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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law, Chicago, IL
Professor of Law (2014-present); Class of 1940 Research Professor (2017-present)

Courses: Criminal Law, Evidence, Feminist Jurisprudence, Law & Gender Colloquium

Selected Service: Dean Search Committee (2018); Personnel Committee (2018-2019, 2017-18, 2016-17 (chair), 2015-16); Provost's Advisory Council on Women Faculty (2016-present); University Women's Center Advisory Board (2018-present); Faculty Advisory Council (2020-present)

DePaul University College of Law, Chicago, IL
Professor of Law (2009-2014); Associate Dean for Faculty Development (2013- 2014)

Courses: Criminal Law, Feminist Jurisprudence, Domestic Violence

University of Maine School of Law, Portland, Maine
Professor of Law (2007-2009); Associate Professor of Law (2002- 2007)

Courses: Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, Evidence, Domestic Violence

EDUCATION

Yale Law School
J.D. 1996

Harvard College
A.B. 1992, *cum laude*
Phi Beta Kappa

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

New York County District Attorney's Office, New York, New York
Assistant District Attorney (1997-2002)

Prosecuted general misdemeanor and felony crimes, including numerous bench and jury trials. Specialized in prosecution of felony domestic violence, child abuse, sex crimes.

Justice Jay Rabinowitz
Alaska Supreme Court, Juneau, Alaska
Law Clerk (1996-1997)

PUBLICATIONS

Books

CREDIBLE: WHY WE DOUBT ACCUSERS AND PROTECT ABUSERS (Harper Wave/HarperCollins) (forthcoming September 2021)

FLAWED CONVICTIONS: “SHAKEN BABY SYNDROME” AND THE INERTIA OF INJUSTICE (Oxford University Press, 2014)

FEMINIST JURISPRUDENCE: CASES AND MATERIALS (West Law School Publishing, 4th ed., 2011; 5th ed., 2018) (with Cynthia Bowman, Laura Rosenbury and Kimberly Yuracko)

Articles and Essays

Sexual Violation Without Law
NEW YORK UNIVERSITY ANNUAL SURVEY OF AMERICAN LAW (forthcoming 2021)

Beyond #MeToo
94 NEW YORK UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 1146 (2019)

Unofficial Reporting in the #MeToo Era
2019 UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO LEGAL FORUM 273 (2019) (symposium)

Sexual Agency and the Unfinished Work of Rape Reform
EDWARD ELGAR HANDBOOK ON FEMINIST JURISPRUDENCE (Cynthia Bowman and Robin West, eds.) (2019)

Criminal Justice and the Mattering of Lives
116 MICHIGAN LAW REVIEW 1145 (2018)

Incredible Women: Sexual Violence and the Credibility Discount
166 UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA LAW REVIEW 1 (2017)

After Flint: Environmental Justice as Equal Protection
111 NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 879 (2017) (with David Dana)

Underenforcement as Unequal Protection
57 BOSTON COLLEGE LAW REVIEW 1287 (2016)

Criminal Justice for All
66 JOURNAL OF LEGAL EDUCATION 24 (2016) (symposium)

- Affirmative Consent*
13 OHIO STATE JOURNAL OF CRIMINAL LAW 441 (2016) (symposium)
- Rape On and Off Campus*
65 EMORY LAW JOURNAL 1 (2015)
- Confrontation and the Re-Privatization of Domestic Violence*
113 MICHIGAN LAW REVIEW FIRST IMPRESSIONS 32 (November 2014)
- SlutWalking in the Shadow of the Law*
98 MINNESOTA LAW REVIEW 1453 (2014)
- Sex Without Consent*
123 YALE LAW JOURNAL ONLINE 335 (2013)
- Breakups*
25 YALE JOURNAL OF LAW & FEMINISM 51 (2013)
- Judging Sex*
97 CORNELL LAW REVIEW 101 (2012)
- Criminal Justice at a Crossroads: Science-Dependent Prosecution and the Problem of Epistemic Contingency*
62 ALABAMA LAW REVIEW 513 (2011)
- A New Approach to Criminalizing Domestic Violence*
2 FAMILY & INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE QUARTERLY 75 (2010) (updating earlier version in 14 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REPORT 81 (2009))
- The Next Innocence Project: Shaken Baby Syndrome and the Criminal Courts*
87 WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 1 (2009)
- Control Killings*
87 TEXAS LAW REVIEW SEE ALSO 117 (2009)
- The Real Crime of Domestic Violence*, in Evan Stark and Eve Buzawa, eds., VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN FAMILIES AND RELATIONSHIPS - THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE RESPONSE (vol. 1 of 4) (Praeger, 2009)
- Forfeiture After Giles: The Relevance of "Domestic Violence Context"*
13 LEWIS AND CLARK LAW REVIEW 711 (2009) (symposium)
- Domesticating Criminal Law: A Normative Defense*, in Paul Robinson, Kimberly Ferzan and Stephen Garvey, eds., CRIMINAL LAW CONVERSATIONS (Oxford, 2009)
- Exigency*
49 ARIZONA LAW REVIEW 801 (2007) (*adapted in* SEARCH AND SEIZURE LAW REPORT (West, May 2008))

Renewing the Call to Criminalize Domestic Violence: An Assessment Three Years Later
75 GEORGE WASHINGTON LAW REVIEW 613 (2007)

Forfeiture in the Domestic Violence Realm
85 TEXAS LAW REVIEW SEE ALSO 49 (2007)

A Relational Approach to the Right of Confrontation and its Loss
72 JOURNAL OF LAW AND POLICY 725 (2007) (symposium)

Crawford's Triangle: Domestic Violence and the Right of Confrontation
85 NORTH CAROLINA LAW REVIEW 1 (2006)

Conceptualizing Violence Against Pregnant Women
81 INDIANA LAW JOURNAL 667 (2006)

Recognizing and Remediating the Harm of Battering: A Call to Criminalize Domestic Violence
94 JOURNAL OF CRIMINAL LAW AND CRIMINOLOGY 959 (2004)

Street Harassment as Sexual Subordination: The Phenomenology of Gender-Specific Harm
12 WISCONSIN WOMEN'S LAW JOURNAL 167 (1997)

Other Writing

I Spent Hours Talking to Victims. These Verdicts Will Give Them Hope.
NEW YORK TIMES (Feb. 24, 2020)

What Weinstein's Defense Team Will Unleash
CNN (Jan. 14, 2020)

Epstein Case Spotlights Why Its So Hard to Prosecute Sex Crimes
CNN (July 15, 2019)

What Changed After Blasey Ford, Kavanaugh Hearing?
CNN (September 28, 2018)

Kavanaugh's Hearing: The Most Momentous "He Said, She Said" Contest of Our Time
CNN (September 26, 2018)

Why Sexual Assault Survivors Often Don't Come Forward
CNN (September 17, 2018)

Let's Ease Statutes of Limitations in Rape Cases
WASHINGTON POST (May 25, 2018)

The Cosby Jury Finally Believes the Women
NEW YORK TIMES (April 26, 2018)

#MeToo Comes to the Cosby Courtroom
NEW YORK TIMES (April 9, 2018)

What if Only One Woman Had Accused Harvey Weinstein?
THE GUARDIAN (October 22, 2017)

The Cosby Case is Another Example of Credibility Discounting in Sexual Assault Cases
SLATE (June, 2017)

What To Look For in the Cosby Sexual Assault Trial
NEWSWEEK (June 6, 2017)

“He Said, She Said”
MS. MAGAZINE (April 27, 2017)

In Wake of Trump Allegations, What Does the Law Do With “Assaultive Kissing”?
SLATE (October 18, 2016)

Donald Trump’s Alleged Sexual Misconduct is an Outrage. Is it a Crime?
SLATE (October 16, 2016)

Reforming Rape Policies on Campus
NEW YORK TIMES (June 22, 2016)

The Sexual Assault Survivors’ Act is Not Enough
TIME (June 9, 2016)

The Cosby Case Raises Important Questions on How States Define Sexual Assault
SLATE (December 31, 2015)

How Not to Protect Pregnant Women
NEW YORK TIMES (April 13, 2015)

Book Review: “Our Bodies, Whose Property?” by Anne Phillips
125 ETHICS 905 (2015)

Improving the Criminal Justice System’s Response Would Cut Campus Rape
NEW YORK TIMES, ROOM FOR DEBATE (December 12, 2014)

Finally, A Judge Calls Shaken Baby Diagnosis an “Article of Faith”
SLATE (May 1, 2014)

The Changing Face of Exonerations
TIME (March 5, 2014)

We Preach ‘No Means No’ for Sex, But That’s Not What the Law Says
THE GUARDIAN (January 12, 2014).

Anatomy of a Misdiagnosis
NEW YORK TIMES (September 20, 2010)

After Flint: Environmental Justice as Equal Protection
Loyola University Chicago School of Law (March 2018)

Incredible Women: Sexual Violence and the Credibility Discount
University of Pennsylvania Law Review Author Lunch (February 2018)

Flint and the Limits of the Disaster Narrative
AALS Annual Meeting “Hot Topics” Panel (January 2018)

Fordham Debate on Affirmative Consent
University of Utah College of Law (November 2017)

Incredible Women: Sexual Violence and the Credibility Discount
Chicago-Kent College of Law (October 2017)

Sexual Assault on Campus
New York Times Higher Ed Leaders Forum (June 2016)

Underenforcement as Unequal Protection
University of Chicago Law School
Workshop on Regulating Family, Sex and Gender (March 2016)

Underenforcement as Unequal Protection
Georgetown University Law Center
Feminism, Law and Philosophy Colloquium (March 2016)

Should Universities Encourage Rape Victims to Report to Law Enforcement?
AALS “Hot Topics” Panel (January 2016)

Rethinking Sexual Pattern Evidence
McGeorge Law School
“Sex Crimes and Offenses in an Era of Reform” Symposium (November 2015)

Cognitive Bias in Evaluating Shaken Baby Syndrome/ Abusive Head Trauma
American Academy of Forensic Sciences Annual Meeting (February 2015)

Commentary on Kim Shayo Buchanan’s “Rape By Fraud”
University of Chicago Law School
Workshop on Regulating Family, Sex and Gender (January 2015)

Flawed Convictions
University of Pennsylvania Law School
Quattrone Center for the Fair Administration of Justice (October 2014)

Flawed Convictions
University of Wisconsin Law School
Ideas and Innovations Lecture (October 2014)

The Endurance of Male Privilege
University of Chicago Law School,
Law Students for Reproductive Justice Event (October 2014)

Rape Without Force
Law and Society Annual Meeting (June 2014)

Flawed Convictions
UCLA School of Law
Understanding Law, Science and Evidence Colloquium (November 2013)

Sex-Positive Rape Law?
University of Colorado Law School
The Feminist Influence on Criminal Law Colloquium (April 2014)

Rape Law and the Construction of Female Sexuality
University of Chicago Law School
Law Students for Reproductive Justice Event (October 2013)

The Legal Meaning of Breakups
AALS Annual Meeting (January 2013)

Flawed Convictions
University of Iowa College of Law (November 2012)

The Inertia of Injustice
Loyola University Chicago College of Law (September 2012)

Shaken Baby Syndrome
UCLA School of Law (June 2012)

Judging Sex
Washington University Law School (August 2011)

The Legal Construction of Female Sexuality
AALS Mid-Year Workshop (June 2011)

Science-Dependent Prosecution and the Problem of Epistemic Contingency
Northwestern University Law and Psychology Colloquium (January 2011)

Shaken Baby Syndrome: Emerging Science, Emerging Law
National Academies Committee on Science, Technology and Law Washington, D.C.
(October 2009)

SELECTED REFEREE ACTIVITY

National Science Foundation Yale University Press
Oxford University Press
University of Chicago Press Cambridge University Press
Law and Social Inquiry
Hypatia
National Academies Transportation Research Board

HONORS AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Elected Member, American Law Institute
Advisor, Project on Sexual and Gender-Based Misconduct on Campus
Consultant, Model Penal Code: Sexual Assault and Related Offenses

MEDIA

Selected Appearances

PBS NewsHour, 48 Hours, NPR, NBC Nightly News, MSNBC, BBC Newshour,
C-SPAN Book TV, CBC

Selected Mentions

New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Washington Post, New Republic, The Atlantic,
USA Today, Slate, Rolling Stone, New York Magazine, Chicago Tribune, LA Times,
LA Weekly, New Yorker, Reuters, Huffington Post, Politico, The Guardian, The
Economist, Bloomberg, Vox The Wrap, Vogue