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EXPERIENCE

University of South Carolina School of Law

Henry Harman Edens Professor of Law (2019-present)
Director, NMRS Center on Professionalism (2013-present)
Professor of Law (2013-19)

New York Law School

Professor and Co-Director, Center for Professional Values and Practice (2003-13)

Harvard Law School

Research Director, Program on the Legal Profession (1999-2003)

University of Denver College of Law

Visiting Assistant Professor (1998-99)

University of Texas School of Law

Assistant Professor (1991-98)

University of Wisconsin Law School

Assistant Director, Institute for Legal Studies (1989-1990)

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Sociology, University of Wisconsin (1992)

Honors: Departmental Prize for Best Dissertation (1992-93); Dissertation Fellowship, University of Wisconsin Graduate School (1990-91); Distinction, Ph.D. Oral Examination (1988); Distinction, Ph.D. Written Examination (Sociology of Organizations) (1988)

J.D. cum laude, University of Wisconsin (1988)

Honors: Order of the Coif (1989); Hewlett Fellowship, University of Wisconsin Law School (1986-87); Davis Scholarship, University of Wisconsin Law School (1985-86)

M.S. Sociology, University of Wisconsin (1984)

Honors: Graduate Fellowship, Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation (1983-84)

B.S. Sociology, magna cum laude, College of Charleston (1983)

Honors: Full Academic Scholarship, College of Charleston Foundation (1979-83); Phi Beta Kappa

ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

Who Feels Entitled to Assert Legal Rights?, JOTWELL (June 22, 2020) (article review)

Afterword, in MODERNISING LEGAL EDUCATION (Catrina Denvir, ed., Cambridge University Press 2020)

Evidence-Based Lawyer Regulation, 97 WASH. U. L. REV. 297 (2019) (featured in JOTWELL, December 6, 2019; Outstanding Faculty Article Award, 2019-20)

Location, Location, Vocation? Towards a Post-Recession Analysis of Law School Choice, JOTWELL (June 21, 2019) (article review)

Marketing Legal Assistance, 148 DAEDALUS 98 (2019) (invited, peer review)

Introduction: What We Know and Need to Know About Veteran Access to Justice, 68 S.C. L. REV. 201 (2016)

Nothing Could Be Finer? The Role of Agency General Counsel in North and South Carolina, 84 FORDHAM L. REV. 2039 (2016) (with Dana Remus)

Introduction: What We Know and Need to Know About the State of “Access to Justice” Research, 67 S.C. L. REV. 193 (2016) (with Renee Newman Knake and Robert L. Nelson)

Law School Training for Licensed “Legal Technicians”? Implications for the Consumer Market, 65 S.C. L. REV. 579 (2014)

It’s Not About Us: Beyond the Job Market Critique of U.S. Law Schools, 26 GEO. J. LEGAL ETHICS 423 (2013) (book review)

Law for All? The First Thing We Do, Let’s Educate the Non-lawyers, JOTWELL (April 29, 2013) (article review)

Whose Ethics? The Benchmark Problem in Legal Ethics Research, in LAWYERS IN PRACTICE: ETHICAL DECISION MAKING IN CONTEXT (Leslie Levin & Lynn Mather, eds., University of Chicago Press 2012)

Organizational Alliances by U.S. Law Schools, 80 FORDHAM L. REV. 2615 (2012)

Two Questions for Law Schools About the Future Boundaries of the Legal Profession, 36 J. LEGAL PROF. 329 (2012)

Queensland Law Firms Partner with Regulators and Researchers to Improve Firms’ Ethical Culture, JOTWELL (January 24, 2011) (article review)

Measuring Law Firm Culture, in *LAW, POLITICS AND SOCIETY: LAW FIRMS, LEGAL CULTURE, AND LEGAL PRACTICE* (Austin Sarat, ed., Emerald Books 2010)

New Sources of Managerial Authority in Large Law Firms, 22 *GEO. J. LEGAL ETHICS* 63 (2009)

Some Realism About Bar Associations, 57 *DEPAUL L. REV.* 425 (2008) (with Bruce Green)

When Do Facts Persuade? Some Thoughts on the Market for "Empirical Legal Studies," 71 *LAW & CONTEMP. PROBS.* 17 (2008) (invited, peer review)

The Professionalization of Law Firm In-House Counsel, 84 *N.C. L. REV.* 1515 (2006)

The Nirvana Fallacy in Law Firm Regulation Debates, 33 *FORDHAM URB. L.J.* 119 (2005)

The Shoe Still Fits, *LEGAL AFFAIRS* (Sep./Oct. 2005) (invited)

The Scope of In-Firm Privilege, 80 *NOTRE DAME L. REV.* 1721 (2005) (analysis adopted in Georgia, Massachusetts, and New York, *see* Hunter, Maclean v. St Simons Waterfront, 317 Ga. App. 1, 13 (2012); RFF Family Partnership, 465 Mass. 702, 708 (2013); Stock v. Schnader Harrison, 35 N.Y.S.3d 31, 47 (2016))

A New Framework for Law Firm Discipline, 16 *GEO. J. LEGAL ETHICS* 335 (2003) (with David Wilkins)

The Emerging Role of Ethics Advisors, General Counsel, and other Compliance Specialists in Large Law Firms, 44 *ARIZ. L. REV.* 559 (2002) (with David Wilkins)

Promoting Effective Ethical Infrastructure in Large Law Firms: A Call for Research and Reporting, 30 *HOFSTRA L. REV.* 691 (2002) (with David Wilkins)

Susan P. Shapiro: Tangled Loyalties: Conflicts of Interest in Legal Practice, 32 *CONTEMP. SOC.* 456 (2003) (book review)

MDPs: Toward an Institutional Strategy for Entity Regulation, 4 *LEGAL ETHICS* 45 (2002) (UK) (peer review)

Regulation of Lawyers, in *INTERNATIONAL ENCYCLOPEDIA OF THE SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES* (Neil J. Smelser & Paul B. Baltes, eds., Elsevier 2001)

Men and Women of Elite Law Firms: Reevaluating Kanter's Legacy, 25 *LAW & SOC. INQUIRY* 41 (2000) (with Christopher Uggen) (peer review)

Professional Responsibility: Lawyers, a Case Study, 69 *FORDHAM L. REV.* 817 (2000)

Roberts and Goliath, *JURIST BOOKS-ON-LAW* (Nov. 1998) (book review)

Organizational Determinants of Law Firm Integration, 46 AM. U.L. REV. 669 (1997)

Margaret Thornton: Dissonance and Distrust: Women in the Legal Profession, 24 J.L. & SOC'Y 583 (1997) (book review)

Title VII as a Displacement of Conflict, 6 TEMP. POL. & CIV. RTS. L. REV. 1 (1996)

Legal Ambiguity and the Politics of Compliance: Affirmative Action Officers' Dilemma, 13 LAW & POL'Y 1 (1991) (with Lauren B. Edelman, Howard S. Erlanger, and Stephen Petterson) (peer review)

The Process of Negotiation: An Exploratory Investigation in the Divorce Context, 40 RUTGERS L. REV. 1133 (1988) (with Howard S. Erlanger and Marygold Melli)

Participation and Flexibility in Informal Processes: Cautions from the Divorce Context, 21 LAW & SOC'Y REV. 585 (1987) (with Howard S. Erlanger and Marygold Melli) (peer review)

EDITED COLLECTIONS

IILP REVIEW 2017: THE STATE OF DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION IN THE LEGAL PROFESSION
(Institute for Inclusion in the Legal Profession, 2017)

WHAT WE KNOW AND NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE FUTURE OF LEGAL SERVICES: WHITE PAPERS FOR THE ABA COMMISSION ON THE FUTURE OF LEGAL SERVICES (South Carolina Law Review, 2016) (with Renee Newman Knake and Robert L. Nelson)

IILP REVIEW 2014: THE STATE OF DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION IN THE LEGAL PROFESSION
(Institute for Inclusion in the Legal Profession, 2015)

IILP REVIEW 2012: THE STATE OF DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION IN THE LEGAL PROFESSION
(Institute for Inclusion in the Legal Profession, 2013)

IILP REVIEW 2011: THE STATE OF DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION IN THE LEGAL PROFESSION
(Institute for Inclusion in the Legal Profession, 2011)

RESEARCH REPORTS

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL OF LAW VETERANS LEGAL CLINIC 2018-19 REPORT
(June 2019) (with Bennett Gore and Liyun Zhang)

Demographic Summary, in IILP REVIEW 2017: THE STATE OF DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION IN THE LEGAL PROFESSION (Institute for Inclusion in the Legal Profession, 2017)

Demographic Summary, in IILP REVIEW 2014: THE STATE OF DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION IN THE LEGAL PROFESSION (Institute for Inclusion in the Legal Profession, 2015) (reprinted in THE FEDERAL LAWYER, January/February 2017)

Demographic Summary, in IILP REVIEW 2012: THE STATE OF DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION IN THE LEGAL PROFESSION (Institute for Inclusion in the Legal Profession, 2013)

Demographic Summary, in IILP REVIEW 2011: THE STATE OF DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION IN THE LEGAL PROFESSION (Institute for Inclusion in the Legal Profession, 2011)

MILES TO GO IN NEW YORK: MEASURING RACIAL AND ETHNIC DIVERSITY AMONG NEW YORK LAWYERS (New York State Bar Association Committee on Minorities in the Profession, 2007)

MILES TO GO: PROGRESS OF MINORITIES IN THE LEGAL PROFESSION (American Bar Association Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Profession, 2004)

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL REPORT ON THE STATE OF BLACK ALUMNI, 1869-2000 (Harvard Law School, 2002) (with Haile Adamson, Lisa A. Jones, and David B. Wilkins)

MILES TO GO 2000: PROGRESS OF MINORITIES IN THE LEGAL PROFESSION (American Bar Association Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Profession, 2000)

CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

Roundtable Participant, Measurement and Methodology: Approaches to the Study of Access to Justice, Law & Society Annual Meeting, Virtual (May 2020)

“Evidence-Based Lawyer Regulation,” Legal Profession Seminar, Harvard Law School (March 2020)

Invited Participant, Computing, Data Science, and Access to Justice Workshop, National Science Foundation and Georgetown Law School (June 2019)

Roundtable Participant, Advancing Research on State Courts and Executive Agencies, Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC (June 2019)

Facilitator, Future Bellow Scholar Idea Workshop, University of South Carolina School of Law (October 2018)

“A Crash Course in Empirical Methodologies for Clinical Law Professors,” Bellow Scholar Workshop, University of South Carolina School of Law (October 2018)

“Marketing Legal Assistance,” American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Cambridge, MA (August 2018)

Discussion Leader, “Opportunities for Improved Data Collection,” American Academy of Arts and Sciences Legal Services Data Project, Cambridge, MA (June 2018)

“Evidence-Based Lawyer Regulation,” International Conference on Access to Justice and Legal Services, University College London Centre for Empirical Legal Studies, London (June 2018)

“Marketing Legal Assistance,” Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, Toronto (June 2018)

Commentator, “Building Successful Research Collaborations: Multidisciplinary Teams, Law School Clinic Field Sites, and Partnerships with the Bar, Government and Non-Profit Providers,” A2J Empirical Methods Workshop, University of Wisconsin Law School (October 2017)

Commentator, “Public Interest Mobilization and Access to Justice in the New Democratic State,” Law Review Symposium, University of Wisconsin Law School (October 2017)

“Reflections on the 2016 ABA Report on the Future of Legal Services,” Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, Boca Raton, FL (August 2017)

Commentator, New Voices in Civil Justice Workshop, Vanderbilt Law School (May 2017)

Moderator, South Carolina Summit on Access to Justice for All, Columbia, SC (October 2016)

“Nothing Could Be Finer? The Role of Agency General Counsel in North and South Carolina,” Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans (June 2016)

“Nothing Could Be Finer? The Role of Agency General Counsel in North and South Carolina,” Symposium on Lawyering in the Regulatory State, Fordham Law School (October 2015) (with Dana Remus)

Invited Participant, Civil Legal Aid Research Workshop, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC (May 2015)

Moderator, Working Group on Lawyers and Technology, Conference on Disruptive Innovation in the Market for Legal Services, Harvard Law School (March 2014)

Commentator, Research Roundtable on Law’s Information Revolution, George Mason University School of Law (September 2013)

“Unbundling Legal Education: The Market for Limited Law Training,” Legal Ethics Schmooze, Fordham Law School (June 2013)

Keynote Speaker, Twelfth International Conference on Substantive Technology in Legal Education and Practice, New York Law School (July 2012)

Commentator, “Empirical Research on the Legal Profession: Where We Have Been and Where We Are Going,” International Legal Ethics Conference, Banff (July 2012)

“Fragmentation and Integration in the Modern Law Firm,” International Legal Ethics Conference, Banff (July 2012) (with Lisa Rohrer)

“Legal Education at the Precipice?” Loyola University Chicago School of Law (May 2012)

Plenary Session, “Agenda Setting: What is the Purpose of Legal Education?,” Global Legal Education Forum, Harvard Law School (March 2012)

“The Implications of Organizational Alliances by U.S. Law Schools,” Globalization and the Legal Profession Colloquium, Fordham Law School (October 2011)

Keynote Speaker, Future Ed Conference, New York Law School (April 2011)

“Measuring Law Firm Culture,” International Legal Ethics Conference, Stanford Law School (July 2010)

“Embedded Ethics: The Role of Practice Groups in Large Law Firms,” Conference on Ethical Decision Making in Context, Baldy Center for Law & Social Policy, Buffalo, NY (April 2010)

“New Sources of Managerial Authority in Large Law Firms,” Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, Denver (May 2009)

“Law Firm General Counsel: The Paradox of Institutional Success?” Legal Ethics Schmooze, Fordham Law School (June 2008)

“The Basis of Managerial Authority in Large Law Firms,” Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, Montreal (May 2008)

“Law Firm General Counsel: The Paradox of Institutional Success?” Symposium on the Future of the Global Law Firm, Georgetown University Law Center (April 2008)

“When do Facts Persuade? Some Thoughts on the Market for Empirical Legal Studies,” The Center for the Study of Law and Society, University of California-Berkeley (March 2008)

“Measuring Law Firm Culture,” Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, Berlin (July 2007)

“The Private Bar and the Public Interest: Improving Deliberation within Professional Associations,” 13th Annual Clifford Symposium on Civil Justice, DePaul University College of Law (April 2007)

“Trends for Ethics & Risk Management Advisors,” First Annual National Program of the Firm Counsel Project, American Bar Association Section of Business Law, Washington, DC (March 2007)

“Still Miles to Go: Understanding the Special Experiences, Challenges, and Career Trajectories Faced by Women of Color in the Law,” Second Annual Constance Baker Motley Diversity Symposium, New York State Bar Association Annual Meeting, New York City (January 2007)

“The Ideology of Firm Counsel,” Symposium on Empirical Studies of the Legal Profession, University of North Carolina Law School (October 2005)

“The Expanding Role of Law Firm General Counsel,” Hinshaw & Culbertson Professional Responsibility and Risk Management Conference, New York City (October 2005)

“Richard Sander’s Controversial Findings on the Effects of Affirmative Action in Legal Education,” Brown Bag Series, Brooklyn Law School (October 2005)

“Can Bar Associations, Courts, Law Schools, the Media or Others Influence Law Firms’ Professional Practices?,” Conference on Professional Challenges in Large Firm Practice, Fordham University School of Law (April 2005)

“The Post-Enron World of the Law Firm and Law Department Ethics Counsel,” American Bar Association Center for Professional Responsibility, 30th National Conference on Professional Responsibility, Naples, FL (June 2004)

“Getting the Firm’s Attention: The Role of Firm Counsel,” Annual Meeting of the Association of Professional Responsibility Lawyers, Washington, DC (August 2002)

“The Role of In-House Ethics Advisors in Large U.S. Law Firms,” Joint Meeting of the Law & Society Association and the Canadian Law & Society Association, Vancouver (June 2002)

“The In-House Advisor: Building an Ethical Infrastructure in Law Firms,” American Bar Association National Conference on Professional Responsibility, Vancouver (May 2002)

“Law Firm Regulation,” Symposium on Law Firm Regulation, Georgetown University Law Center (February 2002)

“The Work of In-House Ethics Advisors,” Conference on the Future Structure and Regulation of Law Practice, University of Arizona College of Law (February 2002)

“Institutional Regulation of Large Law Firms: The Role of In-House Ethics Advisors,” 2001 Legal Ethics Conference, Hofstra University School of Law (September 2001)

“The Development of Ethical Infrastructure in Large Law Firms,” Annual Meeting of the Association of Professional Responsibility Lawyers, Chicago (August 2001)

“Who Should Regulate MDPs and MNPs?” Joint Meeting of the Law & Society Association and the Research Committee on the Sociology of Law, Budapest (July 2001)

“Regulation of Law and Multidisciplinary Firms,” Biennial Meeting of the Working Group on Comparative Legal Professions, Research Committee on the Sociology of Law, Peyresq (July 2000)

“Miles to Go: A Report on the Status of Minorities in the Profession,” American Bar Association Annual Meeting, New York City (July 2000)

“A Self-Enforcement Model of Law Firm Discipline,” Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, Miami (May 2000)

“Locating the Profession in Society,” American Association of Law Schools Workshop on Professional Responsibility, Washington, DC (October 1998)

“Men and Women of Elite Law Firms: Reevaluating Kanter's Legacy,” Biennial Meeting of the Working Group on Comparative Legal Professions, Research Committee on the Sociology of Law, Onati (July 1998)

“The Limits of Sociological Jurisprudence,” Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, Snowmass (May 1998)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND SERVICE

American Academy of Arts and Sciences

Co-Chair, Innovation Committee, Legal Services Design Project (2018-present)
Legal Services Data Project (2018-present)

American Bar Association

Chair, Data Working Group, Commission on the Future of Legal Services (2014-16)
Reporter, Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Profession (1998-2008)

American Bar Foundation

Fellow (2006-present)
Research Group on Legal Diversity (2012-14)

American Sociological Association

Distinguished Book Award Committee, Sociology of Law Section (2017-18)
Secretary/Treasurer, Sociology of Law Section (2000-02)
Student Paper Prize Committee, Sociology of Law Section (1996-97, 1999-2000)

Association of American Law Schools

Research Committee (2008-10)
Executive Committee, Professional Responsibility Section (2008-10)

Association of the Bar of the City of New York

Committee on International Legal Practice (2010-13)

Institute for Inclusion in the Legal Profession

Board of Directors (2010-2018)

Editor-in-Chief, IILP REVIEW (2010-2018)

International Sociological Association, Research Committee on the Sociology of Law

Working Group on Comparative Legal Professions (1996-present)

Law & Society Association

Editorial Advisory Board, LAW & SOCIETY REVIEW (1998-2001, 2003-06, 2016-present)

Jacob Prize Committee (2010-11)

Membership Committee (1996-97, 1997-98, 2009-10)

Secretary (2007-09)

Nominating Committee (1994-95, 2006-07)

Article Prize Committee (1998-99, 1999-2000)

Chair, New Prize Committee (1998-99)

Trustee (1996-98)

Book Prize Committee (1995-96)

Faculty Participant, Graduate Student Workshop (1992)

New York State Bar Association

Reporter, Committee on Minorities in the Profession (2005-07)

South Carolina Access to Justice Commission

Member (2014-2020)

Special Advisor (2020-present)

South Carolina Bar

Future of the Legal Profession Working Group (2014-15)

AWARDS**Outstanding Faculty Article Award**

University of South Carolina School of Law (2019-20)

Sanford D. Levy Memorial Award

New York State Bar Committee on Professional Ethics (2014)

Distinguished Faculty Service Award

South Carolina Law Review (2013-14)

Hermine Tobolowski Teaching Award

University of Texas School of Law (1993-94, 1997-98)

Law Week Dedicattee, Student Bar Association

University of Texas School of Law (1993-94)