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EMPLOYMENT

Boston University School of Law

Professor of Law

2012-

Associate Professor of Law

2006-2012

Peter Paul Development Professor

2007-2010

Teaches first-year and upper-level courses concerning civil procedure, federal courts, legal history, and gender and law. Convenor of the Clark Legal History Workshop Series. Principal areas of research include the history of federal courts and procedure, federalism, the history of marriage and marriage-based entitlements, and citizenship law.

Yale Law School

Visiting Professor

2013-14 (scheduled)

FELLOWSHIPS

National Endowment for the Humanities / Massachusetts Historical Society

Long-term Fellowship

Sept. 2012-Jan. 2013 (scheduled)

EDUCATION

YALE LAW SCHOOL, J.D., June 2000

Activities: Yale Law Journal, Editor; Coker Fellow; Yale Law Women, Executive Committee; Community Legal Services, Student Attorney; Global Constitutional Law Project, Editor

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, M.A. English Literature, May 1996

Scholarship: Marjorie Hope Nicholson Fellowship (full funding for Ph.D.)

OXFORD UNIVERSITY, M. LITT., English Literature, 1995

Dissertation: *Merchants, Moors and the Politics of Pageantry*

Scholarship: Shapiro Graduate Scholarship

GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY, B.A., magna cum laude, English Literature, June 1992

Honors: Distinguished Scholar (faculty-voted award to best student in graduating class)

Phi Beta Kappa

University Scholar-Athlete Award

Department Prize in Literature

Scholarships: National Endowment for the Humanities Younger Scholar (1990)

Several merit-based scholarships

PUBLICATIONS

Articles & Essays:

Representing Injustice: Justice as an Icon of Woman Suffrage, 24 YALE J. OF LAW & HUMANITIES 191 (2012).

“*Petitions Without Number*”: *Widows’ Petitions and the Early Nineteenth-Century Origins of Marriage-Based Entitlements*, forthcoming in __ LAW & HISTORY REV. __ (2012) (selected for the 2010 Law & Humanities Junior Scholar Workshop, Columbia Law School).

A Short History of Sex and Citizenship: The Historians’ Amicus Brief in Flores-Villar v. United States, 91 B.U. L. REV. 1485 (2011).

“*A Considerable Surgical Operation*”: *Article III, Equity, and Judge-Made Law in the Federal Courts*, 62 DUKE L. J. 249 (2010) (selected for the 2010 Stanford/Yale Junior Faculty Forum, Yale Law School).

Go West, Young Woman!: The Mercer Girls and Legal Historiography, 63 VANDERBILT EN BANC 77 (2010).

Administering Marriage: Marriage-Based Entitlements, Bureaucracy, and the Legal Construction of the Family, 61 VANDERBILT L. REV. 1809 (2009).

Federalism’s Fallacy: The Early Tradition of Federal Family Law and the Invention of States’ Rights, 26 CARDOZO L. REV. 1761 (2005).

When Fathers’ Rights are Mothers’ Duties: The Failure of Equal Protection in Miller v. Albright, 109 YALE L. J. 1667 (2000).

White-Washing the Black-a-Moor: Othello, Negro Minstrelsy, and the Parody of Blackness, 19 J. OF AM. CULTURE 87 (1996).

Briefs

Brief *Amici Curiae* of Professors of History, Political Science, and Law in Support of Petitioner, Flores-Villar v. United States, No.09-5801, 2010 WL 2602009 (U.S. June 25, 2010) (principal author, with Kerry Abrams, Candice Bredbenner, Christopher Capozzola, Nancy Cott, Linda Kerber, Virginia Sapiro, and Rogers Smith).

Other Publications

Sex and Citizenship in the Court, Again, Dissentmagazine.org, Posted July 20, 2011 (with Linda K. Kerber).

Sexing Citizenship, Slate.com, Posted Nov. 10, 2010 (reprinted in 49 PERSPECTIVES ON HISTORY 29 (2011)) (with Linda K. Kerber).

“*Hoyt v. Florida*,” in *Encyclopedia of the Supreme Court of the United States* (2008).

“*Taylor v. Louisiana*,” in *Encyclopedia of the Supreme Court of the United States* (2008).

Terms of Art: Et Ux, LEGAL AFFAIRS (April 2003).

Book Review: *Horrible Prettiness: Burlesque and American Culture*, by Robert Allen, 30 AM. STUD. INTERNAT’L (1992).

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Guyer v. Smith, Personal Status Laws, and the Practice of Citizenship (article)

Entitling Marriage: A History of Marriage, Public Money, and the Law (book project)

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

***Guyer v. Smith*, Personal Status Laws, and the Practice of Citizenship**

Boston University School of Law, Faculty Workshop, March 2012

Chicago-Kent School of Law, Faculty Workshop, February 2012

Annual Meeting of the American Society for Legal History, Atlanta, Georgia, November 2011

Courts as Antiheroes

Commentator & Panelist, Symposium on Courts: Representing and Contesting Ideologies of the Public Sphere, Yale Law School, February 2011

Sex and Citizenship at the Court

Brown Bag presentation on *Flores-Villar v. United States*, Boston University School of Law, November 15, 2010.

“Judges Shall Neither Make nor Import Law”: Article III, Equity, and Judge-Made Law in the Federal Courts

Stanford-Yale Junior Faculty Forum, Yale Law School, June 2010

University of Virginia School of Law, Legal History Workshop, March 2010

Boston University School of Law, Faculty Workshop, December 2010

Annual Meeting of the American Society for Legal History, Dallas, Texas, November 2009

Junior Faculty Federal Courts Workshop, Michigan State Univ. College of Law, October 2009

“Petitions Without Number”: Widows’ Petitions and the Early-Nineteenth Century Origins of Marriage-Based Entitlements

Law & Humanities Junior Scholar Workshop, Columbia School of Law, June 2010
Law and Society Annual Meeting, Chicago, May 2010
Boston College Legal History Roundtable, April 2010
Association for the Study of Law, Culture and the Humanities, Brown University, March 2010
Emerging Family Law Scholars, University of Colorado Law School, May 2009
Boston University School of Law Faculty Workshop, March 2009

Administering Marriage: Marriage-Based Entitlements, Bureaucracy, and the Legal Construction of the Family

Harvard Law School, Legal History Colloquium, February 2009

Citizen Soldiers and Weeping Widows: Military Subsidies and the Two-Track Welfare System Reconsidered

Law and Society Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada, May 2008

“Let the Government become their guardians”: Administrative Law and the Legal Construction of the Family in the Early Nineteenth Century

University of Texas School of Law, Faculty Colloquia Series, April 2008
Boston University School of Social Work, Social Welfare Analysis Colloquium, February 2008
Boston University School of Law Faculty Workshop, October 2007
Annual Meeting of the American Society for Legal History, Tempe, Arizona, October 2007

SELECTED EXPERIENCE

University of Colorado School of Law, Boulder, Colorado 2005-2006
Research Fellow. Taught upper-level course on complex civil procedure.

Emery Celli Brinckerhoff & Abady, New York, New York 2003-2005
Associate. Attorney at civil rights litigation firm with national practice. Responsible for all aspects of litigation involving constitutional and statutory civil rights protections. Practice focused on First Amendment law, takings violations, prisoners’ rights, employment discrimination, and legal ethics.

Chief Judge John M. Walker, Second Circuit Court of Appeals 2002-2003
Law Clerk.

Judge Kimba M. Wood, U.S. District Court for the S.D.N.Y. 2001-2002
Law Clerk.

Institute for Democracy in South Africa (IDASA), Cape Town, South Africa 2000-2001
Senior Fellow. Researched and designed publication concerning the role of the courts in South Africa's ongoing process of democratization for prominent South African human rights organization.

Yale Law School 1998-2000
Research Assistant, 1998-2000, in legal history to Professor Reva Siegel.
Teaching Assistant, Spring 2000, Citizenship, Gender and the Law, Professors Judith Resnik and Reva Siegel.
Coker Teaching Fellow, Fall 1999, Contracts, Professor James Whitman.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Memberships:

American Society for Legal History
Surrency Prize Committee, 2012-13
Law and Society Association

Bar Admissions:

Supreme Court of the United States
United States District Court, S.D.N.Y
New York State