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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Alabama School of Law

Assistant Professor of Clinical Legal Education, 2012 – Present
Director, Domestic Violence Law Clinic, 2012 – Present

University of the District of Columbia David A. Clarke School of Law

Clinical Instructor, 2008 – 2012
LL.M. Fellow, 2010 – 2012

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Clinical Law, Family Law, Intellectual Property, Appellate Litigation, Critical Race Theory

PUBLICATIONS

Breaking the Code of Silence About Domestic Violence in Greek Life on Campus (work in progress).

Stories of Bias in American Foster Care (work in progress) (with Therese Beaudreault).

Race is Evidence of Parenting in America: Another Civil Rights Story in *CIVIL RIGHTS IN AMERICAN LAW, HISTORY, AND POLITICS*, 103 (Cambridge University Press 2014) (Austin Sarat, ed.).

Racial Bias in American Foster Care: The National Debate, 97 *MARQ. L. REV.* 215 (2013) (lead article).

Corbis & Copyright? Is Bill Gates Trying to Corner the Market on Public Domain Art?, 16 *INTELL. PROP. L. BULL.* 1 (2011).

Sacrificing the Child to Convict the Defendant: Secondary Traumatization of Child Witnesses by Prosecutors, their Inherent Conflict of Interest, and the Need for Child Witness Counsel, 9 *CARDOZO PUB. L. POL'Y & ETHICS J.* 239 (2011).

SELECTED MEDIA AND PRESENTATIONS

Student Life, Relationships and the Law: Confronting Domestic Violence in Higher Education, Pepperdine University School of Law October 9-10, 2014 (forthcoming), Facilitator & Panelist: *Breaking the Code of Silence About Domestic Violence in Greek Life on Campus*

Christian Scholars Conference, June 2014, Panelist: *Racial Bias in the Church & Its Role in American Foster Care*

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Association of American Law Schools Annual Conference on Clinical Legal Education, April 2014, Works-in-Progress session, *Stories of Bias in American Foster Care*

Challenging Authority: A Symposium in Honor of Derrick Bell, University of Pittsburgh School of Law, March 2014, *Stories of Bias in American Foster Care*

Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, January 2014, A2A (Access to Art) and IP Law Panelist (competitively selected), *Diminished Access to Public Domain Art or Corbis and Copyright? Is Bill Gates Trying to Corner the Market on Public Domain Art?*

Women's Resource Center, University of Alabama, October 2013, New Police Officer Training, Presenter: *Domestic Violence Law & Practice in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama*

Central States Law Schools Association Annual Conference, October 2013, Plenary Panelist: *Teaching Collaborative Lawyering as a Culturally-Competent, Practice-Ready Legal Skill*

WVUA-TV Interview, Tuscaloosa, "Director of UA's Domestic Violence Center Talks About Help They Provide to Victims," October 29, 2013

WVUA-TV Interview, Tuscaloosa, interview on domestic violence and the University of Alabama Domestic Violence Law Clinic, October 18, 2012

Racial Justice Initiative, TimeBanks USA, August 2011, Panelist, *Dismantling Structural Racism in the Foster Care & Juvenile Delinquency Systems: Homes, not Institutions – Justice for the Next Generation*

American Bar Association National Conference on Children and the Law, July 2011, Panelist, *Counseling Child Clients: A Critical Component of Successful and Ethical Representation*

American Bar Association, Center on Children and the Law, July 2011, Workshop Facilitator: *Working with Child Advocates, Improving Representation in the Child Welfare System*

Mid-Atlantic Clinical Theory and Practice Workshop, January 2010, *Protecting Child Witnesses When Prosecutors Don't*

American Bar Association, Center on Children & the Law, August 2009, Presenter: *Effective Ways to Advocate for Non-Resident Fathers Outside of the Courtroom*

UDC-TV, Sound Advice, interviewed on representing parents in child welfare cases, December 15, 2008

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LAW SCHOOL SERVICE

Member, Faculty Appointments Committee, 2014 – Present
Member, Public Interest Committee, 2013 – Present
Member, Honor Council, 2014 – Present
Member, Curriculum Committee, 2013 - 2014

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Newsletter Editor, Clinical Legal Education Association, 2012 – Present
Contributing Editor, Clinical Law Prof Blog, 2014 - Present
Acting Chair, Domestic Violence Task Force of Tuscaloosa County, 2013 – Present
Board Member, Turning Point Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Services, 2013 - Present

EDUCATION & CERTIFICATION

The University of the District of Columbia David A. Clarke School of Law, Washington, DC

LL.M., May 2012

Concentration: Clinical Education, Social Justice, and Systems Change

HIV-AIDS Legal Clinic: Administered Parent Representation Project grant

Selected cases: *In re Ang.P.*, 71 A.3d 713 (D.C. 2013) (neglect adjudication reversed); *In re A.O.T.*, 10 A.3d 160 (D.C. 2010) (termination of parental rights and adoption reversed); *In re N.R.*, 41 A.3d 1219 (D.C. 2012); *In re D.W.*, 137 Daily Wash. L. Rptr. 1513 (D.C. Sup. Ct. 2009) (neglect disposition remanded).

The National Association of Counsel for Children, Aurora, CO

Certified Child Welfare Law Specialist, May 2009 (based on examination and application)
Alabama and Washington, DC

American University, Washington College of Law, Washington, DC

J.D., *cum laude*, May 2002

Honors: Laura Reckman Memorial Endowed Scholarship; Dean's citation for the highest grade in the Glushko-Samuelsan Intellectual Property Law Clinic and Law & Visual Arts

Activities: *Journal of Gender, Social Policy, & the Law*, Line Editor

Boston University, Boston, MA

M.A., Psychology, May 1997 (GPA 3.82)

B.A., Psychology, May 1996

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OTHER EXPERIENCE

DC's Children Law Center, Washington, DC, 2003 – 2008

Staff Attorney, Guardian ad litem & Health Access Projects: Represented indigent children in abuse, neglect, adoption, guardianship, and custody cases. Represented parents in domestic violence, special education, custody, housing, and public benefits cases. Represented child witnesses in criminal child abuse cases. Advocated for neglected children in juvenile delinquency and special education matters. Conducted legal research, wrote pleadings, argued motions, and litigated trials before D.C. Superior Court judges. Trained attorneys on child witness representation and Guardian *ad litem* practice.

Washington College of Law, American University, Washington, DC

Student Attorney for the Glushko-Samuelson Intellectual Property Clinic, 2001—2002: Represented indigent individuals and non-profit organizations in various intellectual property matters including copyright litigation, trademark prosecutions, and patent application filings.

Dean's Fellow for the Legal Methods Program, 2000 –2001: Taught legal research, writing, and citation to first-year law students.

Office of the Public Defender, Rockville, MD, Fall 2000

Law Clerk/Extern: Assisted in all aspects of criminal-defense work for indigent adults charged with serious crimes in Rockville, Maryland.

Office of the Attorney General, Department of Juvenile Justice, Baltimore, MD, Summer 2000

Law Clerk/Extern: Recommended legal courses of action to supervising attorneys in class action suits, tort claims, and civil rights violation claims in anticipation of litigation.

Center for Social Development and Education, UMass Boston, Boston, MA, 1997 –1998

Senior Research Assistant (Promoted from Research Assistant): Developed federally-funded social skills intervention program for children with cognitive delays. Prepared grant proposals and publications.

BAR MEMBERSHIPS

Alabama State Bar, *admitted January 2013*
The District of Columbia Bar, *admitted July 2005*
The State Bar of California, *admitted December 2002*