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Positions Held

University of California, Davis, Martin Luther King, Jr., School of Law
Professor of Law July 1999-present

Courses: torts, law and rural livelihoods, feminist legal theory, sociology of the legal profession.
Research: law and rural livelihoods, feminist legal theory, communicative torts, legal profession.
Prizes: Selected to present at 2002 Stanford-Yale Junior Faculty Forum, Law and Humanities category; Nominee for Distinguished Teaching Award 2003, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2009; Martin Luther King, Jr., Scholar 2009-2010.

Northwestern University School of Law, Chicago, Illinois
Visiting Assistant Professor Jan.-May 1999

Courses: international intellectual property, feminist legal theory.

Covington & Burling, London, England
Associate Dec. 1996-Dec. 1998

Managed intellectual property policy initiatives and enforcement programs for multi-national software industry clients, with a focus on Southern European and Southern African countries. Liaised with European Community, WIPO, and USTR officials on issues of importance to software industry and assisted with WTO-TRIPs compliance initiatives in various European, Middle Eastern and African markets.

International Criminal Tribunal-Rwanda, Kigali, Rwanda
Consultant Oct.-Nov. 1996

Assisted in the development of a strategy for the investigation and prosecution of sex crimes committed during the 1994 Rwandan genocide; developed protocol to be used by investigators interviewing sexual assault survivors and other witnesses to sexual assault; assisted in the development of guidelines for victim/witness services oriented to sexual assault survivors. I also analyzed the sexual assault evidence against Jean-Paul Akayesu and advocated that the indictment against him be amended to include sex-assault-based counts. In August 1998, the Tribunal convicted Akayesu on counts of both genocide and crimes against humanity for which the acts included sexual assaults.

Iran-United States Claims Tribunal, The Hague, The Netherlands
Legal Assistant Oct. 1993-Oct. 1996

Assisted Judge George H. Aldrich in preparing for hearings and deliberations on complex commercial, property and treaty interpretation cases. Work included drafting bench memoranda and awards in chamber and Full Tribunal cases, legal research and administrative matters.

University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Lecturer Winter Term 1995-96

Designed and taught Commercial Arbitration course for students in the Department of Private International Law.

Leiden University Faculty of Law, Leiden, The Netherlands
Lecturer Winter Term 1995-96

Designed and taught International Litigation course for LL.M. students.

The Honorable Morris Sheppard Arnold, Little Rock, Arkansas
United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit
Judicial Clerk

Oct. 1992-Sept. 1993

Covington & Burling, London, England
Lawyer (part-time)

Jan. 1992-Sept. 1992

Researched and drafted various legal documents, including white papers and legislative proposals on European Community, Russian and Eastern European intellectual property laws.

Admitted to Practice, Arkansas, 1989; District of Columbia, 1992.

PUBLICATIONS

Blog: Legal Ruralism: A Little (Legal) Realism about the Rural, <http://legalruralism.blogspot.com>

Justice Deserts: Spatial Inequality and Local Funding of Indigent Defense, Arizona Law Review (funding justice symposium) (forthcoming 2010)

How You Gonna' Keep 'Her Down on the Farm... University of Missouri Kansas City Law Review (collection of stories reflecting on authors' experiences as One-LS) (forthcoming 2010)

Spatial Inequality as Constitutional Infirmary: Equal Protection, Child Poverty, and Place, Montana Law Review (symposium on Rural Law) (forthcoming 2009)

Migration, Development, and the Promise of CEDAW for Rural Women, 30 Michigan Journal of International Law 707 (2009) ("Territories without Boundaries" symposium)

Latina/os, Locality and Law in the Rural South, 12 Harvard Latino Law Review 135 (2009)

The Forgotten Fifth: Rural Youth and Substance Abuse, 20 Stanford Law & Policy Review 359 (2009) (symposium on drug policy)

Gender, Geography & Rural Justice, 23 Berkeley Journal of Gender, Law & Justice 338 (2008)

Place Matters: Domestic Violence and Rural Difference, 23 Wisconsin Journal of Law, Gender & Society 347 (2008) (symposium celebrating 25th anniversary of Feminism and Legal Theory Project)

Rural Families, entry in SLOAN WORK AND FAMILY ENCYCLOPEDIA (2008)

Missing the Mark: Welfare Reform and Rural Poverty, 10 Journal of Gender Race and Justice 439 (2007) (symposium on welfare reform)

Toward a Feminist Theory of the Rural, 2007 Utah Law Review 421, reprinted in Women and the Law (Jane Moriarty ed. 2008)

Rural Rhetoric, 39 Connecticut Law Review 159 (2006)

A Kinder, Gentler Law School? Race, Ethnicity, Gender and Legal Education at King Hall, 38 U.C. Davis Law Review 1929 (2005)

Her Own Good Name: Two Centuries of Talk about Chastity, 63 Maryland Law Review 401 (2004)

"On the Chastity of Women, All Property in the World Depends": Injury from Sexual Slander in the Nineteenth Century, 78 Indiana Law Journal 965 (2003)

No Black Names on the Letterhead? Efficient Discrimination in the South African Legal Profession, 23 Michigan Journal of International Law 545 (2002)

Law Review Story, 50 Arkansas Law Review 77 (1997)

Contributing Editor, YEARBOOK OF COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION, Volume XX (1995); Volume XXI (1996)

A Survey of Feminist Jurisprudence, 16 University of Arkansas at Little Rock Law Journal 183 (1994)

Privacy Jurisprudence of the Press Complaints Commission, 1994 Anglo-American Law Review 133 (with Sir Louis Blom-Cooper QC), reprinted in Freedom of Speech (Eric Barendt ed. 2009)

Book Review, Gender & Bureaucracy, in 3 BUSINESS ETHICS: A EUROPEAN JOURNAL 71 (1994)

Comment, *The Law of Defamation: An Arkansas Primer*, 42 Arkansas Law Review 915 (1989)

EDUCATION

University of London (University College)

PhD (Laws), 1997

Honors: British Marshall Scholar (1989-92)

Thesis: "A Feminist Reconsideration of the Legal Regulation of Speech"

University of Arkansas, School of Law

Juris Doctor, May 1989

Honors: High Honors

Arkansas Law Review, Editor-in-chief, 1988-89; member, 1987-88

Robert A. Leflar Fellow, 1986-89 (highest LSAT and GPA in entering class)

UA School of Law, Presidential Scholarship, 1988-89 (highest GPA after 2d year)

UA National Moot Court Team 1988-89

University of Arkansas, J. William Fulbright College of Arts & Sciences

Bachelor of Arts in Journalism, May 1986, *Summa Cum Laude*, for thesis and overall program

Honors: First-ranked Senior Scholar (university valedictorian)

Phi Beta Kappa Member and Scholar of the Year, 1986

UA Alumni Citation for most outstanding female graduate (university wide), 1986

Student Government V. Pres. 1985-86, Editor-in-Chief, *1985 Razorback*

Thesis: "A Survey of State Court Decisions Determining a Post-*Gertz* Standard of Liability for Private-Plaintiff Libel Cases"

PRESENTATIONS

"Spatial Inequality as Constitutional Infirmity: Strategizing Legal Remedies for Rural Poverty," Rural Sociological Society, Annual Meeting, August 1, 2009.

"Latina/os, Locality and Law in the Rural South," Rural Sociological Society, Annual Meeting, Madison, Wisconsin, August 1, 2009.

"Migration, Development and the Promise of CEDAW for Rural Women," Rural Sociological Society, Annual Meeting, August 1, 2009.

"Land, Water, Poverty & Community at the Rural-Urban Interface," organizer and discussant, Annual Meeting, Law & Society, Denver, Colorado, May 30, 2009.

"Spatial Inequality as Constitutional Infirmity: The Promise of Montana's Constitution for Poor Children," presenter, Annual Meeting, Law & Society, Denver, Colorado, May 29, 2009.

“The Forgotten Fifth: Rural Youth and Substance Abuse,” presenter, Annual Meeting, Law & Society, Denver, Colorado, May 29, 2009.

“Spatial Inequality as Constitutional Infirmity? The Promise of Montana’s Constitution for Poor Children,” Keynote speaker, Rural Law Symposium, Montana Law Review, Missoula, Montana, April 8, 2009.

“Rurality as Identity,” Spring Speaker Series, Salmon P. Chase College of Law, Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, Kentucky, March 27, 2009.

“Blogging as a Tool for Teaching Critical Thinking and Writing,” Pedagogy Series, Salmon P. Chase College of Law, Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, Kentucky, March 27, 2009.

“Spatial Inequality as Constitutional Infirmity?” Second International Conference on Feminist Constitutionalism, Queens University, Kingston, Ontario, Canada, March 1, 2009.

“More Thoughtful Teaching Symposium: Two Successes and a Failure,” Teaching Resources Center, University of California, Davis, February 23, 2009.

“The Forgotten Fifth: Rural Youth and Substance Abuse,” Stanford Law & Policy Review speaker series on drug policy, Stanford University Law School, Palo Alto, California, February 19, 2009.

“Human Rights and Development for the Rural Remnant,” Michigan Journal of International Law Symposium, Territory without Boundaries, Ann Arbor, Michigan, February 7, 2009.

“Course Blogs for Teaching Critical Thinking and Writing,” Summer Institute on Teaching and Technology, University of California, Davis, September 9, 2008.

“Gender, Geography & Rural Justice,” presenter, Annual Meeting, Rural Sociological Society, Manchester, N.H., July 30, 2008.

“Gender, Geography & Rural Justice,” presenter, Annual Meeting, Law and Society, Montreal, Canada, May 31, 2008.

“Of Spheres and Spaces,” presenter, Law, Culture & Humanities Conference, Berkeley, California, March 29, 2008.

“The Difference Place Makes: Latina/os in the Rural South,” University of Arkansas School of Law, Faculty Workshop, March 25, 2008.

“Place Matters: Intimate Abuse as a Case Study for Rural Difference,” presenter, “Working from the World Up: Equality’s Future,” A New Legal Realism Conference Celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the Feminism and Legal Theory Project, University of Wisconsin, Madison, March 14-15, 2008.

“Blogging as a Tool for Teaching Critical Thinking and Writing,” Faculty Mentoring Faculty Program, University of California, Davis, February 22, 2008.

“Of Spheres and Spaces,” presenter on “State” panel of extended program, “Gender and Class: Voices from the Collective,” AALS Annual Meeting, New York City, January 3, 2008.

“The Place Difference Makes: Latina/os in the Rural South,” presenter, LatCrit XII, Miami, October 5, 2007.

“Toward a Feminist Theory of the Rural,” presenter, Law & Society Annual Meeting, July 26, 2007, Berlin, Germany.

“Place Matters,” presenter, Feminism and Legal Theory Workshop, Emory University School of Law, May 5, 2007, Atlanta, Georgia.

“Rural Lives before the Law,” Agricultural Law Society, April 3, 2007, Davis, California.

“Toward a Feminist Theory of the Rural (or How Law Fails Poor Rural Women),” Consortium on Women and Research Winter Speaker Series, February 7, 2007, Davis, California.

“Lost in Translation: Welfare Reform and Persistent Poverty in Rural America,” Symposium: One Act, Ten Years, and Thousands of Families, October 2006, Iowa City, Iowa.

“Rural Rhetoric,” panel on Law, Culture and Space, Law & Society Annual Meeting, July 8, 2006, Baltimore, Maryland.

“Race, Rape and Gender: Transcending Sticking Points in Law and Culture,” moderator, Davis, California, April 20, 2005.

“Color, Feminism and the State,” moderator, The Future of Critical Race Feminism Symposium Davis, California, April 1, 2005.

“Getting Involved in Africa,” moderator, Africa Section panel at AALS January, 2004, Atlanta, Georgia.

“Rhetoric of the Rural in Law,” faculty seminar presentation, University of Arkansas School of Law, November 10, 2003.

“The Glass Ceiling for Black Lawyers,” panelist, Columbia University Law School, Paul Robeson Conference, April 2003.

“Subverting or Subverted: Sexual Slander in the Nineteenth Century” at “Subversive Legacies: The Struggle for Gender Equality, Learning from History/Constructing our Future” conference, University of Texas, Austin, November 2002.

“No Black Names on the Letterhead?” at the Stanford-Yale Junior Faculty Forum, New Haven, May 2002

“No Black Names on the Letterhead?” at the Law & Society Annual Meeting, Budapest, Hungary, July 2001

“No Black Names on the Letterhead?” as part of University of California Davis Critical Race Theory Series, May 2001.

“Cultural, Political and Economic Dimensions of the Integration of the Attorneys Profession in Post-Apartheid South Africa” at “Into the 21st Century: Reconstruction and Reparations” conference, Cape Town, South Africa, January 2001.

“Strategizing the Non-Enforcement Case under the TRIPs Agreement” to intellectual property professors and PhD students at the Universities of Ferrara, Bologna, and Pavia and Milan, Bologna, Italy, September 2000.

“The Intersection of Race and Gender in the South African Attorneys Professions” at “Women on/in/and the Law” conference, University of Pretoria, South Africa, September 2000.

“Images of the Rural in Law” at World Congress of Rural Sociologists, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, August 2000.

“Practical and Political Obstacles to Investigating Rape as a War Crime: The Rwanda Experience” at the University of Pretoria’s Centre for Human Rights, Pretoria, South Africa, April 2000.

“Racial Integration of the South African Legal Profession” at Law & Society Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, May 2000.

“Press Protections under European Union Law” to Promedia (USAID-supported journalists in Eastern Europe) in Bratislava, Slovakia, April 1998.

“The Feminist Critique of International Law” to Nederlandse Vereniging voor Internationaal Recht (Netherlands Society for International Law), Working Group on Feminism and International Law, September 1996.

MEDIA APPEARANCES

- “Should there be rural representation on the Supreme Court?”, Agritalk Radio, June 19, 2009.
- Marcos Bréton, “Measuring Blame in Water Death,” *Sacramento Bee*, August 5, 2007, at B1.
- Elizabeth Soja, “Unchaste no longer?” *The News Media and the Law*, (Reporter’s Committee for Freedom of the Press) Winter 2007 at 20.
- Ramon Coronado, “Settlement Reached in Sutter Health Elder Abuse Case,” *Sacramento Bee*, March 31, 2006, at B1.
- “Antiquated ‘Slander-of-a-Woman’ Rule Reconsidered,” National Public Radio’s Morning Edition, Feb. 10, 2005; introduced as “expert on slander.”

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Association of American Law Schools

- Women in Legal Education, Chair Elect 2009; Executive Committee 2006-2009
- Africa Section Chair 2005

American Bar Association

Rural Sociological Society, Rural Studies Interest Group Co-chair, 2009

Women Lawyers of Sacramento

AWARDS

- Nominated for Distinguished Teaching Award, U.C. Davis School of Law, 2003, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2009
- Martin Luther King, Jr., Scholar 2009-2010
- Yale-Stanford Junior Faculty Forum 2002
- UC Davis Small Grant in Aid of Research 2008-09
- UC Davis Travel Grant July 2008
- UC Davis Travel Grant May 2008
- 2003 Distinguished Young Alumnus, University of Arkansas

COMMUNITY

- Westminster Presbyterian Church, Sacramento, Sunday Forum Coordinator
- No Glass Ceiling Task Force, Sacramento Bar Association, 2005-07
- Habitat for Humanity Volunteer Ghana (1998), Poland (1995), Arkansas (1993)
- Rape Crisis Victim Advocate
- American Community Council, The Hague, The Netherlands 1995
- American Church in London, Church Council 1990-92
- American Protestant Church of The Hague, Church Council 1994-95

UNIVERSITY AND LAW SCHOOL SERVICE

- Investigator of allegation of faculty misconduct, Office of Vice Provost for Academic Affairs 2008
- Undergraduate Instructional Improvement Program Review Committee 2007-08
- Faculty, Davis Honors Challenge, 2007-09
- Work-Life Faculty Advisor, 2007-2009
- Tenure Committee for Acting Professor Donna Shestowsky, 2005-2009
- Privilege & Tenure Investigations Committee, 2006-2008
- Privilege & Tenure Hearings Committee, 2005-2006
- Academic Appeals Committee 2007-08, 2009-2010; alternate 2006-07
- Education Policy Committee, 2006-2008
- LLM Admissions Committee 2005-2006, 2002-2003
- Tenure Committee for Acting Professor Andrea Bjorklund, 2004-05
- Law School Admissions Committee 2003-2004
- UC Davis Executive Council 2003-04
- Davis Division, Academic Senate, Affirmative Action & Diversity Committee, chair 2003-2004; member 2000-2003

EXTRAMURAL SERVICE

- Reviewer for tenure file, Florida International University School of Law, Fall 2006
- Reviewer for lateral hire, Chair in Feminist Legal Theory, Cornell University School of Law, Winter 2007
- Judge for Goettel Prize for Faculty Scholarship, Pace University School of Law, Summer 2008
- Reviewer for lateral hire, University of Iowa College of Law, Fall 2008