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ACADEMIC & ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

Drexel University Thomas R. Kline School of Law, Philadelphia, PA

Associate Dean of Academic Affairs (2021-present)

Associate Professor of Law (2015-present)

Assistant Professor of Law (2011-2014)

Visiting Assistant Professor of Law (2009-2011)

Honors: Dean Jennifer R. Rosato Award for Excellence in the Classroom (2017, 2020)

Courses: Trusts & Estates, Legal Methods I (prediction), Legal Methods II (persuasion), Law & Literature, Estate & Gift Tax

EDUCATION

New York University School of Law, New York, NY

J.D., *magna cum laude*, 1992

Editor-in-Chief, N.Y.U. Law Review

Honors: Order of the Coif, Benjamin F. Butler Memorial Award for Scholarship, Character & Professional Activities; N.Y.U. Alumnae Key Pin; Judge Rose L. & Herbert Rubin Law Review Prize

Williams College, Williamstown, MA

B.A. in English & Women's Studies (minor), *magna cum laude*, 1987

Honors Thesis: "Women in the Fiction of Philip Roth"

Honors: Phi Beta Kappa (Junior Year); Class of 1960 Scholar (academic achievement); Class of 1957 Scholar (academic achievement and contributions to the college)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Committees & Service in the Law School

Faculty Advisor, Drexel Law Review (2011-2013, 2018-present)

ABA/AALS Site Review Committee (Chair, 2021-present)

Admissions (2016-2017)
Ad hoc Dean's Summer Study Committee (2012-2013)
Appointments (2017-2018, 2019-2020)
Bar Success Hiring Committee (2021, 2019)
Career Development & Judicial Clerkships (2009-2011)
Faculty Committee for Strategic Planning (2018-2020)
Honor Code Committee (2018)
Tenure & Promotion (2017-present)
Master, Kline School of Law American Inn of Court (2018-2020)
Professional Identity Committee (2018)
Social Justice Cross Curricular Collaborations Committee (2014-2017)
Student Code of Conduct Hearing Committee (2013-2015)
Teaching Committee (2014-2018)

University Service

Emeriti Committee (2018-2019, 2022-23)
Faculty Senate Committee on Academic Affairs (2021-present)
Mid-Career Faculty Institute (2019-2020)
STAR Scholar Faculty Mentor (2012)

Service Outside the University

American Law Institute (elected 2022)
American Association of Law Schools, Trusts & Estates Section Executive Committee (2015-2020; Section Chair 2018-2019)
American Association of Law Schools, Humanities Section Executive Committee (2018-present)
Legal Writing Institute Journal Assistant Editor (2012)
Legal Writing Institute Writer's Workshop Governing Board (2014-2020)
Legal Writing Institute Scholarship & Development Committee (2012-2014)
Peer Reviewer (International Institute for the Sociology of Law (2018), The Froebe Group (2018), Sage Open (2015), Journal for Legal Communication & Rhetoric (2012))
Philadelphia Diversity Law Group Boot Camp Faculty (2016, 2017)
Philadelphia Bar Association Ginsburg Pursuit of Justice Award, Judge (2011-2014)
Social Science Research Network (SSRN) Co-Editor, Legal Writing eJournal (2018-present)
Southeastern Association of Law Schools, Prospective Law Teachers' Workshop Mock Interviewer (2019)
Southeastern Association of Law Schools, Trusts & Estates Resource Team (2020-present)

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

EXPERIENCING TRUSTS & ESTATES (2d ed. West Academic 2021) (with Karen Sneddon, Carla Spivack, Allison Tait, & Alfred L. Brophy)

FEMINIST JUDGMENTS: REWRITTEN TRUSTS & ESTATES OPINIONS (Cambridge University Press 2020) (with Browne C. Lewis & Carla Spivack)

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

Book Chapters:

The Restatement of Trusts -- Revisited (with Naomi R. Cahn & Allison A. Tait) in THE ALI AT 100 (Oxford University Press forthcoming 2022) (Robert W. Gordon & Andrew S. Gold eds.)

Commentary: In re Estate of Wilson, in FEMINIST JUDGEMENTS: REWRITTEN TRUSTS & ESTATES OPINIONS (Cambridge University Press 2020)

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

Law Review Articles:

The Committed Legal Writer, 24 LEGAL WRITING 365 (March 2020) (with Kaitlin O'Donnell)

Engendering Trust, 2019 WISC. L. REV. 213 (2019)

Reviewed by Allison Anna Tait, "Of Trusts, Grammar, and Gender" (at Jotwell)

Republished in WOMEN AND THE LAW (2020), ANNUAL EDITION OF SELECTED GREATEST HITS IN LEGAL SCHOLARSHIP ON WOMEN'S RIGHTS (Tracy Thomas, ed.)

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)

Reprinted in part in ESTATES & TRUSTS (STEWART E. STERK & MELANIE B. LESLIE, 6th ed. 2019)

Trusting Trust, 63 U. Kan. L. Rev. 497 (2015)

Cited in *In re Ott Trust* (Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas, July 20, 2020)

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 & 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:

The Role of Trusts in Fostering Wealth Inequality (with Naomi Cahn & Allison Tait)

Inheritance Pandemonium

Presentations, Conferences, & Workshops

August 2022 The Restatements of Trust – Revisited, ALI at 100 Book Workshop

July 2022 What Law Do You Teach?: T&E Pedagogy (discussant), Current Trusts & Estates Scholarship (discussant), SEALS Annual Conference

June 2022 Teaching Tips for New Law Professors (invited speaker), West Academic Virtual Conference

April 2022 Language Matters (Pedagogy Roundtable: Bringing Race, Gender, and Class into the T&E Classroom) and The Restatements of Trust -- Revisited, Critical Trusts & Estates Conference, Oklahoma City University School of Law

June 2021	Teaching Tips for New Law Professors (invited speaker), West Academic Virtual Conference
May 2021	Roundtable, Bringing Gender, Race and Class into the Wills and Trusts Classroom, Law & Society Annual Meeting
August 2020	Creativity and Innovation in the Trusts & Estates Classroom (coordinator and discussant), Current Trusts & Estates Scholarship (discussant), SEALS Annual Conference
January 2020	New Perspectives in Trusts & Estates (discussant), AALS Annual Meeting
August 2019	The Dead Hand: Keeping Students Engaged in the T&E Classroom (discussant), Formative Assessment (panelist), Identity and Legal Education (discussant), Current Trusts & Estates Scholarship (discussant), SEALS Annual Conference
May 2019	Law Student Scholarship and Professional Development (co-presenter), Association of Legal Writing Directors Biennial Conference, Suffolk Law School
March 2019	The Committed Legal Writer (co-presenter), Association for the Study of Law, Culture & the Humanities, University of Ottawa School of Law
October 2018	Engendering Trust, Wisconsin Law Review Symposium: Wills, Trusts and Estates Meet Gender, Race and Class, University of Wisconsin School of Law
August 2018	New Directions in Trusts & Estates Scholarship (coordinator and discussant), SEALS Annual Conference
January 2018	What Really Happened: Empirical & Historical Evidence in the Law of Trusts & Estates (Program Chair and moderator), AALS Annual Meeting
December 2017	Try Negotiating? Incorporating Instruction on Litigation-Avoiding Strategies in the First-Year Curriculum (co-presenter), LWI One-Day Workshop, Drexel University Kline School of Law
August 2017	Research Inside and Outside the Trusts & Estates Paradigm (discussant), SEALS Annual Conference

- July 2017 Shifting Perspectives: Building Litigation Avoidance into a Traditional Litigation-Focused Legal Writing Course (co-presenter), Biennial Applied Legal Storytelling Conference, American University Law School
- July 2017 Legal Writing Institute Writer's Workshop Facilitator, Washington, DC
- June 2017 Teaching Innovations: From the Large Classroom to the Small (invited speaker), Teaching Innovation in Law Schools: Transatlantic Perspectives, Durham University Law School, Durham, U.K.
- March 2017 Feminist Judgments: Rewritten Trusts & Estates Opinions (flash talk), Drexel University 2017 Helen I. Moorehead-Laurencin, MD Sex and Gender Research Forum
- January 2017 Sex, Death, and Taxes: The Unruly Nature of the Laws of Trusts and Estates (moderator), AALS Annual Meeting
- September 2016 Mor(t)ality and Identity (invited speaker), Wills, Trusts & Estates Meet Gender, Race and Class, Oklahoma City University School of Law
- August 2016 Trusts & Estates: Latest Scholarship (panelist); Teaching the Knowledge, Skills, and Values of Trusts & Estates in the Age of Assessment (discussant), SEALS Annual Conference
- April 2016 Immor(t)ality: Wills, Narratives, and Personal Possessions (panelist), Association for the Study of Law, Culture & the Humanities, University of Connecticut School of Law
- January 2016 U.S. Feminist Judgments Project: Collaboration as a Feminist Model for Creative Scholarship (panelist), Joint Scholars & Scholarship Workshop on Feminist Jurisprudence, Fordham Law School
- July 2015 Counter-narratives and Legal Pedagogy: Transforming Challenge into Confidence (co-presenter); Feminist Judgments Project (panelist), Applied Legal Storytelling Conference, Seattle University School of Law
- July 2015 Legal Writing Institute Writer's Workshop Facilitator, Seattle, WA
- March 2015 Feminist Judgments Project (panelist), Delaware Valley Women Law Professors Conference, University of Pennsylvania
- December 2014 Confidence, Challenge, and Legal Writing Pedagogy (co-presenter), Legal Writing Institute One-Day Conference, University of Pennsylvania

July 2014 Legal Writing Institute Writer's Workshop Facilitator, Villanova, PA

July 2014 Genre Scholarship (moderator); Scholarship Incubation Workshop (co-facilitator), National Biennial Legal Writing Institute Conference

September 2013 Letters Non-Testamentary (invited speaker), Wills, Trusts & Estates Meet Gender, Race and Class, Oklahoma City University School of Law

August 2013 Trusts and Estates Scholarship and Pedagogy (panelist), SEALS Annual Conference

April 2013 Academic Circles (co-presenter), Southeastern Regional Legal Writing Conference, Savannah Law School

March 2013 Scholarship -> Teaching -> Scholarship: How Teaching and Scholarship Inform and Improve Each Other (co-presenter), Thirteenth Annual Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference

February 2013 Scholarship Roundtable (discussant), Sharing Scholarship, Building Teachers, Albany Law School

August 2012 Professor's Lives Beyond the Classroom, Drexel University School of Law

June 2012 The Carnegie Report: Does It Go Far Enough? (co-presenter), National Biennial Legal Writing Institute Conference

March 2012 A Teachable Moment: Some Unanticipated Benefits from Integrating an Experiential Component into the Law School Classroom, Capital Area Legal Writing Conference

July 2011 Tales of Life and Death, University of Denver Sturm College of Law

March 2011 Using the Mind/Body Connection in the Legal Writing Classroom, Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference

October 2010 Pursuing Scholarship (invited speaker), Legal Writing Institute Workshop for New Law Professors, Wake Forest University School of Law

March 2010 Exploring and Celebrating Legal Research, Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference

Judicial Clerkship

Honorable I. Leo Glasser, United States District Court, Eastern District of New York
(1992-1993)

Prior Teaching Experience

The Spence School, New York, NY

English teacher (1988-1989); New York City Independent School Teaching Fellow (1987-1988)

Prep-for-Prep, New York, NY

English teacher (1989)

Williams College, Williamstown, MA

Teaching Assistant (Women's Studies, Biology, Winter Study - Interdisciplinary)

Other Professional Experience

Day, Berry & Howard, LLP (now Day Pitney), Stamford & Greenwich, CT

Counsel (2005-2006); Associate (1996-2004)

Sullivan & Cromwell, New York, NY

Associate (1994-1995); Pro Bono Fellow (1993-1994)

O'Melveny & Myers, New York, NY

Summer Associate (1990, 1992)

Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison, New York, NY

Summer Associate (1991)