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ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Georgia State University College of Law, Atlanta, GA

Associate Professor of Law

2017–present

Assistant Professor of Law

2012–2017

Founding Faculty Director, Center for Access to Justice

2016–present

Georgia State University College of Law, Atlanta, GA

Spring 2010

Adjunct Professor of Law

Instructed upper-level law students in “Society and the Supreme Court” seminar.

EDUCATION

Harvard Law School, J.D., *magna cum laude*, June 2005

Honors:

Frank Righeimer, Jr. Prize for Student Citizenship
Ford Motor Company Law School Leadership Scholarship
National Bar Institute Fellowship

Activities:

Harvard Law Review, Treasurer
Criminal Justice Institute (represented indigent criminal defendants in municipal court)
Law School Council, Vice President
Multiracial Law Students Association, Co-Founder and Co-Chair
Gary Bellow Public Service Award Committee
Black Law Students Association

Yale University, B.A. with Distinction in Political Science, May 1999

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS

Hon. John Paul Stevens, Supreme Court of the United States, Washington, DC

2006–2007

Law Clerk

Hon. Stephen Reinhardt, U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit, Los Angeles, CA

2005–2006

Law Clerk

PUBLICATIONS AND WORKS IN PROGRESS

Racial Capitalism in the Civil Courts (with Tonya L. Brito, Kathryn A. Sabbeth and Jessica K. Steinberg)
(forthcoming in COLUMBIA LAW REVIEW (2022))

Rethinking the Civil-Criminal Distinction (book chapter), in TRANSFORMING CRIMINAL JUSTICE: AN EVIDENCE-BASED AGENDA FOR REFORM (NYU Press, forthcoming 2022)

The Overreach of Limits on “Legal Advice,” 131 YALE L. J. FORUM 637 (2022)

Praxis and Paradox: Inside the Black Box of Eviction Court, 74 VAND. L. REV. 1365 (2021) (with Daniel Pasciuti)
- Reviewed by Robin J. Effron, “Day-in-Court Theater” in *Eviction Court*, JOTWELL (Jan. 27, 2022)

Courts in Crisis Part III: The Rising Tide of the Rental Housing Crisis in Georgia, Center for Access to Justice (with Daniel Pasciuti, Tabitha Ingle, George Usmanov, and Joy Dillard Appel) (2021)

Courts in Crisis Part II: The Uneven Spatial Dynamics of Dispossession Court in Georgia, Center for Access to Justice (with Daniel Pasciuti, George Usmanov, Tabitha Ingle, and Joy Dillard Appel) (2020)

Boots and Bail on the Ground: Assessing the Implementation of Misdemeanor Bail Reforms in Georgia, 54 GA. L. REV. 1235 (2020) (with Andrea Woods, Sandra G. Mayson, Guthrie Armstrong, and Anthony Potts)

Courts in Crisis: Exploring the Impact of COVID-19 on Eviction Court in Georgia, Center for Access to Justice (with Daniel Pasciuti, Tabitha Ingle, and Kam Williams) (2020)

Integrating the Access to Justice Movement, 87 FORDHAM L. REV. ONLINE 172 (2019)

Unfamiliar Justice: Indigent Criminal Defendants’ Experiences with Civil Legal Needs, 52 U.C. DAVIS L. REV. 2105 (2019) (with Ruth Richardson)

Legal Deserts: A Multi-State Perspective on Rural Access to Justice, 13 HARV. L. & POL’Y REV. 15 (2018) (with Lisa R. Pruitt, Danielle M. Conway, Michele Statz, Hannah Haksgaard, and Amanda L. Kool)

Public Defense Litigation: An Overview, 51 IND. L. REV. 89 (2018)

Reflection: How Multiracial Lives Matter 50 Years After Loving, 50 CREIGHTON L. REV. 719 (2017) (part of “50 Years of *Loving*: Seeking Justice Through Love and Relationships” Symposium)

An Empirical Assessment of Georgia’s Beyond a Reasonable Doubt Standard to Determine Intellectual Disability in Capital Cases, 33 GA. ST. U. L. REV. 553 (2017)

Proportionality Skepticism in a Red State, 130 HARV. L. REV. F. 276 (2017) (Commentary on CAROL S. STEIKER & JORDAN M. STEIKER, *COURTING DEATH: THE SUPREME COURT AND CAPITAL PUNISHMENT* (2016))

Keeping Gideon’s Promise: Using Equal Protection to Address the Denial of Counsel in Misdemeanor Cases, 85 FORDHAM L. REV. 2299 (2017) (with Brandon Buskey)
- Selected as part of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers’ Getting Scholarship Into Court Project (for “must read” scholarship that will be especially useful to courts and practitioners)

The Free Exercise of Religious Identity, 64 UCLA L. REV. 54 (2017)

Identity as Proxy, 115 COLUM. L. REV. 1605 (2015)

Functionally Suspect: Reconceptualizing “Race” as a Suspect Classification, 20 MICH. J. RACE & L. 255 (2015)

Undoing Race? Reconciling Multiracial Identity with Equal Protection, 102 CALIF. L. REV. 1243 (2014)

Lawyering to the Lowest Common Denominator: How Strickland Incorporates the Underfunded Norm into Legal Doctrine, 5 FAULKNER L. REV. 199 (2014) (part of the Fred Gray Civil Rights Symposium)

Deconstructing the Right to Counsel, Issue Brief, American Constitution Society for Law and Policy (July 2014)

A Dilemma of Doctrinal Design: Rights, Identity and the Work-Family Conflict, 8 FIU L. REV. 379 (2013)
- Reprinted as Book Chapter in *WOMEN AND THE LAW* (Tracy A. Thomas, ed., Thomson Reuters 2014)

Reclaiming Equality to Reframe Indigent Defense Reform, 97 MINN. L. REV. 1197 (2013)

Unintended Consequences: The Impact of the Court's Recent Cases on Structural Ineffective Assistance of Counsel Claims, 25 FED. SENT'G. R. 106 (2012)

Overcoming Defiance of the Constitution: The Need for a Federal Role in Protecting the Right to Counsel in Georgia, Issue Brief, American Constitution Society for Law and Policy (Sept. 2010) (with Stephen B. Bright)

Note, *Effectively Ineffective: The Failure of Courts to Address Underfunded Indigent Defense Systems*, 118 HARV. L. REV. 1731 (2005)

Recent Case, *Ex parte Hodges*, 117 HARV. L. REV. 1283 (2004)

SPONSORED RESEARCH PROJECTS

Pilot Study: An Analysis of Individuals' Litigation Touchpoints Across Court Systems (2021–present)

- Co-Principal Investigator, \$10,000 awarded in seed funding by SCALES Open Justice Research Workshop (Northwestern University) (with Charlotte Alexander, Robinson College of Business)

Preserving Rental Housing Stability during Disasters: An Examination of Eviction Moratoria during the COVID-19 Pandemic (2021–present)

- Co-Principal Investigator, \$167,194 awarded by the Russell Sage Foundation (with Elora Raymond (Georgia Institute of Technology) and Philip Garboden (University of Hawaii))

Pilot Study: Dispossession Court in Semi-Rural Georgia (2018–2019)

- Principal Investigator, \$24,000 awarded by the American Bar Endowment Opportunity Grant Program (with Daniel Pasciuti, Sociology)

Dispossession Court in Georgia: Developing a Data Collection Methodology in Uncharted Territory (2018–2020)

- Co-Principal Investigator, \$19,170 awarded as a Georgia State University Research Initiation Grant (with Daniel Pasciuti, Sociology)

Assessing the Civil Legal Needs of Indigent Criminal Defendants (2016–2018)

- Principal Investigator, \$79,000 grant awarded by the Charles Koch Foundation (with Ruth Richardson, PhD candidate, Erin Ruel (Sociology), Leah Daigle (Criminal Justice & Criminology))

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Conflicts of Interest in Rural Criminal Practice Panel, SMU Dedman School of Law, Deason Criminal Justice Reform Center (Oct. 20, 2021)

Race and Capital Punishment Panel, Ohio Justice & Policy Center Conference (Sept. 9, 2021)

Praxis and Paradox: Inside the Black Box of Dispossession Court in Suburban and Rural Georgia

- Northwestern Law School Faculty Workshop (Nov. 9, 2020)
- Rural Legal Scholars Workshop, University of South Dakota Knudson School of Law (Oct. 30, 2020)

“The Death Penalty in Black and White: Does Race Play a Role?” (panelist), University of Georgia Law School, American Constitution Society chapter (Nov. 10, 2020)

Civil Justice Panel, Visions of Change: A Series on Racial Justice in American Law (panelist), George Washington Law (Nov. 4, 2020)

2020 American Bar Association Annual Meeting (July 28 & 29, 2020)

- Presidential Showcase Panel: “What Will the Next 100 Years Hold for Access to Justice? The Future of Civil Legal Aid and Public Defense in America” (moderator); “Legal Deserts in America” (panelist)

Unfamiliar Justice: Exploring Individuals’ Experiences with the Legal System through Interdisciplinary Empirical Research, Yale Law School (September 25, 2019)

Keynote Address (“Legal Deserts: Access to Justice in Rural America”), Legal Services of Alabama Annual Statewide Conference (September 12, 2019)

Advancing Research on State Courts & Agencies Roundtable Session, Law and Society Association Annual Meeting (June 2, 2019)

Creating New Data: The Impact of Law School Research, Liman Center Colloquium, Yale Law School (Mar. 29, 2019)

2019 AALS Annual Meeting (The Association of American Law Schools) (January 2019)

- Building Bridges and Social Justice through Collaborative Centers and Initiatives (panelist)
- Rural Access to Justice (panelist)

Working with Universities to Inform and Improve Access to Justice, Closing Plenary, National Association for Court Management Annual Conference (July 26, 2018)

Assessing the Civil Legal Needs of Indigent Criminal Defendants

- Faculty Colloquium, University of Alabama School of Law (March 19, 2018)
- Faculty Workshop, Vanderbilt Law School (January 24, 2018)
- Empirical Access to Justice Workshop, University of South Carolina School of Law (with Ruth Richardson) (Oct. 6, 2017)
- Annual Meeting, American Society of Criminology (with Ruth Richardson) (November 15, 2017)

2018 AALS Annual Meeting (The Association of American Law Schools) (January 2018)

- Innovations in Teaching Access to Justice Across the Law School Curriculum (panelist)
- Section on Law Libraries and Legal Information Luncheon (keynote speaker)

Access to Counsel: Civil Gideon (panelist), University of California Public Service Law Conference (“Civil Rights in the 21st Century”), UCLA (September 24, 2017)

Organizational Responses to Criminal Justice Reform (panelist). John Lewis Fellowship Program, National Center for Civil and Human Rights (July 17, 2017)

Access to Justice: By Design, Critical Theory, Social Justice, and Philosophy of Design (invited guest lecturer), Georgia Institute of Technology (April 20, 2017)

The Free Exercise of Religious Identity

- Faculty Colloquium, Temple University Beasley School of Law (Sept. 21, 2016)
- Constitutional Law Workshop, University of Chicago Law School (Jan. 21, 2016)
- Workshop on Vulnerability at the Intersection of the Changing Firm and the Changing Family, Emory University School of Law (October 17, 2015)

Invited presenter, Working Group to Discuss Policies and Procedures Regarding Self-Represented Parties in Agency Administrative Hearings, U.S. Department of Justice, Access to Justice Initiative (January 5, 2016)

Rethinking the Role of Identity in Equal Protection Doctrine, The Present and Future of Civil Rights Movements: Race and Reform in 21st Century America, Duke Law School (November 21, 2015)

The Paradoxical Liberty of Religious Identity, Lutie Lytle Writing Workshop, Vanderbilt Law School (July 10, 2015)

A Decade of Decisions and Dissents: The Roberts Court, from 2005 to Today (panelist), Radcliffe Day 2015, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard University (May 29, 2015)

Identity as Proxy

- Workshop on Next Generation Issues of Sex, Gender and the Law, 2015 AALS Midyear Meeting (June 25, 2015)
- Critical Race Theory Seminar, UC Berkeley School of Law (April 14, 2015)
- Faculty Colloquium, Loyola University New Orleans College of Law (March 13, 2015)
- Critical Race Studies Workshop, UCLA School of Law (January 28, 2015)

Undoing Race? Reconciling Multiracial Identity with Equal Protection, Global Mixed Race: Critical Mixed Race Studies Conference, DePaul University (November 15, 2014)

Toward a New Constitutional Narrative, Fifth Annual Constitutional Law Colloquium, Loyola University Chicago School of Law (November 7, 2014)

The 20th Anniversary of Justice Breyer's Appointment to the Supreme Court (panelist), 21st Annual U.S. Supreme Court Update CLE, Institute of Continuing Legal Education in Georgia (October 23, 2014)

Functionally Suspect, The Highest Tribute: Michigan Journal of Race & Law at 20, University of Michigan Law School (September 19, 2014)

Southeastern Association of Law Schools (SEALS) Annual Conference (August 2014)

- *Defining Multiracialism and Its Impact on the Law* (Moderator, Discussant)
- *Sex and Gender Classifications: What Level of Scrutiny?* (Co-Moderator, Discussant)
- *Strategies for Balancing Our Love for Work and Our Love for Life Beyond the Academy* (Discussant)

Law and Society Association Annual Meeting (May 2014)

- *Inequality in the Eyes of the Court* (Chair/Discussant)
- *Undoing Race?* (paper presentation)

Toward a Non-Essentialist Constitutionalism, Culp Colloquium, Duke Law School (May 15, 2014)

Undoing Race and the Essentialization of Equal Protection, Re-Envisioning Race in a 'Post-Racial' Era: New Approaches in Critical Race Theory, Yale Law School (April 5, 2014)

Lead Speaker, *Lawyering to the Lowest Common Denominator: Strickland v. Washington and the Underfunding of Indigent Defense*, Fred Gray Civil Rights Symposium, Thomas Goode Jones School of Law (February 21, 2014)

Undoing Race? Reconciling Multiracial Identity with the Pursuit of Racial Equality, Fourth Annual Constitutional Law Colloquium, Loyola University Chicago School of Law (November 1, 2013)

Deconstructing the Right to Counsel, Poverty Law: Cases, Teaching and Scholarship Conference, American University Washington College of Law (October 25, 2013)

Reclaiming Equality to Reframe Indigent Defense Reform, Fresh Ideas for Intractable Problems in Criminal Law (panelist), AALS Midyear Meeting, Joint Program of the AALS Section on Criminal Justice and ABA Section on Criminal Justice for Legal Educators, Judges, Practitioners, and Prosecutors (June 10, 2013)

Is Justice Blind? The Connection between Race and the Death Penalty, GSU Black Law Students Association, Georgia State University College of Law (April 10, 2013)

Undoing Race?, Southeast/Southwest People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, University of Arkansas-Little Rock, William H. Bowen School of Law (April 5, 2013)

Panelist, *Voices from the Field: Solutions from Current and Former Indigent Defense Providers*, Considering *Gideon* at 50: The History and Future of Indigent Defense, American Constitution Society for Law and Policy (Mar. 21, 2013)

A Dilemma of Doctrinal Design, Symposium: Minding the Gap: Reflections on the Achievement Gap between Men and Women in the Workplace in 2013, Florida International University College of Law (March 1, 2013)

Moderator, *Gideon at 50: The State of Indigent Defense in Georgia*, Georgia State University College of Law (February 21, 2013)

Race and Capital Punishment, EPIC Conference: And Justice for All? Criminal Justice in the South, Emory Law School (October 2012)

Race and the Death Penalty, Race and the Law (guest lecturer), University of Georgia Law School (September 2010)

Issues of Race in Capital Defense, Capital Punishment Seminar (guest lecturer), Harvard Law School (April 2008)

MEDIA AND LEGAL COMMENTARY

We Must Help Fix Justice Gap in Georgia's Legal Deserts, invited Law360 Guest Column (Nov. 1, 2021)

The feared eviction 'tsunami' has not yet happened. Experts are conflicted on why, Washington Post (Sept. 28, 2021)

High court to be asked to overturn intellectual disability threshold, Atlanta Journal-Constitution (Mar. 19, 2021)

COVID-19 exposes the Black community's long history of housing instability, Atlanta Journal-Constitution (Feb. 27, 2021)

Could 2021 Be the Year of Civil Justice Reform? Law360 (Jan. 25, 2021)

In Some Parts of Rural Georgia, Eviction Process Continues as Usual During Pandemic, WABE (NPR) (Nov. 10, 2020)

LawNext: Lauren Sudeall on Legal Deserts and Other Obstacles to Access to Justice (podcast) (Nov. 9, 2020)

Georgia Renters Get Few Protections, Landlords Seek to Evict, U.S. News (Sept. 5, 2020)

COVID-19 Threatens to Worsen US Legal Deserts, Law360 (Aug. 2, 2020)

Rural Georgia's 'Legal Deserts' Are Further Stressed by Pandemic, Law.com/Daily Report (Jul. 28, 2020)

Study Finds Eviction Process Amid COVID-19 Depends on Where Georgia Residents Live, WABE (NPR) (May 5, 2020)

No Country for Rural Lawyers: Small-town attorneys still find it hard to thrive, ABA Journal (Feb. 1, 2020)

In New Mexico, Nonattorney Helpers Could Ease Justice Crisis, Law360 (Feb. 2, 2020)

Closer Look: Community Members Respond to Controversial Quarry Yards Marketing; Eviction in GA's Urban & Rural Communities (with D. Immergluck, E. Raymond, D. Pasciuti and M. Rich), WABE (NPR) (Jul. 8, 2019)

Every year, millions try to navigate US courts without a lawyer, The Conversation (Sept. 21, 2017) (with Darcy Meals)

*Georgia Should Not Execute a Man Whose Juror Called Him A "Ni**er,"* American Constitution Society blog (Sept. 18, 2017)

Does the First Amendment protect religious freedom laws?, The Conversation (Apr. 12, 2016)

Justice has different meanings for Kelly Gissendaner's family, Atlanta Journal-Constitution (Sept. 27, 2015)
Questions remain on cloudy drug, even as new execution looms, Atlanta Journal-Constitution (Sept. 27, 2015)
Here's why Equal Protection may not protect everyone equally, Washington Post (Sept. 23, 2015)
Georgia Execution Has Nationwide Implications, WABE (NPR affiliate) (June 17, 2014)
Death in the Sunset of a Constitutional Showdown, JURIST – Forum (June 2, 2014)
Oklahoma “Botched Execution” and Georgia’s Lethal Injection Secrecy Law, WABE (NPR) (Apr. 30, 2014)
On Secrecy and Punishment, HUFFPOST BLOG (March 14, 2014)
Commentary on lecture by Professor John F. Stinneford (University of Florida Levin College of Law) on Cruel and Unusual Punishment, The Federalist Society, GSU Chapter (Feb. 26, 2014)
Doubts about Death, Special Feature: *30 Days of Stevens*, SCOTUSBLOG (May 27, 2010)

PREVIOUS PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Southern Center for Human Rights, Atlanta, GA 2007–2012
Soros Justice Fellow (2007–Feb. 2009)/*Staff Attorney* (Feb. 2009–2012)
Represented indigent capital clients in state post-conviction and federal habeas proceedings in Alabama and Georgia. Litigated civil claims regarding constitutional violations within the criminal justice system, including violations of the right to counsel.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Academic

Provost's Faculty Research Fellowship, Georgia State University (awarded 2020; deferred to 2022)
Steven J. Kaminshine Award for Excellence in Service, Georgia State University College of Law (2018)
Bernadette Hartfield Faculty Award, Ronald J. Freeman Chapter of the Black Law Students Association, Georgia State University College of Law (2017)
Patricia T. Morgan Award for Outstanding Faculty Scholarship, Georgia State University College of Law (2015)

Professional

The Minority 40 under 40, National Law Journal, October 31, 2011
Honored as one of 40 lawyers of color under the age of 40 for achievement within the legal profession.
Wasserstein Public Interest Fellows Program, Harvard Law School, 2010
Selected as a visiting 2010–2011 Wasserstein Fellow to advise students about public service careers.
On the Rise 2010, *Fulton County Daily Report*, August 2010
Recognized by the *Daily Report* as one of 10 “On the Rise” Georgia lawyers under 40.
Stuart Eizenstat Young Lawyer Award, Anti-Defamation League, Southeast Region, February 2010
In recognition of commitment to secure justice and fair treatment for all people.
Soros Justice Fellowship, Open Society Institute, 2007–2009
Criminal justice fellowship awarded to 18 individuals nationwide.
Kaufman Fellowship, Harvard Law School, 2007
In honor of commitment to public interest work.

SERVICE

Academic and Professional

- Member, International Advisory Board (editorial board) for “Perspectives on Law and Access to Justice” (Bristol University Press, UK) (2021–present)
- Member, American Bar Foundation (ABF)/JPB Foundation Access to Justice Scholars Program Advisory Council (invited) (2020–present)
- Fellow (selected to join inaugural fellow class), The Justice Collaborative Institute (2019–20)
- Constitutional Law Section, Association of American Law Schools
 - Chair (2016); Secretary (2015); Treasurer (2014)
- Member (appointed), Standing Committee on Legal Aid & Indigent Defendants, American Bar Association (2015–2018)
- Fellow, American Bar Foundation (invited) (2016–present)
- Member, Texas Smart Defense Internet Portal National Advisory Committee (2016–2018) (joint project of Texas Indigent Defense Commission and the Public Policy Research Institute at Texas A&M University, funded by “Smart Defense” grant from the US Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance)
- Member, Justice for All Strategic Action Plan Working Group, State Bar of Georgia (2017–2018) (formed to implement Justice for All grant awarded by the National Center for State Courts and the Public Welfare Foundation)
- Member, Justice Resource Center Advisory Board, Fulton County Superior Court (2017–present)
- Board of Advisors, The Systemic Justice Project at Harvard Law School (2015–present)
- Board of Directors, Southern Center for Human Rights (2012–2021)
 - Member and Chair (2012–2017), Program Committee
 - Member, Nominations & Governance Committee
- Member, Indigent Defense Committee, State Bar of Georgia (2010–present)
- Member, Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys (2009–present)

University and College of Law

- Affiliate Faculty Member, Urban Studies Institute (2020–present)
- Member, Dean’s Advisory Committee (2015–2018, 2020–present)
- Member, Assessment Committee (2021–present)
- Member, Curriculum Committee (2021–present)
- Member (Chair, 2020–21), Awards Committee (2014–2016, 2020–21)
- Member (Co-Chair, 2019–20), Recruitment Committee (2018–20)
- Member, Dean Search Committee (2017)
- Member, Clerkship Advisement Committee (2013–2018)
- Faculty Advisor, Moot Court (2013–2016)
- Member, Speakers Committee (2013–2015)

Other Activities

- Co-authored (with Darcy Meals) *Closing the Civil Justice Gap in the South* for SouthStrong, part of the Southern Economic Advancement Project (SEAP) (August 2020), <https://theseap.org/wp-content/uploads/SouthStrong-Policy-Memo-Access-to-Justice.pdf>
- Co-authored *Protecting Rural Jails from Coronavirus*, Data for Progress/The Justice Collaborative Institute (April 24, 2020), <https://www.dataforprogress.org/memos/protecting-rural-jails-from-coronavirus>
- Co-authored “Towards an Emergency Housing Response to COVID-19 in Georgia” with Georgia State, Georgia Tech, and Emory legal and housing scholars (March 2020) (recommendations featured in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution on March 23, 2020)

- Amicus brief filed in the Georgia Supreme Court on behalf of Amici Larry Schwartztol, Professor Carol Steiker, and Professor Alex Whiting, in *Anderson v. Sentinel Offender Services, LLC*, Case No. S15Q1816 (certified question from the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Georgia) (December 1, 2015) (authored in conjunction with the Criminal Justice Program of Study, Research & Advocacy at Harvard Law School)
- Member, School Leadership Team, Talley Street Upper Elementary School (2021–present)
- Member, Better Together Advisory Board, City of Decatur, Georgia (2016–2021)

BAR ADMISSIONS

Admitted to the bars of Georgia and Alabama