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### **EXPERIENCE**

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#### **University of Virginia School of Law**

Albert Clark Tate, Jr., Research Professor, 2011-present  
Professor of Law (with tenure), 2010-present  
Associate Professor of Law, 2005-2010

#### **New York University School of Law**

Acting Assistant Professor, Lawyering Program, 2002-2005

#### **University of Pennsylvania Law School**

Lecturer-in-Law, spring 2003

#### **Patterson, Belknap, Webb & Tyler, LLP**

Litigation Associate, 1999-2002

#### **Stanwood R. Duval, Jr., U.S. District Court, E.D. Louisiana**

Law Clerk, 1998-1999

### **EDUCATION**

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#### **Stanford Law School**

J.D. with Distinction, 1998

#### **Swarthmore College**

B.A. with Highest Honors in the Humanities, 1993

### **PUBLICATIONS**

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*Marriage Fraud*, 100 CALIFORNIA LAW REVIEW 1 (2012).

*Peaceful Penetration: Proxy Marriage, Same-Sex Marriage, and Recognition*, 2011 MICHIGAN STATE LAW REVIEW 139 (symposium issue).

*The Hidden Dimension of Nineteenth-Century Immigration Law*, 62 VANDERBILT LAW REVIEW 1353 (2009).

*Marriage as a Message: Same-Sex Couples and the Rhetoric of Accidental Procreation* (with Peter Brooks), 21 *YALE JOURNAL OF LAW & HUMANITIES* 1 (2009).

*Becoming a Citizen: Marriage, Immigration, and Assimilation* (chapter in *GENDER EQUALITY: DIMENSIONS OF WOMEN'S EQUAL CITIZENSHIP*, ed. Linda McClain & Joanna Grossman, Cambridge University Press 2009).

*Immigration Law and the Regulation of Marriage*, 91 *MINNESOTA LAW REVIEW* 101 (2007).

*Mae Ngai's Impossible Subjects: Illegal Aliens and the Making of Modern America*, 25 *LAW & HISTORY REVIEW* 428 (2007) (book review).

*Immigration Status and the Best Interests of the Child Standard*, 14 *VIRGINIA JOURNAL OF SOCIAL POLICY & LAW* 87 (2006) (symposium issue).

*Polygamy, Prostitution, and the Federalization of Immigration Law*, 105 *COLUMBIA LAW REVIEW* 641 (2005).

#### **AMICUS BRIEFS**

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Brief *Amici Curiae* of Professors of History, Political Science, and Law In Support of Petitioner, *Ruben Flores-Villar v. United States of America*, S.Ct. No. 09-5801 (with Candice Bredbenner, Christopher Capozzola, Kristin Collins, Nancy F. Cott, Linda K. Kerber, Virginia Sapiro, and Rogers M. Smith) (2010); reprinted in 91 *BOSTON UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW* 1497 (2011).

#### **WORKS IN PROGRESS**

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*Marriage as Citizenship* (draft available).

*A Legal Home: Derivative Domicile and Women's Citizenship* (draft available).

*Citizenship, Immigration, and Parentage* (with R. Kent Piacenti).

*Regulating Polygamy* (with Anne Coughlin).

#### **LECTURES & PRESENTATIONS**

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“Recognizing Polygamy”; paper accepted for International Society of Family Law Annual Conference, University of Iowa Law School (June 2012) (with Anne Coughlin).

Invited for faculty workshop, University of North Carolina Law School (March 29, 2012).

“Citizenship, Immigration, and Parentage”; paper accepted for panel at Association for the Study of Law, Culture and Humanities annual conference (March 17, 2012) (with R. Kent Piacenti).

“A Legal Home: Derivative Domicile and Women’s Citizenship,” to be presented at the New York University Legal History Colloquium (March 7, 2012).

“Social Scientific Studies on Same-Sex Parenting,” UVA Law School panel (February 2, 2012) (panelist).

“Recognizing Polygamy,” Feminist Legal Network Conference, George Washington University (January 4, 2012).

“A Legal Home: Derivative Domicile and Women’s Citizenship,” American Society of Legal History Annual Conference (November 12, 2011).

“Recognizing Polygamy,” UVA Incubator Faculty Workshop Series (October 25, 2011) (with Anne Coughlin).

“A Legal Home: Derivative Domicile and Women’s Citizenship,” University of Virginia School of Law Faculty Workshop (July 5, 2011).

“Teaching Immigration and Citizenship,” Emerging Immigration Law Scholars Conference (May 19, 2011).

“Immigration Power, Federalism, and Foreign Affairs,” UVA Incubator Faculty Workshop Series (March 30, 2011).

“Marriage Fraud,” Vanderbilt Law School Faculty Workshop (February 18, 2011).

“Marriage by Proxy as Proxy for Fraud,” Michigan State Law Review Symposium on “Modernizing Marriage through E-Marriage” (November 12, 2010).

“Deconstructing Labor and Love: Japanese Exclusion and the “Picture Bride” Controversy,” Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois (June 2, 2010) (panelist).

“Marriage Fraud,” University of Richmond Law School Faculty Colloquy (October 23, 2009).

“Marriage, Power, and Inequality: Lessons from the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Centuries,” Law & Society Association, 2009 Annual Meeting, Denver, CO (May 27, 2009) (panelist).

“Marriage Fraud,” Emerging Family Law Scholars Conference, University of Colorado School of Law, (May 26, 2009).

“Marriage Fraud,” UVA Incubator Faculty Workshop Series (April 21, 2009).

“The "Mercer Girls" and the Hidden Dimension of Nineteenth-Century Immigration Law,” UVA Feminist Legal Forum Lunch Series (April 16, 2009).

“Family Law as the New Home of Feminist Legal Theory and Queer Theory,” Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities Annual Meeting, Suffolk Law School, Boston, MA (April 3, 2009) (discussant).

“Imagining Immigration Authority: A Family Affair,” Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities Annual Meeting, Suffolk Law School, Boston, MA (April 4, 2009) (panelist).

“Marriage, Immigration, and the Mercer Girls,” Boston University Legal History Workshop (October 8, 2008).

“Marriage, Immigration, and the Mercer Girls,” UVA Women’s Work Faculty Workshop Series (October 2, 2008).

“Chain Migration,” UVA Incubator Lunch Faculty Workshop Series (September 30, 2008).

“Family, Culture, Citizenship, and the Law,” Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities Annual Meeting, University of California at Berkeley Law School (March 29, 2008) (discussant).

“The New Rhetoric of Reproductive Marriage,” International Society of Family Law —North American Chapter Biannual Conference, Vancouver, BC (June 20, 2007).

“The New Rhetoric of Reproductive Marriage,” Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities Annual Meeting, Georgetown Law School, Washington, D.C. (March 23, 2007) (with Peter Brooks).

“Love Thy Neighbor? The Ethical Underpinnings and Racial Politics of Immigration Reform,” University of Virginia Conference on Public Service and the Law (February 17, 2007) (moderator).

“Immigration Law & the Regulation of Marriage,” UVA Summer Faculty Workshop (July 25, 2006).

“The Wages of Wifeness: Race & the Regulation of Female Migration,” Immigration Law Teachers Conference, University of Nevada-Las Vegas School of Law (May 5, 2006).

“Citizenship and the Family in Post-Civil War Reconstruction,” Immigration Law Teachers Conference, University of Nevada-Las Vegas School of Law (May 5, 2006).

“The Wages of Wifeness: Race & the Regulation of Female Migration,” Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities Annual Meeting, Syracuse Law School (March 17, 2006).

“Disaggregating Marriage from Sex from Reproduction,” Feminist Legal Theory Conference, Emory University School of Law (January 27, 2006).

“Polygamy, Prostitution, and the Federalization of Immigration Law,” Center for Race & Law Brown Bag Series, University of Virginia School of Law (November 16, 2005).

“Domestic Violence and Immigration Law,” Hunton & Williams Fellows Lunch Presentation, University of Virginia School of Law (October 14, 2005).

“Polygamy, Prostitution, and the Federalization of Immigration Law,” NYU Furman Scholars Workshop (April 22, 2004) (commentary by Professor Larry Kramer).

“Marriage and the Federalization of Immigration Law,” NYU Legal History Colloquium (January 21, 2004).

### **CONFERENCE AND SYMPOSIUM PLANNING**

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*Family Law Camp*, July 14-15, 2009, Harvard Law School.

*Emerging Family Law Scholars Conference*, May 26-27, 2009, University of Colorado at Boulder School of Law.

*Law & Emotion: Re-Envisioning Family Law*, September 18-19, 2008, sponsored by the Center for Children, Families, and the Law, University of Virginia.

*Emerging Family Law Scholars Conference*, June 5-6, 2008, Cardozo Law School, New York.

*Emerging Family Law Scholars Workshop*, June 2007, Vancouver, B.C.

*Welcome to America: Immigration, Families, and the Law*, March 30-31, 2006, sponsored by the Center for Children, Families, and the Law, University of Virginia.

### **SERVICE**

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UVA Faculty Senate (elected for three-year term beginning fall 2011); Faculty Senate Academic Affairs Committee (2011-2012)

Co-Director, Center for Children, Families and the Law (2006-present)

Law & Humanities Program Committee (2006-present, Chair 2006-09)

Immigration Law Program Committee (2006-present, Chair 2009-11)

Entry-level Appointments Committee (2006-07)

Academic Review Committee (2009-11)

**BAR ADMISSIONS**

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United States Supreme Court (2010)

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York (2000)

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York (2000)

New York State (2000)