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EDUCATION

Georgia State University School of Public Health, Atlanta, GA

Graduate Certificate in Public Health (2020)

Georgia State University College of Law, Atlanta, GA

Juris Doctor (2008) (honors, pro bono recognition, mediation training)

Agnes Scott College, Decatur, GA

Bachelor of Arts in Sociology/Anthropology (2000) (magna cum laude, business certificate)

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

Center for Law, Health & Society, Georgia State University College of Law, Atlanta, GA

Deputy Director (July 2022 to current)

Senior Academic Professional, Non-Tenure Track Faculty (July 2022 to current)

Associate Director (March 2012 to June 2022)

Academic Professional, Non-Tenure Track Faculty (July 2017 to June 2022)

Adjunct, School of Public Health (January 2023 to current)

- Course taught: Public Health Law (2013, 2015, 2018, 2021, 2022, 2023)

PUBLICATIONS

Book Chapters

- Bhatti, A. **Kershner, S.**, & Olowookere, S. (2021). Vaccination Law across the Life Course. In *Public Health Law: Concepts and Case Studies for Practitioners* (M.M. Ransom & L. M. Valladares, eds.). New York City: Springer Publishing Company.
- **Kershner, S.**, & Silverthorn, B. (2021). Meeting the Needs of Vulnerable and at Risk School-Age Children. In *Assessing Legal Responses to COVID-19, Volume 2* (S. Burris, et al, eds.).
- **Kershner, S.**, & Wolf, L. (2019, January) The Intersection of Law, Ethics and Public Health in the United States. *Oxford Handbook of Public Health Ethics* (Jeffrey Kahn, Nancy Kass, and Anna Mastroianni, eds.). Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Journal Articles

- Johnston, K., Oakley, D., Durham, A., Bass, C., & **Kershner, S.** (2020). Regulating Micromobility: Examining Transportation Equity and Access. *Journal of Comparative Urban Law and Policy*, 4(1).
- Levin, H., **Kershner, S.** Lytton, T., Salmon, D., & Omer, S. (2020, February). Stopping the Resurgence of Vaccine-Preventable Childhood Diseases: Policy, Politics, and Law. *University of Illinois Law Review*, 2020(1).

- Wolf, L., **Kershner, S.**, & Bliss, L. (2017). A Concentrated Certificate Program Incorporating Experiential Education: Helping Students Prepare for a Career in the Dynamic Area of Health Law. *International Journal of Clinical Legal Education*, 24(3).
- **Kershner, S.** (2016, Spring). Best Practices for Teaching Public Health Law: Two Online Resource Libraries. *Journal of Law, Medicine & Ethics*, 44(1).
- Lopez, W., **Kershner, S.**, & Penn, M. (2013, November). EMAC Volunteers: Liability and Workers' Compensation. *Biosecurity and Bioterrorism: Biodefense Strategy, Practice, and Science*, 11(3). (Peer reviewed.)

Journal Editor

- **Kershner, S.**, & Goico, S. (2020). *Olmstead* at Twenty: The Past and Future of Community Integration – A Letter from the Guest Editors. *Journal of Legal Medicine*, 40(1). (Guest Editor.)
- **Kershner, S.** (2019 to 2020). *Journal of Legal Medicine*, 39-40. (Book Review Editor.)

Other

- **Kershner, S.**, & Johnston, K. (2021, March 4). Public transit drivers are now responsible for preventing unmasked passengers from boarding and removing unruly customers. *The Conversation*.
- **Kershner, S.**, Salmon, D., Levin, H. & Lytton, T. (2019, January 28). A proposal to reduce vaccine exemptions while respecting rights of conscience. *The Conversation*.

EXTERNAL PRESS QUOTES/INTERVIEWS

- Georgia Is Not Declaring an Emergency Due to Monkeypox Outbreak. *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*. (2022, August 16).
- Public Health and the Law. *AIB Network*. (Forthcoming television interview).
- Ride-Share E-Scooters Like Bird and Spin Are Getting Smarter with Safety. *Wall Street Journal Video*. (2022, January 26).
- Schools Usually Enforce Child Vaccinations. With COVID-19 That Job Is Falling to Private Businesses. *Time Magazine*. (2021, December 17).
- VERIFY: No, the federal government can't mandate vaccines to the general public. Here's why. *WFAA ABC News 8*. (2021, October 6).
- Many Ethical Considerations for MDs if Patient Is Unvaccinated. *Medical Ethics Advisor*. (2021, September 2).
- Should teachers disclose their vaccination status? *Fox 26 News*. (2021, August 11).
- How to ask your hairdresser, dentist or teacher if they're vaccinated for COVID-19. *Today.com*. (2021, August 11).
- COVID-19 and HIPAA: Is a business asking for proof of vaccination a HIPAA violation? *WDEF.Com*. (2021, May 21).
- GSU Program Named Tops in Nation *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*. (2021, May 15).
- Do Teachers Have to Disclose Their Vaccination Status? *EdWeek*. (2021, March 24).
- Georgia State University Offering LL.M. in Health Law. *National Jurist*. (2020, August 28).

- Atlanta Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms Issues Executive Order Requiring Face Masks in the City. *WSB-TV Channel 2*. (2020, July 8).
- Law Section Hosts COVID-19 Webcasts. *APHA The Nation's Health*. (2020, June).
- GSU Ramps Up Marketing for Health Law LLM. *Daily Report*. (2017, August 15).
- The Law and Vaccines: What You Need to Know. *Daily Report*. (2015, February 6).

PRESENTATIONS

- **Kershner, S.** (Various dates 2009 to current). *Introduction to Public Health Law*.
- **Kershner, S.** (Various dates 2017 to current). *Introduction to Law, Social Determinants of Health & the Health is a Human Right Exhibit*.
- **Kershner, S.,** Chrysler, D. (2022, August 19). *An Update to the Social Distancing Law Project: A Tool for Assessing Legal Preparedness for Emergencies*. Public Health Law Practitioners Convening, Chicago, IL.
- Burris, S., Gable, L., Huberfeld, N., **Kershner, S.,** Maklouf, M., & Ulrich, M. (2022, June 2). *Public Health Is Universal: Building Better Engagement via Scholarship & Curriculum*. Health Law Professors Conference, Phoenix, AZ.
- Burris, S., Hoke, K., **Kershner, S.,** Ransom, M., & Sanchez, E. (2022, June 2). *Barrier or Breakthrough: Strategies to Develop and Train a Diverse Public Health Law Workforce*. Health Law Professors Conference, Phoenix, AZ.
- Brescia, R., & **Kershner, S.** (2022, May 17). *Lawyering During Crisis*. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention In-House Continuing Legal Education Series, Virtual.
- **Kershner, S.** (2022, May 17). *Federal Public Health Emergency Law*. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention In-House Continuing Legal Education Series, Virtual.
- Khan, F., **Kershner, S.,** Sunshine, G., Satz, A. (2021, October 14). *Threats to Public Health Authority*. Public Health Law. 10th Annual Virtual State of the Public's Health. University of Georgia College of Public Health, Virtual.
- **Kershner, S.,** Gable, L., & Silverthorn, B. (2021, March 2). *COVID Law Briefing: School Reopenings and Online Learning*. Public Health Law Watch, Virtual.
- **Kershner, S.,** & Johnston, K. (2020, December 4). *Protect Public Transit Workers and Riders*. What Could Congress Do about the Pandemic by December 18? A Workshop Co-sponsored by Emory University and Georgia State University, Virtual.
- **Kershner, S.** (2019, June 6). *Public Health Law and the E-Scooter Epidemic*. Health Law Professors Conference, Chicago, IL.
- **Kershner, S.** & Ramsey-White, K. (2018, September 8). *Health is a Human Right: Bringing the Exhibit to Georgia State University*. Inclusive Museum Conference. Granada, Spain.
- **Kershner, S.** & Ramsey-White, K. (2018, June). *Health is a Human Right: Using the Exhibit as a Teaching Tool*. Health Law Professors Conference, Cleveland, OH.
- **Kershner, S.** & Ramsey-White, K. (2018, May). *Health is a Human Right: Using the Exhibit as a Teaching Tool*. Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning Conference. Atlanta, GA.
- **Kershner, S.** (2018, March 23). *Snapshot of Legal Masters Programs for Non-Lawyers: Preliminary Results from the 2017 Survey*. 2nd Annual Legal Masters Conference, Sacramento, CA.

- **Kershner, S.** (2014, July 18). *Fostering Multi-Disciplinary Expertise through a Dual-Degree Program.* Future of Public Health Law Education Faculty Fellowship Program Summer Institute, Park City, UT.
- Clower, J. & **Kershner, S.** (2013, January 17). *Review of State-Level Laws Requiring Carbon Monoxide Alarms in Residential Settings.* Public Health Law Research Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.
- Blumenstock, J., Klein, D., Elliott, P. and **Kershner, S.** (2012, February 22). *Navigating Legal Barriers to Effective Public Health Emergency Response.* 2012 Annual Public Health Preparedness Summit, Anaheim, CA.
- **Kershner, S.** (2011, June 10). *Prescription Drug Overdose: An American Epidemic. Preventing Injuries to Save Lives and Money.* National Conference of State Legislatures, Atlanta, GA.
- **Kershner, S.** (2011, February 22). *Using the 'Menu of Suggested Provisions for Public Health Mutual Aid Agreements.'* *High Priority Tools for Public Health Legal Preparedness.* 2011 Annual Public Health Preparedness Summit, Atlanta, GA.
- **Kershner, S.** (2010, September 22). *Jurisdiction in Public Health Matters.* Public Health Law and Science: A Seminar for State Court Judges, Atlanta, GA.
- **Kershner, S.** (2010, August 12). *Jurisdiction in Public Health Matters.* Public Health Law and Science: A Seminar for State Court Judges, Newark, OH.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS, BOARDS & ASSOCIATIONS

- State Bar of Georgia, Member in Good Standing (Admitted 2008)
- American Public Health Association, *American Journal of Public Health* Peer Reviewer (2021), Law Section Program Planner Chair (2017-current, Received 2021 Distinguished Service to the Section Award), Student Scholarship Reviewer (2021 to current), Abstract Reviewer (2016 to current), Member (2015 to current)
- Georgia Advocacy Office, Supported Decision Making Advisory Council Member (2022 to current)
- Center for Leadership in Disability, Project Advisory Workgroup (PAW) Member (2021 to current)
- American Society of Law, Medicine & Ethics Member (2020 to current)
- State Bar of Georgia's Young Lawyers Division Advocates for Students with Disabilities Committee (Co-Chair 2009 to 2012, Received 2010 Award of Achievement for Outstanding Service to the Public from the YLD)

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Adjunct, School of Public Health (January 2023 to current)

- Manage daily operations for a top health law program. Shepherded program to #1 in the country for 2022 (U.S. News & World Report) and an A+ in 2020 (National Jurist/PreLaw Magazine).
- Administer academic programs. Facilitate a positive educational experience and ensure smooth transitions from applicant to student to graduate, including recruiting, advising, and providing career guidance for J.D. health law certificate, dual degree, and master of laws (LL.M.) students. Advise Student Health Law Association. Serve on dissertation committee for public health Ph.D. candidate and thesis committees for dual degree JD/MPH students.
- Develop content and organize educational programming, including continuing legal education, speaker events, national daylong symposia and multi-day conferences on a variety of health law topics, such as Affordable Care Act updates, prevention and control of communicable disease, disability law, drug pricing, foodborne illness, healthy housing, the opioid crisis, tobacco control, and many others.
- Teach Public Health Law course to law and public health students. Develop course materials. Draft and grade course assignments and exams. Convert course from in person to asynchronous online.
- Conduct research on health law and public health law related topics, including a vaccination exemption project with team of attorneys and scientists and an interdisciplinary micromobility transportation project with a team of urban planners, engineers and sociologists across four universities.
- Serve on university Graduate Assessment Committee in the Office of Institutional Effectiveness. Review and evaluate graduate programs' student learning outcomes assessment reports. Serve on university Non-Tenure Track advisory committee.
- Serve on college ABA Accreditation/AALS Visit Committee. Served on college Assessment and Evaluation Committee, helped to develop and implement evaluation tools and processes for data collection and analysis of the J.D. and LL.M. programs. Continue to evaluate the LL.M. program annually.
- Produce and distribute communications materials, including a twenty-page twice-annual center news publication, educational program brochures and event advertising. Manage center social media efforts, including 15th Anniversary celebration campaign.
- With an interdisciplinary team from the School of Public Health and University Library, among others, brought the exhibit *Health is a Human Right: Race and Place in America* to the College of Law through a donation from the David J. Sencer CDC Museum, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and grant from the National Libraries of Medicine, National Institutes of Health. Worked with curator and installer to re-imagine the physical exhibit and fit it to the College of Law's space. Helped to design concept for online exhibit. Hosted luncheon opening event with panelists from the CDC. Continue to coordinate other events incorporating the exhibit. Handle all publicity for the exhibit. Develop curricula with faculty from across campus using the exhibit. Recently awarded a Racial Justice Innovation Initiative internal grant to update the exhibit. Exhibit is open to the public and has had more than 3000 visitors since opening at Georgia State in 2017.
- Helped to bring the *Journal of Legal Medicine* to Georgia State Law. Served on the editorial board as the Book and Film Review Editor. Served as guest editor for a symposium issue of articles related to the 20th Anniversary of *Olmstead v. L.C. and E.W.*

- Successfully drafted proposals for Master of Laws (LL.M.) for foreign and domestic attorneys, and Master of Jurisprudence (M.J.) for non-lawyer health practitioners, shepherded these through the law school and university process, and received approval from the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia and formal acquiescence from the American Bar Association. Provide expertise to other departments at College of Law on proposal approval processes.
- Assisted principal investigator with carrying out half-million dollar grant, funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (2012-2016), designed to enhance public health law teaching at law schools across the country, including drafting the proposal, organizing the faculty fellow and mentoring application and selection process, designing materials and online resource bank, developing programming and managing logistics for ten-day summer training and three-day closing workshop for faculty fellows, and drafting budget narratives and reports.
- Affiliated faculty with the Partnership for Urban Health Research and faculty liaison to the Center for Leadership in Disability at the School of Public Health. Affiliated faculty with the Micromobility Lab at the Urban Studies Institute.

Network for Public Health Law, Third Sector New England, Inc., Boston, MA

Consultant (January 2022 to Current)

- Through funding award from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials and subaward to the Network, update the Social Distancing Law Assessment Project, including a guidance document, template, legal consultation meeting and hypothetical exercise designed to aid jurisdictions in assessing the sufficiency of their legal authority.
- Convene working group to explore how past participation SDLP informed the jurisdiction's legal response to disease outbreaks over the past decade, including COVID-19.

Atlanta Legal Aid Society, Atlanta, GA

Volunteer Attorney (August 2021 to Current)

- Represent Atlanta Legal Aid Society clients' children in Individualized Education Program (IEP) special education meetings, state complaints, manifestation of disability reviews (MDR) and school disciplinary hearings.

Public Health Law Program, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta, GA

Legal/Policy Research Analyst, ORISE Fellow (April 2009 to February 2012)

- Developed tools, provided technical assistance, and designed and presented trainings on public health legal issues to judges, state and local public health legal counsel, practitioners, students and other stakeholders.
- Conducted legal research on public health topics, including legal preparedness for emergencies, environmental health and safety, and prevention of intentional and unintentional injury. Identified and disseminated best and promising innovative practices.
- Drafted and prepared articles, after-action reports, fact sheets, slides and other materials for internal use and external publication.

- Developed internal grant applications and reports for emergency preparedness projects.
- Helped to select from among external award proposals, reviewed budgets, and coordinated with grantees from national public health organizations on a variety of emergency preparedness projects.

Georgia State University Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, Atlanta, GA

Project Manager (January 2007 to May 2009)

- Managed data collection for project evaluating compliance by Fulton and DeKalb County Divisions of Family and Children's Services with judicially mandated outcomes outlined in the *Kenny A. v. Perdue*, consent decree, child welfare laws and DFCS policy.
- Coordinated with court appointed compliance monitors to design and implement case record review guides for use in analyzing improvement of child welfare services.
- Worked with principal investigator on planning and administration of project budget (approximately \$800,000 annually).
- Hired, trained and supervised five data collectors and administrative staff.

Research Assistant (December 2005 to December 2006)

- Assisted with research projects including collecting data on child welfare outcomes, measuring student gains associated with the North Carolina Disadvantaged Student Supplemental Fund, and assessing customer service provided by Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning.

Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning, Atlanta, GA

Independent Contractor (September 2003 to December 2006)

- Evaluated classroom climate, quality, and health and safety factors using the Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale-Revised Edition and the Infant/Toddler Environment Rating Scale- Revised Edition.
- Conducted consensus baseline observations for childcare centers seeking grant funding or technical assistance.
- Provided technical assistance to centers on how best to allocate grant money to improve quality.

Oasis Counseling Center, Marietta, GA

Independent Contractor (November 2003 to December 2006)

- Completed home studies on prospective foster and adoptive resource families. Conducted home evaluations on prospective relative care placements. Drafted reports for DFCS with recommendations for whether or not families should be approved for placement.
- Supervised visitation between children in foster care and biological parents and provided written visit summaries to DFCS case managers.

Children's Advocacy Centers of Georgia, Atlanta, GA

Emory University College of Law Barton Child Law and Policy Clinic Intern (May to August 2005)

- Researched legal issues related to child advocacy centers; compiled research on services provided by CACGA and conducted a needs assessment of member centers.

University of North Carolina, National Center for Early Development and Learning, Chapel Hill, NC

Social Research Assistant (January 2002 to May 2003)

- Collected data across Georgia for a longitudinal multi-state study on state funded pre-kindergarten programs.
- Conducted educational assessments of pre-school and kindergarten-aged children using nationally normed tools. Observed, recorded and evaluated teacher interactions, student engagement, and classroom quality.
- Served as point of contact for principals, teachers and parents, maintaining large study sample.

Safe Path Children's Advocacy Center, Marietta, GA

Program Coordinator (August 2001 to December 2001)

- Managed reception area by supervising child and adult clients and assisting with intake process.
- Entered and maintained confidential case files in computer database. Prepared statistics and drafted reports for grant applications and renewals.

DeKalb County District Attorney's Office, Decatur, GA

Paralegal (October 2000 to August 2001, April 2004 to May 2005)

Paralegal Contractor (July to August 2002, July to August 2003, January to April 2004)

Administrative Assistant to the District Attorney (December 1999 to October 2000)

- Opened and investigated felony cases involving crimes such as fraud, theft, property damage, drug possession or intent to sell, and obstruction. Contacted and interviewed victims, witnesses, and law enforcement. Prepared case files for attorneys. Drafted indictments and accusations.
- Reduced heavy backlog of cases in three courtrooms.
- Composed confidential legal documents and memoranda.
- Transposed videotaped forensic interviews conducted at the child advocacy center for the Crimes Against Children Unit.