

Richard J. Franke Fellowship in the Humanities, Yale University, 2001-03, 1997-98.

Mellon Gender History Summer Fellowship, Harvard University, 2002.

Legal History Fellowship, Yale Law School, 2000-01.

Coker Teaching Fellowship, Yale Law School, 2000.

Thomas Temple Hoopes Prize for Senior Honors Thesis, Harvard College, 1997.

Phi Beta Kappa (junior year election), Harvard College, 1996.

Institute of Politics Political Journalism Award, Harvard University, 1996.

Detur Prize for First-Year Achievement, Harvard College, 1994.

PRESENTATIONS

“Race and Marriage, Illegitimacy and Equality: Forgotten Intersections in 1970s Feminist Constitutionalism,” Spring Faculty Workshop Series, Hofstra University School of Law, Hempstead, New York, March 2012.

“Beyond Analogies: Race, Feminism, and Law in the U.S. Civil Rights Revolution,” 35th Annual Horace A. Read Lecture, Schulich School of Law, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, March 2012.

Symposium: *Reasoning from Race: Feminism, Law, and the Civil Rights Revolution*, University of Pennsylvania Law School, December 2011 (commentators: Tomiko Brown-Nagin, Ariela Dubler, Seth Kreimer).

“Marriage as a Foundation of Constitutional Sex Equality Law,” Panel: Constructing Sex Equality, American Society for Legal History annual meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, November 2011.

Reasoning from Race: Feminism, Law, and the Civil Rights Revolution

University of Connecticut Law School Faculty Workshop, Hartford, Connecticut, August 2011.

Faculty Colloquium, Rutgers University-Camden School of Law, Camden, New Jersey, October 2011.

Yale Law Women Developing Scholarship Reading Group, New Haven, Connecticut, October 2011.

Elizabeth A. Sackler Center for Feminist Art, Brooklyn Museum of Art, December 2011.

Faculty Colloquium, Northeastern University School of Law, Boston, Massachusetts, March 2012.

“Constituting Equality: *Reed v. Reed* in Historical Perspective,” Panel: Gender Equality Forty Years After *Reed v. Reed*, Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference, Carlsbad, California, August 2011 (commentator: Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg).

“The Status of Marriage, 1960-1990,” Penn Law Faculty Workshop, August 2011.

Roundtable Participant, “Redefining Feminist Legal History,” Berkshire Conference of Women Historians, Amherst, Massachusetts, June 2011.

Moderator, Plenary Lunch Session, “Race, Sexuality, Identity, and the Roots of Feminist Legal Advocacy,” AALS Workshop on Women Rethinking Equality, Washington, DC, June 2011.

Presenter, “What’s Wrong With Illegitimacy? A Brief History,” American University, Washington College of Law, Symposium on the “New Illegitimacy: Revisiting Why Parentage Should Not Depend on Marriage,” March 2011.

Panelist, Alumni in Law Teaching, Yale Law School, March 2011.

Discussant, Christopher Parker, “Race, War, and Citizenship: A Narrative Approach,” Faculty Workshop, Penn Program on Democracy, Citizenship, and Constitutionalism, March 2011.

Chair and Discussant, Panel: Marriage, Family, and Equality, Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities annual meeting, March 2011.

“Reasoning from Race: Feminism, Law, and the Civil Rights Revolution,” Yale Legal History Forum, New Haven, CT, February 2011.

“Reproductive Rights and Constitutional Law: An Introduction,” Presentation to Penn Students for Reproductive Justice, University of Pennsylvania, February 2011.

“Rethinking Legal Feminism, Race, and Civil Rights in the 1970s,” Panel: Lost Intersections: Labor, Civil Rights, and Feminism in Twentieth Century U.S. Legal Advocacy, American Society for Legal History Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, November 2010 (co-organized panel).

“Lost Intersections,” Faculty Works-in-Progress Seminar, Alice Paul Center for the Study of Women and Gender, University of Pennsylvania, October 2010; University of Michigan Legal History Workshop, November 2010 (flight cancelled, paper discussed in my

absence).

“‘When the Trouble Started’: The Story of *Frontiero v. Richardson*,” Panelist, 2010 Women and the Law Stories Conference, Center for Social Justice and Public Service, Santa Clara University School of Law, April 2010.

“Gender, Race, and Conservative Legal Thought in the 1970s,” Panel: The Political Uses of Feminism, 1970-2000, Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, April 2010.

“Lost Intersections: Race, Sex, Reproduction, and Equality in 1970s Legal Feminism,” Panel: Redistributing Citizenship, Redefining Equality, Association for the Study of Law, Culture and the Humanities Annual Meeting, Brown University, March 2010 (organized panel).

“Connections: Race-Sex Intersections in Legal Feminist Theory and Practice,” Ad Hoc Faculty Workshop, University of Pennsylvania Law School, March 2010.

“‘The Thorniest Problems of All’: The Feminist Assault on Disparate Impact, 1974-79,” Faculty Workshop, Temple University Beasley School of Law, February 2010.

Panelist, Careers in Legal Academia, Yale Law School, February 2010.

Guest Speaker (via teleconference), Feminist Legal Theory Seminar (taught by Professor Bridget Crawford), Pace Law School, February 2010.

Moderator, Panel: Constitutional Decisions and their Makers, *Journal of Constitutional Law* Symposium: The Judiciary and the Popular Will, University of Pennsylvania, January 2010.

“Conservatives Co-Opt Feminists’ Race-Sex Analogy, 1974-77,” Panel: Origins and Supporters of the Regime, Princeton Advanced Constitutional Law Workshop: The Conservative Legal Era, December 2009.

“Preferred Veterans, Prison Guards, and Pregnant Workers: Attacking ‘Disparate Impact’ in the 1970s,” Panel: Gender, Soldiering, and Citizenship in the Twentieth-Century United States, American Society for Legal History Annual Meeting, Dallas, Texas, November 2009 (organized panel).

“Crises: Recession and Reaction at Mid-Decade,” Pace Law School Distinguished Speakers Series, October 2009.

“Race, Sex, Reproduction, Morality, and Employment Discrimination in the 1970s,” Fourth Annual Colloquium on Current Scholarship in Labor and Employment Law, Seton Hall University Law School, September 2009.

Lecturer on Constitutional Law: Family Law, U.S. Middle East Partnership Initiative, University of Pennsylvania, April 2007, May 2008, May 2009.

“Disparities: Beyond Formal Equality,” University of Minnesota Public Law Workshop, February 2009; University of Virginia Legal History Workshop, February 2009.

“The Story of *Frontiero v. Richardson*,” Ad Hoc Faculty Workshop, University of Pennsylvania Law School, February 2009.

“Pauli Murray and the Reinvention of American Legal Feminism,” Panel: Pauli Murray’s Human Rights Revolution, American Society for Legal History annual meeting, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, November 2008 (co-organized panel) (paper delivered in my absence).

Panelist, “Equal Protection: Which Groups,” American Constitution Society Second Founding Conference, University of Pennsylvania, November 2008.

Commentator, Symposium in honor of Wendell Pritchett, *Robert Clifton Weaver and the American City*, November 2008.

Panelist, Women in Legal Academia, Penn Law Women’s Association, November 2008.

Panelist, Entering the Law Teaching Market, Penn Law Career Planning and Professionalism, November 2008.

“Disparities: Beyond Formal Equality,” Ad Hoc Faculty Workshop, University of Pennsylvania Law School, September 2008.

Commentator for Laura Rosenbury, “Children as Subjects,” Emerging Family Law Scholars and Teachers Conference, Cardozo Law School, June 2008.

“Analogical Crisis: Legal Feminism and Reasoning from Race in the Mid-1970s,” Chicago Legal History Seminar, American Bar Foundation, April 2008.

Lecture, “Reasoning from Race: Legal Feminism in the Civil Rights Era,” University of Oregon Department of History Speaker Series, April 2008.

Presentation to American Legal History Seminar (taught by Visiting Professor Joshua Tate), University of Pennsylvania Law School, April 2008.

“Pauli Murray and the Twin Evils of Jim and Jane Crow”
Levy Scholars Luncheon, University of Pennsylvania Law School, February 2008;
Harrison College House Speaker Series, University of Pennsylvania, April 2008.

“‘A Life Experience of Equality with Men to Protect’: Reframing Family Structure, Equal Employment Opportunity, and Racial Progress in the Post-Moynihan Era,” Panel: Family, Culture, Citizenship, and the Law in Modern America, Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities annual meeting, Berkeley, California, March 2008 (organized panel).

“A New ERA or a New Era? Amendment Advocacy and the Reconstitution of Feminism”

Southern Methodist University, Dedham School of Law, Colloquium on Law and Citizenship, March 2008;

Panel: Constituting Gender and Citizenship in the American Polity, American Society for Legal History Annual Meeting, Tempe, Arizona, October 2007 (organized panel);

University of Pennsylvania Law School Faculty Retreat, September 2007.

Panelist, Symposium: The New Face of Women's Legal History, University of Akron School of Law, October 2007.

Panelist, Workshop on Abortion Controversy in Context: Protest and Policy, Baldy Center on Social Policy, SUNY at Buffalo Law School, October 2007.

"Reconstructing the Race-Sex Analogy," Second Annual Colloquium on Current Scholarship in Labor and Employment Law, Denver, Colorado, September 2007.

"Reasoning from Race: Legal Feminism in the Civil Rights Era," Department of History Workshop in Technology, Society, and Culture, University of Delaware, September 2007.

"Women Shaping Power: From the Grassroots to Head of State," Award Recipients Panel, Radcliffe Day Symposium, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Harvard University, June 2007.

"Civil Rights on Both Sides: Free Speech and Reproductive Freedom in *Schenck v. Pro-Choice Network*," Panel: Reconfiguring the Language of Rights, Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities annual meeting, Georgetown University Law Center, March 2007.

"'Equality in Theory' or 'Equality in Fact'? Reviving the Equal Rights Amendment in the Reagan Era"

Elizabeth B. Clark Legal History Series, Boston University School of Law, April 2007;

Junior Constitutional Law Scholars Workshop, Cornell Law School, March 2007;

Columbia Law School Associates-in-Law Workshop, March 2007;

Law and Political Development in Modern America Conference, University of Pennsylvania/University of Chicago Legal History Consortium, February 2007.

Panelist, Discussion on New Jersey Supreme Court Same-Sex Marriage Decision, American Constitution Society, University of Pennsylvania Law School, November 2006.

Commentator for Seth Kreimer, "Rejecting 'Uncontrolled Authority Over the Body': The Decencies of Civilized Conduct, the Past and Future of Unenumerated Rights," University of Pennsylvania Law School Faculty Retreat, September 2006.

"A Vital Center? Radical Moderates in American Politics," Maryland/Georgetown Discussion Group on Constitutionalism: The Liberal Tradition at the Turn of the Century, University of Maryland School of Law, March 2006.

- “The Strange Career of Jane Crow: Sex Segregation and the Transformation of Anti-Discrimination Discourse,” Legal History Colloquium, New York University School of Law, September 2005.
- “‘Women and Minorities,’ Work and Family: Reframing the Affirmative Action Debate,” Legal History Colloquium, New York University School of Law, April 2005.
- “Constitutional Choices: The Triumph of Pragmatic Legal Feminism,” Symposium: Feminism on the Record: ReViewing the 1960s and 1970s, Radcliffe Institute, Harvard University, March 2005.
- “The Past and Future of Analogical Reasoning about Inequality,” New Frontiers for Same-Sex Marriage Symposium, Yale Law School, March 2005.
- “The Invisible Woman: Gender, Race, Family, and the Affirmative Action Debates,” American Society for Legal History annual meeting, Austin, Texas, November 2004; Association for the Study of Law, Culture and the Humanities annual meeting, Cardozo Law School, March 2003 (organized panels).
- “Separate Can Never Be Equal: Sex Segregation, Racial Desegregation, and the Law, 1969-1977”
Law and Humanities Interdisciplinary Junior Scholar Workshop (selected), Columbia Law School, June 2003;
American Society for Legal History annual meeting, San Diego, California, November 2002.
- “Race-Gender Analogies in Legal and Historical Perspective,” Association for the Study of Law, Culture and the Humanities annual meeting, Austin, Texas, March 2001.
- “Answering the ‘Amalgamation Trumpeters’: The Campaign to Repeal Massachusetts’ Interracial Marriage Ban, 1831-1843,” Race/Law Scholarship Forum, Yale University, 1998.

UNIVERSITY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

University of Pennsylvania

Executive Committee (member), Program on Democracy, Citizenship, and Constitutionalism, March 2012 – present.

Penn Forum for Women Faculty Council (member), 2011 - present.

Faculty Senate Nominating Committee (member), 2008-09.

Hearing Boards, Student Disciplinary System and Code of Academic Integrity (member), 2007-09.

Penn Law and History Consortium Conference on Law and Social Movements in U.S. History (co-organizer), Fall 2008.

National Constitution Center Ad Hoc Committee (member), 2006-07.

Penn Law

Faculty Appointments Committee (member), 2011-12.

Law and History Consortium (co-convenor), Spring 2008, 2008-09, Spring 2010, 2010-11, 2011-12.

Clerkships Committee (member), 2008-09, Spring 2010, 2010-11, 2011-12.

Search committee for Child Advocacy Clinic Practice Professor (member), 2011.

Liaison to Graduates Entering Law Teaching (member), 2008-09.

Ad-Hoc Faculty Workshop (co-convenor), 2007-08.

Nominations Committee (chair), 2007-08.

Educational Programs Committee (member), 2007-08.

Penn Law Team, National Moot Court Competition in Child Welfare and Adoption Law (faculty advisor), 2006-07.

Career Planning and Placement Committee (member), 2006-07, Spring 2010, 2010-11.

Building Committee (member), 2006-07.

Advisory Board, *University of Pennsylvania Journal of Law and Social Change* (member), 2008-present.

Other

Planning Committee, Association of American Law Schools, 2011 Workshop: Women Rethinking Equality.

Contributing Editor, Jotwell Legal History Section, 2010-present.

Member, Advisory Board, American Journal of Legal History, 2010-present.

Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities:

Secretary, 2010-2012.

Member, Organizing Committee, 2009-present.

Chair, Nominating Committee, 2011-12.

Chair, James Boyd White Prize Committee, 2010-11.

Member, Nominating Committee, 2010.

Member, Julien Mezey Dissertation Prize Committee, 2010 (preliminary round only), 2008.

Peer Reviewer, *Law and History Review*, 2008-present; Oxford University Press, 2009-present; *Journal of American History*, 2011-present; Women and Social Movements website, 2012-present.

Pace Law School Goettal Prize for Faculty Scholarship (juror), 2007.

Graduate Co-Chair, Faculty Search Committee, Yale Department of History, 2002-03.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Historical Association

American Society for Legal History

Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities

Law and Society Association

National Women's Studies Association

Organization of American Historians