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### Academic Positions

2015 – Present	Donald Hinkle Professor & Professor of Law, Florida State University, College of Law
2012 – 2015	Donald Hinkle Professor & Associate Professor of Law, Florida State University, College of Law
2009 – 2011	Visiting Associate Professor of Political Science, Brown University (Constitutional Law)
2007 – 2012	Professor of Law, Roger Williams University, School of Law
Fall 2006	Visiting Associate Professor of Law, Washington and Lee University, School of Law (offer extended)
Winter 2006	Visiting Instructor of Law, University of Michigan Law School
2003 – 2007	Assistant & Associate Professor of Law, University of Toledo, College of Law

### Education

J.D.	Yale Law School, <i>The Yale Law Journal</i> (Chief Essays Editor), 2001
Ph.D.	Comparative Literature, Princeton University, 1999
B.A.	Classics & Literature, <i>summa cum laude</i> , Phi Beta Kappa Barnard College, Columbia University, 1993

### Doctoral Dissertation

1999	<i>Boccaccio's Decameron and the Fictions of Progress</i>
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### Awards and Fellowships

2017	Dukeminier Award, Michael Cunningham Prize (for <i>Oedipus Hex</i> ); FSU Teaching Award Nominee
2015	FSU Teaching Award Nominee
2000	Coker Teaching Fellow (Yale, for Professor Reva Siegel)
2000	Colby Townsend Prize (best paper by a second-year student) (Yale)
1997	Mellon Fellow, Center for Human Values (Princeton)
1996	Fulbright Fellow (Italy)
1995	C. H. Grandgent Award (awarded to the best article on Dante; Harvard)

1993 Honors & Distinction in Majors (Barnard College)  
1993 Jean Willard Tatlock Prize (awarded to the student most proficient in Latin; Columbia College); W. Cabell Greet Prize (for excellence in English Literature; Barnard College)

### **Professional Experience & Professional Associations**

2002-2003 Law Clerk to the Honorable Harold Baer, Jr.,  
United States District Court, Southern District of New York

2001-2002 Associate, Simpson Thacher & Bartlett, New York, New York

2001- Present New York State Bar, Member

### **Areas of Academic Specialization**

Constitutional Law, Reproductive Rights, Family Law, Sexuality and the Law

### **Courses Taught**

Constitutional Law (Constitutional Law I & II, including First Amendment), Family Law, Property, Criminal Law, Sexuality and the Law

### **University Service**

2018 – 2019 Chair, Promotion & Tenure Committee; Member, Appointments Committee

2017 – 2018 Member, Curriculum Committee (Spring); Member, Judicial Clerkships (Spring)

2016 – 2017 Member, Promotion & Tenure Committee (Fall); Chair, Promotion & Tenure Committee (Spring)

2015 – 2016 Member, Dean Search Committee; Chair, Curriculum Committee; Member, Promotion & Tenure Committee

2014 – 2015 Chair, Admissions Committee

2013 – 2014 Member, Appointments Committee

2011 – 2012 Chair, Honors Program

2010 – 2011 Member, Admissions Committee

2008 – 2010 Member, Appointments Committee

2007 – 2008 Member, Curriculum Committee

2003 – 2007 Member, Appointments Committee

### **Articles and Essays**

*After Sex*, 97 NEBRASKA LAW REVIEW (forthcoming August 2018).

*Universalizing Anonymity Anxiety*, 3 J. L. & BIOSCIENCES 647 (2016).

*Reproduction Reconceived*, 101 MINNESOTA LAW REVIEW 617 (2016).

- Reprinted in *Minnesota Family Law Journal* (forthcoming)

*Obergefell and the “New” Reproduction*, 100 MINNESOTA LAW REVIEW HEADNOTES 1 (2016).

*The Oedipus Hex: Regulating Family After Marriage Equality*, 49 U.C. DAVIS LAW REVIEW 183 (2015).

- Winner, Dukeminier Award; Michael Cunningham Prize (2017)
- Reviewed in Jotwell: <http://family.jotwell.com/2016/03/>.

*Does the Public Care how the Supreme Court Reasons? Empirical Evidence and Normative Concerns in the Case of Same-Sex Marriage* (with Geoffrey Rapp), 93 NORTH CAROLINA LAW REVIEW 303 (2015).

*Abortion and Disgust*, 48 HARVARD CIVIL RIGHTS-CIVIL LIBERTIES LAW REVIEW 410 (2013).

*Regulating at the Margins: Non-Traditional Kinship and the Legal Regulation of Intimate and Family Life*, 54 ARIZONA LAW REVIEW 43 (2012).

*Disgust and the Problematic Politics of Similarity*, 109 MICHIGAN LAW REVIEW 943 (2011) (essay reviewing MARTHA NUSSBAUM, FROM DISGUST TO HUMANITY: SEXUAL ORIENTATION & CONSTITUTIONAL LAW (2010)).

*Celebrating the Differences That Could Make a Difference: United States v. Virginia and a New Vision of Sexual Equality*, 70 OHIO STATE LAW JOURNAL 943 (2010) (Justice Ginsburg Symposium).

*(Still) Not Fit to Be Named: Moving Beyond Race to Explain Why ‘Separate’ Nomenclature for Gay and Straight Relationships Will Never Be ‘Equal,’* 97 THE GEORGETOWN LAW JOURNAL 1155 (2009).

*Rhetorical Atavism and the Narrative of Progress in the Debate Over Marriage Equality*, 1 THE FREEDOM CENTER JOURNAL 64 (2008) (Symposium and Invited Contribution to the Inaugural Issue of *the Freedom Center Journal*, University of Cincinnati College of Law).

*“If Sex Offenders Can Marry, Then Why Not Gays and Lesbians?”: An Essay on the Progressive Comparative Argument*, 55 BUFFALO LAW REVIEW 222 (2007) (Invited Contribution to the Annual Essays Issue).

*The Genuine Article: A Subversive Economic Perspective on the Law’s Procreationist Vision of Marriage*, 64 WASHINGTON & LEE LAW REVIEW 393 (2007).

*Same-Sex Marriage, Slippery Slope Rhetoric, and the Politics of Disgust: A Critical Perspective on Contemporary Family Discourse and the Incest Taboo*, 99 NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 1543 (2005).

“*What is Our Bane, That Alone We Have in Common*”: *Incest, Intimacy, and the Crisis of Naming*, 21 STUDIES IN LAW, POLITICS, AND SOCIETY 3 (A. Sarat & P. Ewick, eds, 2000) (Invited Contribution).

## **Works in Progress**

*Against Coming Out* (essay criticizing on descriptive and normative grounds scholars’ and advocates’ recent embrace of the gay rights “coming out” experience as a model or paradigm for abortion law and advocacy).

*Mothers and Fathers* (article surveying the differential treatment of maternity and paternity in constitutional law and arguing that constitutional law’s rigid conception of motherhood (as invariably certain) and fatherhood (as invariably uncertain) lags woefully behind state law developments in the areas of same-sex parenthood, dual (and dueling) maternity, and alternative reproduction).

*Exceptional Cases and Unequal Protection* (article surveying the Supreme Court’s approach to the exceptional case in the context of gender discrimination and arguing that constitutional protection for exceptional cases in that setting turns problematically on a claimant’s sex or gender).

*Perfecting Procreation* (essay arguing that alternative reproduction has become the predictable—but constitutionally problematic—vehicle for the law to communicate its normative vision about all procreation).

## **Conferences/Presentations/Media Appearances & Contributions**

### **2018**

- Contributing Editor, Jotwell (Family Law Section)
- *The Story of Parenthood*, Jowell (forthcoming 2018) (reviewing Douglas NeJaime, *The Nature of Parenthood*, 126 YALE L.J. 2260 (2017)).
- *Perfecting Procreation*, Jotwell (Jan. 24, 2018) (reviewing JUDITH DAAR, *SELECTIVE BREEDING IN AN ERA OF REPRODUCTIVE TECHNOLOGIES* (2017)).
- Williams Institute Dukeminier Awards Journal Selection Committee

### **2017**

- Contributing Editor, Jotwell (Family Law Section)
- St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Tallahassee (guest speaker, LGBT rights in the new administration)
- *Sex and the New Reproduction*, Baby Markets, University of Texas School of Law (May 2017)

## 2016

- Contributing Editor, Jotwell (Family Law Section)
- *Reproduction Reconceived*, Baby Markets, University of California, Irvine School of Law (April 2016)

## 2015

- AALS Workshop on Shifting Foundations in Family Law, Orlando (presenting *Gay Rights and the Procreative Right*)
- *After Marriage* panel, American Constitution Society, Washington, D.C. (moderator)
- Florida First District Court of Appeal (Lunch & Learn Series) (family law issues after marriage equality)
- Tallahassee Women Lawyers (legal issues after marriage equality)
- Interview with Gina Jordan from WLRN (Miami), South Florida's NPR affiliate (discussing marriage equality in Florida and nationally as well as the emerging conflict between marriage equality and religious freedom) (aired February 3 and 4, 2015)

## 2014

- *After Marriage* Symposium, Florida State University, College of Law (January 2014) (organizer)

## 2013

- *Law, Humanities, and the Vulnerable Subject*, 2013 AALS Annual Meeting (panelist)
- *After Marriage*, Brown University, LGBTQ Resource Center (speaker)
- *The Same-Sex Marriage Debate*, Brown University, Taubman Center for Public Policy & American Institutions (panelist)

## 2012

- Marriage Equality Teach-In, Brown University (panelist)

## 2010

- *Family Law and the Marginal Moment*, Marquette Law School (faculty presentation)
- *Beyond Prop 8: Race, Sexuality, Religion, and Same-Sex Marriage*, Annual Masha Dexter Lecture (Brown University)

## 2009

- *Reorienting Sexual Orientation and the Law: Lessons Learned from Justice Ginsburg and United States v. Virginia*, presented at "The Jurisprudence of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg: A Discussion of Fifteen Years on the U.S. Supreme Court," Ohio State University, Moritz College of Law
- *The Legal Case for Marriage Equality*, Brown University (Brown Democrats)
- *The Legal Case for Marriage Equality in Rhode Island*, Providence, Rhode Island (Rhode Island Young Democrats)
- *(Still) Not Fit To Be Named: Moving Beyond Race To Explain Why 'Separate' Nomenclature for Gay and Straight Relationships Will Never Be 'Equal,'* Brown University (Janus Conversation)

- *Law and the Marginal Moment*, Brown University (Pre-Law Society)
- *(Still) Not Fit To Be Named: Moving Beyond Race To Explain Why ‘Separate’ Nomenclature for Gay and Straight Relationships Will Never Be ‘Equal,’* Brown University (Out to Lunch Series)

## 2008

- *The “S” Word*, Chapman University School of Law (FIRST Series, Fresh Ideas from Rising Scholars and Teachers)
- *The “S” Word*, Feinstein Institute Speaker Series (Roger Williams)

## 2007

- *Rhetorical Atavism and the Narrative of Progress in the Debate Over Marriage Equality*, presented at “Reconstructions: Historical Consciousness and Critical Transformation,” University of Cincinnati College of Law
- *Just Rhetoric?: How (and Why) Rhetoric is Driving the Debate Over Marriage Equality*, University of Michigan Law School

## 2006

- *The Genuine Article: A Subversive Economic Perspective on the Law’s Procreationist Vision of Marriage*, Feminism and Legal Theory Workshop, Emory Law School

## 2004

- Panelist & Speaker, *Justice Scalia’s Jurisprudence*, University of Michigan Law School

## 2000

- *“What is Our Bane, That Alone We Have in Common”*: *Incest, Intimacy, and the Crisis of Naming*, presented at Law, Culture, and the Humanities Conference, Washington, D.C.