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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

The University of Virginia

Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs (university-wide), 2014-present

Coordinate university faculty recruitment and retention efforts; develop and implement faculty policies; oversee university promotion and tenure process; assist faculty in addressing dual career issues; coordinate efforts to ensure diversity, inclusion, and equity; oversee faculty development programs

Faculty Member, School of Law, 2005-present

Professor of Law (with tenure), 2010-present

Albert Clark Tate, Jr., Research Professor of Law, 2011-2014

McFarland Award, 2012 (awarded annually to one member of law faculty by the dean for excellence in scholarly research)

Associate Professor of Law, 2005-2010

New York University School of Law

Acting Assistant Professor, Lawyering Program, 2002-2005

EDUCATION

Stanford Law School

J.D. with Distinction, 1998

Moot Court Board President

Research Assistant to Professor Janet Halley

Swarthmore College

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

Major in English Literature, Minor in Religion

Phi Beta Kappa

PUBLICATIONS

(Mis)Recognizing Polygamy (chapter in *THE POLYGAMY QUESTION*, ed. Janet Bennion and Lisa Fishbayn Joffe, Utah State University Press, 2016)

DNA and Distrust (with Brandon L. Garrett), 91 *NOTRE DAME LAW REVIEW* 757 (2015)

Foreword: The Future of Immigration Enforcement: A Tribute to David Martin, 30 JOURNAL OF LAW & POLITICS 401 (2015)

Structured Dialogue on Building a Sustainable, Stable Immigration Enforcement System (editor and moderator), 30 JOURNAL OF LAW & POLITICS 555 (2015)

Immigration's Family Values (with R. Kent Piacenti), 100 VIRGINIA LAW REVIEW 629 (2014)

Citizen Spouse, 101 CALIFORNIA LAW REVIEW 407 (2013)

What Makes the Family Special? 80 UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO LAW REVIEW 7 (2013)
(reviewed on Jotwell.com by Shani King: <http://family.jotwell.com/a-new-and-different-way-of-looking-at-family-based-immigration-policy/>; cited by Justice Scalia in *Kerry v. Din*, 135 S. Ct. 2128 (2015).

Family History, Inside and Out, 111 MICHIGAN LAW REVIEW 1001 (2013) (book review)

Plenary Power Preemption, 99 VIRGINIA LAW REVIEW 601 (2013) (cited by Justice Sotomayor in *Mutual Pharm. v. Bartlett*, 570 U.S. 2468 (2013))

The End of Annulment, 16 JOURNAL OF GENDER, RACE & JUSTICE (2013)

Marriage Fraud, 100 CALIFORNIA LAW REVIEW 1 (2012)

Peaceful Penetration: Proxy Marriage, Same-Sex Marriage, and Recognition, 2011 MICHIGAN STATE LAW REVIEW 139

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) (reprinted in 12 BENDER'S IMMIGRATION BULLETIN 1421 (OCT. 15, 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)

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

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Cumulative Constitutional Rights (with Brandon L. Garrett), ___ BOSTON UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW ___ (forthcoming, 2017 (draft available: http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2642640))

Domicile Dismantled (with Kathryn Barber), ___ INDIANA LAW JOURNAL ___ (forthcoming, 2016)

Three Ways of Looking at a Marriage (in progress; abstract accepted for Law & Society Annual Meeting)

Constructing the Multi-Parent Family (with Courtney Miller) (in progress)

COURSES TAUGHT

Immigration Law; Family Law; Constitutional Law II; Immigration Enforcement; Citizenship and Group Identity; Gender and Legal Theory; Sexuality and Law; Marriage in Law and Culture; Work and Family in Law and Culture; Seminar in Ethical Values

VISITING POSITIONS

Academic Visitor, The Centre for Criminology, Oxford University, United Kingdom, April-July 2015

Visiting Professor, University of Münster, Germany, May 2013 (taught “Current Issues in American Public Law”)

SELECTED AMICUS BRIEFS

Bostic v. Rainey, 4th Cir. Nos. 14-1167(L), 14-1169, 14-1173: Brief of *Amici Curiae* Kerry Abrams, Vivian Hamilton, Meredith Johnson Harbach, Joan Heifetz Hollinger, Courtney Joslin, and Forty-Four Other Family Law Professors in Support of Plaintiffs (2014) (case challenging Virginia’s marriage equality ban)

Hollingsworth v. Perry, S.Ct. No. 12-144: Brief *Amici Curiae* of Edward D. Stein, Joanna L. Grossman, Kerry Abrams, Holning Lau, Katharine B. Silbaugh, and 32 Other Professors of Family Law and Constitutional Law in Support of Respondents (2013) (case challenging California’s marriage equality ban)

Flores-Villar v. United States of America, S.Ct. No. 09-5801: Brief *Amici Curiae* of Professors of History, Political Science, and Law In Support of Petitioner (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) (case challenging federal law that discriminates based on sex and illegitimacy in citizenship acquisition)

SELECTED MEDIA AND BLOGGING

No More Blood, contribution to “Bloodlines and Belonging: Time to Abandon Ius Sanguinis?” a European University Institute Citizenship Forum Debate: <http://eudo-citizenship.eu/commentaries/citizenship-forum/1389-bloodlines-and-belonging-time-to-abandon-ius-sanguinis>

Making Admin Visible, JOTWELL.COM (Jan. 14, 2016) (article review) (available at <http://family.jotwell.com/making-admin-visible/>)

Restructuring Family Law, JOTWELL.COM (April 20, 2015) (book review of Clare Huntington, FAILURE TO FLOURISH: HOW LAW UNDERMINES FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS (2014))

Labor Protection Parity for Au Pairs, JOTWELL.COM (Jan. 24, 2014) (article review) (available at <http://family.jotwell.com/labor-protection-parity-for-au-pairs/>)

Reconsidering Work and Family with “The Marriage Equation,” JOTWELL.COM (Jan. 11, 2013) (article review) (available at <http://family.jotwell.com/reconsidering-work-and-family-with-the-marriage-equation/>)

Marriage Equality and Immigration (July 1, 2013); *Marriage and Immigration – Which State’s Law Applies?* (July 8, 2013); *Marriage Equality, Immigration, and ... Fraud?* (July 15, 2013) (Concurring Opinions Blog, available at <http://www.concurringopinions.com/archives/author/kerry-abrams>)

Kerry Abrams: Cited in the Supreme Court (July 24, 2013) (interview on Prawfsblawg, available at <http://prawfsblawg.blogs.com/prawfsblawg/2013/07/kerry-abrams-cited-in-the-supreme-court.html>)

Quoted in Nina Bernstein, *Do You Take This Immigrant?* N.Y. TIMES MB1 (Jun 11, 2010) (available at <http://www.nytimes.com/2010/06/13/nyregion/13fraud.html?pagewanted=all>)

LECTURES, WORKSHOPS & PRESENTATIONS

“Three Ways of Looking at a Marriage,” Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana (June 2, 2016)

“Cumulative Constitutional Rights,” Family Law Teachers and Scholars Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana (June 1, 2016)

“Three Ways of Looking at a Marriage,” University of Virginia *Intimacy Lectures* (April 21, 2016)

“Cumulative Constitutional Rights,” American University Washington College of Law Faculty Workshop (April 5, 2016)

“Imperial Histories of Marriage Policing and Citizenship: Now and Then,” Workshop on Managing Citizenship, Security and Rights, University of Quebec at Montreal (October 2, 2015)

“Supreme Court Roundup: *Obergefell v. Hodges*, University of Virginia School of Law (September 24, 2015)

“The Status of State Citizenship,” University of Oxford Academic Visitors in Law Workshop Series (May 25, 2015)

“The Challenge of Multi-Parentage,” University of Oxford Centre for Criminology Knowledge Exchange Seminar (May 21, 2015)

“Regulating Genetic Identity,” Duke Law School Faculty Workshop (November 14, 2014)

“Family Law: 10 Years of Change,” U.Va. Alumni Lunch (November 7, 2014)

“Family Law: 10 Years of Change,” U.Va. Lambda Law Lunch (October 29, 2014)

“Regulating Genetic Identity,” University of Virginia Summer Faculty Workshop (June 12, 2014)

“Genetics Federalism,” Emerging Family Law Scholars Annual Conference, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis (May 28, 2014)

“Immigration’s Family Values,” Workshop on Regulation of Family, Sex and Gender, University of Chicago School of Law (April 16, 2014)

“Immigration’s Family Values,” Association of American Law Schools Annual Conference, New York (January 4, 2014)

“Immigration’s Family Values,” William and Mary School of Law Faculty Workshop (November 14, 2013)

“After *Windsor*,” Center for Women, Gender, and Sexuality, University of Virginia (September 11, 2013) (panelist)

“Domicile, Citizenship, and Access to Rights,” International Society of Family Law Annual Conference, Brooklyn Law School (June 7, 2013) (panelist)

“Teaching Law & Humanities,” Princeton University Center for Human Values and Program in Law and Public Affairs (March 1, 2013) (invited participant)

“Comprehensive Immigration Reform in 2013?” *Virginia Journal of Social Policy and the Law Theory and Practice Symposium* (moderator/panelist) (February 19, 2013)

“A Legal Home: Derivative Domicile and Women’s Citizenship,” Center for Law, History, and Culture, University of Southern California School of Law (October 31, 2012)

A Legal Home: Derivative Domicile and Women’s Citizenship,” Center for the Study of Law and Society, University of California, Berkeley, School of Law (October 29, 2012)

“Plenary Power Preemption,” University of Baltimore School of Law Faculty Workshop (October 4, 2012)

“*Arizona v. United States*,” University of Virginia School of Law Supreme Court Roundup Panel (September 20, 2012)

“Plenary Power Preemption,” University of Iowa School of Law Faculty Workshop (September 13, 2012)

“The Implications of *Arizona v. United States*,” University of Virginia Immigration Law Program Panel (September 10, 2012)

“Plenary Power Preemption,” University of Virginia Summer Faculty Workshop (July 24, 2012).

“What Makes the Family Special?” University of Chicago Law Review Symposium (June 16, 2012).

“Recognizing Polygamy,” International Society of Family Law Annual Conference, University of Iowa Law School (June 15, 2012).

“Teaching Citizenship Law,” Immigration Law Teacher’s Conference, Hofstra Law School (June 1, 2012).

“Citizen Spouse,” Immigration Law Teacher’s Conference, Hofstra Law School (June 2, 2012)

“Citizen Spouse,” Emerging Family Law Scholars Annual Conference, Fordham Law School (May 21, 2012)

“Citizen Spouse” University of North Carolina Law School Faculty Workshop (March 29, 2012).

“Citizenship, Immigration, and Parentage” Association for the Study of Law, Culture and Humanities Annual Conference, Ft. Worth, TX (March 17, 2012) (with R. Kent Piacenti)

“A Legal Home: Derivative Domicile and Women’s Citizenship,” Golieb Colloquium in Legal History, NYU Law School (March 7, 2012)

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

“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)

“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, IL (June 2, 2010)

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

“Marriage, Power, and Inequality: Lessons from the 19th and 20th Centuries,” Law & Society Association 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,” University of Virginia School of Law Incubator Faculty Workshop Series (April 21, 2009)

“The “Mercer Girls” and the Hidden Dimension of Nineteenth-Century Immigration Law,” University of Virginia 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 (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

Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and Humanities Annual Conference (scheduled for March 9-11, 2014), University of Virginia School of Law (planning committee member and local host)

Mortimer Caplin Conference on the World Economy: High-Skilled Immigration: Politics, Economics, and Law (December 7, 2012, University of Virginia Miller Center Washington, D.C. office) (planning committee member)

Feminist Collaborative Research Network Annual Conference, October 5, 2012, University of Baltimore School of Law (planning committee chair)

Family Law Camp, July 14-15, 2009, Harvard Law School (planning committee member)

Emerging Family Law Scholars Conference, May 26-27, 2009, University of Colorado at Boulder School of Law (planning committee member)

Law & Emotion: Re-Envisioning Family Law, September 18-19, 2008, Center for Children, Families, and the Law, University of Virginia (co-director)

Emerging Family Law Scholars Conference, June 5-6, 2008, Cardozo Law School, New York (planning committee member)

Emerging Family Law Scholars Workshop, June 2007, Vancouver, B.C. (planning committee member)

Welcome to America: Immigration, Families, and the Law, March 30-31, 2006, Center for Children, Families, and the Law, University of Virginia (co-director)

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

University of Virginia Faculty Senate (2011-14) (elected to represent law faculty on university-wide representative body)

Faculty Senate Academic Affairs Committee (2011-14; Chair, 2013-14) (reviewed and approved or rejected all new degree programs, majors, minors, concentrations, and tracks, university-wide)

Faculty Senate Executive Council (2013-14) (member of management committee that sets agenda for Senate meetings)

LAW SCHOOL SERVICE

Academic Placement Committee (Chair, 2012-2013; member 2011-12) (assisted students and graduates in obtaining employment in legal academia)

Law & Public Service Program Faculty Mentor (2010-2014) (supervised student externships and independent studies)

Co-Director, Center for Children, Families and the Law (2006-present) (hosted conferences, coordinated speaker series)

Law & Humanities Program Committee (2006-2013, Chair 2006-09) (organized speaker series and coordinated curricular development)

Immigration Law Program Committee (2006-present, Chair 2009-11) (coordinated curriculum, clinics, and pro bono opportunities for students; invited speakers to grounds)

Entry-level Appointments Committee (2006-07) (selected and interviewed candidates for tenure-track positions)

Academic Review Committee (2009-11) (reviewed cases of academic misconduct)

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

University of Pennsylvania Law School, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Lecturer, 2003 (Feminist Jurisprudence)

Patterson, Belknap, Webb & Tyler, LLP, New York, New York

Litigation Associate, 1999-2002

Summer Associate, 1997

Hon. Stanwood R. Duval, Jr., U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana

Law Clerk, 1998-1999

Preston, Gates & Ellis (now K&L Gates), Seattle, Washington

Summer Associate, 1996

Holy Rosary Church, Edmonds, Washington

Pianist and Organist, 1994-1995

St. Martin's Press, College Textbook Division, New York, New York

Assistant to the President and to the Editor-in-Chief, 1993-1994

Radcliffe Publishing Course, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts

Earned professional certificate in book and magazine publishing, 1993

BAR ADMISSIONS

U.S. 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)