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Professional Experience

July 2001 – Present: Herma Hill Kay Distinguished Professor of Law, University of California-Berkeley Law School

Affiliated Faculty, JSP Program 2015-Present

Associate Dean, July 2003-July 2005

July 1997- July 2003, and July 1992-July 1996: Professor of Law and Associate Professor of Ethics & Public Life, Cornell University.

Director, Women's Studies Program (2000-2001)

Acting Director, Women's Studies Program (1998-99)

Member of Graduate Fields in Government and Women's Studies

July 1996-July 1997: Professor of Law, Northwestern University Law School.

Fellow, Kaplan Institute for the Humanities (1996-97)

July 1985-July 1992: Professor of Law (1991-1992), Associate Professor of Law (1985-91)

Boston University Law School

Visiting Appointments: Harvard Law School, Spring 1992; Cornell Law School, 1990-91;

Indiana University-Bloomington (O'Byrne Visiting Professor), 1995-96.

June 1984-June 1985: Law Clerk, Judge Frank M. Johnson, Jr., 11th Circuit Court of Appeals

Montgomery, AL

Education

1980-1984

J.D., Yale Law School (Notes Editor, Yale Law Journal)

1976-1980

Harvard-Radcliffe College, B.A., magna cum laude in Government

Awards and Fellowships

Chancellor's Award for Public Service (Community-Based Teaching), UC-Berkeley, 2018-19

Law and Public Affairs Fellowship, Princeton University, 2016-17

Faculty Bridging Grant, Committee on Research, UC-Berkeley, 2013-15 [competitive grant for mid-career faculty making transition in methodology or substance of scholarship]

Anne Lukingbeal Award (Cornell Law School), 2000.

Outstanding Educator, Merrill Presidential Scholar Program (Cornell University), 1994.

Alice and Constance Cook Award (Cornell University), 1993.

Nathan Magg Fellowship (Yale Law School), 1983-84

Eric Firth Prize (Honors Thesis, Harvard University), 1980

Phi Beta Kappa (Harvard University) 1980

Invitational Working Groups

Strategic Working Group on Law and Humanities, Townsend Center for the Humanities (UC-Berkeley), 2013-14, 2015-16 [extension for creation of edited volume]

Chancellor's Public Scholar (American Cultures Program, UC-Berkeley), 2011-12, 2017-18

Interdisciplinary Faculty Seminar on Moral Psychology, Townsend Center for the Humanities (UC-Berkeley), Co-Instructor, 2009-10

MacArthur Foundation Project on Law and Neuroscience, Faculty participant, 2007-2010

Awards and Fellowships

Chancellor's Award for Public Service (Community-Based Teaching), UC-Berkeley, 2018-19

Law and Public Affairs Fellowship, Princeton University, 2016-17

Faculty Bridging Grant, Committee on Research, UC-Berkeley, 2013-15 [for mid-career faculty making transition in methodology or substance of scholarship]

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Publications

Book

Open Hand, Closed Fist: Practices of Undocumented Organizing in a Hostile State (forthcoming University of California Press, Spring 2022).

Edited Volumes/Special Issues

Kathryn Abrams, ed., *Legal Feminism Now*, 9 Issues in *Legal Scholarship* (2011)

Kathryn Abrams & Irene Kacandes, eds., **WSQ: Witness** (Vol. 36, Nos. 1&2) (2008).

Articles and Book Chapters

Dominance Feminism: Placing Sexualized Power at the Center, in Martha Chamallas, ed., **Oxford Handbook of American Feminist Legal Theory** (forthcoming 2021-22)

Bridging Past and Future: Judge Frank Johnson and Minority Vote Suppression, 71 *Ala. L. Rev* 819 (2020)

A Vigil at the End of the World, in Marianne Constable, Leti Volpp and Bryan Wagner, eds., **Looking for Law in All the Wrong Places: Justice Beyond and Between** (2019)

When the State Hates, in Thomas Brudholm and Birgitte Schepelern Johansen, ed., **Hate, Politics, Law** (2018)

Contentious Citizenship: Undocumented Activism in the Not1MoreDeportation Campaign, 26 *Berkeley La Raza L. J.* 46 (2016)

Emotional Transitions in Social Movements: the Case of Immigrant Rights Activism in Arizona, in John Stannard and Heather Conway, eds., **The Emotional Dynamics of Law and Legal Discourse** (2016)

Three Faces of Privatization, in Martha Fineman ed., **Privatization, Vulnerability, and Social Responsibility** (2016)

Performative Citizenship in the Civil Rights and Immigrant Rights Movements, in Samuel Bagenstos and Ellen Katz, eds., **A Nation of Widening Opportunities: The Civil Rights Act at 50** (2015)

Seeking Emotional Goals with Legal Means (Jorde Symposium), 103 Calif. L. Rev. 1657 (2015)

The Outsider Within: The Radical, “Not So Scary” Feminist Jurisprudence of Ann Scales, 91 Den. L. Rev. 23 (2013).

Legal Hopes: Enhancing Resilience Through the External Cultivation of Positive Emotions, 64 N.Ireland L. Q. 111 (with Hila Keren) (2013).

Disenchanted the Public/Private Distinction, in Austin Sarat, Martha Umphrey, Lawrence Douglas, eds., **Imagining New Legalities** (2012)

Introduction: the Distinctive Energies of “Normal Science” in Kathryn Abrams, ed., *Legal Feminism Now*, 9 Issues in Legal Scholarship Iss 1/article1 (2011)

Performing Interdependence (Symposium on the contributions of Judith Butler to Legal Scholarship), 21 Colum. J. Gender & L. 474 (2011).

Emotions in the Mobilization of Rights, 46 Harv. CR-CL L. Rev. 551 (2011).

Who’s Afraid of Law and the Emotions? (with Hila Keren) 94 Minn. L. REV. 1997 (2010).

Dean’s Lecture: Empathy and Experience in the Sotomayor Hearings, 36 Ohio N. L. Rev. 263 (2010).

Elusive Coalitions: Rethinking the Politics of Gender and Sexuality, 57 UCLA Law Rev. 1135 (2010)

Three Tales of Two Texts: An Introduction to Law and the Humanities, in Austin Sarat, ed., **Law and the Humanities** (2010).

Exploring the Affective Constitution: A Lecture in Honor of Melvyn Durchslag, 59 Case Western Res. L. Rev. 571 (2009).

Immigration Enforcement and Family as a Vehicle for Abjection, 2009 Utah L. Rev. 407 (Symposium, New Directions in Family Law).

Boundaries and Barriers: Resisting The Role of Emotion in Family Law, 16 Va. J. Soc. Pol’y & L. 301 (2008-2009).

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Postscript: Curious Encounters, Unpredictable Conversations, in Martha Fineman, Jack Jackson & Adam Romero, eds., *Feminism and Queer Theory: Intimate Engagements, Uncomfortable Conversations* (2009).

Introduction, in Kathryn Abrams & Irene Kacandes, **WSQ: Witness** (2008).

Feminist Debate Over Pornography, **Encyclopedia of the Supreme Court** (2008)

Forebearant and Engaged Tolerance: A Comment on David Heyd, in Melissa Williams & Jeremy Waldron, eds., **Toleration and Its Limits: Nomos XLVIII** (2008).

Women and Anti-War Protest: Rearticulating Gender and Citizenship, 87 *B.U.L.Rev.* 849 (2007).

Law in the Cultivation of Hope, 95 *Calif. L. Rev.* 319 (2007) (with Hila Keren).

Black Judges and Ascriptive Group Identification, in John Drobak, ed., **Norms and the Law** (Cambridge University Press 2006).

Globalism, Feminism, and Work (Ruth Bader Ginsburg Lecture) 28 *Th. Jeff. L. Rev.* 307 (2006).

Feminist Legal Theory and the Emotions: Three Moments in an Evolving Relationship, 28 *Harv. Women's L. J.* 325 (2005).

Subordination and Agency in Sexual Harassment Law in C. MacKinnon & R. Siegel, eds., **Directions in Sexual Harassment Law** (Yale University Press 2004)

Roundtable: Is Subversion Subversive? (Symposium: Subversive Legacies), 13 *Tex. J. of W. & Law* 149 (2003).

Hybridizing Citizenship (Symposium on Ackerman & Ayres' Voting with Dollars), 37 *Richmond L. Rev.* 935 (2003).

Feminists in International Human Rights: The Changer and the Changed, 21 *Berkeley J. Int'l L.* 390 (2003).

"Groups" and the Advent of Critical Race Theory, in *Issues in Legal Scholarship, The Origins and Fate of Antisubordination Theory* (2003), at [http://www.bepress.com/ils/iss2/art\[\]](http://www.bepress.com/ils/iss2/art[]).

Fighting Fire with Fire: Rethinking the Role of Disgust in Hate Crimes (Symposium on Community and Criminal Law), 90 *Calif. L. Rev.* 1423 (2002).

The Progress of Passion (review essay), 100 *Mich. L. Rev.* 1602 (2002).

Extraordinary Measures: Protesting Rule of Law Violations after *Bush v. Gore* (Special Issue on Legitimacy and *Bush v. Gore*), 21 *L. & Phil.* 165 (2002).

The Legal Subject in Exile (Symposium on "The Constitution in Exile"), 51 *Duke L. J.* 27 (2001).

The Second Coming of Care (Symposium on Structures of Care Work), 76 Chicago-Kent L. Rev.1605 (2001).

Creating a New Legal Actor (Symposium on Perea et al. Race and Races: Cases and Resources for a Diverse America), 89 Calif. L. Rev. 1589 (2001).

Refusing and Resisting (review essay), Women's Review of Books, April 2001, p. 1.

Ruth Bader Ginsburg, in **Encyclopedia of the American Constitution** (2d ed., Leonard W. Levy, Kenneth Karst et al., New York: MacMillan 2000).

Afterword: Critical Strategy and the Judicial Evasion of Difference (Symposium on Inequality), 85 Cornell L. Rev. 1426 (2000).

Judge Frank Johnson in the Long Run (memorial tribute issue), 51 Alabama L. Rev 1381 (2000).

Cross-Dressing in the Master's Clothes (review essay), 109 Yale L.J. 745 (2000)

Destabilizing Domesticity (Gallivan Conference on Real Property), 32 U. Conn. L. Rev. 281(1999).

Some Realism About Electoralism: Rethinking Judicial Campaign Finance (Symposium on Judicial Independence)72 S.Cal. L. Rev. 505(1999).

From Autonomy to Agency: Reflections on Women's Self-Direction (Symposium on Reconceptualizing Liberalism)40 William & Mary L. Rev. 805(1999).

How to Have a Culture War (review essay),65 U. Chi. L. Rev. 1091(1998).

The New Jurisprudence of Sexual Harassment, 83 Cornell. L. Rev. 1169(1998).

Postscript, Spring 1998: A Response to Professors Bernstein and Franke,83 Cornell L. Rev. 1257 (1998)

Paternalism, Choice and the Reinvigoration of the Traditional Family (Symposium on the New American Family)73 Ind. L. J. 517(1998).

Equality and Impasse: Mobilizing Group-Based Perspectives in an Era of Group-Blindness in N. Devins & D. Douglas, eds., **Redefining Equality** (Oxford:1998).

The Hugo L. Black Lecture: The Constitution of Women, 48 Alabama L. Rev. 861(1997).

The Supreme Court, Visibility and the Politics of Presence (Symposium, Defining Democracy for the Next Century) 50 Vand. L. Rev. 411(1997).

Respecting Women's Lives and Investigating Women's Consciousness: A Comment on Obiora, (Special Issue, Bridging Society, Culture and Law: The Issue of Female Circumcision),47 Case Western L. Rev. 399(1997).

Redefining Women's Agency: A Response to Professor Williams (Symposium on Civil Society),72 Ind. L. J. 459(1997).

Complex Claimants and Reductive Moral Judgments: New Patterns in the Search for Equality (Conference on the Second Century for U. Of Pittsburgh School of Law), 57 Pitt. L. Rev. 337 (1996).

Sex Wars Redux: Agency and Coercion in Feminist Legal Theory, 95 Colum. L. Rev. 304 (1995).

The Unbearable Lightness of Being Stanley Fish (review essay) 47 Stan. L. Rev. 595 (1995).

Title VII and the Complex Female Subject (Symposium, "Visions of Equality"), 92 Mich. L. Rev. 2479 (1994).

The Reasonable Woman: Sense and Sensibility in Sexual Harassment Law, Winter 1995 Dissent 48.

"No There There": State Autonomy and Voting Rights Regulation (Rothgerber Symposium on Guarantee Clause), 65 Colo. L. Rev. 835 (1994).

The Narrative and the Normative, in S. Heinzelman & Z. Wiseman, eds., Representing Women: Feminism, Literature and Law (Duke Univ. Press, 1994).

Songs of Innocence and Experience: Dominance Feminism in the University (review essay), 103 Yale L. J. 1553 (1994).

Creeping Absolutism and Moral Impoverishment: The Case for Limits on Free Expression, American Council of Learned Societies Occasional Paper No. 22 (1993).

Gender in the Military: Androcentrism and Institutional Reform, 56 L. & Contemp. Probs. 217 (1993).

Sexual Harassment at a Crossroads: Law and Culture in the Regulation of Sexual Injury, Princeton University Center for Human Values Working Paper Series, No. 3 (1993).

Relationships of Representation in Voting Rights Jurisprudence (Symposium on Regulating the Electoral Process), 71 Tex. L. Rev. 1409 (1993).

Narrative, Unity and Law, 13 Studies in L., Pol. & Soc. 3 (1993).

Social Construction, Roving Biologism and Reasonable Women: A Response to Professor Epstein (Symposium: Employment Discrimination, Affirmative Action, and Multiculturalism), 41 De Paul L. Rev. 1021 (1992).

Lawyers and Social Change Lawbreakers: Confronting a Plural Bar (Special Issue on Lawyers and Civil Disobedience) 52 Pitt. L. Rev. 753 (1991).

Hearing the Call of Stories, 79 Calif. L. Rev. 971 (1991).

Feminist Lawyers and Feminist Method (Review Essay), 16 J. of L. and Soc. Inq. 373 (1991).

Ideology and Women's Choices, (Symposium on Feminist Jurisprudence) 24 Georgia L. Rev. 761 (1990).

Hiring Women (Symposium on Gender Bias in Legal Education), 14 S. Ill. L. J. 487 (1990).

Gender Discrimination and the Transformation of Workplace Norms (Symposium, The State of the Union: Civil Rights) 42 Vand. L. Rev. 1183 (1989).

Law's Republicanism (Symposium on Republicanism), 97 Yale L.J. 1591 (1988).

"Raising Politics Up": Minority Political Participation and Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act, 63 N.Y.U. L. Rev. 449 (1988).

The Deluge: A Trial and Judgment in One Act (Book Review), 65 Tex. L. Rev. 661 (1987).

Kitsch and Community (Review Essay), 84 Mich. L. Rev. 941 (1986).

A Constitutional Law for the Age of Anxiety (Book Review), 73 Calif. L. Rev. 1643 (1985).

Note, On Reading and Using the Tenth Amendment, 93 Yale L.J. 723 (1984).

Selected Lectures and Presentations

Rethinking Solidarity in the #MeToo Movement, Law and Society Association Annual Meeting (online), May 2020

Panel on The Constitution and the Lessons Learned, Berkeley Law School (online), January 2021.

Voter Engagement and the Undocumented Immigrants Movement, Center for the Study of Law and Society, November 2020 (online); Panel on Race, Voting, and Democracy, Berkeley Law School (online), July 2020.

What Would It Take to Make #MeToo an Intersectional Movement?, Workshop for Handbook on Critical Race Theory (online), September 2020.

Panel on Race and Legal Education, Berkeley Law School (online), August 2020.

Performing Emotion in the Undocumented Immigrants' Movement, Feeling Democracy Conference, Rutgers University (online), May 2020

Comment on Yuval Feldman, Festschrift for Bob Cooter, Berkeley Law School, February 2020

Storytelling, Emotion Cultures, and Performative Citizenship in the Undocumented Immigrants Movement, Dickinson College [Public Lecture], Carlisle, PA, September 2019

Roundtable on Restorative Justice, Dickinson College, Carlisle, PA, September 2019

A Conversation with Dean Erwin Chemerinsky on "We the People," American Constitution Society, Berkeley Law School, September 2019

Three Practices of the Undocumented Immigrants' Movement, Law and Society Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., May 2019

Book Chat (Panel): Looking for Law in All the Wrong Places, Townsend Center, UC-Berkeley, April 2019

The Political Consciousness of Undocumented Immigrants, University of Colorado Law School Faculty Workshop, February 2019; Framing, Law, and Immigration Reading Group, March 2019

Judge Frank Johnson and Vote Suppression, Centennial Conference in Honor of Judge Frank M. Johnson, University of Alabama-Tuscaloosa, January 2019

From Vulnerability to Activism, Conference on Immigrants and Refugees, Berkeley Law School, June 2018

Panel on #MeToo, American Bar Association Section on Employment, Miami Florida, April 2018

The Political Maturation of the "Undocumented and Unafraid," Faculty Workshop, UC-Berkeley Law School, October 2018

Feminist Legal Theory and #MeToo, Henderson Center, UC-Berkeley Law School, October 2018

Emotion Cultures in the Undocumented Immigrants Movement, University of Technology-Sydney Law School, Sydney Australia, July 2018 [Public Lecture]; Intersections Research Centre, University of Wollongong, Australia, July 2018

Roundtable on Law and Emotions, University of Technology-Sydney Law School, July 2018

Three Practices of the Undocumented Immigrants' Movement, University of Kentucky Faculty Workshop, March 2018

Performative Citizenship in the Undocumented Immigrants' Movement, Conference on Immigrants and Refugees, UC-Berkeley Law School, August 2017; LAPA Fellows Lunch, Princeton University, May 2017; "Undocumented" Conference, Princeton University, May, 2017

Emotion Cultures in the Undocumented Immigrants Movement, Rutgers University, May 2017

Storytelling in the Undocumented Immigrants' Movement, LAPA Workshop, Princeton University, March 2017

The Undocumented Immigrants' Movement and the Trump Administration, Women's Faculty Club, University of California-Berkeley, March 2017

Contentious Citizenship and the Not1More Deportation Campaign, Cardozo Law School Faculty Workshop, February 2017

Panelist, Trump and the Constitution: The Rights of Immigrants and Refugees, Princeton University, February 2017

Proposal for a Book on the Undocumented Immigrants' Movement, LAPA Fellows Lunch, Princeton University, December 2016

The Undocumented Immigrants' Movement, Woodrow Wilson School Graduate Students' Discussion Group, Princeton University, November 2016

Arizona and the Undocumented Immigrants Movement, American Constitution Society, UC-Berkeley Law School, November 2015

Undocumented Stories, Center for Law Culture and Humanities, Osgoode Hall School of Law, York University, Toronto, Canada, November 2015; Berkeley Faculty Workshop, September 2015

Dissident Citizenship in the Undocumented Immigrants Movement, William O Douglas Lecture, Whitman College, Walla Walla, WA, April 2015; and LSA Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, June 2015.

Undocumented Activism in Arizona, Immigration (In)Action, Berkeley La Raza Law Journal, March 2015.

Seeking Emotional Ends with Legal Means, Jorde Symposium, UC-Berkeley School of Law, October 2014

Regulating Emotions in the Movement of Undocumented Immigrants, LSA Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN., May 2014

When the State Hates, Workshop on Hate, Tolerance, Law, Institute for Cross-Cultural and Regional Studies, Copenhagen, Denmark, May 2014

Undocumented Stories, Biannual Conference of Immigration Scholars, UC-Irvine, May 2014

Undocuqueer Organizing in the Undocumented Students Movement, Youth, Illegality, and Belonging, Harvard School of Education, Cambridge, MA, October 2013.

Civil Rights and Immigrant Rights, Civil Rights Act at 50, University of Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor, MI, October 2013.

The Emotional Strategies of Arizona's Immigrant Justice Movement (keynote), Symposium on Law and the Emotions, Queen's University, Belfast, N. Ireland, March 2013.

The Outsider Within: The Not-So-Scary Feminist Jurisprudence of Ann Scales (keynote), Raising Hell and Having Fun: A Symposium Honoring the Work of Ann Scales, University of Denver Law School, March 2013.

Registering Voters and Making Activists: Undocumented Youth in Civic Engagement Campaigns, Undocunation Symposium, UC Berkeley; Faculty Workshop UC Davis Law School, February 2013; Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, November 2012.

Undocumented Immigrants, Vulnerability and Identity, Conference: Vulnerability and Identity, Emory Law School, Atlanta, GA, October 2012 (paper presented in absentia).

Mobilizing with (Performative) Rights: Arizona's Immigrant Justice Movement, Law and Society Annual Meeting, Honolulu, HI, June 2012.

Interrogating Privatization: State Regulation and Depictions of Human Subjectivity in Three Privatization Regimes, Conference: Privatization, Emory Law School, Atlanta, GA, February 2012.

Legal Hopes: Enhancing Resilience by External Cultivation of Positive Emotions (with Hila Keren), Conference: Resilience and Vulnerability, Emory Law School, Atlanta, GA, December 2011.

Constitution Day Lecture: Fear and Loathing in Maricopa County: The Emotions of Immigration Regulation, Mercer University Law School, Macon, GA, September 2011

Introductory Remarks, AALS Conference "Women Rethinking Equality," Washington, D.C., June 2011 [chair of planning committee for conference]

Disenchanted the Public Private Distinction, Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, May 2011

Arizona's SB 1070 Through the Lens of the Emotions, Admitted Students' Day, UC-Berkeley School of Law, April 2011

Fear and Loathing in Maricopa County, Faculty Workshop, Seattle University, February 2011.

Commentator on Suzanne Last Stone, Berkeley Institute for Jewish Law and Israeli Law, Economy and Society, February 2011.

Emotional Habitus in Feminist and Queer Social Movements, Conference on Gender and Democratic Participation, Cardozo University Law School, New York City, November 2010

Emotions and Rights, UC Berkeley School of Law Faculty Retreat, Monterey, CA, September 2010.

Commentator on Maxine Eichner, Law and Society Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, May 2010.

Legal Feminism Now, Faculty Workshop, Faculties of Law and Women's Studies, Hebrew University-Jerusalem, May 2010.

Who's Afraid of Law and the Emotions, Faculty Workshop, Vanderbilt Law School, April 2010
The Intimate Public and the Pastoral Private, Faculty Workshop, UC Berkeley School of Law, April 2010.

Cultivating Hope in the Law, Hope Studies Conference, Levin Center, NYC, March 2010

On "The Examined Life," Symposium Honoring the Contributions of Judith Butler to the Law, Columbia Law School, March 2010

Elusive Coalitions, Symposium on Gender and Sexuality, UCLA Law School, February 2010.

The Intimate Public and the Pastoral Private, Faculty Workshop, Program on Law, Jurisprudence and Social Thought, Amherst College, November 2009.

Dean's Lecture: Empathy and Experience in the Sotomayor Hearings, Ohio Northern Law School, September 2009

Eve Sedgwick's Revenge (Comment on Elizabeth Emens, *Against Nature*), UC-Berkeley School of Law, March 2009.

The Role of Emotion in Family Law, Faculty Workshop, Southwest University Law School, January 2009.

Boundaries and Barriers: Resisting The Role of Emotions in Family Law, Symposium: Emotions in Family Law, University of Virginia School of Law, September 2008.

The Role of Hope in the Obama Campaign, Brown Bag Series, Homeless Action Center, July 2008.

Commentary on Ummni Khan, "A Woman's Right to be Spanked," Law, Culture and Humanities Junior Scholars Conference, UCLA Law School, June 2008.

Exploring the Affective Constitution (Lecture in Honor of Melvyn Durchslag), Case Western Reserve University Law School, April 2008.

A Framework for Analyzing Law's Impact on the Emotions, Annual Conference: Law, Culture and the Humanities, UC-Berkeley, March 2008.

Immigration Enforcement and Family as a Vehicle for Abjection, New Frontiers of Family Law, University of Utah School of Law, February 2008.

Women and Antiwar Protest: Rearticulating Gender and Citizenship, Boston University Law School Distinguished Lecture; Faculty Workshop, University of Oregon Law School, Spring 2007,

Toward a Constructive View of Law and the Emotions, Enlund Distinguished Visitor Lecture, DePaul University Law School, March 2007.

Introduction, and The Normative Turn in Law and the Emotions Scholarship, Conference: New Directions in Law and the Emotions, University of California-Berkeley School of Law, February 2007 [also co-organized conference]

Motherhood and Gender in the Politics of Antiwar Protest, Conference: Dimensions of Women's Equal Citizenship, Hofstra University Law School, November 2006; Faculty Workshop, University of Oregon Law School, De Paul University, Winter 2007.

Commentator (on work by Noya Rimalt), Law & Humanities Junior Scholars Conference, USC School of Law, Los Angeles, CA, June 2006.

Law in the Cultivation of Hope, Faculty Workshop, Center for the Study of Law & Society, UC-Berkeley; Faculty of Law, University of Toronto; Staff Lunch Talk, Homeless Action Center, Winter/Spring 2005-06.

Black Judges and Ascriptive Group Identification, Faculty Workshop, University of Minnesota Law School, Minneapolis, MN, October 2005.

Commentator, Panel: Traveling Legal Theories, Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, NV, June 2005.

Ruth Bader Ginsburg Lecture: Globalism, Feminism, and Work, Feminism & Legal Theory Conference: The Global Impact of Feminist Legal Theory, Thomas Jefferson School of Law, San Diego, CA, March 2005.

Feminist Legal Theory and the Emotions, Faculty Workshop, University of San Diego Law School, March 2005.

Panelist, The 2004 Presidential Election, Commonwealth Club, San Francisco, CA, November 2004.

Commentator, Conference: The Future of Voting Rights, Cornell Law School, Ithaca, NY, October 2004.

Reflections on Feminism and Post-Colonialism, Feminism and Legal Theory Conference, Emory University, Atlanta, GA, September 2004.

Comment on Deborah Dinner, Law & Humanities Junior Scholars' Conference, University of California-Los Angeles, June 2004.

Changing the Subject: Agency in Feminist Legal Theory, Faculty Workshop, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC, April 2004.

Ashcroft v. Georgia and the New Paradigm of Minority Vote Dilution, Faculty Workshop, Loyola-Los Angeles School of Law, March 2004.

Feminist Legal Theory and the Emotions: Three Moments in an Ongoing Relation (Keynote Speech), Symposium on Law & the Emotions, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA., March 2004.

Sexual Harassment and the Politics of Shame, Faculty Workshop, Ohio State Law School, Columbus, OH, August 2003; UC-Davis School of Law, Davis, CA, September 2003; University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, February 2004.

"Sexual Harassment and Sexual Shame," Rights and Realities: Legal and Social Scientific Approaches to Employment Discrimination, Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA, March 2003; Law, Philosophy and Political Theory Workshop, Boalt Hall School of Law, Berkeley, CA, April 2003; Feminism and Legal Theory Conference, Madison, WI, June 2003.

"Feminist Legal Theory at a Crossroads?" Panel for Section on Legal Scholarship: The Future of Critical Legal Scholarship, AALS Annual Meeting, Washington D.C., January 2003 [paper presented in absentia]

Plenary Panelist, "Does Subversion Subvert?" Subversive Legacies Conference, UT-Austin School of Law, Austin TX, November 2002.

Panelist, "Full Court Press," Boalt Hall Alumni Weekend, Berkeley, CA, October 2002.

Roundtable: "Critical Feminist Theory in Public Law: Our Distinctive Voice," Western Political Science Association, Long Beach, CA, March 2002.

“Changing the Subject: Agency, Law and Feminist Legal Theory,” Faculty Workshops: University of Arizona Law School; Boalt Hall School of Law, University of California-Berkeley; University of Miami School of Law; University of Pennsylvania School of Law; University of California-Los Angeles; University of Southern California School of Law; University of Texas School of Law, December 2000 through February 2003.

“The Legal Subject in Exile,” Symposium: The Constitution In Exile – Is it Time to Bring It in from the Cold?, Duke University Law School, Durham, NC, October 2000.

“Interrogating Interdependency: Black Judges and Ascriptive Group Membership,” Conference inaugurating the Center for Interdisciplinary Legal Studies, Washington University Law School, St Louis, MO, September 2000 and March 2001.

“Work/Family Conflict and Constructions of Masculinity,” Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, Miami FL, and Feminism and Legal Theory Conference, Cornell University, May-June 2000.

“Women’s Agency in Feminist Advocacy and Legal Doctrine,” Faculty Workshops: Boston University Law School, Duke University Women’s Studies Program, Rutgers-Camden School of Law, Spring 2000.

“Three Moments in Intersectionality Scholarship,” Conference on Identities in 2000 and Beyond, Michigan Journal of Race and the Law, Ann Arbor, MI, March 2000.

“Critical Strategy and the Judicial Evasion of Difference,” Cornell Law Review Symposium on Inequality, October 1999.

Organizer and Participant, “Women’s Studies and Studies of Women,” Spencer Foundation, Chicago, IL, March and October 1999.

“Changing the Subject of Inequality,” Feminism and Legal Theory Workshop, Cornell Law School, June 1999.

“Coercion and Agency in Law and Feminist Legal Theory,” Hegemonic and Resistant Genderings, Changing the Relationship of Market Work to Family Work, Wahsington College of Law, American University, Washington, DC, June 1999.

“Destabilizing Domesticity,” Gallivan Conference on Property Law, University of Connecticut School of Law, Hartford, CT., April 1999.

“Some Realism about Electoralism: Rethinking Judicial Campaign Finance,” Symposium on Judicial Independence, University of Southern California School of Law, Los Angeles, November 1998.

“From Autonomy to Agency: Reflections on Women’s Self-Direction,” Reconstructing Liberalism, College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA, April 1998; and faculty colloquia at University of Michigan Law School and DePaul University College of Law, March 1998.

“Themes of Agency in Leaving Las Vegas,” Georgetown Conference on Law and the Humanities, Washington, D.C., March 1998; and Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Aspen Colorado, June 1998.

“Vindicating Plural Norms Through Sexual Harassment Litigation: The Element of Unwelcomeness,” Conference on Sexual Harassment, Yale Law School, New Haven CT., February 1998.

“Bridging Theory and Practice: Reservations and Opportunities,” Panel for the Law School Dean, AALS Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, January 1998.

“Making Narrative Useful,” National Association of Scholars Meeting, San Francisco, CA; Fordham Law School, and Notre Dame University Law School, January-February 1998.

“Legal Depictions of Women and Feminist Legal Theory,” The Pan-American Conference on Transforming Women’s Legal Status, Washington College of Law, American University, November 1997.

“Complexity, Contingency and Legal Doctrine,” Annual Meeting, Law and Society Association, St. Louis, MO; and Faculty Workshop, Northwestern University Law School, Chicago, IL., April-May 1997.

“The Rhetoric of Sexual Victimization,” Bodies, Boundaries and Beyond: The Law’s Impact on Women, Cornell Law School, Ithaca, NY, April 1997.

“The Problem of Agency in Feminist Jurisprudence,” Feminism and Critical Race Theory Workshop, University of Arizona, Tuscon, AZ; Poynter Center, University of Indiana-Bloomington; Kaplan Center for the Humanities, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL; University of Texas Law School, Austin, TX, January-February 1997.

“The Supreme Court, Visibility and the Politics of Presence,” Symposium: Defining Democracy for the Next Century, Vanderbilt University School of Law, Nashville, TN, October 1996.

“The Constitution of Women,” Inaugural Hugo L. Black Lecture, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, October 1996.

“Title VII and the Complex Female Subject,” Faculty Colloquium at Indiana University-Bloomington School of Law, February 1996.

“Women’s Agency and the Female Subject in Transition,” Faculty Colloquia at Northwestern University Law School, Chicago, IL, and University of Florida Law School, Gainesville, FL, January 1996.

Subjects Taught

Law and Social Change: The Immigrant Rights Movement

Feminist Jurisprudence (basic and advanced courses)

Constitutional Law (basic and advanced courses)

Restorative Justice

Law and the Emotions

Introduction to Legal Scholarship

Voting and Political Participation

Minority Vote Dilution