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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of California, Berkeley

Berkeley, CA

Professor of Law (tenured)

July 2011-present

Assistant Professor of Law

July 2006-July 2011

Classes: Family Law, Criminal Law, Constitutional Law, Advanced Topics in Family Law.

Honors: Association of American Law Schools' Derrick A. Bell Award (2009); Association of American Law Schools' Scholarly Papers Competition Winner (2011); Class of 2013 Graduation Faculty Speaker (2013); Rutter Award for Teaching Distinction (2014).

Columbia Law School

New York, NY

Associate in Law

August 2004 - July 2006

Classes: Federalism and the Family, Legal Writing and Analysis.

EDUCATION

Yale Law School, J.D., 2002

New Haven, CT

Honors: NAACP-LDF/Shearman & Sterling Scholar
Morris Tyler Moot Court Semifinalist

Activities: *Yale Law Journal*, Notes Development Editor
Black Law Students Association

University of Virginia, B.A. with distinction (History and American Studies), 1997
Charlottesville, VA

Honors: Phi Beta Kappa
Jefferson Scholar (full merit scholarship)
Echols Scholar (honors program)
Lawn Resident (honor reserved for top 40 students in the fourth-year class)
Raven Society
Omicron Delta Kappa

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS

The Honorable Sonia Sotomayor

2003-04

United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

The Honorable Stefan R. Underhill
 United States District Court for the District of Connecticut

2002-03

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- CASES AND MATERIALS ON REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS AND JUSTICE (Foundation Press 2014) (with K. Luker).

Law Review Articles

- *Black Marriage, White People, Red Herrings*, 110 MICH. L. REV. 977 (2013) (reviewing R. Banks' *Is Marriage for White People?*).
- *Paradigms Lost*, 37 N.Y.U. REV. L. & SOC. CHANGE 291 (2013) (symposium essay).
- *Marriage as Punishment*, 112 COLUM. L. REV. 1 (2012).
 - Winner, Association of American Law Schools' Scholarly Paper Competition (2011).
 - Winner, Association of America Law Schools' New Voices in Gender Studies Paper Competition (2011).
- *What's So New About the New Illegitimacy?*, 20 AM. U. J. GENDER, SOC. POL'Y & L. 387 (2012) (symposium contribution).
 - Winner, Dukeminier Award (2013).
 - Winner, Williams Institute, Michael Cunningham Prize (2013).
- *Made with Men in Mind: The GI Bill and Its Reinforcement of Gendered Work after World War II*, in FEMINIST LEGAL HISTORY (T. Boisseau & T. Thomas, eds., NYU Press, 2011).
- *Disestablishing the Family* (with Alice Ristroph), 119 YALE L.J. 1236 (2010).
- *The Space Between: The Cooperative Regulation of Criminal Law and Family Law*, 44 FAM. L.Q. 227 (2010) (symposium essay).
- *Marriage Rights and Parental Rights: Parents, the State, and Proposition 8*, 5 STAN. J. C.R.-C.L. 357 (2010) (symposium essay).
- *Strange Bedfellows: Criminal Law, Family Law, and the Legal Construction of Intimate Life*, 94 IOWA L. REV. 1253 (2009).
 - Nominated for a Dukeminier Award for the best law review articles on law and sexuality.
- *Equal Rites and Equal Rights*, 96 CALIF. L. REV. 1395 (2008).
- *When War is Work: The G.I. Bill and the Civic Generation*, 96 CALIF. L. REV. 967 (2008) (reviewing S. Mettler's *From Soldiers to Citizens*).
- *The Networked Family: Reframing the Legal Understanding Caregiving and Caregivers*, 94 VA. L. REV. 385 (2008).

- *I'd Like to Thank the Academy: Duncan Kennedy, CLS, and the Reproduction of Hierarchy*, 55 J. LEGAL ED. 65 (2005).
- *Whatever Happened to G.I. Jane?: Citizenship, Gender and Social Policy in the Postwar Era*, 9 MICH. J. GENDER & L. 91 (2002).
- *Accommodating Non-Marriage*, 88 S. CAL. L. REV. ____ (forthcoming 2015).
- *Family Law's Doctrine(s)*, 163 U. PENN. L. REV. ____ (forthcoming 2015).

Short Pieces and Op-Eds

- *Inequality's Frontiers*, 122 YALE L.J. ONLINE 235 (2013) (symposium essay).
- *Panopti-Moms*, 4 CALIF. L. REV. CIRCUIT 165 (2013) (reviewing C. Rich's *Innocence Interrupted: Reconstructing Fatherhood in the Shadow of Child Molestation Law*).
- *Crossing the (Color) Line*, 16 J. GENDER RACE & JUST. 667 (2013) (symposium foreword).
- *What's in a Naim?*, Huffington Post (June 28, 2013).
- *Get Rid of the Penalty*, N.Y. Times.com Room For Debate (Apr. 14, 2013) (with D. Ventry).
- *Free to be Biased?*, N.Y. Times.com Room For Debate (Apr. 25, 2012) (with R. Robinson).
- *Law School for Poets*, 3 CALIF. L. REV. CIRCUIT 111 (2012) (symposium foreword).
- *The Softer Side of Criminal Law: Integrating Gender into the Criminal Law Curriculum*, 36 OKLAHOMA CITY U. L. REV. 525 (2012) (symposium essay).
- Op-ed, *Should Job Creation Favor Men?* (with Darren Rosenblum), S.F. CHRON., May 19, 2009, at A11.
- *The Private Life of Criminal Law*, in CRIMINAL LAW CONVERSATIONS (P. Robinson, S. Garvey & K. Ferzan, eds. 2009).
- *Quilloin v. Walcott*, in ENCYCLOPEDIA OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES (Thomson-Gale Publishing 2009).
- *Federalism and Families*, in THE CHICAGO COMPANION TO THE CHILD (University of Chicago Press, 2008).
- *An FMLA That Fits More Families*, Blue Sky: New Ideas for the Obama Administration (available at <http://ideas.berkeleylawblogs.org/2009/02/18/an-fmla-that-fits-more-families/#more-36>) (2009).

PRESENTATIONS

Connecticut Law Review, Griswold at 50 Symposium

Plenary Session

Hartford, CT

Presented *Mothers in Law: Muller, Women, and the Roberts Court*.

November 2014

- University of Pennsylvania Law Review, New Doctrinalism Symposium
Plenary Session, Family Law** October 2014
Philadelphia, PA
Presented *Family Law's Doctrine(s)*.
- New York University, School of Law
Faculty Workshop** September 2014
New York, NY
Presented *The New(?) Sexual Regulation*.
- American Constitution Society, Bay Area Lawyers Chapter
Panel Discussion on *Burwell v. Hobby Lobby*** November 2014
San Francisco, CA
Panelist.
- San Jose State University
An Interview with Justice Sonia Sotomayor** October 2014
San Jose, CA
Interviewed Justice Sonia Sotomayor before live audience.
- Association of American Law Schools, Midyear Meeting
Plenary Session, *Life After Windsor and Perry*** June 2014
Washington, DC
Presented *Paradigms Lost: the Future of Nonmarital Recognition*.
- Harvard Law School, *Religious Exemptions in the Age of Civil Rights*** April 2014
Boston, MA
Presented *Nonmarriage, Religious Accommodations, and the Withering Welfare State*.
- Stanford Law School, Faculty Workshop** February 2014
New York, NY
Presented *The New(?) Sexual Regulation*.
- Florida State University, College of Law, *After Marriage Symposium*** January 2014
Tallahassee, FL
Presented *In Windsor's Wake: The Future of Nonmarital Recognition*.
- University of Chicago Law School, Faculty Workshop** November 2014
Chicago, IL
Presented *The New(?) Sexual Regulation*.
- Stanford University, Marriage Equality Symposium** October 2013
Stanford, CA
Presented *In Windsor's Wake: The Future of Nonmarital Recognition*.
- Berkeley Law, Center for Reproductive Rights and Justice** October 2013
Speech, Symbols, and Substantial Obstacles: The Doing and "Undue"ing of Abortion Law since Casey
Berkeley, CA
Panelist on panel discussing integrating reproductive rights and justice into the law school curriculum.

Berkeley Law, Center for the Study of Law and Society

Berkeley, CA

Presented *The New Public Sex*.

Brooklyn Law School

Brooklyn, NY

Presented *The New Public Sex*.

University of Arizona, Rogers College of Law

Tucson, AZ

Panelist for Constitution Day program.

University of Iowa, College of Law

Iowa City, IA

Presented *The New Sexual Regulation*.

Seattle University, School of Law

Seattle, WA

Presented *The New Sexual Regulation*.

**Williams Institute, UCLA Law School, Liberty/Equality: The View from
Roe's 40th & Lawrence's 10th Anniversaries**

Los Angeles, CA

Presented Lawrence's *Second Generation*.

**UC Berkeley, Haas Institute for a Fair and Inclusive Society,
Symposium on *The Erotic Life of Racism***

Berkeley, CA

Presented *Illegitimacy as Injury*.

**Ohio State University, Moritz College of Law
Race, Sexuality and Social Justice Conference**

Columbus, OH

Presented *Illegitimacy as Injury*.

Yale Law School, Gruber Lecture on Women's Rights

New Haven, CT

Presented *Inequality's Frontiers* on panel honoring Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg's legacy.

**NYU Law School, *Making Constitutional Change:
The Past, Present, and Future Role of Perry v. Brown***

New York, NY

Presented *Paradigms Lost* at symposium on *Perry v. Brown*.

Law and Society Association Annual Meeting

Honolulu, HI

Presented *From Loving to Lawrence: The Changing Face of Sexual Regulation*.

October 2013

September 2013

April 2013

April 2013

January 2013

November 2012

October 2012

October 2012

October 2012

June 2012

- Duke Law School, Jerome Culp Colloquium** May 2012
Durham, NC
Commented on Russell Robinson's *Post-racial Marriage Equality*.
- University of Southern California, Roundtable: Is Marriage for White People?** October 2011
Los Angeles, CA
Offered a critique of Rick Banks' *Is Marriage for White People?*
- Loyola Law School, LGBT Identity and the Law** October 2011
Los Angeles, CA
Presented *What's So New About the New Illegitimacy?*
- University of Southern California, Roundtable: Is Marriage for White People?** October 2011
Los Angeles, CA
Offered a critique of Rick Banks' *Is Marriage for White People?*
- Constitution in 2020: The Future of Equality** April 2011
Austin, TX
Panelist for Sexuality, Gender and Equality panel.
- University of Minnesota Law School, Public Law Workshop** February 2011
Minneapolis, MN
Presented *Marriage as Punishment*.
- Association of American Law Schools 2011 Annual Meeting** January 2011
San Francisco, CA
Presented *Marriage as Punishment* at the Scholarly Paper Competition Winners' Panel.
- Association of American Law Schools 2011 Annual Meeting** January 2011
San Francisco, CA
Presented *Marriage as Punishment* at the New Voices in Gender Studies Competition Winners' Panel.
- Association of American Law Schools 2011 Annual Meeting** January 2011
San Francisco, CA
Presented *The Private Life of Criminal Law* at panel on "Enlisting and Resisting: Criminal Law and Family Law as Partners and Rivals."
- Association of American Law Schools 2011 Annual Meeting** January 2011
San Francisco, CA
Presented *The Softer Side of Criminal Law* at panel on "Sex in the Classroom?: Integrating Gender in the Core Curriculum."
- Arizona State University, Sandra Day O'Connor School of Law** November 2010
Tempe, AZ
Speaker at conference on intersection of criminal law and family law.
- Columbia Law School, Public Law Workshop** November 2010
New York, NY
Presented *Marriage as Punishment*.

- University of Washington, Faculty Colloquium**
Seattle, WA
Presented *Marriage as Punishment*.
October 2010
- Loyola Law School, Faculty Workshop**
Los Angeles, CA
Presented *Marriage as Punishment*.
September 2010
- UCLA Law School, Berkeley-UCLA Junior Faculty Exchange**
Los Angeles, CA
Presented *Marriage as Punishment*.
September 2010
- National People of Color Conference, Seton Hall University Law School**
Newark, NJ
Presented *Marriage as Punishment*.
September 2010
- Denver University, Sturm School of Law, Faculty Colloquium**
Denver, CO
Presented *Marriage as Punishment*.
August 2010
- Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Conference**
Palm Beach, FL
Moderated panel on the Sotomayor and Kagan confirmation processes.
August 2010
- Association of American Law Schools Mid-Year Meeting
Civil Rights Workshop**
New York City, NY
Panelist for “Interventions: The Possibilities of Law.” Presented research on the G.I. Bill and national service.
June 2010
- Law and Society Association Annual Meeting**
Chicago, IL
Presented *Marriage as Punishment*.
May 2010
- University of California, Davis, School of Law
Faculty Workshop**
Davis, CA
Presented *Marriage as Punishment*.
April 2010
- Arizona State University Law School
Southwest/West Junior Faculty Workshop**
Tempe, AZ
Presented *Marriage as Punishment*.
March 2010
- UCLA Law School
Sexuality and Gender Law Symposium**
Los Angeles, CA
Panelist for “Multi-dimensional Theories of Advocacy.”
February 2010

- Lewis and Clark Law School** February 2010
Portland, OR
Presented *Disestablishing the Family*.
- University of Southern California, Gould School of Law** January 2010
Los Angeles, CA
Presented *Disestablishing the Family*.
- Southwestern Law School** January 2010
Los Angeles, CA
Presented *Disestablishing the Family*.
- Vanderbilt University Law School** December 2009
Nashville, TN
Presented *Disestablishing the Family*.
- Berkeley Center for Criminal Justice Roundtable,
University of California-Berkeley, School of Law** February 2009
Berkeley, CA
Served as a commentator for Carolyn Ramsey's *Provoking Change: Comparative Insights on Feminist Homicide Law Reform*.
- Thelton E. Henderson Center for Social Justice** November 2009
ReProducing Justice Symposium
Berkeley, CA
Moderated a panel concerning the intersections of workers' rights and reproductive rights.
- Thelton E. Henderson Center for Social Justice, University of California-Berkeley** October 2009
Berkeley, CA
Panelist for *The Myth of Neutrality: The Sotomayor Confirmation Process*.
- Berkeley Latino Policy Forum: Latina Justice** September 2009
Berkeley, CA
Presented *The Sotomayor Nomination and the Public Emergence of the Networked Family*.
- Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Conference** August 2009
Palm Beach, FL
Presented *Marriage as Punishment*.
- Homeless Action Center** June 2009
Berkeley, CA
Presented *Marriage Rights and Parental Rights: Parents, the State, and Proposition 8*.
- Law and Society Association Annual Meeting** May 2009
Denver, CO
Presented *Marriage as Punishment*. Moderated panel on Domestic Violence in the 21st Century.
Participated in roundtable discussion of *Privilege or Punish: Criminal Justice and the Challenge of Family Ties*.

- Emerging Family Law Scholars Conference, University of Colorado School of Law** May 2009
Boulder, CO
Presented *Marriage as Punishment*.
- CRT20 Conference, University of Iowa School of Law** April 2009
Iowa City, IA
Presented *Made With Men in Mind*.
- Thelton E. Henderson Center for Social Justice, University of California-Berkeley** April 2009
Berkeley, CA
Presented *Marriage Rights and Parental Rights: Parents, the State, and Proposition 8*.
- University of California-Berkeley, Doreen B. Townsend Center for the Humanities** March 2009
Berkeley, CA
Presented *Marriage Rights and Parental Rights: Parents, the State, and Proposition 8*.
- Berkeley Law, Center for Criminal Justice Roundtable** February 2009
Berkeley, CA
Served as a commentator for Alice Ristroph's *Violence in the Shadow of Law*.
- Stanford Law School, Legal Studies Workshop** February 2009
Palo Alto, CA
Presented *Strange Bedfellows: Criminal Law, Family Law, and the Legal Construction of Intimate Life*.
- Stanford Law School, Gender, Parenting and the Law Symposium** February 2009
Palo Alto, CA
Presented *Marriage Rights and Parental Rights: Parents, the State, and Proposition 8*.
- UCLA Law School, Critical Race Studies Seminar** January 2009
Los Angeles, CA
Presented *Strange Bedfellows: Criminal Law, Family Law, and the Legal Construction of Private Life*.
- University of Chicago Law School** January 2009
Regulation of Family, Sex, and Gender Workshop
Chicago, IL
Presented *Strange Bedfellows: Criminal Law, Family Law and the Legal Construction of Intimate Life*.
- University of California-Irvine, School of Law** December 2008
Faculty Workshop
Irvine, CA
Presented *Strange Bedfellows: Criminal Law, Family Law and the Legal Construction of Intimate Life*.
- Berkeley Law, California Law Review Author's Colloquium** November 2008
Berkeley, CA
Presented *Equal Rites and Equal Rights*.

- Berkeley Law, Center for Criminal Justice**
The Next Department of Justice Symposium
Berkeley, CA
Moderated panel on organizational reform in the Department of Justice. November 2008
- UCLA Law School, Critical Race Studies Program**
Is Gay the New Black? Proposition 8 in Context
Los Angeles, CA
Panelist in roundtable discussion of Proposition 8. November 2008
- Berkeley Law, Center for Criminal Justice Roundtable**
Berkeley, CA
Served as a commentator for Jeannie Suk's *Is Privacy a Woman?* October 2008
- University of Denver, School of Law**
Lutie Lytle Workshop
Denver, CO
Served as a commentator for a family law panel. July 2008
- Emerging Family Law Scholars Conference**
New York, NY
Presented *The Space Between: The Intersection of Criminal Law and Family Law in State v. Koso.* June 2008
- Association for the Study of Law, Culture and the Humanities**
Berkeley, CA
Presented *The Space Between: The Intersection of Criminal Law and Family Law in State v. Koso.* March 2008
- University of Utah, S.J. Quinney College of Law**
New Frontiers in Family Law Symposium
Salt Lake City, UT
Presented *The Space Between: The Intersection of Criminal Law and Family Law in State v. Koso.* February 2008
- University of California, Berkeley**
Institute for the Study of Social Change/Center for the Study of Law and Society
Berkeley, CA
Respondent to Laura Rosenbury's paper, *Children as Subjects.* October 2007
- Boalt Hall, Identity Journal Annual Reception**
Berkeley, CA
Presented *Do Identity Journals Still Matter?* September 2007
- Southern Methodist University, Dedman School of Law**
Law and Citizenship Colloquium
Dallas, TX
Presented *The Space Between: The Intersection of Criminal Law and Family Law in State v. Koso.* September 2007

**University of Iowa Law School
Women Faculty Writing Workshop**

June 2007

Iowa City, IA

Presented *When Love is a Crime: The Multiple Meanings of Marriage in State v. Koso*.

Association for the Study of Law, Culture and the Humanities

March 2007

Washington, D.C.

Presented *When Love is a Crime: The Multiple Meanings of Marriage in State v. Koso*.

Thelton E. Henderson Center for Social Justice Symposium

November 2006

Loving by Law: Forty Years Since Loving v. Virginia

Berkeley, CA

Moderated a panel concerning the implications of *Loving v. Virginia* for the legal regulation of non-traditional intimate relationships. Presented remarks on papers prepared for the panel.

Law and Society Association Annual Meeting

June 2006

Baltimore, MD

Presented *When Love is a Crime: The Multiple Meanings of Marriage in State v. Koso*.

MEDIA APPEARANCES

Appearance, *All Things Considered*, NPR, discussing morals clauses, July 15, 2014.

Appearance, *The Tavis Smiley Show*, PBS, discussing the Roberts Court, July 7, 2014.

Quoted in “*When is ‘Daddy’ more than DNA?*” (CNN.com) discussing *Patric v. Schreiber*, June 18, 2014.

Quoted in “*Actor Jason Patric’s custody case ruling may impact other dads*,” (AP) discussing *Patric v. Schreiber*, May 18, 2014.

Appearance, *Marriage Equality Roundup*, Al Jazeera America, discussing *recent gains in marriage equality*, January 19, 2014.

Quoted in “*From Messiah to Hitler, What You Can and Cannot Name Your Child*,” (Time.com) discussing parental autonomy and child naming, August 12, 2013.

Appearance, *Up with Chris Hayes*, MSNBC, discussing *Hollingsworth v. Perry* and *United States v. Windsor*, March 23, 2013.

Appearance, *Roe v. Wade Still Debated 40 Years Later*, Fox News Radio, discussing *Roe v. Wade*’s fortieth anniversary, January 22, 2013.

Quoted in “*Adultery, an Ancient Crime That Remains on Many Books*,” (New York Times) discussing adultery laws, November 14, 2012.

Appearance, *KTVU Evening News*, discussing Nancy Pelosi/Luke Russert age controversy, November 14, 2012.

Appearance, *Nevada Same-Sex Marriage Ban Challenged*, Nevada Public Radio, discussing Nevada same-sex marriage challenge, Apr. 11, 2012.

Quoted in “*Postpartum defense would find knowledgeable jury in O.C. case*” (L.A. Times) discussing postpartum psychosis as a criminal defense, September 12, 2011.

Quoted in ‘*Sister Wives’ Family Sues to Prevent Prosecution for Polygamy* (Christian Science Monitor) discussing recent challenge to Utah’s anti-bigamy criminal statute, July 13, 2011.

Appearance, *The Michelangelo Santorile Show*, Sirius XM Radio Out-Q, discussing the rhetoric of the same-sex marriage debate, November 23, 2009.

Quoted in *Schools Emerge as New Tactic in Gay Marriage Votes* (Associated Press, multiple outlets) discussing the rhetoric of the same-sex marriage debate, November 6, 2009.

Appearance, *CBS Evening News*, discussing the appointment of Justice Sonia Sotomayor, August 8, 2009.

Appearance, KIRO 97.3 FM, *The Dave Ross Show*, discussing Supreme Court nominee Sonia Sotomayor, July 13, 2009.

Quoted in *Sotomayor, Word by Word* (National Law Journal), discussing Supreme Court nominee Sonia Sotomayor, June 22, 2009.

Appearance, Green 960 AM, *The Angie Coiro Show*, discussing Supreme Court nominee Sonia Sotomayor, June 10, 2009.

Quoted in *Right Calls Sotomayor Racist Over Line in Talk* (San Francisco Chronicle), discussing Supreme Court nominee Sonia Sotomayor, May 29, 2009.

Quoted in *Sotomayor Is Obama’s Pick for High Court* (Daily Journal), recounting clerkship with Hon. Sonia Sotomayor, May 27, 2009.

Quoted in *Sotomayor, a Trailblazer and a Dreamer* (New York Times), recounting clerkship with Hon. Sonia Sotomayor, May 26, 2009.

Appearance, KNTV, discussing proposed domestic partnership ballot initiative, Mar. 10, 2009.

Appearance, KTVU, discussing oral arguments on Proposition 8, Mar. 6, 2009.

Appearance, KNTV, discussing oral arguments on Proposition 8, Mar. 5, 2009.

Quoted in *Managing Motherhood and Tenure*, discussing work/family issues in academia, Nov. 13, 2008.

Quoted in *Cyber Infidelity Can Be Damaging For Real*, discussing cyber-adultery, Dec. 3, 2007.

Mentioned in *Teaching by Tabloid* (Newsweek), an article discussing innovative teaching techniques, Mar. 19, 2007.

SERVICE

American Law Institute

- Member (2011-present)

University of California, Berkeley

Faculty Interviewer, Regents' and Chancellor's Scholarship Program, (2010-present)

- Interviewed prospective undergraduates for the University's most prestigious scholarship program

University of California, Berkeley

- Berkeley Law Dean's Search Committee, (2013-14)
- Haas Initiative for a Fair and Inclusive Society, LGBTQ Research Cluster (2011-present)

Berkeley Law

- Appointments Committee (2008-12)
 - Equity Officer (2012-13)
 - Committee Member (2010-11, 2012-13)
 - Ad Hoc Service (2008-10)
 - Interviewed prospective candidates at the AALS Faculty Recruitment Conference
 - Attended committee meetings following Faculty Recruitment Conference
 - Served on subject area sub-committee reading groups
 - Drafted memoranda on prospective visitors to aid committee deliberations
- Academic Placement Committee (2007-10, 2014-15)
 - Co-Chair (2009-10)
 - Helped organize panels and "boot camps" for alumni on the entry-level academic market.
 - Served as a resource for candidates on the entry-level academic job market.
- Thelton E. Henderson Center for Social Justice
 - Executive Director Search Committee (2013)
 - Executive Committee (2007-10)
 - Participated in long-term planning for Center, including staffing and hiring deliberations.
 - Developed Junior Faculty Social Justice Colloquium.
- Clerkship Committee (2007-08, 2011-14)
 - Co-Chair (2011-12)
 - Assisted students in applying for judicial clerkships
 - Panelist for interview workshop for applicants
 - Conducted mock interviews with students
- Disciplinary Committee (2007-08)
- California Law Review
 - Faculty Advisor (2014-present)
 - Public Interest Bar Grant Selection Committee (Spring 2007, 2010-14)
- Bridge Grant Selection Committee (Spring 2010)

- Faculty Advisor, Berkeley Journal of African American Law and Policy (2006-2014)
- Faculty Advisor, Law Students of African Descent (2006-present)
- Faculty Advisor, Family Law Society (2007-2011)
- Faculty Advisor, Women of Color Collective (2008-present)

Association of American Law Schools

- Judge, Scholarly Papers Competition (2011)
- Judge, Section on Women in Legal Education New Voices in Gender Studies Competition (2011, 2013)
- Section on Law and Humanities (2007-present)
 - Chair (2013-14)
 - Chair-Elect (2012-2013)
 - Program Chair (2011-12)
 - Treasurer (2010-11)
- Section on Minority Groups (2006-present)
 - Executive Board Member (2014-present)
 - Co-chair, Clyde Ferguson and Derrick A. Bell Awards Sub-committee
- Section on Women in Legal Education (2006-present)
 - Executive Board Member (2013-present)
- Editor, Journal of Legal Education (2011-present)

Law and Society Association

- Judge, John Hope Franklin Prize (2012)

East Bay Community Law Center

- Executive Board Member (2012-present)

American Constitution Society, Bay Area Lawyers Chapter

- Executive Board Member (2014-present)

Jotwell

- Co-Editor, Family Law Section (2011-present)

COMPETITIVE GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

University of California-Berkeley, Junior Faculty Research Grant (2009-2010).

University of California-Berkeley, Regents' Junior Faculty Fellowship (2009-10).

University of California-Berkeley, Townsend Center for the Humanities (junior faculty fellowship).

University of California-Berkeley, Junior Faculty Research Grant (2007-2008).

University of California-Berkeley, Junior Faculty Mentorship Grant (2007-2008).

NAACP-LDF/Shearman & Sterling Merit Scholarship (1999-2002).

Jefferson Scholarship (full merit scholarship to the University of Virginia, 1993-1997).

MISCELLANEOUS

- Admitted to Practice, New York
- Participant, Aspen Institute Justice and Society Seminar (2013)