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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

DREXEL UNIVERSITY THOMAS R. KLINE SCHOOL OF LAW, PHILADELPHIA, PA

Associate Professor of Law, September 2015-; Assistant Professor of Law, August 2011-August 2014; Visiting Assistant Professor, August 2009-July 2011; Adjunct, August 2008-July 2009

Courses:

Legal Methods I & II; Trusts & Estates; Gift & Estate Tax; Law & Literature

Law School Committees and Service:

Admissions Committee (2016-17); Teaching Committee (2014-17); Social Justice Cross Curricular Collaborations Committee (2014-17); Student Code of Conduct Hearing Committee (2013-15); Law Review Faculty Advisor (2011-13); Dean's Summer Study Committee (2012-13); Drexel University STAR Fellow Mentor (2012); Career Development and Judicial Clerkships Committee (2009-11).

Service Outside the Law School:

Program Chair, AALS Trusts & Estates Section (2017-18); PDLG Presenter (2016); Secretary, AALS Trusts & Estates Section (2015-16); Board Member, Legal Writing Institute Writer's Workshop Governing Board (2014-17); Facilitator, LWI Writer's Workshop (2014 & 2015); Member, Scholarship Outreach and Development Committee, Legal Writing Institute (2012-14); Assistant Editor, Legal Writing Institute Journal (2012); Peer Reviewer for Legal Communication & Rhetoric: JALWD (2012); Judge, Philadelphia Bar Association Ruth Bader Ginsburg Pursuit of Justice Award (2011-14).

EDUCATION

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, J.D. 1992

Magna cum laude, Order of the Coif

Editor-in-Chief of the N.Y.U. Law Review

Recipient of numerous awards, including:

Benjamin F. Butler Memorial Award for scholarship, character and professional activities;
N.Y.U. Alumnae Key Pin for Outstanding Female Graduate;
Judge Rose L. & Herbert Rubin Law Review Prize;
American Jurisprudence awards in Contracts and Family Law.

Volunteer, Brooklyn Legal Services

Helped abused women obtain orders of protection.

WILLIAMS COLLEGE, B.A. 1987

Phi Beta Kappa, Magna cum laude

Graduated with Honors in English (major) and Women's Studies (minor)

Honors Thesis: *Women in the Fiction of Phillip Roth*

Other honors and accomplishments:

Class of 1960 Scholar (academic achievement);
Class of 1957 Scholar (academic achievement and contributions to the College);
Junior Advisor;
Teaching Assistant for Biology, Winter Study (interdisciplinary course), and Women's Studies;

Research Assistant for Psychology.

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIP

HONORABLE I. LEO GLASSER, U.S. DISTRICT COURT, E.D.N.Y., BROOKLYN, NY
Law Clerk, 1992-93

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

DAY BERRY & HOWARD, LLP (NOW DAY PITNEY, LLP), STAMFORD & GREENWICH, CT
Counsel, 2005-06; Associate, 1996-2004

SULLIVAN & CROMWELL, NEW YORK, NY
Associate Attorney, 1994-95; Pro-Bono Fellow, 1993-94

ENGLISH TEACHER, THE SPENCE SCHOOL, NEW YORK, NY, 1987-89

ENGLISH TEACHER, PREP-FOR-PREP, NEW YORK, NY, SUMMER 1989

PUBLICATIONS

EXPERIENCING TRUSTS & ESTATES (West Academic 2017) (with Alfred L. Brophy, Norman P. Stein & Caryl Yzenbaard)

Mor(t)ality & Identity: Wills, Narratives, and Personal Possessions, 28 YALE J. L. & HUMAN. 265 (2016)

Forfeiting Trust, 57 WM. & MARY L. REV. 455 (2015)
Reviewed by Sara Waldeck, Apples and Oranges, Or Trusts and Wills (at Jotwell)

Commentary: Johnson v. Transportation Agency as Reimagined by Deborah L. Rhode, U.S. FEMINIST JUDGMENTS PROJECT (Cambridge University Press 2016)

Trusting Trust, 63 U. KAN. L. REV. 497 (2015)

Letters Non-Testamentary, 62 U. KAN. L. REV. 585 (2014)
Reviewed by Paula Monopoli, Exploring the Expressive Dimensions of Inheritance Law (at Jotwell)
Reprinted in Legal Writing Institute Monograph Series, Volume 5 (Law & Rhetoric)

Reflecting on the Language of Death, 34 SEATTLE U. L. REV. 379 (2011)
Reprinted in part in FUNDAMENTALS OF TRUSTS AND ESTATES (ROGER W. ANDERSEN & IRA MARK BLOOM, 4th ed. 2012)

The Carnegie Report: Does It Go Far Enough?, JOURNAL OF THE LEGAL WRITING INSTITUTE (2011) (with Lisa McElroy & Christine Coughlin)

HEET Wave, Trusts & Estates (March 2005) (with Michael N. Delgass)

“Jug Jug to Dirty Ears”: *Maryland v. Craig through a Literary Lens*, 66 N.Y.U. L. REV.

1404 (1991)

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Engendering Trust

Rethinking Testamentary Freedom

U.S. FEMINIST JUDGMENTS PROJECT: TRUSTS & ESTATES (Cambridge University Press Forthcoming) (with Carla Spivack & Browne C. Lewis)

PRESENTATIONS

SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF LAW SCHOOLS ANNUAL CONFERENCE, Boca Raton, Florida, August 2017

Research on Trusts & Estates (discussant)

TEACHING INNOVATION IN LAW SCHOOLS: TRANSATLANTIC PERSPECTIVES, DURHAM UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, June 2017

Teaching Innovations: From the Large Classroom to the Small (invited speaker)

SIXTH NATIONAL BIENNIAL APPLIED LEGAL STORYTELLING CONFERENCE, AMERICAN UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL, July 2017

Shifting Perspectives: Building Litigation Avoidance into a Traditional Litigation-Focused Legal Writing Course (co-presenter)

2017 HELEN I. MOOREHEAD-LAURENCIN, MD SEX AND GENDER RESEARCH FORUM, DREXEL UNIVERSITY, March 2016

Feminist Judgments: Rewritten Trusts & Estates Opinions (flash talk)

2017 AALS ANNUAL MEETING, TRUSTS & ESTATES SECTION, San Francisco, 2017

Sex, Death, and Taxes: The Unruly Nature of the Laws of Trusts and Estates (moderator)

SECOND WILLS, TRUSTS, AND ESTATES MEET GENDER, RACE, AND CLASS CONFERENCE, OKLAHOMA CITY UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, September 2016

Mor(t)ality and Identity (invited speaker)

SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF LAW SCHOOLS ANNUAL CONFERENCE, Amelia Island, Florida, August 2016

Trusts & Estates: Latest Scholarship (panelist); *Teaching the Knowledge, Skills, and Values of Trusts & Estates in the Age of Assessment* (discussant)

ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF LAW, CULTURE, & THE HUMANITIES, UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT SCHOOL OF LAW, April 2016

Immor(t)ality: Wills, Narratives, and Personal Possessions (panelist)

JOINT SCHOLARS & SCHOLARSHIP WORKSHOP ON FEMINIST JURISPRUDENCE,
FORDHAM LAW SCHOOL, January 2016

U.S. Feminist Judgments Project: Collaboration as a Feminist Model for Creative Scholarship (panelist)

NATIONAL BIENNIAL APPLIED LEGAL STORYTELLING CONFERENCE, UNIVERSITY
OF SEATTLE SCHOOL OF LAW, July 2015

Counter-narratives and Legal Pedagogy: Transforming Challenge into Confidence
(co-presenter); *Feminist Judgments Project* (panelist)

DELAWARE VALLEY WOMEN LAW PROFESSORS CONFERENCE, March 2015

Feminist Judgments Project (panelist)

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA LAW SCHOOL LWI ONE-DAY CONFERENCE,
December 2014

Confidence, Challenge, and Legal Writing Pedagogy (co-presenter)

SIXTEENTH NATIONAL BIENNIAL LEGAL WRITING INSTITUTE CONFERENCE, July
2014

Genre Scholarship (moderator); *Scholarship Incubation Workshop* (co-facilitator)

WILLS, TRUSTS, AND ESTATES MEET GENDER, RACE, AND CLASS, OKLAHOMA
CITY UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, September 2013

Letters Non-Testamentary (invited speaker)

SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF LAW SCHOOLS ANNUAL CONFERENCE, August
2013

Trusts and Estates Scholarship and Pedagogy (panelist)

SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL LEGAL WRITING CONFERENCE, April 2013

Academic Circles (co-presenter)

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL ROCKY MOUNTAIN LEGAL WRITING CONFERENCE, March
2013

*Scholarship -> Teaching -> Scholarship: How Teaching and Scholarship Inform
and Improve Each Other* (co-presenter)

**SHARING SCHOLARSHIP, BUILDING TEACHERS: 2013 SCHOLARSHIP AND
TEACHING DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP,** ALBANY LAW SCHOOL, February 2013

Scholarship Roundtable

DREXEL UNIVERSITY EARLE MACK SCHOOL OF LAW, August 2012

Professor's Lives Beyond the Classroom

FIFTEENTH NATIONAL BIENNIAL LEGAL WRITING INSTITUTE CONFERENCE, June
2012

The Carnegie Report: Does It Go Far Enough? (co-presenter)

SECOND ANNUAL CAPITAL AREA LEGAL WRITING CONFERENCE, March 2012
*A Teachable Moment: Some Unanticipated Benefits from Integrating an
Experiential Component into the Law School Classroom*

THIRD NATIONAL BIENNIAL APPLIED LEGAL STORYTELLING CONFERENCE,
UNIVERSITY OF DENVER STURM COLLEGE OF LAW, July 2011
Tales of Life and Death

ELEVENTH ANNUAL ROCKY MOUNTAIN LEGAL WRITING CONFERENCE, March 2011
Using the Mind/Body Connection in the Legal Writing Classroom

**WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY LEGAL WRITING INSTITUTE WORKSHOP FOR NEW
PROFESSORS, October 2010**
Pursuing Scholarship (invited speaker)

TENTH ANNUAL ROCKY MOUNTAIN LEGAL WRITING CONFERENCE, March 2010
Exploring and Celebrating Legal Research