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EDUCATION:

Columbia University Law School

J.D. 1984

Honors:

Stone Scholar, 1982 and 1984

Kent Scholar, 1983

Columbia Law Review, Publishable Notes Editor
(volunteer, non-Board position)

Shearman National Law Scholar

Boston University

M.A. in Philosophy, 1981

University Fellow

Swarthmore College

B.A., 1977

High Honors in Philosophy and Psychology

Phi Beta Kappa

EMPLOYMENT:

2003 – Present

Professor of Law, Drake University Law School

Courses included: Contracts I and II, Legal Ethics, Sexuality and the Law, Sales and International Sales Transactions

ABA/AALS Accreditation Committee: Chair: 2005-6, 2011-12, 2017-18; member 2019-21

University Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee: 2018-21

Tenure Committee: 2008-21

Assessment Committee: 2015-20

Recruitment Committee: 2009, 2011

1996 -2003 Associate Professor of Law, Drake University Law School,

Courses included: Contracts I and II, Legal Ethics, Pretrial Advocacy, Health Law, and Sexuality and the Law

Director of the Academic Success Program 1996-2000

1991-1996 Assistant Professor of Law, Drake University Law School,

Courses included: Contracts I and II, Legal Ethics, Pretrial Advocacy, Jurisprudence, and Civil Procedure

Spring 1991 Part-time Associate at Charnetski, Olsen, Lacina & Pendleton, Grinnell, Iowa

1986 - 1990 Associate at Fordham & Starrett, Boston, Massachusetts
Commercial litigation and appellate practice

1984-1986 Law Clerk to Honorable Hugh H. Bownes
United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit

Summer 1983
Summer Associate at Mintz, Levin, Ferris, Glovsky & Popeo, Boston, Massachusetts

Summer 1982
Legal Intern, Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination

Fall 1980 Instructor for Course in Medical Ethics
Metropolitan College of Boston University

Fall 1978-
Spring 1981 Teaching Fellow
College of Liberal Arts of Boston University
Courses included: Symbolic Logic, Logic and Language,
Medical Ethics, Methodology of Psychology, Introduction to
Philosophy

PUBLICATIONS:

“Scrutinizing Polygamy Under Religious Freedom Restoration Acts,” in THE CONTESTED PLACE OF RELIGION IN FAMILY LAW, ed. Robin Fretwell Wilson (Cambridge 2018), 467-97

“Can We Still Criminalize Polygamy: Strict Scrutiny Of Polygamy Laws Under State Religious Freedom Restoration Acts After *Hobby Lobby*,” 2016 University of Illinois Law Review 1605 (2016)

“Scrutinizing Polygamy: Utah’s *Brown v. Buhman* and British Columbia’s *Reference Re: Section 293*,” in BEYOND SAME SEX MARRIAGE, ed. Ronald C. Den Otter (Lexington 2016), 167-203

“Scrutinizing Polygamy: Utah’s *Brown v. Buhman* and British Columbia’s *Reference Re: Section 293*, 64 Emory Law Journal 1815 (2015)

“Distinguishing Polygyny and Polyfidelity Under the Criminal Law,” in Polygamy Question, eds. Janet Bennion and Lisa Joffe, (Utah State University Press 2016), 180-98

“Distinguishing Polygamy and Polyamory Under the Criminal Law, in Families – Beyond the Nuclear Ideal, eds. Daniela Cutas and Sarah Chan, (Bloomsbury 2012), 160-73

An Ethical Rabbit Hole: Model Rule 4.4, Intentional Interference with Former Employee Non-disclosure Agreements and the Threat of Disqualification, Part II, 90 Nebraska Law Review 141 (2011)

An Ethical Rabbit Hole: Model Rule 4.4, Intentional Interference with Former Employee Non-disclosure Agreements and the Threat of Disqualification, Part I, 89 Nebraska Law Review 923 (2011)

“Foreword to Constitutional Law Symposium: The Same-Sex Marriage Divide,” 58 Drake Law Review 879 (2010)

“Privilege Can Be Abused: Exploring the Ethical Obligation to Avoid Frivolous Claims of Privilege,” 37 Seton Hall Law Review 413 (2007)

“The Crime of Polygamy, 12 Temple University Policy & Civil Rights Law Review 353 (2003)

“The Challenge of Post-Modern Polygamy: Considering Polyamory,” 31 Capital University Law Review 439 (2003)

“A Difference of Form or Substance: Monogamy, Polygamy and Same-Sex Marriage,” 75 North Carolina Law Review 1501 (1997)

Iowa Contracts Bar Review Materials, 1997

“Taking Ethics Seriously: Beyond Positivist Jurisprudence in Legal Ethics,” 80 Iowa Law Review 901 (1995)

"The Constitutionality of Excluding Desegregation from the Legal Services Program," 84 Columbia Law Review 1630 (1984)

PROFESSIONAL:

Drake Law School Constitutional Law Center, Distinguished Lecture Series, “Scrutinizing Polygamy After *Obergefell* and *Hobby Lobby*,” 2016

Speaker, University of Illinois Law Review Symposium: 2015

Iowa Trade Regulation Seminar, Ethics Panelist: 1993-201, 2016-19

Grinnell College, Same-Sex Marriage Lecture, 2013

Iowa State Bar Environmental and Natural Resources Section, Ethics Panelist, 2013

Iowa Family Law Seminar: Ethics Panelist 1992-93, 1997-99, 2001-2012

Impartial Judiciary Panel, 2011

Iowa Association of School Board Attorneys, Ethics Lecture, 2011

Hadassah Brandeis Institute Conference On Polygamy, Polygyny, and Polyamory: Ethical And Legal Perspectives On Plural Marriage "Why the US Should Not Decriminalize Polygamy, But Should Not Criminalize Polyamory" 2010

Iowa Academy of Trial Lawyers Advocacy Institute: Ethical Considerations of the Trial Lawyer: 2010

Drake Humanities Center: "Feminist and Hegelian Perspectives on the Legal Status of Polygamy, Polyamory and Same-Sex Marriage," 2010

Municipal Attorney Ethics CLE 2010

Kansas City Gay and Lesbian Bar Association: Two CLE Presentations: Ethics, Same-Sex Marriage, 2009

Iowa Society for Healthcare Attorneys Annual Meeting: Ethics Lecture 2005, 2009

Iowa Annual Spring Tax Institute 2008

Conference for the Association for the Study of Law, Culture and the Humanities: Mormon Fundamentalist Polygamist and the Oneida Community, University of California, Berkeley 2008

Iowa Department of Human Services Child Support Recovery Unit Attorneys Ethics CLE 2007

Polk County Bar Association: Ethics Lecture 2005 -2007

Iowa Environmental Lawyers Association Seminar: Ethics Panelist, 1998-99, 2001, 2005 -2007

Wells Fargo Continuing Legal Education Ethics Seminar: 2006

Iowa Legal Aid Continuing Legal Education, Ethics Panelist
2004

Iowa Bar Association Federal Practice Seminar:
Ethics Panelist and Lecturer, 1999, 2004

Grinnell College: Lecture on Same-Sex Marriage (2004)

Cornell University Law School Feminism and Legal Theory
Workshop, Lecture: Comparing Mormon Fundamentalist
Polygamy with "New Age" Polyamory (2003)

Blackstone Inn of Court Panel on Ethical Issues
Surrounding Discovery of Electronic Data (2003)

Linn County Bar Association Presentation on Current and
Proposed Iowa Perjury Rules (2003)

Nanjing University Law School, China: Visiting Professor
(Summer 2002)

Principal Financial Group Continuing Ethics Legal Education: 2001

National Association of Women Judges,
Lecture: "Is Title VII about Sex or Gender?" 1999
Iowa Intellectual Property Lawyers Association Seminar,
Ethics Lecture, 1997-98

Grinnell College: Democracy Symposium Speaker:
"Same-Sex Marriage and Democracy," 1997

Contracts Lecturer, Iowa State Bar Review School,
1995 -97

Iowa Judicial College: Jurisprudence Lecturer, 1993

Polk County Women Attorneys Association: Speaker
on Feminist Jurisprudence, 1993

BARS: Iowa, 1992 (inactive or retired status)
United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit,
1986
United States District Court, District of Massachusetts,
1986
New York, 1986 (inactive or retired status)
Massachusetts, 1985 (inactive or retired status)

COMMUNITY:

Poweshiek County Democrats 2008- 2020

Board of Directors of One Iowa: 2014-2018

Matthew Shepard Scholarship Selection Committee, 2008-2019

Board of Directors, Galaxy Youth Center, Grinnell, Iowa,
2005 -2016 (previously serving as President, Vice-President, and
now as Board Member)

Poweshiek Animal Shelter (PALS), weekly volunteer 2008-20

Board of Directors, Iowa Pride Network, 2005 to 2014 (President and
Board Member)

Board Of Directors, Domestic Violence Alternatives/
Sexual Assault Center of Marshalltown (serving as President,
Vice-President, and Board Member,) 1993- 2002

President, Board of Directors, The Pink Tower, Inc., Montessori
Preschool and Daycare of Grinnell, Iowa, 1999- 2001

AWARDS

Dawn's List Special Recognition Award; 2012