

CURRICULUM VITAE

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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW, ATLANTA, GA 7/2022-present
Assistant Professor of Law

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL OF LAW, COLUMBIA, SC
Visiting Professor of Law 2021

NORTHWESTERN PRITZKER SCHOOL OF LAW, CHICAGO, IL
Professor of Practice 2013–6/2022
William M. Trumbull Professor of Practice (rotating chair) 2018–2020
Senior Lecturer 2010–2013
Interim Associate Dean & Dean of Students 2008–2009
Clinical Associate Professor of Law 2006–2009
Clinical Assistant Professor of Law 2001–2006

Courses Taught: Civil Procedure, Evidence, Torts, Federal Courts, Conflicts of Law, Employment Law, Employment Discrimination

Research: I use philosophical, linguistic, and rhetorical theories of meaning to explore central interpretive questions in Civil Procedure, Evidence, and related areas of the law.

Teaching Awards (Northwestern): MSL Online Outstanding Teacher, 2020; Robert Childres Memorial Award for Teaching Excellence, 2018 (presented annually to the faculty member selected by the student body as the year's most outstanding teacher); Outstanding 1L Class Professor, 2016; Outstanding Small Class Professor, 2014; Student Bar Association Faculty Appreciation Award, 2005, 2014 & 2019; Dean's Teaching Award, 2003 & 2005.

ARTICLES

Questioning Hearsay's Formalism, forthcoming in the FLORIDA LAW REVIEW (2024).

How Rhetoric Reveals Judicial Motives in Employment Discrimination Cases, 90 TENN. L. REV. 249 (2023).

Can Speech Act Theory Save Notice Pleading?, 96 IND. L.J. 1157 (2021).

Civil Procedure as a Critical Discussion, 20 NEV. L.J. 967 (2020) (with Brian N. Larson) (invited/symposium).

The Conscious Curriculum, 108 NW. L. REV. ONLINE 80 (2013) (with Sarah O'Rourke Schrup).

Teaching in Reverse: A Positive Approach to Analytical Errors in 1L Writing, 39 LOY. U. CHI. L.J. 123 (2007) (with Lesley S. Kagan).

Note, *Lamb's Chapel v. Center Moriches Union-Free School District: Creating Greater Protection for Religious Speech Through the Illusion of Public Forum Analysis*, 1994 WIS. L. REV. 965.

BOOKS AND BOOK CHAPTERS

Justice Kennedy, Natural Liberty, and Classical Stasis Theory: Advancing Free Speech with Rhetorical Knowledge and Interpretive Argumentation, in *THE RHETORIC OF JUDGING WELL: THE CONFLICTED LEGACY OF JUSTICE ANTHONY M. KENNEDY* (David A. Frank & Francis J. Mootz eds., Penn State U. Press 2023).*

*Received the 2023 Distinguished Publication Award from the Communication and Law Section of the National Communication Association.

Cicero: Legal Stases and the Supreme Court, in *CLASSICAL RHETORIC & CONTEMPORARY LAW* (Francis J. Mootz et al. eds., U. of Alabama Press) (with Brian N. Larson) (forthcoming 2024).

ADVANCED APPELLATE ADVOCACY (Aspen Publishers 2016) (lead author of textbook with Sarah O'Rourke Schrup, Jeffrey T. Green & Carter G. Phillips).

GRANTS

August 2023 seed grant from Jane Robertson Layman Fund, University of Nebraska Foundation, for the project, "The Worst of the Worst: Civil Rights Cases and the Influence of Supermax Rhetoric on Judicial Decision-Making" (with Professors Danielle Jefferis and Nicole Godfrey).

WORKS IN PROGRESS

"The Worst of the Worst": Civil Rights Cases and the Effect of Supermax Rhetoric on Judicial Decision-Making (with Professors Danielle Jefferis and Nicole Godfrey) (conducting an empirical and rhetorical analysis of government rhetoric's influence on judicial reasoning in prisoner civil rights cases).

Rhetoric and Legal Argumentation, in *RESEARCH HANDBOOK IN ON LEGAL ARGUMENTATION* (Elgar Publishing Legal Theory Handbook Series) (with Kathryn M. Stanchi).

MEDIA

Susan Provenzano on Pleading Standards and Speech-Act Theory, *Ipse Dixit*, Aug. 6, 2020.

Susan Provenzano & Brian Larson on Analyzing Legal Argumentation, *Ipse Dixit*, Jan. 7, 2020.

SUPREME COURT WORK

Columbia House of Brokers Realty, Inc. v. Designworks Homes, Inc., No. 21-1217 (2022) (Amicus on cert.).

Kabler v. Kansas, 140 U.S. 1021 (2020) (Petitioner on the merits).

Shular v. United States, 149 S. Ct. 779 (2020) (Petitioner on the merits).

Cochise Consultancy, Inc. v. Hunt, 139 S. Ct. 1507 (2019) (Respondent on the merits).

Albertsons v. Kirkingburg, 527 U.S. 555 (1999) (Amicus on the merits).

PRESENTATIONS AND PANELS

Invited Speaker, Conference on Legal Argumentation for the *Research Handbook on Legal Argumentation* (Elgar Publishing), Lisbon, Portugal, October 2023.

Invited Speaker, Jagiellonian Center for Law, Language, and Philosophy: Workshop on Deceptive Speech Acts in Philosophy and Law, Krakow, Poland, October 2023.

Presenter, *Questioning Hearsay's Formalism*, AALS Jurisprudence Workshop, August 2023.

Presenter, Works in Progress Series: Criminal Law and Civil Rights, Southeastern Association of Law Schools, July 2023.

Panelist, *The Rhetoric of Judging Well: The Conflicted Legacy of Justice Anthony M. Kennedy*, Southeastern Association of Law Schools, July 2023.

The Worst of the Worst, Civil Procedure Workshop, Northwestern University School of Law, April 2023.

Questions as Hearsay, Vanderbilt Law School Evidence Workshop, April 2023.

Invited Speaker, *The Legal Topoi: A Theory of Judicial Argumentation*, LSU School of Law, February 2023.

Invited Speaker, *Classical Argument and Supreme Court Rhetoric*, LSU School of Law, January 2023.

Invited Speaker, *Iqbal in Context*, Northwestern University School of Law, October 2022.

Invited Speaker, *How Rhetoric Reveals Judicial Motives in Employment Discrimination Cases*, First Annual Michael Olivas Writing Institute, sponsored by Florida International University College of Law and the University of Houston Law Center, July 2022.

Justice Anthony M. Kennedy: The Rhetoric of Judging Well, Panel at the Rhetoric Society of America, May 2022.

Invited Speaker, *California Dreaming: Regulating the Gig Economy*, a symposium of the Pacific Law Review sponsored by the McGeorge School of Law Capital Center for Law and Policy and the McGeorge Public Policy Programs, February 2022.

Justice Anthony M. Kennedy: The Rhetoric of Liberty, Working Papers Virtual Symposium, April 2021.

Rhetoric, Justice, and the Construction of Law, Panel at AALS, January 2021.

Speech Acts and the Conclusory Allegation/Well-Pleaded Facts Distinction, Faculty Workshop, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, January 2020.

Civil Procedure as a Critical Discussion, Faculty Workshop, University of Texas A&M University School of Law, November 2019.

Symposium Co-Chair and Invited Speaker, *Classical Rhetoric as a Lens for Contemporary Legal Praxis*, a symposium of the Nevada Law Journal and William S. Boyd School of Law at the University of Nevada Las Vegas, September 2019.

The Past . . . is not Even Past: Classical Rhetoric & Contemporary Law, Panel at Southern States Communication Association Convention, April 2019.

Celebrating Classical Rhetoric & Building Contemporary Law, Panel at the Rhetoric Society of America, May 2018.

The Dimensions of Argument: Teaching Structure and Logic in a Complementary Manner, Stetson Univ. Law School, January 2016.

The Conscious Curriculum, Panel at AALS Clinical Conference, April 2014.

LAW SCHOOL SERVICE (GEORGIA STATE)

Strategic Planning Committee (2023)

1L Curriculum Committee (2023)

SELECTED LAW SCHOOL SERVICE (NORTHWESTERN)

Chair, Faculty Judicial Clerkship Committee

Chair, Strategic Plan Curriculum Working Group

Chair, Search Committee for Director of Communication and Legal Reasoning

Faculty Curriculum Committee

Faculty Development Committee

Faculty Remote Teaching Committee

Bluhm Legal Clinic Strategic Planning Committee

Faculty Advisor, Julius Miner Moot Court Competition

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND SERVICE

Council of Appellate Lawyers

American Bar Association, Appellate Judges Conference and Section of Legal Education and Admission to the Bar

AALS Sections: Civil Procedure, Conflict of Laws, Evidence, Federal Courts, Employment Discrimination, Jurisprudence, Scholarship, Teaching Methods, Women in Legal Education

Admitted to practice in Illinois (1995), Wisconsin (1995), the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit (1997), and the United States Supreme Court (2019).

EDUCATION

University of Wisconsin Law School, J.D. May 1995

Class Rank: 3/220

Editor-in-Chief, *Wisconsin Law Review*

Awards: American Jurisprudence Awards in Constitutional Law and Evidence; Leon Feingold Award for Outstanding Commitment to the Law School and the Greater Community; Student Note voted best student article by *Wisconsin Law Review* editorial board

University of Wisconsin-Madison, B.A. with Distinction in Political Science, May 1992

Class Rank: 9/3575

Honors: *Phi Beta Kappa* junior year

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIP

Law Clerk to the Honorable Ruben Castillo, Northern District of Illinois 1996–1998

OTHER LEGAL EMPLOYMENT

Kirkland & Ellis, Chicago, IL *Associate, Litigation* 1995–1996

Mayer Brown, Chicago, IL *Associate, Labor & Employment* 1998–1999

Franczek Radelet, Chicago, IL *Associate* 1999–2001