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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO, SCHOOL OF LAW. CHICAGO, IL
Associate Professor of Law July 2010 to Present
Assistant Professor of Law July 2004 to July 2010
Director of Research Civitas ChildLaw Center

Courses taught: Torts; Family Law; Child, Parent & State; International and Comparative Family Law; Science in the Law; Alternative Dispute Resolution

Research areas: Family Law; Child Welfare; Kinship Caregiving; Child and Family Well-Being; Juvenile Justice; Children's Rights; Therapeutic Jurisprudence

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON LAW CENTER. HOUSTON, TX
Distinguished Fellow May 2009 to Present
Center for Children, Law and Policy

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN LAW SCHOOL. ANN ARBOR, MI
Dean's Fellow and Clinical Assistant Professor of Law August 2002 to July 2004
Bergstrom Child Welfare Law Summer Training Faculty Summers 2004 to Present

Taught and supervised advanced law students enrolled in Child Advocacy Law Clinic in representation of children, parents and state agencies in child protection proceedings. Teach in Bergstrom Child Welfare Summer Fellowship Training on child welfare, kinship care and trial advocacy.

PUBLICATIONS

Legal Publications

Articles/Essays:

What Price Liberty? The Search for Equality for Kinship-Caregiving Families, 2013 Mich. St. L. Rev. 1249 (2013)

The AAML Child Custody Evaluation Standards: Bridging Two Worlds, 25 J. Am. Acad. Matrim. Law. 295 (2013).

Beyond "Eros": "Agape" Parents and Why Parentage Should Not Depend on Sex, 20(3) AM. U. J. GENDER, SOC. POL'Y & L. 611 (2011).

"Ain't I a Parent?": Exclusion of Kinship Caregivers from Debate over Expansions of Parenthood, 34 NYU REV. L. & SOCIAL CHANGE 595 (2010).

The Subtlety of State Action in Privatized Child Welfare Services, 11 CHAPMAN L. REV. 85 (2007).

Neither Dyad, nor Triad: Children's Relationship Rights within Kinship Caregiving Families, 41 UNIV. MICH. J. L. REFORM 77 (2007).

Swimming Upstream Against the Great Adoption Tide: Making the Case for "Impermanence," 34 CAPITAL UNIV. L. REV. 405 (2005).

Troxel v. Granville: Implications for At Risk Children and the Amicus Curiae Role of University-Based Interdisciplinary Centers for Children, 32 RUTGERS L.J. 857 (2001) (co-authored with Barbara Bennett Woodhouse).

Comment, *What To Do With the Sheep in Wolf's Clothing: The Role of Rhetoric and Reality About Youth Offenders in the Constructive Dismantling of the Juvenile Justice System*, 148 U. PA. L. REV. 1303 (2000).

Exploring Kinship Care, 1 MICH. CHILD WELFARE L.J. 24 (1996).

Book chapters:

Grandmothers Raising Grandchildren: Balancing Burdens and Blessings, IN *OLDER WOMEN: CURRENT AND FUTURE CHALLENGES OF PROFESSIONALS WITH AN AGING POPULATION* (Teresa Kilbane and Marcia Spira, eds., Bentham Books, 2016)

Policing Gender on the Playground: Interests, Needs and Rights of Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Youth, in *CHILDREN, SEXUALITY AND THE LAW*, Ellen Marrus and Sacha M. Coupet (Eds.) NYU Press (2015).

Girl Offenders: Special Issues, in *CHILD VICTIMS, CHILD OFFENDERS: PSYCHOLOGY AND LAW*, Bette L. Bottoms, Gail S. Goodman and Cynthia J. Najdowski (Eds.) Guilford Press, (2009) (co-authored).

Grandparent Rights, in 28 ILLINOIS JURISPRUDENCE, ELDER LAW, LEXIS-NEXIS, (2006) (invited author).

Books:

CHILDREN, SEXUALITY AND THE LAW, Ellen Marrus and Sacha M. Coupet (Eds.) NYU Press (2015).

Social Science Publications:

Book Review, *Multiple Lenses, Multiple Images: Perspectives on the Child Across Time, Space and Discipline*, *Children and Youth Services Review* (2006) Vol 28, No. 10, 1267-1271.

A Deaf Girl in a Hearing World and *All in the Family*, 2 J. CLINICAL ACTIVITIES, ASSIGNMENTS & HANDOUTS IN PSYCHOTHERAPY PRACTICE 3 (2001).

Cognitive Appraisals and Family Dynamics as Predictors of Adjustment and Well-Being in Elderly Kinship Caregivers (1997) (unpublished Ph.D. dissertation, University of Michigan).

Sandra Graham-Bermann, Victoria Banyard, Sacha Coupet, Lesley Egler, & Jacqueline Mattis, *Interpersonal Relationships and Adjustment of Children in Homeless and Economically Distressed Families*, 25 J. CLINICAL CHILD PSYCHOLOGY 250 (1996).

PRESENTATIONS

Addressing Risks and Embracing Benefits of Kinship Care, Invited Speaker, Casey Family Programs Judicial Training, Springfield, Missouri (2018, April).

Whose Hearts and Minds? The K-12 Battle over Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Kids, Invited Panelist, Midwest People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, Case Western Reserve University School of Law, Cleveland, Ohio (2018, April).

A Legal Perspective on Gendered Harassment in K-12 Educational Environments, Invited Speaker, Educational Theory Colloquium, Chicago, Illinois (2018, April).

Cultural Competency in the Practice of Child Advocacy in Family Law, Invited Speaker, Illinois State Bar Association, Family Law Section, Chicago, Illinois (2017, September).

Shedding Gender Identity at the Schoolhouse Gate: The Role of Parental Filtering in Public Schools, Invited Panelist, Workshop on Family Law, Southeastern Association of Law Schools, Boca Raton, Florida (2017, August).

Mastering Clinical and Experiential Learning, Lutie A. Lytle Black Women Law Faculty Workshop and Writing Retreat, University of Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor, Michigan (2017, July).

Brown v. Board of Education: Looking Back, Looking Forward, Chicago Bar Association, Young Lawyers Section, Chicago, Illinois (2017, May).

Criminal Injustice, Panel Moderator, 14th Annual Norman C. Amaker Retreat, Loyola University Chicago School of Law, Chicago, Illinois (2017, March).

LGBT Rights and Issues, Panel Moderator, Constitutional Law Colloquium, Loyola University Chicago School of Law, Chicago, Illinois, (2016, November).

Color of Education Roundtable, Panel Moderator, Loyola University Chicago School of Law, Chicago, Illinois (2016, October).

Book Proposals and Research Collaborations, Invited Panelist, Lutie A. Lytle Black Women Law Faculty 10th Annual Commemorative Workshop and Writing Retreat, University of Iowa College of Law, Iowa City, Iowa (2016, July).

Rethinking Foster Care, Invited symposium participant, University of Michigan Law School (2016, May).

Women and Incarceration: Where Does it Lead To? Panel Moderator, 13th Annual Norman C. Amaker Retreat, Loyola University Chicago School of Law, Woodstock, Illinois (2016, March).

Gender Identity Rights Obscured Behind Parental Claims, Invited Panelist, Mid-Atlantic People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference: On the Rights of Children, American University Washington College of Law (2016, January).

Childhood Trauma: the Roles of Law, Society, and Institutions in Identifying, Addressing and Reducing Childhood Trauma, Invited Panelist, AALS 110th Annual Meeting, Section on Children and the Law (2016, January).

Bridging Two Worlds: The Role of the Psych-Law "Ambassador," Keynote Speaker, 10th Annual Research Symposium at Prairie View A & M University, College of Juvenile Justice and Psychology, Prairie View, Texas (2015, April).

What Price Liberty? The Search for Equality for Kinship-Caregiving Families, Invited Panelist, Michigan State Law Review Symposium: "In Search for Equality in Family Law," Lansing, Michigan (2013, April).

Trauma and Resilience: A New Look at Legal Advocacy for Youth in the Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice Systems, Invited Participant, Juvenile Law Center Trauma Symposium, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (2013, January).

Reforming Courts to Meet the Needs of Abused and Neglected Children, Invited Speaker, Panel Presentation, 20th Annual Colloquium of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children, Chicago, Illinois (2012, June).

Changing Families and Children's Rights: How Shifting Paradigms can Impact Child Protection, Invited Panelist, Crossing Boundaries: Public and Private Roles in Assuring Child Well-Being, Council on Contemporary Families, Chicago, Illinois (2012, April).

Beyond the Picket Fence: The Impact of Traditional Laws on Changing Families, Moderator, Race and Law Symposium, Loyola University Chicago School of Law, Chicago, Illinois (2012, March).

Grandmother to Grandmother: From New York to Tanzania, Speaker, Panel Presentation, The Brookdale Foundation Relatives as Parents Program, Loyola University Chicago School of Social Work, Chicago, Illinois (2012, March).

Gender Identity Rights for Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Children, Invited Speaker, Legal Theory Workshop, University of Miami Law School, Miami, Florida (2012, March).

Gender Identity Rights for Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Children, Invited Speaker, Panel Presentation, Children's Legal Rights Journal Symposium, "LGBT and Children," Loyola University Chicago School of Law, Chicago, Illinois (2011, November).

Interviewing Children: A Developmental Perspective, Invited Speaker, Panel Presentation, "Protecting Children through Multidisciplinary Forensics," Center for the Human Rights of Children, Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, Illinois (2011, November)

The New "Illegitimacy": Revisiting Why Parentage Should Not Depend on Marriage, Invited Speaker, Panel Presentation, American University Washington College of Law, Washington, D.C. (2011, March).

Counseling Children and Youth in Times of Crisis: Tips to Achieve Success and Avoid Pitfalls, Invited Speaker, Panel Presentation, American Bar Association, Section of Litigation, Children's Rights Litigation Committee, Teleconference (2011, March).

Improving Child Client Communication, Invited Speaker, Panel Presentation, Norman Amaker Public Interest Law and Social Justice Retreat, Woodstock, Illinois (2011, February).

The Development and Use of an Advance Planning Tool for Grandparent Caregivers, Invited Speaker, Panel Presentation, Illinois Governor's Conference on Aging, Chicago, Illinois (2010, December).

Interviewing Child Victims of Violence: A Developmental Approach, Invited Speaker, Panel Presentation, Human Trafficking and Exploitation of Children in the United States, Center for the Human Rights of Children, Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, Illinois (2010, September).

Children, Sex and the Law, Invited Speaker, University of Houston Law Center, Center for Children, Law & Policy, Houston, Texas (2009, October).

Children and the Law Junior Faculty Workshop, Invited Senior Scholar, Francis Lewis Law Center at Washington & Lee University, Lexington, Virginia. (2009, July).

Grandparents as Parents: Legal Dimensions, Invited Speaker, Children's Summer Institute, Loyola University Chicago School of Law, Chicago, Illinois. (2009, June).

Critical Race Theory and Family Law, Invited Speaker, Panel Presentation, CRT 20: Honoring Our Past, Charting Our Future, University of Iowa College of Law, Iowa City, Iowa. (2009, April).

Integrating Children's Perspectives into the Marriage Equality Debate, Invited Speaker, Same-Sex Marriage Symposium, Loyola University Chicago School of Law, Chicago, Illinois. (2009, March).

Discursive Exclusion in the Multiple Parentage Debate, Faculty Speaker, University of Pittsburgh Law, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. (2009, March).

Integrating Children's Voices into Children's Representation, Invited Speaker, Youth Empowerment Initiative Training, Cook County Office of the Public Guardian, Chicago, Illinois (2009, February).

Children, Sex and the Law, Panel Moderator, Section on Children and the Law, Association of American Law Schools 2009 Annual Meeting, San Diego, California. (2009, January).

Does Conjugal Matter? Negotiating Parenthood in Kinship Caregiving Families, Invited Speaker, Faculty Colloquia, Washington University School of Law, St. Louis, Missouri. (2008, November).

Special Considerations: Understanding the Influence of Linguistic and Cognitive Development when Interviewing Children in Legal Settings, Panel Presentation at the Illinois State Bar Association, Section on Children and the Law, Chicago, Illinois. (2008, November).

Breaking Open the Rule of Two: Exploring the Centrality of Conjugal in the Multiple Parentage Debate, Invited Speaker, Faculty Enrichment Speaker Series, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University College of Law, Orlando, Florida. (2008, October).

Multiple Parentage in the Context of Kinship Caregiving, Panel Presentation at the Inaugural Annual Midwest Family Law Conference, Indiana University School of Law, Indianapolis, Indiana. (2008, June).

Legal and Societal Barriers to Adoption in South Asia. Panel Moderator at the 5th Annual meeting of the North American South Asian Bar Association, Chicago, Illinois. (2008, June).

Beyond the Dyad: Exploring Children's Relationship Rights. Works-In-Progress Presentation at the 17th Annual Midwestern People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, Washington University School of Law, St. Louis, Missouri. (2007, April).

Beyond the Dyad: Exploring Children's Relationship Rights. Panel Presentation at the University of Michigan Child Advocacy Law Symposium, Ann Arbor, Michigan. (2007, March).

Understanding the Impact of Trauma on Child Development. In-service training for child advocacy staff, Mkombozi (Centre for Street Children), Moshi, Tanzania. (2007, March).

Applying Facts to Family Law: Implications of Empirical Research on Kinship Caregivers for Family Law and Policy. Panel Presentation, Section on Family and Juvenile Law, Association of American Law Schools 2006 Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C. (2006, January).

Applying Therapeutic Jurisprudence to Child Welfare: Examining the Relationship between Kinship Care Policy and Kinship Caregiver Mental Health. Presentation at the 29th International Congress on Law and Mental Health, Université René Descartes and Sorbonne, Paris, France. (2005, July).

Finding Freud in Law. Presentation at the 6th annual Psychology Graduate Career Panel, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan. (2005, February).

Problems of Legal Recognition for Kinship Caregivers in the U.S.. Presentation at the International Society of Family Law, North American Conference, Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, Canada. (2001, June).

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren: Legal and Policy Issues. Facilitated presentation at the Kinship Care National Satellite Video Conference, Regional Roundtable Discussion. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. (2001, February).

New Voices: Listening to Children. Presentation at the Family Law Symposium 2000: The American Family in the 21st Century, Family Law Section of the Philadelphia Bar Association. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. (2000, November).

Applications of Social Science Research to Kinship Caregiving Policy and Legal Reform. Presentation to the Philadelphia Kinship Care Task Force. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. (1998, September).

Family Style, Appraisal and Adjustment in Kinship Foster Care. Presentation at the 50th annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America. Cincinnati, Ohio. (1997, November).

Facilitating Attachment Through Kinship Foster Care. Presentation at the 74th annual meeting of the American Orthopsychiatric Association. Toronto, Ontario, Canada. (1997, March).

Meeting the Health Needs of Foster Care Children. Presentation at the 5th annual Medstart Conference, University of Michigan. Ann Arbor, Michigan. (1997, January).

Who Hurt the Baby? The System's Choices When No One Knows How the Injuries Occurred. Presentation at the 14th annual Michigan Statewide Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect. Ypsilanti, Michigan. (1995, October).

Father Absence and Paternal Support in Homeless and Low Income Housed Families. Poster presentation at the 101st convention of the American Psychological Association. Toronto, Ontario, Canada. (1993, August).

EDUCATION

University of Pennsylvania Law School, Philadelphia, PA

J.D., graduated in May 2000

James Wilson Fellow; University of Pennsylvania Law Review, Associate Editor; Black Law Student Association, Community Service Committee, Chair; Custody and Support Assistance Clinic, Student Advocate

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

Ph.D., graduated in December 1997

Psychology; Major Area: Clinical Psychology

Thesis: Cognitive Appraisals and Family Dynamics as Predictors of Adjustment and Well-Being in Elderly Black Kinship Caregivers

NIA-NIH Minority Research Dissertation Grant (1 R03 AG014923-01)

M.A., awarded in May 1994

Psychology; Major Area: Clinical Psychology

Thesis: Paternal Absence and Perceptions of Paternal Presence in Low-Income Housed and Homeless Children

Washington University, St. Louis, MO

A.B., graduated in May 1991

Majors: Psychology and French

L'École Européenne des Affaires à Paris, Paris, France

European Business Management, 1989-1990

LEGAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Law Clerk to District Judge Joseph A. Greenaway, Jr.

United States District Court for the District of New Jersey

(Elevated to United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit,

Newark, New Jersey

Researched questions of law and assisted in drafting of memoranda and opinions of law. Dates of employment: October 2001 to August 2002.

Law Clerk to Circuit Judge Theodore A. McKee

United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Researched questions of law and assisted in drafting of memoranda and opinions of law. Dates of employment: September 2000 to September 2001.

Summer Law Associate

Schnader, Harrison, Segal & Lewis, LLP, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Researched questions of law and prepared memoranda in the area of civil litigation, including product liability, domestic relations, and civil rights matters. Participated in pro bono representation of an infant in child protection proceedings. Dates of employment: July 1999 to August 1999.

Summer Law Associate

Steptoe & Johnson, LLP, Washington, D.C.

Researched questions of law and prepared memoranda in the area of criminal and civil litigation, including R.I.C.O. defense, employee benefits, and employment discrimination matters. Drafted briefing memo for United Nations C.E.R.D. committee. Participated in pro bono representation of kinship caregiver in custody litigation. Dates of employment: May 1999 to July 1999.

Summer Legal Intern

Juvenile Law Center, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Researched questions of law and prepared memoranda regarding provision of medical services to foster children, juvenile justice legislative reform, and minors' capacity to consent to mental health treatment. Drafted advisory letters to Pennsylvania state government agencies regarding implementation of juvenile justice policy. Dates of employment: May 1998 to August 1998.

Pro Se Advisor

Custody and Support Assistance Clinic

Philadelphia Legal Assistance, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Provided legal advice and assistance to low-income pro se litigants concerning custody and support matters. Dates of participation: September 1997 to May 1998.

PSYCHOLOGICAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Psychological Consultant and Clinical Supervisor

Children's Service Incorporated

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Evaluated and assessed mental health status of children receiving wraparound behavioral services. Provided clinical supervision for three mobile therapists. Dates of employment: February 1999 to August 2000.

Psychological Consultant

The Consortium Children's Growth and Development Program

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Evaluated and assessed children and adolescents in partial hospitalization program for individual treatment needs and program efficacy. Dates of employment: September 1998 to August 2000.

Psychological Consultant

The Michigan Child Welfare Law Resource Center

University of Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor, Michigan

Assisted in research and preparation of psychological reference materials for child welfare lawyers in the state of Michigan. Dates of employment: May 1996 to September 1996.

Clinical Psychology Intern

University Center for the Child and the Family
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan
Trained in areas of psychological evaluation; individual, family and conjoint therapy; psychological testing. Participated in Community Mental Health Deaf Services treatment. Conducted Ann Arbor Headstart, Department of Social Services and Washtenaw County Juvenile Court assessments. Provided psychological consultation to the University of Michigan Law School Child Advocacy Law Clinic. Dates of full-time employment: July 1993 to September 1995; Dates of part-time employment: September 1995 to August 1996.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Loyola University, Faculty Development and Research Committee (2012-2015; 2017-present)
Loyola University, Gender Equity Commission (2007-2008)
Loyola University, University Women's Commission, Survey Task Force (2005-2006)
Loyola University Chicago School of Law, Dean's Advisory Committee (2010-2015)
Loyola University Chicago School of Law, Faculty Appointments Committee (Chair, 2017-2018); (2005-2006); (2010-2012)

PROFESSIONAL ACADEMIC SERVICE

Peer reviewer: NYU Press (2016-present); Feminist Studies Collective (2016-present); Psychology, Public Policy and Law journal, American Psychological Association (2003-present); Oxford University Press (2008-present)

American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, Section on Special Concerns of Children, Standards for Custody Evaluations Committee, *Reporter* (2008-2009)

Association of American Law Schools, Section on Children and the Law, *Chair*, (2009-2010); *Chair-Elect* (2008-2009); *Executive Committee* member and *Section Co-Founder* (2007-2008); Section on Poverty Law, *Chair-Elect* (2018-2019)

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE

Bar Admission, Michigan, January 2003
Bar Admission, Pennsylvania, April 2001 (inactive status)

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Bar Association
Michigan Bar Association

American Psychological Association
Haitian American Lawyers Association of Illinois
Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues