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APPOINTMENTS :	<u>The University of Alabama School of Law</u> <i>Associate Professor of Law</i> <i>Assistant Professor of Law</i> (2007-2011)	August 2011 - present Tuscaloosa, AL
	<u>University of Maryland School of Law</u> <i>Visiting Assistant Professor of Law</i>	July 2006 - July 2007 Baltimore, MD
	<u>Georgetown University Law School</u> <i>Visiting Research Fellow</i>	June 2005 - August 2005
	<u>Stanford Law School</u> <i>Teaching Fellow/Instructor in Law</i>	August 2001 - August 2002 Stanford, CA

COURSES TAUGHT &

TEACHING INTERESTS: Property; Civil Rights Legislation (Sec. 1983) ; Gender and the Law; Trusts and Estates

SCHOLARSHIP: *Complexity in Property* (forthcoming, UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE LAW REVIEW, 2014).

The Law of the Body, 62 EMORY L.J. 549 (2013).

Introduction to the Meador Lectures on Boundaries, in MEADOR LECTURES ON BOUNDARIES (2013).

Taming Suffering, in KNOWING THE SUFFERING OF OTHERS (forthcoming, The University of Alabama Press, Austin Sarat ed., 2013).

Religious Practice and Sex Discrimination: An Uneasy Case for Tolerance, in MATTERS OF FAITH (Cambridge University Press, Austin Sarat ed., 2012).

Power, Paradigms, and Legal Prescriptions: "The Rule of Law" as a Necessary but Not Sufficient Condition for Transitional Justice, in TRANSITIONS (The University of Alabama Press, Austin Sarat ed., 2012).

Gender Rules, 22 YALE J. L. FEMINISM 133 (2010).

Misogyny, Androgyny and Sexual Harassment: Sex Discrimination in a Gender Deconstructed World, 29 HARV. J. L. & GENDER 99 (2006).

The Man, The State and You: The Role of Regulation in Inhibiting Gendered Hierarchies, 14 AM. U. J. GENDER SOC. POL'Y & L. 73 (2006).

Work-in-progress: *Norms Versus Forms in Property* (This paper provides an explanation for the persistence of formalism in property doctrine, arguing that formalism in property is the consequence of the foundational role that property plays in ordering social affairs).

Work-in-progress: *Womb for Rent* (This paper examines the phenomenon of gestational surrogacy and the property law and Equal Protection implications of various state law approaches to regulating this new reproductive technology).

Work-in-progress: *American Dynasties* (This paper analyzes the concept of 'ownership' in the context of so-called dynasty trusts).

Work-in-progress: *Pornography and Popular Convention* (a consideration of how the proliferation of internet-based pornography affects arguments offered by Rae Langton and Catherine MacKinnon that pornography sets sexual conventions in a manner that subordinates women).

Work-in-progress: *Gender Conventions* (an analysis of frequently overlooked yet important distinctions between gender-based social rules and the broader set of regularized behavior that is typically described as "conventional" behavior).

**SCHOLARLY
PRESENTATIONS:**

Faculty Colloquium: *Forms Versus Norms in Property*, Queens University Faculty of Law (March 2014).

Conference Presentation: *Womb for Rent*, 2013-2014 Southeast Law Schools Junior Faculty Conference, Emory Law School (November 2013).

Conference Presentation: *Complexity in Property*, Annual Meeting of the Association for Law, Property and Society, University of Minnesota Law School (April 2013).

Conference Presentation: *The Law of the Body*, 2011-2012 Southeast Law Schools Junior Faculty Conference, Wake Forest Law School (October 2011).

Conference Presentation: *Gender Rules*, Yale / Stanford Junior Faculty Forum, Yale Law School (June 2010).

Conference Presentation: *Is More Pornography Better? Silence and Solipsism in an Internet Age*, Southeastern Association of American Law Schools (SEALS) Annual Meeting (August 2009).

Colloquium Presentation: *When Men are Men and Girls are Girls*, Cumberland School of Law 2008-2009 Works-in-Progress Series (September 2008).

Conference Presentation: *When Men are Men and Girls are Girls*, Southeastern Association of American Law Schools (SEALS) Annual Meeting, Young Scholars Program (August, 2008).

Symposium Presentation: *Jurists and Gender: Highlighting the Experiences and Contributions of Women Judges*, AMERICAN UNIVERSITY JOURNAL OF GENDER, SOCIAL POLICY & LAW (February 28, 2006).

Symposium Presentation: *Breaking Barriers: Current Issues Relating to Women, Labor and the Law*, University of Maryland School of Law (November, 2006).

SERVICE: Representative to the Faculty Senate
Member of the Senate Faculty Life Committee
Member of the University-wide Student Health Committee
Member of the University-wide Mediation Committee (2010-20013)
Faculty Advisor to the ALABAMA CIVIL RIGHTS & CIVIL LIBERTIES LAW REVIEW
Member of the Colloquium Committee
Board Member of the Cross-Disciplinary Legal Studies Program
Member of the Executive Committee of the AALS Section on Property
Member of the AALS Section on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Issues
Member of the AALS Section on Women in Legal Education

EDUCATION: **Georgetown University Law Center**
Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, May 1998

Boston College
Bachelor of Arts, *magna cum laude*, May 1994

CLERKSHIPS: **The Honorable Fortunato P. Benavides,** August 2002 - August 2003
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit Austin, TX
Law Clerk

The Honorable George W. Lindberg, September 1998 - March 2001
U.S. District Court for the Northern District Illinois Chicago, IL
Law Clerk

BAR ADMISSION: Admitted to the New York State Bar and the District of Columbia Bar