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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS:

<u>The University of Alabama School of Law</u> <i>Professor of Law</i> <i>Associate Professor of Law</i> <i>Assistant Professor of Law</i>	August 2007 - present Tuscaloosa, AL
<u>University of Maryland Carey School of Law</u> <i>Visiting Professor of Law</i>	Spring 2025
<u>University of Maryland Carey School of Law</u> <i>Visiting Assistant Professor of Law</i>	July 2006 - July 2007 Baltimore, MD
<u>Georgetown University Law School</u> <i>Visiting Research Fellow</i>	June 2005 - August 2005
<u>Stanford Law School</u> <i>Thomas C. Grey Fellow</i>	August 2000-August 2002 Stanford, CA

COURSES TAUGHT:

Property
Civil Rights Actions
Legislation and Regulation
Civil Rights Legislations
Gender and the Law
Sexual Orientation and the Law

SCHOLARSHIP:

Waste, Property, and Useless Things, 138 HARVARD LAW REVIEW (forthcoming 2024) (Article).

Blake v. Stradford, in FEMINIST JUDGMENTS: REWRITTEN PROPERTY OPINIONS 371-96 (Cambridge University Press, Eloisa Rodriguez-Dod and Elena Maria Marty-Nelson eds., 2021) (Book Chapter).

Fiduciary Injury and Citizen Enforcement of the Emoluments Clause, 95 NOTRE DAME L. REV. 953-1030 (2020) (Article).

The Concept of Property, 78 U. PITT. L. REV. 437-92 (2017) (Article)

Complexity in Property, 81 TENN. L. REV. 79-143 (2013) (Article).

The Law of the Body, 62 EMORY L.J. 549-605 (2013) (Article).

Taming Suffering, in KNOWING THE SUFFERING OF OTHERS 62-77 (University of Alabama Press, Austin Sarat ed., 2013) (Book Chapter).

Introduction to the Meador Lectures on Boundaries, THE MEADOR LECTURES ON BOUNDARIES 1-17 (University of Alabama Press, 2013) (Essay).

Religious Practice and Sex Discrimination: An Uneasy Case for Tolerance, in LEGAL RESPONSES TO RELIGIOUS PRACTICES IN THE UNITED STATES: ACCOMMODATION AND ITS LIMITS 168-93 (Cambridge University Press, Austin Sarat ed., 2012) (Book Chapter).

Power, Paradigms, and Legal Prescriptions: "The Rule of Law" as a Necessary but Not Sufficient Condition for Transitional Justice, in TRANSITIONS: LEGAL CHANGE, LEGAL MEANINGS 190-212 (The University of Alabama Press, Austin Sarat ed., 2012) (Book Chapter).

Foreword: Have We Overcome?, 1 ALA. C.R. & C.L. L. REV. xi-xiv (2011) (Symposium Introduction)

Gender Rules, 22 YALE J. L. FEMINISM 133-91 (2010) (Article) (blind-selected for presentation at the Yale /Stanford Junior Faculty Forum).

Misogyny, Androgyny and Sexual Harassment: Sex Discrimination in a Gender Deconstructed World, 29 HARV. J. L. & GENDER 99-150 (2006) (Article).

The Man, The State and You: The Role of Regulation in Inhibiting Gendered Hierarchies, 14 AM. U. J. GENDER SOC. POL'Y & L. 73-127 (2006) (Article).

WORKS IN PROGRESS:

- *Body Rights*—This article builds upon my prior work in *The Law of the Body* to examine how a property interest in the body would confer due process protections to the body, with particular attention to regulatory takings and nuisance. This piece asks the fundamental due process question of “what are we owed,” in terms of fairness, when the State limits our capacity to use, enjoy, or alter aspects of our own body.
- *The Specificity Fallacy* —This article challenges the claim that due process can be effectively or objectively mediated by the *Dobbs* specificity standard (requiring a careful statement of a right rooted in history and tradition). Starting from the premise that due process is a promise about fairness, this article argues that the coherence of concepts like fairness depends upon reason-giving. Using the device of specificity to try to avoid difficult, value-laden questions only serves to undermine reason-giving and create space for uninterrogated reasons to determine outcomes.
- *Sacrifice*—The thesis of this piece is that legal decision-making often implicitly adopts a gendered concept of sacrifice. When balancing the risks and benefits of legal rules, legal decision-makers disproportionately demand that women sacrifice their time, health, autonomy, fertility, safety, and ambition in service of broader social goals.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS:

Waste, Property, and Useless Things, Grey Fellows Forum, Stanford Law School (May 2024)

Waste, Property, and Useless Things, Alabama Faculty Colloquium (October 2024)

Fiduciary Injury and Citizen Enforcement of the Emoluments Clause, Grey Fellows Forum (May 2018)

Formalism in Property, Association for Law, Property, and Society Annual Meeting, University of Georgia School of Law (May 2015).

Formalism in Property, Tulane Property Roundtable, Tulane Law School (March 2015).

Forms Versus Norms in Property, Faculty Colloquium, Queens University Faculty of Law (March 2014).

Formalism in Property, 2013-2014 Southeast Law Schools Conference, Emory Law School (November 2013).

Complexity in Property, Annual Meeting of the Association for Law, Property and Society, University of Minnesota Law School (April 2013).

Conference Presentation: *The Law of the Body*, 2011-2012 Southeast Law Schools Junior Faculty Conference, Wake Forest Law School (October 2011).

Gender Rules, Yale / Stanford Junior Faculty Forum, Yale Law School (June 2010).

Is More Pornography Better? Silence and Solipsism in an Internet Age, Southeastern Association of American Law Schools (SEALS) Annual Meeting (August 2009).

When Men are Men and Girls are Girls, Cumberland School of Law 2008-2009 Works-in-Progress Series (September 2008).

When Men are Men and Girls are Girls, Southeastern Association of American Law Schools (SEALS) Annual Meeting, Young Scholars Program (August, 2008).

Jurists and Gender: Highlighting the Experiences and Contributions of Women Judges, Symposium, AMERICAN UNIVERSITY JOURNAL OF GENDER, SOCIAL POLICY & LAW (February 28, 2006).

Breaking Barriers: Current Issues Relating to Women, Labor and the Law, Symposium, University of Maryland School of Law (November, 2006).

SERVICE:

Chair, Faculty Development Committee (Promotion & Tenure) (2024 - present)
Chair, Colloquium Committee (2016-2021; member 2007-2016)
Faculty Appointments Committee (2022-24, 2016-2017, 2015-2016)
Legal Writing Development Committee (2023-present)
Board Member, Cross-Disciplinary Legal Studies Program (2011-present)
Textbook Selection Committee (2020-present)
Honor Council Member (2017-2020)
Faculty Advisor to the *Alabama Civil Rights & Civil Liberties Law Review* (2008-2018)
Library Director Search Committee (2017-2018)
Clinical Appointments Committee (2014-2015)
Representative to the University Faculty Senate (2013-2014)
University Senate Faculty Life Committee (2013-2014)
University-wide Student Health Committee (2013-2014)
University-wide Mediation Committee (2010-20013)
Executive Committee of the AALS Property Section (2013-2014)

EDUCATION:

Georgetown University Law Center
Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, May 1998

Boston College
Bachelor of Arts, *magna cum laude*, May 1994

CLERKSHIPS:

The Honorable Fortunato P. Benavides,
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
Austin, TX
Law Clerk, August 2002 - August 2003

The Honorable George W. Lindberg,
U.S. District Court for the Northern District Illinois
Chicago, IL
Law Clerk, September 1998 - March 2001

BAR ADMISSIONS: New York State Bar and the District of Columbia