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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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### **UC Davis School of Law (Davis, CA)**

*Director, Family Protection and Legal Assistance Clinic, 2014-present*

Course: Family Protection and Legal Assistance Clinic.

Clinic Responsibilities: Direct clinic providing free legal assistance to victims of domestic and sexual violence. Develop and teach experiential seminars on client-centered lawyering skills and relevant substantive areas of law. Supervise and evaluate certified law students through all stages of client representation. Created weekly *pro per* workshop for restraining order petitions. Engage in community and campus collaborations. Identify research and outreach projects.

Service: UCD Campus Community Review Team for Sexual & Gender-Based Violence member, 2014-present, Ad hoc Public Interest Committee, 2017-2020; King Hall First Gen mentor, 2017-2019; New Faculty Network co-director, 2016-2018.

### **West Virginia University College of Law (Morgantown, WV)**

*Visiting Associate Professor, 2011-2014*

Courses: Clinical Legal Program, Family Law, Professional Responsibility.

Clinic Responsibilities: Created the Domestic and Sexual Violence Law Clinic (2013-2014) and taught in the Child and Family Law Clinic (2011-2013) supervising and evaluating clinic student attorneys through all stages of client legal representation. Created a weekly courthouse restraining order representation project. Developed statewide and campus partnerships and outreach activities.

Service: WVU Coordinated Community Response Team, 2013-2014; Law Review Note Advisor, 2013-2014; Family Law Moot Court Team Coach, 2011-2012.

### **The University of Alabama School of Law (Tuscaloosa, AL)**

*Visiting Assistant Professor of Clinical Legal Education & Acting Director of Domestic Violence Law Clinic, 2009-2011*

Courses: Domestic Violence Law Clinic, Public Interest Lawyering Seminar.

Clinic Responsibilities: Directed clinic providing representation to West Alabama domestic violence victims. Taught seminar on family law and lawyering skills. Supervised two staff attorneys. Developed community collaborations and outreach. Completed federal and state grant reporting.

Service: Faculty Public Interest Committee, 2010-2011; Campus Violence Taskforce, 2009-2011; assisted in creation of the initial Tornado Disaster Relief clinic training and intake process, 2011.

## EDUCATION

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### **Washington and Lee University School of Law, Juris Doctor, 2005 (Lexington, VA)**

Honors: Virginia Bar Family Law Section Award, Shepherd Poverty Alliance Fellowship.

Activities: Co-drafter of the Loan Repayment Assistance Program proposal implemented in 2005; Women's Law Student Organization Service Chair, Public Interest Law Student Association; externships with Virginia Legal Aid Society and Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court.

### **Emory University, Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, 1998 (Atlanta, GA)**

## LAW REVIEW ARTICLES

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*Rape Exceptionalism Returns to California: Institutionalizing a Credibility Discount for College Students Reporting Sexual Misconduct*, 73 OKLA. L. REV. 101 (2020).

*Deconstructing the Disciplined Student Narrative and its Impact on Campus Sexual Assault Policy*, 61 ARIZ. L. REV. 885 (2019).

*Ensuring Choice and Voice for Campus Sexual Assault Victims: A Call for Victims' Attorneys*, 65 DRAKE L. REV. 293 (2017).

- Reprinted in THOMAS, WOMEN AND THE LAW (2018 edition).

*Digging Beneath the Equality Language: The Influence of the Fathers' Rights Movement on Intimate Partner Violence Public Policy Debates and Family Law Reform*, 21 WM. & MARY J. WOMEN & L. 525 (2014-2015).

- Reprinted in THOMAS, WOMEN AND THE LAW (2015 edition).
- Reprinted in the MINNESOTA FAMILY LAW JOURNAL (2016).
- Reviewed by Ruthanne Robson, *Empiricism and Equality: Studying Fathers' Rights*, JOTWELL: The Journal of Things We Like (Lots) 2014, <http://equality.jotwell.com/2014/07/>

*Motivations for Law Student Pro Bono Work: Lessons Learned from the Tuscaloosa Tornado*, 30 BUFF. PUB. INT. L.J. 1 (2013).

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

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*The Role of Attorneys in Campus Adjudications Involving Sexual Misconduct*, in ADJUDICATING CAMPUS SEXUAL MISCONDUCT AND ASSAULT 117 (Claire Renzetti & Diane Follingstad eds., 2020).

*Nexus of Domestic Violence and Custody in Time of COVID Pandemic*, 25(5) DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REPORT 89 (2020), with Mallika Kaur.

- Reprinted in 13(2) FAMILY & INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE Q. 57 (2021), with Mallika Kaur.

*How Social Science Can Help Us Understand Why Family Courts May Discount Women's Testimony in Intimate Partner Violence Cases* 53 FAM. L.Q. 243 (2019), with Amelia Mindthoff and Deborah Goldfarb.

*How Legal Systems Continue to Fail Victims of Domestic Violence: Barriers, Challenges, and Solutions*, 53 FAM. L.Q. ix (2019).

*The Domestic Violence Civil Law Manual: Protection Orders and Family Law Cases, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition*, The American Bar Association Commission on Domestic & Sexual Violence, (2017), (contributing writer and editor).

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS AND CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

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*Advocating for Student Victims of IPV Through the Campus Title IX Process*, California Partnership to End Domestic Violence (CPEDV) Annual Conference: Shifting the Lens, virtual, November 4, 2020, with Brenda Star Adams and Stephanie Penrod.

*Safety Planning for Attorneys*, Legal Aid of West Virginia, virtual, October 8, 2020 (invited speaker), with Camille Fenz.

*“Due Process” Narratives, Standards of Evidence, & Other Backlash Controversies, 2014-2016*, California Western Law Review Symposium, Title IX, Me Too, & Administrative Law: Responding to Backlash & Looking to the Future, virtual, October 16, 2020 (invited panelist).

*Report from the Field: Domestic Violence Survivors & the Impact of COVID-19*, ABA and NLADA, Equal Justice Conference, virtual, August 17, 2020 (invited panelist).

*Report from the Field: Domestic Violence Survivors & the Impact of COVID-19*, ABA Commission on Domestic & Sexual Violence; ABA Judicial Division; ABA Section of Civil Rights and Social Justice, virtual, April 29, 2020 (invited panelist).

*Deconstructing the Disciplined Student Narrative and its Impact on Campus Sexual Assault Policy*, The University of Arizona College of Law Program in Criminal Law and Policy Speaker Series (PCLP), Tucson, AZ, March 2, 2020 (invited speaker).

*Institutionalizing the Credibility Discount of College Students Reporting Dating and Sexual Violence*, The University of Oklahoma Law Review Symposium: Drawing the Line: Modern Sexual Conflicts and the Law, Norman, OK, October 18, 2019 (invited panelist).

*Advanced Custody Litigation Institute*, ABA Commission on Domestic & Sexual Violence, Addison, TX, June 25-28, 2019 (invited faculty).

*An Afternoon of Title IX Training*, Equal Rights Advocates’ Pro Bono Attorneys Network to End Sexual Violence in Education training, San Francisco, CA, April 26, 2019 (invited panelist).

*Sexual Harassment & Violence Narratives: #MeToo, the Kavanaugh Allegations & Title IX Guidance*, The Association of American Law Schools, 2019 Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA, January 3, 2019 (moderator and speaker for competitively selected “hot topic” program).

*Impeachment by Prior Inconsistent Statement & Refreshing Recollection*, Trial Advocacy Skills Webinar Series, ABA Commission on Domestic & Sexual Violence July 24, 2018 (invited faculty), with Wemi Peters.

*Disciplined Student Narratives in Campus Sexual Assault Discourse*, AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education, Chicago, IL, May 2, 2018 (work-in-progress).

*Campus Sexual Assault*, Schwartz Levi Inn of Court, Davis, CA, February 7, 2018 (invited panelist).

*Addressing LGBTQ Bias in Legal Systems*, ABA Commission on Domestic & Sexual Violence Training Program, A Coordinated Response: Legal System Advocacy for LGBTQ Victims of Intimate Partner Violence, Frankfort, KY, September 26-27, 2017 (invited faculty), with Gillian Chadwick.

*Effective Litigation and Pro Se Litigants*, Toughest Case Webinar Series, ABA Commission on Domestic & Sexual Violence, July 11, 2017 (invited faculty), with Linda Lopez.

*Alternative Forms of Advocacy, What Comes Next? Title IX under the Trump Administration* at Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA, April 13, 2017 (invited panelist).

*Harassment, Abuse, and Fair Processes – on College Campuses*, Conference on Sexual Assault and Academic Freedom on College Campus, Georgetown Law, Washington D.C., October 14, 2016 (invited panelist). *Televised on C-SPAN*.

*Clinics Working Within the Campus Community to Address Campus Sexual Assault, Intimate Partner Violence, and Stalking in a Time of Heightened Scrutiny*, AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education, Baltimore, MD, May 1, 2016 (organizer and panelist for competitively selected program).

*Teaching Clinical Students How to Identify, Cope with, and Work with Vicarious Trauma*, Northern California Clinical Conference, Berkeley, CA, February 27, 2016.

*Fundamentals of Domestic Violence for Lawyers and Representing Victims of Domestic Violence in Custody Cases*, ABA Commission on Domestic & Sexual Violence Training Program, Washington D.C., June 23-25, 2015 (invited faculty).

*Campus Culture and Coordinated Institutional Responses to Domestic Violence*, Conference on Confronting Domestic Violence in Higher Education, Pepperdine School of Law, Malibu, CA, October 10-11, 2014.

*Fundamentals of Domestic Violence for Lawyers and Representing Victims of Domestic Violence in Custody Cases*, ABA Commission on Domestic & Sexual Violence Training Program, Washington D.C., April 29-30, 2014 (invited faculty).

*Fundamentals of Domestic Violence & Basic Trial Skills Training*, The National Institute for Trial Advocacy and the ABA Commission on Domestic & Sexual Violence Training Program, Boulder, CO, August 13-14, 2012 (invited faculty).

*Natural Disasters as Both Unifying and Disorienting Moments in Clinical Teaching: Lessons Learned from the Tuscaloosa Tornado*, International Journal of Clinical Legal Education Conference, Durham, England, July 11-13, 2012.

*Truthiness, Father's Rights, and Domestic Violence: The War on the War Against Violence Against Women*, Ohio Legal Scholarship Summer Workshop, West Virginia University College of Law, Morgantown, WV, June 14, 2012 (work-in-progress).

*Motivations for Law Student Pro Bono: Lessons Learned from the Tuscaloosa Tornado*, Sixteenth Annual Ohio Legal Scholarship Workshop, Capital University School of Law, Columbus, OH, February 20, 2012 (work-in-progress).

*Litigation Using Expert Witnesses*, National Institute for Trial Advocacy and the ABA Commission on Domestic Violence Training Program, New Orleans, LA, January 25-28, 2011 (invited faculty).

*Best Practices for Lawyers Assisting Pro Se Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking with Civil Protection Order Cases*, ABA Commission on Domestic Violence and U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women Training Program, Miami, FL, December 7, 2010 (invited faculty).

*Re-envisioning Women in College: The Time for Collective Action to Take Back Our Campuses*, University of Alabama Take Back the Night, Tuscaloosa, AL, April 20, 2010 (keynote speaker).

*Protection Orders: Best Practices in Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Law Cases*, Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence, Topeka, KS, May 19, 2009, and Wichita, KS, May 20, 2009 (invited speaker).

*Best Practices in Representing Immigrant Victims in Protection Orders*, National Network to End Violence Against Immigrant Women Annual Conference, Lexington, KY, November 2007 (with Rebecca Henry).

*Community Response to School Consolidation in Appalachia*, The Twenty-Third Annual Conference of the Appalachian Studies Association, Knoxville, TN, March 24, 2000.

#### **OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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##### **ABA Commission on Domestic & Sexual Violence** (Washington, DC)

*Staff Attorney*, 2007-2009

Developed national trainings and provided technical assistance to attorneys representing victims of domestic and sexual violence about protection orders, family law, trial skills, and serving marginalized populations. Maintained federal grant budgets and reporting. Supervised program staff and interns. Assisted in creating the National Civil Law Custody Institute (2008); National Institute on Civil Representation of Victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Sexual Assault Who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and/or With Disabilities (2008); National Institute on the Integration of Interpreters in Civil Representation of Victims of Domestic Violence (2008); and Domestic Violence 101 (2009).

##### **Sexual Assault Legal Institute** (Silver Spring, MD)

*Staff Attorney*, 2006-2007

Provided direct civil legal representation to survivors of sexual assault throughout state. Trained attorneys, victim advocates, and law enforcement on sexual assault legal issues. Drafted written legal resources for attorneys, advocates, and survivors. Supervised victim advocate, paralegal, and law school and undergraduate interns.

##### **Frederick County Circuit Court** (Frederick, MD)

*Law Clerk for the Honorable John H. Tisdale*, 2005-2006

Researched and drafted opinions, evaluated motions, and reviewed cases on the docket on a variety of legal topics, including criminal, family, juvenile, dependency, and torts.

##### **Kids Voice** (Pittsburgh, PA)

*Summer Legal Intern*, 2004

Represented children in emergency dependency proceedings and review hearings. Competitively selected for the Kirkpatrick and Lockhart Public Interest Summer Fellowship.

##### **Legal Aid of West Virginia** (Charleston, WV)

*Summer Legal Intern*, 2003

Designed and implemented a research project evaluating domestic violence prosecution patterns. Interviewed applicants, drafted legal pleadings, and performed legal research. Nominated for Equal Justice Works' Martindale-Hubbell Exemplary Public Service Award.

##### **YWCA Spouse Abuse Center** (Lexington, KY)

*Outreach, Education, and Volunteer Coordinator*, 2001-2002

Provided domestic violence trainings for attorneys, medical professionals, law enforcement, religious leaders, students, and the broader community. Organized community education and outreach events. Facilitated rural support groups. Provided emergency counseling and advocacy for new residents.

**University of Kentucky, Department of Sociology** (Lexington, KY)

*Graduate Teaching Assistant*, 1998-2000, Spring 2001, Spring 2002.

Assigned Courses: Social Inequality, Sociology of Family, Contemporary Sociological Theory.

**BAR MEMBERSHIP**

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Maryland (2005), California (2014)

**GRANT PEER REVIEW**

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U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women, *Grant Peer Reviewer*, (Washington, DC), April/May 2009-2018, 2020.

**SERVICE TO THE LEGAL PROFESSION AND COMMUNITY**

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ABA Commission on Domestic & Sexual Violence (Washington DC) *Commissioner*, 2018-2021.

Schwartz/Levi Inn of Court (Davis, CA) *Member*, 2017-present.

ABA Commission on Domestic & Sexual Violence (Washington DC) *Peer Reviewer*, IMPROVING CAMPUS STUDENT CONDUCT PROCESSES FOR DOMESTIC, DATING, SEXUAL AND STALKING, 2017.

WEAVE (Sacramento, CA) *Legal Committee Member*, 2014-2018.

West Virginia Coalition against Domestic Violence (Charleston, WV) *Public Policy Committee Member*, 2013-2014.

Rape and Domestic Violence Information Center (Morgantown, WV) *Board Member*, 2011-2014.

Turning Point (Tuscaloosa, AL) *Board Member*, 2009-2011.

Project Horizon (Lexington, VA) *Volunteer Crisis Counselor*, 2002-2005.

Bluegrass Rape Crisis Center (Lexington, KY) *Volunteer Advocate*, 1999-2001.

Dekalb Rape Crisis Center (Decatur, GA) *Volunteer Crisis Counselor*, 1997-1998.

San Antonio Rape Crisis Center (San Antonio, TX) *Volunteer Hospital Response and Crisis Advocate*, 1995-1996.

Heartly House (Frederick, MD) *Domestic Violence Shelter Volunteer*, 1991-1993.