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Education

Yale University, Ph.D. in Law

Committee: Professors Susan Rose-Ackerman, Judith Resnik, and Douglas NeJaime

Dissertation: *Families in Transition: Legal Transformations across Borders, Status, and Time*

Yale Law School, J.D.

Macalester College, B.A., *summa cum laude*

Academic Positions and Appointments

University of Alabama School of Law, Tuscaloosa, AL

Associate Professor of Law (with tenure Fall '25)

Assistant Professor of Law

Fall 2024 - Present

Fall 2022-Spring 2024

Courses: Family Law I & II; Constitutional Law; International Human Rights Law

Louisiana State University Law Center, Baton Rouge, LA.

Harry S. Redmon, Jr. Assistant Professor of Law

Fall 2019 – Spring 2022

Courses: Family Law; Matrimonial Regimes; International Human Rights Law;
Western Legal Traditions

Macalester College, Saint Paul, MN

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science

Fall 2013 – Spring 2014

Courses: Constitutional Law; Civil Rights and Civil Liberties; Law, Economy, and Identity; Litigation and Public Policy; European Constitutionalism

Articles

Meghan Boone & Clare Ryan, *Fetal Parenthood*, work-in-progress.

Clare Ryan, *Illiberal Civil Society: Interventions before the European Court of Human Rights*, in Special Issue on Legal Infrastructures and Democracy, LAW & CONTEMPORARY PROBLEMS (forthcoming 2027).

Clare Ryan, *Social Media Child Labor*, 54 FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW (forthcoming 2027).

Clare Ryan, [*The Public/Private Home*](#), 110 CORNELL LAW REVIEW 1487 (2026).

Clare Ryan & Benjamin McMichael, [*The Future of Frozen Embryos*](#), 78 SMU LAW REVIEW 789 (2025).

Clare Ryan, [*Are Children's Rights Enough?*](#), 72 AMERICAN UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 2075 (2023).

Laurence Helfer & Clare Ryan, [*LGBT Rights as Mega-Politics: Litigating before the European Court of Human Rights*](#), 84 LAW & CONTEMPORARY PROBLEMS 59 (2022).

Clare Ryan, [*Children as Bargaining Chips*](#), 68 UCLA LAW REVIEW 410 (2021).

Alec Stone Sweet & Clare Ryan, [*Kant, Cosmopolitanism, and Systems of Constitutional Justice in Europe and Beyond*](#), GLOBAL CONSTITUTIONALISM (Special Issue 2020).

Clare Ryan, [*The Law of Emerging Adults*](#), 97 WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 1131 (2020).

Clare Ryan, [*Europe's Moral Margin: Parental Aspirations and the European Court of Human Rights*](#), 56 COLUMBIA JOURNAL OF TRANSNATIONAL LAW 467 (2018).

Books & Chapters

Clare Ryan & Claire Houston eds., RESEARCH HANDBOOK ON CHILD PROTECTION AND THE LAW (Edward Elgar: forthcoming 2027).

Clare Ryan, *Children's Rights Online*, in CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN CHILDREN AND THE LAW (Edward Elgar: forthcoming 2027).

ALEC STONE SWEET & CLARE RYAN, [*A COSMOPOLITAN LEGAL ORDER: KANT, CONSTITUTIONAL JUSTICE, AND THE EUROPEAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS*](#) (Oxford University Press: 2018).

András Sajó & Clare Ryan, [*Judicial Reasoning and New Technologies: Framing, Newness, Fundamental Rights and the Internet*](#), in THE INTERNET AND CONSTITUTIONAL LAW: THE PROTECTION OF FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS AND CONSTITUTIONAL ADJUDICATION IN EUROPE, 3-25 (Oreste Pollicino & Graziella Romeo eds., 2016).

Additional Publications

Clare Ryan, [*Children's Autonomy Rights Online*](#), CHICAGO LAW REVIEW ONLINE (2024).

Clare Ryan, [*Lee v. the United Kingdom: A Trend Toward Heightened Pleading Standards?*](#), STRASBOURG OBSERVERS (April 11, 2022).

Media Appearances

Emily Cochrane, [*Alabama Passes Law to Protect IVF Treatments*](#), NY TIMES (March 6, 2024).

Eleanor Klibanoff, [*Texas Supreme Court Considers Taking Up Question of Whether Frozen Embryos are People*](#), MS. MAGAZINE (May 14, 2024).

Legal Experience

The Honorable Judge M. Margaret McKeown , San Diego, CA Law Clerk, Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit	2015 – 2016
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European Court of Human Rights , Strasbourg, France Yale Robina International Human Rights Fellow	2014 – 2015
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United States Department of Justice , Washington, D.C. Civil Division, Appellate Staff Summer Associate Civil Division, Federal Programs Branch Summer Associate	Summer 2012
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Bar Membership

Admitted to the Massachusetts Bar

Recognition & Leadership Positions

Jessup International Moot Court Faculty Co-Advisor
Fall 2025- Present

University of Alabama Teaching Academy
Faculty Fellow 2025-2027

Alabama Law Public Interest Board

Honorary Order of the Samaritan Award 2024

University of Chicago Law Review

Inaugural Emerging Scholar 2023 Symposium

American Association of Law Schools

Committee to Review Scholarly Papers (Appointed by AALS President 2026-27)

American Society of Comparative Law

Younger Comparativists Committee Co-Chair (Elected Spring 2023-Fall 2025)

Younger Comparativists Scholarship Advisory Group Chair (Fall 2022-Spring 2023)

Southeastern Association of Law Schools

Family Law Resource Group Member 2023-Present

Conferences & Invited Presentations

Moderator and Discussant, Family Law & Reproductive Justice Topical Workshop,
Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting (July 30-31, 2026)

Presenter, “Global Perspectives on Child Protection Law,” Law & Society Association Annual
Meeting (May 30, 2026)

Invited Speaker, “Children’s Rights Online,” LSU Law Center Faculty Speaker Series
(November 13, 2025)

Conference Organizer & Chair, Younger Comparativists Program, American Society of
Comparative Law Annual Meeting, McGill University Faculty of Law (October 16-18, 2025)

Moderator & Presenter, “Social Media Child Labor,” Southeastern Association of Law
Schools Annual Meeting (July 31, 2025)

Presenter, “Social Media Child Labor,” Family Law Scholars and Teachers Conference (June
18, 2025)

Presenter, “Social Media Child Labor,” Law & Society Association Annual Meeting (May
23, 2025)

Invited Speaker, “The Future of Frozen Embryos.” University of Georgia School of Law
Faculty Colloquium (February 20, 2025)

Conference Organizer, Moderator, and Chair, Younger Comparativists Program, American
Society of Comparative Law Annual Meeting, Texas A&M Law School (October 17-19,
2024)

Presenter, “The Public/Private Home,” Yale Law School PhD in Law 10th Anniversary Conference (October 5, 2024)

Presenter, “Students as Future Lawmakers,” Society of American Law Teachers, Boston University School of Law (September 20, 2024)

Invited Speaker, “The Public/Private Home,” Northeastern Law School Faculty Colloquium (September 18, 2024)

Moderator & Presenter, “The Future of Frozen Embryos,” Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting (July 25, 2024)

Invited Speaker, “The Future of Frozen Embryos,” West Virginia Bar Association Annual Meeting (July 12, 2024)

Presenter, “The Public/Private Home,” Family Law Scholars and Teachers Conference (June 18, 2024)

Presenter, “The Public/Private Home,” Law & Society Association Annual Meeting (June 5, 2024)

Presenter, “The Public/Private Home,” West Coast Gender, Sexuality & the Law Conference (March 22, 2024)

Presenter, Family Law Pedagogy & Children’s Rights Panels, SEALS Annual Meeting (July 27, 2023)

Presenter, “Are Children’s Rights Enough?” International Society of Family Law World Conference (July 13, 2023)

Presenter, “The Public/Private Home” Family Law Scholars and Teachers Conference (June 14-15, 2023)

Invited Inaugural Emerging Scholar, University of Chicago Law Review Annual Symposium (April 21, 2023)

Invited Speaker, Ole Miss Law School Faculty Workshop (April 14, 2023)

Moderator, Law & Psychology Review Symposium (February 3, 2023)

Presenter, “Are Children’s Rights Enough?” New York Area Family Law Workshop (December 16, 2022)

Discussant, ActIn Courts Network Scholarship Workshop (November 21, 2022)

Invited Speaker, Cumberland Law School Center for Children, Law & Ethics (November 3, 2022)

Moderator, Alabama Law Symposium: Constitutional Ethnography (October 14, 2022)

Organizer, Moderator, and Presenter, Younger Comparativists Committee Annual Conference (October 7-8, 2022)

Presenter, “Are Children’s Rights Enough?” SEALS Annual Conference (August 3, 2022)

Presenter, “Are Children’s Rights Enough?” Law & Society Association Annual Conference (July 14, 2022)

Presenter, “Owning Youth” Family Law Scholars and Teachers Conference (June 23, 2022)

Invited Speaker, “Are Children’s Rights Enough?” Drexel University Law School Faculty Workshop (January 27, 2022)

Presenter, “Social Media Child Labor,” Family Law Scholars and Teachers Conference (June 21, 2021)

Moderator, “Conspiracy Theories, Disinformation, and Civil Rights,” LSU Law Journal for Social Justice & Policy Symposium (October 8, 2022)

Presenter, “LGBT Rights as Mega-Politics: Litigating before the ECtHR,” European Society of International Law/ iCourts Workshop (June 8, 2021)

Moderator, “Fighting White Supremacy in the 21st Century,” Inaugural Symposium of the LSU Law Journal for Social Justice & Policy (March 19, 2021)

Invited Participant, “Indirect Discrimination and LBGT Rights,” Harvard Human Rights Center Workshop (October 16, 2020)

Presenter, “Children as Bargaining Chips,” SEALS Annual Conference (July 31-August 2, 2020)

Presenter, “Bargaining Chips in Comparative Context,” Family Law Scholars and Teachers Conference (June 15, 2020)

Presenter, “Children as Bargaining Chips,” Law and Society Association Annual Conference (May 30-31, 2020)

Invited Speaker, “Children as Bargaining Chips,” McGill Law Faculty Legal Theory Workshop (November 29, 2019)

Presenter, “The Law of Emerging Adults,” Law and Society Association Annual Conference (June 1, 2019)

Presenter, “The Child as a Bargaining Chip,” Family Law Scholars and Teachers Conference (May 29, 2019)

Presenter, “The Child as a Bargaining Chip,” Younger Comparativists Conference (May 10-11, 2019)

Presenter, “The Child as a Bargaining Chip,” Michigan Law School Junior Scholars Conference (April 26-27, 2019)

Session Chair, “Constituting the Family,” with Douglas NeJaime and Helen Keller, Yale Global Constitutionalism Seminar (September 13, 2018)

Presenter, “The Law of Emerging Adults,” Family Law Scholars and Teachers Conference, Cardozo Law School (June 19-20, 2018)

Presenter, “Emerging Adulthood,” International Society of Family Law Regional Conference, Children and Human Rights Panel (April 27, 2018).

Presenter, “Emerging Adulthood,” New York Area Family Law Scholars Workshop (February 2, 2018)

Panel Chair, “Law’s Porosities,” American Society of Comparative Law Annual Meeting (October 26, 2017)

Session Chair, “Exiting by Degree,” with Miguel Poiares Maduro and Kim Lane Scheppele, Yale Global Constitutionalism Seminar (September 15, 2017)

Invited Author, “A Cosmopolitan Legal Order: Kant, Constitutional Justice, and the ECHR” with Alec Stone Sweet, PluriCourts: Centre for the Study of the Legitimate Roles of the Judiciary in the Global Order, Faculty of Law University of Oslo (May 12, 2017)

Presenter, “Federalized Populism and State Resistance: A New Institutional Balance in the Trump Administration,” Yale Law Conference, Populism on the Rise (April 27, 2017)