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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Arizona, James E. Rogers College of Law

Professor of Health Law and Director, Health Law & Policy Program, 2018-

Launched and direct four online, multidisciplinary Graduate Certificates in Health Law and a Master of Legal Studies Concentration in Health Law & Policy in collaboration with eight colleges across the health sciences, business, engineering, science, and social sciences. Established strategic partnerships with the Critical Path Institute, NYU Grossman School of Medicine, Roche Tissue Diagnostics, Health Current, and the International Society for Cardiovascular Translational Research to deliver online courses, modules, and webinars. Graduate programs commenced in January 2019 and have attracted over 500 students.

University of Melbourne, School of Population and Global Health

Health Law Fellow, 2016 -

Director of Aging Programs, 2013-2016

Created an online, multidisciplinary Master of Aging degree by bridging eight colleges in business, health sciences, architecture, engineering, law, and the arts. Oversaw development for 13-courses and established a steering committee and international industry network advisory board comprised of 200 organizations across Australia and Asia. Led a Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) called Rethinking Aging: Are We Prepared to Live Longer?, which has registered 25,000 students and received 4.5 out of 5 star student reviews.

Saint Louis University, School of Public Health and Social Justice

Adjunct Associate Professor in Health Management and Policy, 2011 – 2013

EDUCATION AND RELATED POSITIONS

University of Houston Law Center, Juris Doctor with Health Law and Policy Concentration, 2007

Research associate in health policy with Texas Department of Insurance
Summer associate in health policy and planning with Food and Drug Administration
Summer associate in clinical ethics with MD Anderson Cancer Center

University of Texas, Master of Public Health in Management, Policy, & Community Health, 2007

Health policy analyst with the City of Houston Mayor's Office of Health & Environment Policy
Thesis: "Pay or Play: Government Initiatives to Expand Employer-Based Health Insurance"
Interdisciplinary Health Care Award, University of Texas Health Sciences Center, 2007

Tulane University, BA in Political Science, Minor in English Literature, *magna cum laude*, 2002

Tulane University Dunbar Award in Political Science for Academic Excellence
Newcomb College Dreyfus Award for Advocacy in Women's Health

PUBLICATIONS

- The Return of Typhoid Mary? Immigrant Workers in Nursing Homes*, J. of Elder Policy (forthcoming 2021), (co-author, with Shefali Milczarek-Desai)
- Preparing the Healthcare Workforce for an Aging Population* in Social Determinants of Healthy Aging: A Public Health Perspective, Aaron Guest & Elaine Jurkowski, eds., American Public Health Association Press (forthcoming 2021) (co-author, with Robyn Golden, Michelle Newman, and Shenita Freeman)
- Implementation and Enforcement of Quality and Safety in Long-Term Care*, in Assessing Legal Responses to COVID-19, Scott Burris, Sarah de Guia, Lance Gable, Donna Levin, Wendy Parmet, Nicolas Terry, eds. (2020) Boston: Public Health Law Watch ([SSRN](#))
- Telehealth for an Aging Population: How Can Law Influence Adoption Among Providers, Payors, and Patients?*, Am. J. Law & Med. (2020) (co-author, with Christopher Robertson) ([SSRN](#))
- Research Participants' Rights to Data Protection in the Era of Open Science*, 69 DePaul L. Rev. 2 (2020) (co-author, with Mabel Crescioni) ([SSRN](#))
- The Research Exemption Carve Out: Understanding Research Participants Rights Under GDPR and U.S. Data Privacy Laws*, 60 Jurimetrics 1 (2020) (co-author, with Mabel Crescioni) ([SSRN](#))
- Vulnerability to Legal Misconduct: A Profile of Problem Lawyers in Victoria, Australia*, Intl. J. Legal Prof. (2020) (co-author, with Jennifer Schulz Moore et al.) ([SSRN](#) / [article](#))
- Digital Health Privacy and Age: Quality and Safety Improvement in Long-Term Care*, 17 Ind. Health L. Rev. 85 (2020) (co-author, with Rachel Zuraw) ([SSRN](#))
- Digital Health Privacy in Active-Aging Settings: Will the Law Let You Age Well?*, 18 J. Active Aging 7 (2019) (co-author, with Richard Carmona et al.) ([SSRN](#))
- Affordability Boards: The States' New Fix for Drug Pricing*, 381 New Engl. J. Med. 1301 (2019) (co-author, with Christopher Robertson) ([SSRN](#))
- Characteristics of Lawyers who are Subject to Complaints and Misconduct Findings*, 17 J. Empirical Legal Stud. 2 (2019) (co-author, with Yamna Taouk, et al.) ([SSRN](#))
- Elderly Gun Ownership and the Wave of State Red Flag Laws: An Unintended Consequence That Could Help Many*, 27 Elder L. J. 1 (2019) ([SSRN](#))
- Preparing to Age in Place: The Role of Medicaid Waivers in Elder Abuse Prevention*, 28 Ann of Health L. 2 (2019) (co-author, with Rachel Zuraw) ([SSRN](#))
- Retirement and Aging: A Reordering of Priorities*, in Living Life, Loving Life Young and Old, Helen Sykes & Grant Blashki, eds. (2014) ([chapter](#))

UNDER REVIEW

Frailty, Vulnerability, and Big Data (co-author, with Kathryn Huber)

Targeting Problem Lawyers at High Risk of Complaint (co-author, with Marie Bismark, et al.)

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Wellness Devices of Uncertain Value: Citizen Science Advances in the Absence of Regulatory Action

EDITORIAL SERVICE AND REFEREE

Associate Editor, *Global Biosecurity*, 2018-

Ad hoc reviewer, Oxford University Press, 2020-

Ad hoc reviewer, *Journal of Law and Biosciences*, 2020-

Ad hoc reviewer, *Journal of Law, Medicine, & Ethics*, 2020-

Ad hoc reviewer, *Canadian Journal of Law & Society*, 2020-

Ad hoc reviewer, *California Law Review*, 2020-

Ad hoc reviewer, *Medical Journal of Australia*, 2020-

Ad hoc reviewer, *American Journal of Public Health*, 2019-

Ad hoc reviewer, *Journal of General Internal Medicine*, 2018-

SHORTER WORKS, BLOGS, AND VIDEOS

Ethical Issues in Development of a COVID-19 Vaccine, This Week in Health Law, July 9, 2020, ([podcast](#))

How COVID-19 Could Drive Improvements in Care Facilities, Petrie-Flom Center at Harvard Law School, Bill of Health, June 10, 2020 ([text](#)) (co-author, with Nicolas Terry)

States are Making it Harder to Sue Nursing Homes over COVID-19: Why Immunity from Lawsuits is a Problem, The Conversation, June 9, 2020 ([text](#)) (co-author, with Nicolas Terry)

Care Facilities, their Residents, and the Pandemic, Petrie-Flom Center at Harvard Law School, Bill of Health, May 29, 2020 ([text](#)) (co-author, with Nicolas Terry)

COVID-19: Health Law Resources, Explainer Video Series, April - July 2020, ([videos](#))

Law and Telemedicine in the Time of COVID-19, Arizona Telemedicine Blog, May 7, 2020 ([text](#))

Book Review: Pandemics and Polarization: Implications of Partisan Budgeting for Responding to Public Health Emergencies, 1 *Global Biosecurity* 2 (2019) ([article](#))

New National Strategy to Address Australia's Social Infrastructure Gap for an Aging Population, Aging Industry Network News, University of Melbourne, May 11, 2018 ([text](#))

The Notable Absence of Regulating Cannabis in Scott Gottlieb's Keynote Address to FDLI 2018, Petrie-Flom Center at Harvard Law School, Bill of Health, May 4, 2018 ([text](#))

TEACHING

Supervise Independent Study / Directed Research Projects for law and medical students, 2020-

Advise development of a new online *Master of Bioethics*, College of Medicine-Phoenix, 2020-

Designed and oversee the curricula for over **twenty online graduate and undergraduate courses** in the following four [Graduate Certificates in Health Law](#): *Regulatory Science*, *Health Law for Health Professionals*, *Aging Law & Policy*, and *Health Information Privacy & Data Security*, 2019–

Provide online modules with lectures, readings, and discussion activities, for below courses, 2019-
“*Legal Capacity to Make Medical Decisions: Who Decides When the Patient Cannot?*” for Adult-Gerontology Acute Care, College of Nursing

“*Ethics, Law, & Elder Mistreatment*” for Elder Care, Psychology Department, College of Science

“*Role of Medicaid Waivers for Aging in Place*” for Health Policy & Economics, College of Nursing

“*Medicaid Waivers and Long-Term Care*” for Legal and Regulatory Fundamentals for Health Care Business, College of Law

“*Personal Data Protection in Clinical Research*” for Regulatory Science, College of Law

Created and led a Massive Open Online Course called [Rethinking Aging: Are We Prepared to Live Longer?](#) University of Melbourne and Coursera, 2014-

Leadership in Practice (with Louisa Remedios), Melbourne School of Health Sciences, 2015

Public Health Leadership (with Rob Moodie), Melbourne School of Population & Global Health, 2013-2015

Organization of Health Services and Health Policy for Community Benefit (online course), Saint Louis University, School of Public Health and Social Justice, 2011- 2013

Ethics, Values, and Public Health Policy (with Christina Cutshaw), University of Arizona, College of Public Health, Fall 2010

Health Law (with Christopher Robertson), University of Arizona, College of Law, Fall 2010

HONORS AND GRANTS

Rising Star in Legal Academia, 25th Clifford Symposium in Tort Law & Social Policy, 2019

University of Melbourne Teaching Excellence in Innovation Award, 2016

Commitment to Excellence Award, Ascension Health/Carondelet Health Network, 2010

Provost Investment Fund Award, \$160,000, University of Arizona, 2020

Aging Research Initiative, \$660,000, University of Melbourne Hallmark in Research, 2015

MOOC on Population Aging, \$34,955, University of Melbourne Teaching Initiatives, 2015

Master of Aging Degree, \$225,000, University of Melbourne Online Development, 2014

Aging in Asia, \$3,000, Asia-Pacific Research Symposium, 2014

Your Health (TuSalud), \$982,577, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, 2009

Ascension Health's Health Village for the Homeless, \$2,000,000, private donor, 2009

MEDIA COVERAGE

"Why Trump's Executive Order Doesn't Protect People With Preexisting Conditions," Healthline, September 28, 2020 ([text](#))

"COVID-19 highlighted ignored nursing home issues, new research shows," KTAR News, September 14, 2020 ([podcast](#))

"Report Says COVID-19 Brought Light to Issues in Nursing Homes," KOLD News, September 11, 2020 ([video](#))

"First the police, now it's long-term care's turn to face 'defunding' calls," McKnight's Long-Term Care News, September 10, 2020 ([text](#))

"As COVID-19 Ravaged Nursing Homes, it Highlighted Longstanding Problems, UArizona Expert Says," UA News, September 10, 2020 ([text](#))

"Discovering New Medicines' Summit Unites Experts from UArizona Health Sciences, Pharma to Advance Research and Commercialization," UAHS News, September 2, 2020 ([text](#))

"Implementation and Enforcement of Quality and Safety in Long-Term Care," Law Professor Blogs Network, August 30, 2020 ([text](#))

"COVID-19 in Classrooms: What Should Tucson Schools Share With the Public?" KOLD News, August 26, 2020 ([video](#))

"Legal Experts Call on Officials to Shore Up Pandemic Response," *Courthouse News*, August 18, 2020 ([text](#))

"Are schools liable in the event of a COVID-19 outbreak?" Arizona 360, August 14, 2020 ([video](#))

- “Some U.S. States are Protecting Nursing Homes from Coronavirus Lawsuits,” *National Interest*, June 10, 2020 ([text](#))
- “Slowing the Spread, Businesses Reopen, Pandemic Economic Impact,” Arizona Public Media, May 15, 2020 ([text](#))
- “Masks and Temperature Checks Among Precautions Employers Taking to Address Liabilities,” Arizona 360, May 15, 2020 ([video](#))
- “Federal Law Says Coronavirus Testing Should be Covered, but Patients are Still Being Asked to Pay,” *Arizona Daily Star*, April 19, 2020 ([text](#))
- “States with the Most and Least Medicaid Coverage,” *WalletHub*, March 23, 2020 ([text](#))
- “Another Front in the Drug-Price Battles: State Prescription Drug Affordability Boards,” *New England Journal of Medicine*, October 4, 2019 ([podcast](#))
- “Can Doctors Prevent Firearm Suicides by the Elderly?” *Kriminals*, December 19, 2018 ([text](#))
- “Red Flag Laws May Reduce Gun Deaths Among the Elderly” *The Trace*, November 16, 2018 ([text](#))
- “Could ‘Red Flag’ Laws Reduce Gun Violence Among the Elderly?” *The Crime Report*, November 15, 2018 ([text](#))
- “New Interdisciplinary MOOC on Aging” *Australian Aging Agenda*, March 18, 2015 ([text](#))

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Implementation and Enforcement of Quality and Safety in Long-Term Care, Justice Advocates Coalition, November 17, 2020.

Frailty, Vulnerability, and Big Data, University of Arizona Health Sciences Tech Talk Tuesdays, November 10, 2020, [webinar](#), (co-presenter, with Kathryn Huber).

Testing Non-Disciplinary Alternatives to Reduce Racial Disparities in Legal Misconduct, University of Virginia Law & Social Science Colloquium, October 27, 2020.

The Return of Typhoid Mary? Immigrant Workers in Nursing Homes, American Public Health Association 2020 Annual Meeting, October 26, 2020, (co-presenter, with Shefali Milczarek-Desai)

Perspectives on Real-World Data/Evidence Collection Through Expanded Access During COVID-19, NYU Langone Health - Compassionate Use and Preapproval Access, American Society for Law, Medicine and Ethics, and University of Arizona College of Law, October 9, 2020, webinar.

Insights into Studying Health Law and Policy: What, How, and Why? University of Arizona, Colleges of Law, Pharmacy, Physiology, and Alpha Epsilon Delta, September 29, 2020, webinar.

Implementation and Enforcement of Quality and Safety in Long-Term Care, Public Health Law Virtual Summit: COVID-19 Response and Recovery, September 17, 2020.

Drug Development and Regulation in the Age of Precision Medicine, 2nd Annual Drug Discovery and Development Summit, Arizona BioIndustry Association (AZBio), September 15, 2020, [webinar](#).

Taking Care of Chronic and Acute Non-COVID Patients During the Pandemic, NYU Langone Health - Compassionate Use and Preapproval Access Working Group, July 17, 2020, [webinar](#).

The Other Front Line: COVID-19, Immigrant Workers, and Public Health Consequences, University of Arizona LawCats Live, July 9, 2020, [webinar](#).

Hospice and COVID-19, Arizona Bioethics Network, April 15, 2020, [webinar](#).

Using Predictive Analytics to Identify and Better Understand Problem Lawyers: Lessons from Victoria, Australia (2005-2015), State Bar of California, Los Angeles, March 5, 2020.

Telehealth for an Aging Population: How Can Law Influence Adoption Among Providers, Payors, and Patients?, American College of Legal Medicine Annual Meeting, Scottsdale, February 22, 2020.

Telehealth for an Aging Population: How Can Law Influence Adoption Among Providers, Payors, and Patients?, Arizona Alliance Annual Meeting, Phoenix, February 11, 2020.

Telehealth for an Aging Population: How Can Law Influence Adoption Among Providers, Payors, and Patients?, American Journal of Law & Medicine Symposium on Emerging Issues in Bioethics, Boston University, January 24, 2020.

Digital Health Privacy and Age: Legal and Ethical Considerations in Long-Term Care, Arizona Bioethics Network, November 20, 2019, [webinar](#).

Digital Privacy and Age: Evolving Role of Wearables in Long-Term Care, 2019 American Public Health Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, November 4, 2019.

Will the Law Let You Age Well?, International Council on Active Aging, Executive Forum at 2019 Annual Conference, Orlando, October 10, 2019.

Digital Health Privacy and Age: Quality and Safety Improvement in Long-Term Care, Banner Health Bioethics, University of Arizona, August 19, 2019.

Personal Data Protection in Clinical Research and the Road Ahead for Regulatory Harmonization, ASLME Health Law Professors Conference: Panel on Research, Privacy, and Consent, Loyola University Chicago College of Law, June 7, 2019.

Drug Pricing Reform Efforts: What's Ahead for Arizona? 2019 Arizona State of Reform Health Policy Conference: Panel on Road Ahead for Federal Health Policy, May 23, 2019.

Personal Data Protection in Clinical Research and the Road Ahead for Regulatory Harmonization, Governance of Emerging Technologies & Science Conference: Panel on Technology, Trust, and Transparency, Arizona State University College of Law, May 22, 2019.

Privacy Considerations in Clinical Trials, 2019 Food and Drug Law Institute's Annual Conference: Panel on Privacy & Cybersecurity, Washington DC, May 3, 2019.

Research Participants' Rights in the Era of Clinical Trial Transparency, 25th Annual Clifford Symposium on Tort Law and Social Policy: Rising Stars, DePaul Law School, April 26, 2019.

Personal Data Protection in Clinical Research, National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, Roundtable on Law & Medical Devices, Washington DC, March 25, 2019.

Preparing to Age in Place: Role of Medicaid Waivers in Elder Abuse Prevention, 2019 Association of American Law Schools, New Law and Medicine Scholars, New Orleans, January 3, 2019

Preparing to Age in Place: Role of Medicaid Waivers in Elder Abuse Prevention, Beazley Symposium, Loyola University Chicago School of Law, November 16, 2018.

Vulnerability to Legal Misconduct: Qualitative Study of Regulatory Decisions Involving Problem Lawyers, ASLME Health Law Professors Conference, Case Western University, June 8, 2018.

Targeting Problem Lawyers: Identifying Lawyers at High Risk of Complaint in Victoria, Australia. Georgetown Law School, O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law, March 28, 2018.

Characteristics of Lawyers Who are Subject to Complaints and Misconduct Findings. QuantLaw/Conference, University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law, March 1, 2018.

Characteristics of Lawyers Who are Subject to Complaints and Misconduct Findings. Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, Cornell University, October 14, 2017.

Unexpected Benefits of Making a Massive Open Online Course, Council on Academics Public Health Institutions Australia Annual Conference, Tasmania, Australia, September 21, 2015.

Building a Pathway from a MOOC to an Online Graduate Course, E-Learning Colloquium, Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences, University of Melbourne, October 20, 2014.

LEGAL AND PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Ascension Health / Carondelet Health Network

Director of Access and Community Health, 2008-2010

Managed all aspects of the Community Benefit and Social Accountability Program.

Expanded department from a sole director position to a 10-person staff in under two years.

Founded and served as Chair of the Access to Healthcare Council to provide strategic direction and oversight to improve the health status of communities throughout Arizona.

Received over \$3 million dollars in grants and philanthropic donations for Community Benefit programs, including Tu Salud and Southern Arizona Health Village for the Homeless.

Bastyr University

Institutional Review Board Coordinator and Community Member, 2002-2004

Performed preliminary review for all clinical trials studying alternative and complementary therapies submitted to Bastyr's Office of Research Integrity and Institutional Review Board.

SERVICE

Active

Uniform Law Commission Study Committee on Updating the Uniform Determination of Death Act, Observer, 2020-

International Society for Cardiovascular Translational Research [Scientific Advisory Board](#), Member, 2020-

American University, ChangeLab Solutions, and Saint Louis University Institute for Health Justice and Equity, Healing Justice and Equity, Participant, 2020-

University of Arizona's Office of Instruction and Assessment, Faculty Review, Member, 2020-

University of Arizona, Arizona Online Faculty Advisory Committee, Member, 2020-

University of Arizona Gerontology Interdisciplinary Program, Committee, Member, 2020-

University of Arizona College of Law, Professional & Executive Education, Chair, 2020-

University of Arizona College of Law, Future Working Group, Member, 2020-

University of Arizona Health Sciences, Healthy Aging Strategic Initiative, Member, 2019-

Banner Health and University of Arizona, Bioethics Committee, Member, 2019-

Arizona Department of Health Services, Telehealth Stakeholders, Member, 2020-

Public Health Law Watch and George Consortium, Member, 2019-

University of Arizona, Arizona Law Health Law Students Association, Faculty Advisor, 2018-

Previous

American Society for Law, Medicine, & Ethics, Public Health Law Conference, Reviewer, 2019

University of Arizona Vice Provost for Online Education, Search Committee Member, 2019

University of Arizona College of Law, Undergrad/MLS Committee, Member, 2019

University of Arizona College of Law, Online Programs & Initiatives, Member, 2018- 2019

PwC, [National Aging Advisory Group](#), Steering Committee Member, 2016-2018

University of Melbourne, Master of Ageing Steering Committee, Co-Chair, 2013-2015

University of Melbourne, Teaching and Learning Committee, Member, 2013-2015

Public Health Indigenous Leadership Education Australian Network, Member, 2011-2013

Catholic Health Association, National Community Benefit Committee, Member, 2010-2011

Child and Family Resources, Governance Committee, Chair, 2009- 2011