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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA JAMES E. ROGERS COLLEGE OF LAW, Tucson, AZ

Interim Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

2025-present

Professor of Law

2022-present

Co-Director, Family and Juvenile Law Certificate Program

2024-present

Faculty Advisor, Criminal Law and Policy Program

2023-present

Courses

Criminal Procedure (Investigations & Adjudication), Criminal Law, Family Law, Professional Responsibility, Law & Sexuality

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS SCHOOL OF LAW, Fayetteville, AR

Professor of Law

promoted Apr. 2022

Associate Professor of Law (with tenure)

2020-22

Faculty Director, Atkinson Program on LGBTQ Law & Policy

2021-22

Assistant Professor of Law

2016-20

Courses

Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, Family Law, Professional Responsibility, Constitutional Law, Adv. Criminal Law (Regulating Vice), Law & Sexuality, LGBTQ Communities and Criminal Justice

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES SCHOOL OF LAW, Los Angeles, CA

Richard Taylor Law Teaching Fellow, The Williams Institute

2013-16

Courses

Constitutional Law, Adv. Criminal Law, Law & Sexuality, LGBTQ Communities and Criminal Justice

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

American Bar Foundation – Elected Fellow (2021 to present)

Best LGBTQ+ Lawyers Under 40 – National LGBT Bar Association (2021)

University of Arkansas Law School Dean's Circle Faculty Award for Scholarship (2021)

University of Arkansas Faculty Commendation for Teaching Commitment (2020, 2019, 2018, 2017)

Stanford/Harvard/Yale Junior Faculty Forum (2018)

Dukeminier Award (recognizing the best published LGBT legal scholarship) (2018, 2017)

SELECT LAW REVIEW PUBLICATIONS

Paying Financial Sanctions via Incarceration: A Case Study of "Sitting Out," 116 J. CRIM. L. & CRIMINOLOGY (forthcoming 2026) (peer-reviewed) (with Beth A. Colgan).

[*The Expansion of Criminal Legal Systems Through Traffic Enforcement: A Lost History*](#), 53 FORDHAM URB. L.J. 149 (2025).

[*The New Sexual Deviancy*](#), 113 GEO. L.J. 911 (2025).

[*Reimagining Traffic Fines and Fees*](#), 14 U.C. IRVINE L. REV. 936 (2024).

[*Bigotry, Civil Rights, and LGBTQ Child Welfare*](#), 120 MICH. L. REV. 1011 (2022) (review essay).

[*Conventional Traffic Policing in the Age of Automated Driving*](#), 100 N.C. L. REV. 327 (2022).

[*Traffic Without the Police*](#), 73 STAN. L. REV. 1471 (2021).

[*Destabilizing Policing's Masculinity Project*](#), 89 GEO. WASH. L. REV. 1527 (2021) (symposium).

[*Religious Exemptions and LGBTQ Child Welfare*](#), 103 MINN. L. REV. 2343 (2019).

[*Policing, Danger Narratives, and Routine Traffic Stops*](#), 117 MICH. L. REV. 635 (2019).

- Selected for the 2018 Stanford/Harvard/Yale Junior Faculty Forum.

[*Unaccompanied Youth and Private-Public Order Failures*](#), 103 IOWA L. REV. 1639 (2018).

- Winner, 2018 Dukeminier Award (recognizing the best published LGBT legal scholarship).

[*LGBT Identity and Crime*](#), 105 CALIF. L. REV. 667 (2017).

- Winner, 2017 Dukeminier Award (recognizing the best published LGBT legal scholarship).

[*Decriminalization, Police Authority, and Routine Traffic Stops*](#), 62 UCLA L. REV. 672 (2015).

OTHER LAW REVIEW WORKS

[*The Need for a Comprehensive Police Data Collection and Transparency Law in Arizona*](#), 55 ARIZ. ST. L.J. 1063 (2023) (Special Issue on Arizona Law) (with A. Oddo, D. Arredondo, and Y. Idrissov).

[*Framing Harm to Children in the Debate Over Religious Exemptions in Child Welfare: Lessons from Fulton*](#), 60 FAM. CT. REV. 82 (2022) (symposium on “Fulton, Faith, Families, and Foster Care”).

[*Metanarratives of Traffic Policing*](#), 53 CONN. L. REV. 645 (2021) (essay, special issue on police/prison abolition).

[*Police Escalation and the Motor Vehicle*](#), 24 NEW CRIM. L. REV. 115 (2021) (invited contribution, special issue on investigations).

[*Framing Legislation Banning the “Gay and Trans Panic” Defenses*](#), 54 U. RICH. L. REV. 883 (2020) (symposium on the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall Riots).

[*Autonomous Vehicles and Police De-Escalation*](#), 114 N.W. U. L. REV. ONLINE 75 (2019) (essay).

[*Systemic Racial Bias and RICO's Application to Criminal Street and Prison Gangs*](#) 17 MICH. J. RACE & L. 303 (2012).

[*Addressing Youth Bias Crime*](#), 56 UCLA L. REV. 1899 (2008) (student comment).

[*Taking the “Hate” Out of Hate Crimes: Applying Unfair Advantage Theory to Justify the Enhanced Punishment of Opportunistic Bias Crimes*](#), 56 UCLA L. REV. 489 (2008) (student comment).

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS AND BOOK CHAPTERS

A Comparative Look at Contemporary Conflicts Between Religion and LGBTQ Rights in Family Law, in RESEARCH HANDBOOK OF FAMILY LAW AND RELIGION (Joel A. Nichols & Karin Carmit Yefet eds. forthcoming 2026).

LGBTQ Bias Among Juries, in THE SAGE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF CRIME AND GENDER (forthcoming 2026).

Historical Criminology and the New Anti-LGBTQ Crisis, in MEMORY AS POWER: HISTORICAL CRIMINOLOGY AND THE ROLE OF THE PAST IN CRITICAL SCHOLARSHIP 33-52 (P. Bleakley & Alex Tepperman eds. 2025).

[*Public Memory, LGBTQ \(In\)Visibility and Anti-Gay Violence: A Frame Analysis of Media Discourse on the Murder of Matthew Shepard 25 Years Later*](#), in THE (MIS)REPRESENTATION OF QUEER LIVES IN TRUE CRIME 120-140 (Abbie E. Goldberg, Danielle C. Slakoff, & Carrie L. Buist, eds., 2024).

[*LGBTQ in the Courtroom: How Sexuality and Gender Identity Impact the Jury System*](#), in CRIMINAL JURIES IN THE 21ST CENTURY: PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCE AND THE LAW 61-83 (Oxford Univ. Press, C. Najdowski & M. Stevenson eds., 2018).

[*The Birth of Modern Criminology and Gendered Constructions of Homosexual Criminal Identity*](#), 62 JOURNAL OF HOMOSEXUALITY 131 (2015).

[*Queer Contestations and the Future of a “Queer” Criminology*](#), 22 CRITICAL CRIMINOLOGY 5 (2014).

[*Queering Criminology: Overview of the State of the Field*](#), in HANDBOOK OF LGBT COMMUNITIES, CRIME, AND JUSTICE 15 (D. Peterson and V. Panfil eds. 2014).

[*Hate Crime in the United States*](#), in THE ROUTLEDGE INTERNATIONAL HANDBOOK ON HATE CRIME 153 (N. Hall et al. eds. 2014).

[*Anti-transgender Hate Crime*](#), in THE ROUTLEDGE INTERNATIONAL HANDBOOK ON HATE CRIME 278 (N. Hall et al. eds. 2014) (first author, with J. Herman).

[*Latina Transgender Women’s Interactions with Law Enforcement in Los Angeles County*](#), 7 POLICING (UNIV. OF OXFORD) 379 (2013) (first author, with F.H. Galvan, M. Bazargan, J.L. Herman, & Y. Chen).

OTHER WORKS AND EXPERT COMMENTARIES IN POPULAR MEDIA

[*Working to Eliminate Racial and Identity Profiling: A Review of the Latest RIPA Stop Data from California*](#), 38 CRIM. JUST. 22 (2023).

[*The Regulatory Erasure of LGBTQ+ Foster Youth*](#), THE REGULATORY REV. (June 22, 2021).

[*Key Challenges for Automated Traffic Enforcement to Succeed as a Measure of Police Reform*](#), THE APPEAL (June 7, 2021).

[*Traffic Enforcement Would Be Safer Without Police. Here’s How It Could Work*](#), WASH. POST ONLINE (Apr. 21, 2021).

[*Arkansas Passes Sweeping and Draconian Law Targeting Transgender Youth*](#), JURIST (Apr. 12, 2021).

LAW SCHOOL SERVICE

UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA JAMES E. ROGERS COLLEGE OF LAW, Tucson, AZ
Criminal Law & Policy Program (2023-25, faculty advisor); Family and Juvenile Law Certificate Program
Peer Review Committee (2024-25, co-director); Appointments Committee (2022-23, member); Diversity
Committee (2022-25, member); ABA Legal Educ. Policing Practices Consortium (2022-24, faculty advisor);
Pride Law Advisor/LGBTQ+ Faculty Liaison (2022-25)

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS SCHOOL OF LAW, Fayetteville, AR
Curriculum Committee (2021-22); Appointments Committee (2016-19); Diversity Committee (2018-20);
Outlaw (2018-21, faculty advisor)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

AALS Section on Children and the Law, Chair-Elect (2019-20), Treasurer (2018-19)
Family Law Scholars and Teachers Conference, Co-Organizer (2018-20)

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE (UK), Ph.D. in Criminology, 2015; M.Phil. in Criminology, 2010

Honors: Cambridge Gates Scholar

UCLA SCHOOL OF LAW, J.D., 2009

Honors: *Order of the Coif*, Dean's Merit Scholar

Activities: *UCLA Law Review*, Senior Editor; UCLA Moot Court Honors Program

HARVARD UNIVERSITY, A.B. (with honors) in Social Studies, 2006

Activities: Bisexual, Gay, Lesbian, Transgender and Supporters Alliance, Co-President

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIP

U.S. COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT, Houston, TX

2012-13

Judicial Clerk to the Honorable Jennifer Walker Elrod

OTHER LEGAL EXPERIENCE

LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, Los Angeles, CA

Fall 2011

Law Clerk, Organized Crime Unit (Gang and Hate Crime)

CAMBRIDGESHIRE POLICE CONSTABULARY, Cambridge, UK

Fall 2009-Summer 2010

Consultant/Researcher, Community Policing Unit

MUNGER, TOLLES & OLSON LLP, Los Angeles, CA

Summer 2009

Summer Associate

PEER REVIEW ACTIVITIES

Served as peer reviewer for *Criminology*, *Crime & Delinquency*, *Criminology & Criminal Justice*, *Critical Criminology*, *International Criminal Justice Review*, *Deviant Behavior*, *Journal of Criminal Justice*, *American Journal of Criminal Justice*, *Feminist Criminology*, *Law & Society Review*, *Science Advances*, New York University Press, Washington University Press, Rutgers University Press, Southern Illinois University Press, Palgrave MacMillan.

BAR ADMISSION

California (2012)