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EDUCATION

Temple University Beasley School of Law, Philadelphia, PA
LLM, May 2016

New York University School of Law, New York, NY
J.D., May 2009

Review of Law & Social Change, Editor-in-Chief
NYU International Human Rights Clinic

Internships/Summer Employment:

- National Advocates for Pregnant Women, New York, NY, Summer 2008
- Bryan Cave LLP, New York, NY, Summer 2008
- Global Justice Center, New York, NY, Fall 2007-Spring 2008
- Committee for the Protection and Promotion of Child Rights, Mae Sot, Thailand, Summer 2007

London School of Economics and Political Science, London, England
MSc in Human Rights, December 2004

Dissertation: *Finding Family: Considering the Legal Recognition of Same-Sex Partnerships Under the European Convention on Human Rights* (awarded distinction)

Yale University, New Haven, CT

B.A., May 2001, *cum laude* with distinction in Russian and East European Studies
Richter Fellowship grant for thesis research in Moscow, Russia

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Drexel University Thomas R. Kline School of Law, Philadelphia, PA
Assistant Professor of Law, September 2020-present
Visiting Assistant Professor of Law, Fall 2016, 2017-2020
Courses taught: Legal Methods I & Legal Methods II
Professional Responsibility

Temple University Lewis Katz School of Medicine, Philadelphia, PA
Center for Urban Bioethics
Affiliated Adjunct Professor, 2019-2020
Course taught: Reproductive Ethics (Summer 2019)

Temple University Beasley School of Law, Philadelphia, PA
Adjunct Professor, Spring 2017
Course taught: Health Care Law & Reform

Abraham L. Freedman Teaching Fellow, 2013-2016
Courses taught: Introduction to Legal Research & Writing
Reproductive Health, Rights & Justice
Introduction to Transactional Skills (mini-course)

PUBLICATIONS

Law Review Articles

Better Birth, 93 TEMPLE L. REV. ____ (forthcoming 2021).

Giving Birth During the Pandemic: From Uncertainty to Inequity, 14 ST. LOUIS U. J. HEALTH L. & POL'Y ____ (forthcoming 2021) (symposium issue).

Obstetric Violence, 106 GEO. L.J. 721 (2018).

Birth Conflicts: Leveraging State Power to Coerce Health Care Decision-Making, 46 U. BALT. L. REV. 247 (2018) (symposium issue).

Giving Birth Under the ACA: Analyzing the Use of Law as a Tool to Improve Health Care, 94 NEBRASKA L. REV. 799 (2016) (lead article of issue 94:4).

Contested Care: The Limitations of Evidence-Based Maternity Care Reform, 31 BERKELEY J. GENDER L. & JUST. 241 (2016).

Choice in Birth: Preserving Access to VBAC, 114 PENN ST. L. REV. 955 (2010) (excerpted in CASES ON REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS AND JUSTICE (Foundation Press 2014)).

Shorter Works

Commentary on Doe v. Gillespie, in FEMINIST JUDGMENTS: REWRITTEN HEALTH LAW OPINIONS (Seema Mohapatra and Lindsay F. Wiley, eds.) (Cambridge University Press, expected publication 2020) (forthcoming).

Commentary on Broadnax v. Gonzalez, in FEMINIST JUDGMENTS: REWRITTEN TORT LAW OPINIONS (Martha Chamallas and Lucinda Finley, eds.) (Cambridge University Press, expected publication 2020) (forthcoming).

Obstetric Violence Through a Fiduciary Lens, in CHILDBIRTH, VULNERABILITY AND LAW: EXPLORING ISSUES OF VIOLENCE AND CONTROL (Camilla Pickles, ed.) (Routledge 2019).

Revisiting Roe to Advance Reproductive Justice for Childbearing Women, 94 NOTRE DAME L. REV. ONLINE 20 (2018).

Finding Family: Considering the Recognition of Same-Sex Families in International Human Rights Law and the European Court of Human Rights, 13 HUM. RTS. BR. 17 (Winter 2006).

SELECTED EXPERIENCE

Women's Medical Fund, Philadelphia, PA

Consultant, 2016

Prepared needs assessment for non-profit organization that provides financial assistance to low-income women seeking reproductive health care in Southeastern Pennsylvania. Updated methodology based on Medicaid data and current research literature.

Bryan Cave LLP, New York, NY

Associate, 2011-2013

Summer Associate, Summer 2008

Litigated securities, employment, and other commercial matters at trial and appellate levels. Assisted in employment counseling for corporate clients and in securities compliance and enforcement matters. Contributed to major federal regulatory policy review for *pro bono* client Family Equality Council.

Law Students for Reproductive Justice (currently If/When/How: Lawyering for Reproductive Justice), Oakland, CA

Legal Fellow, 2009-2010

Implemented organization's reproductive rights-related educational programming and curriculum reform initiatives, including co-conceiving and developing early version of casebook on reproductive rights and justice. Served as one of four staff members supporting over 85 law school chapters in reproductive justice advocacy.

Williams Institute on Sexual Orientation Law and Public Policy, Los Angeles, CA

Public Policy Fellow, 2004-2006

Performed legal and policy research at academic think tank. Co-authored policy reports on the fiscal impact of legalizing same-sex marriage. Analyzed Census data on same-sex couples.

PRESENTATIONS

"Birth Stories & Legal Storytelling: Searching for Missing Narratives in Judicial Treatment of Obstetric Violence Claims," presented at:

- Applied Legal Storytelling Conference, Boulder, Colorado, July 2019
- Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, July 2018

"Understanding Obstetric Violence Through a Fiduciary Lens," presented at:

- American Society of Law, Medicine & Ethics, 42nd Annual Health Law Professors Conference, Loyola University Chicago School of Law, Chicago, Illinois, June 2019
- Birth Rights Bar Association, Childbirth & the Law Conference, Loyola University Chicago School of Law, Chicago, Illinois, March 2019

"Making Birth Better: Dismantling State Regulatory Barriers to Improving Maternity Care," presented at:

- Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, May 2019
- Guest Lecture, Health Law Seminar, Loyola University Chicago School of Law, Chicago, Illinois, March 2019 (invited)
- American Society of Law, Medicine & Ethics, 41st Annual Health Law Professors Conference, Cleveland, Ohio, June 2018

"Coercion and Conflict: Disclosure of Two-Patient Model in Obstetrics to Improve Decision-Making in Childbirth," Alden March Bioethics Institute Reproductive Ethics Conference, Albany Medical College, Albany, New York, April 2019.

“Childbirth and Informed Consent,” ICAN of the Quad Cities, Davenport, Iowa, March 2019 (community event) (invited).

“Obstetric Violence,” presented at:

- Helen I. Moorehead-Laurencin, MD, Sex and Gender Research Forum, Drexel University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, March 2018
- American Society of Law, Medicine & Ethics, 40th Annual Health Law Professors Conference, Georgia State University College of Law, Atlanta, Georgia, June 2017
- The U.S. Feminist Judgments Project: Rewriting the Law, Writing the Future, University of Akron School of Law, Akron, Ohio, October 2016
- Law & Society Association Annual Meeting (part of roundtable called *Critical Perspectives on Reproductive Justice: From Activism to the Academy*), New Orleans, Louisiana, June 2016

“Feminist Judgments and the Future of Reproductive Justice,” Temple University Beasley School of Law, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, November 2017 (invited).

“Birth Conflicts: Leveraging State Power to Coerce Health Care Decision-Making,” presented at:

- Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, Mexico City, Mexico, June 2017
- Tenth Annual Feminist Legal Theory Conference, University of Baltimore School of Law, Baltimore, Maryland, March 2017

“Changing the Culture of Health Care: Applying Lessons from Maternity Care Advocacy to Improve Trans Health Care,” After Marriage Conference, CLAGS: The Center for LGBTQ Studies, CUNY, New York, New York, October 2016.

“The Problems with Obstetric Violence: Applying Vulnerability Theory to Improve Maternity Care,” Vulnerability and the Human Condition Initiative, Workshop on Reproductive and Sexual Justice, Northeastern University School of Law, Boston, Massachusetts, April 2016.

“Giving Birth Under the ACA: Analyzing the Use of Law as a Tool to Improve Health Care,” presented at:

- Delaware Valley Feminist Law Teachers Conference, Drexel Kline School of Law, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, November 2015
- Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, Washington, May 2015

“Contested Care: The Politics of Research, Evidence and Knowledge in U.S. Childbirth Policies,” Law & Society Association Annual Meeting (part of panel called “*Just the Facts*”: *Expertise and Empirical Evidence as Movement Strategies*), Minneapolis, Minnesota, May 2014.

SERVICE

Academic/Educational

Kline School of Law Student Code of Conduct Hearing Committee, 2018-present

- Chair, 2019-2020

Kline School of Law Intellectual Life Committee, 2020-present

Association of Legal Writing Directors (ALWD)

- Scholars Forum Committee Member, 2018-present

- New Member Outreach Committee Member, 2017-2018

Co-Chair, Feminist Legal Theory Collaborative Research Network Scholarship Committee, 2019-present

Deputy Editor, ABA Section of International Law, International Law Year in Review, 2017-2019

Other Service

Global Perinatal Task Force on Birth Setting During Covid-19, 2020-present

Midwifery Education Accreditation Council, Accreditation Review Committee Member, 2018-present

Philadelphia Midwives Collective, Board Member, 2019-present

Pennsylvania Association of Certified Professional Midwives (PACPM), Secretary, 2016-present

Friends Child Care Center, Trustee, 2018-present

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Bar Association, 2009-present

LGBT Bar Association, 2009-present

Law & Society Association, 2014-present

American Society of Law, Medicine & Ethics, 2016-present

ADMISSIONS

New Jersey Bar

New York Bar

U.S. Federal Court for the District of New Jersey

U.S. Federal Court for the Southern District of New York

U.S. Federal Court for the Eastern District of New York