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ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

University of Texas School of Law. Austin, TX

F. Scott Baldwin Research Professor in Law 2017-present

Professor of Law 2013-2017

Assistant Professor 2008-2013

Courses: Torts, Contracts, Family Law, Behavioral Law and Economics.

Harvard Law School. Cambridge, MA

2007-2008

Research Fellow, Center on Lawyers & the Professional Services Industry

Harvard Law School. Cambridge, MA

2005-2007

Climenko Fellow and Lecturer on Law

EDUCATION

University of Chicago Law School. JD

2004

High Honors, Order of the Coif, *University of Chicago Law Review*

Beale Prize for Outstanding Written Work, Best Advocate Award for Appellate Brief

Haverford College. BA, Sociology

1995

PUBLICATIONS

Gossip and Gore: A Ghoulish Journey into a Philosophical Thicket, 116 MICH. L. REV. 1187

(2018) (reviewing DON HERZOG, DEFAMING THE DEAD).

Divorce All the Way Down: Local Voice and Family Law's Democratic Deficit, 98 B.U. L. REV. 579 (2018).

Reviewed by Kaipo Matsumura in The Journal of Things We Like (Lots), *Family Law's Democratic Foundations*, JOTWELL (May 25, 2018), at <https://family.jotwell.com/family-laws-democratic-foundations/>

Wildflowers in the Swamp: Local Rules and Local Family Law, 65 DRAKE L. REV. 781 (2017).

Sex in the City, 43 FORDHAM URBAN L. J. 1107 (2016).

Reviewed by Richard Briffault.

Dead Children, 67 ALABAMA L. REV. 739 (2016).

Probability Errors: Over-Optimism, Ambiguity Aversion, and the Certainty Effect, in THE OXFORD HANDBOOK ON BEHAVIORAL ECONOMICS AND THE LAW (2014).

Statistical Children, 30 YALE J. REG. 63 (2013).

Lost Life and Life Projects, 87 INDIANA L. J. 1745 (2012).

Reviewed by Gregory Keating in The Journal of Things We Like (Lots), *Redressing the Harm of Death*, JOTWELL (Sept. 27, 2013), at <http://torts.jotwell.com/redressing-the-harm-of-death/>

Self-Altering Injury, 96 CORNELL L. REV. 535 (2011).

Sticky Expectations, 84 NOTRE DAME L. REV. 733 (2009).

Postnuptial Agreements, 2007 WIS. L. REV. 827 (2007).

The Parallel Trends of Increased Adult Content in Mainstream Media and Harder-Core Pornography: A Tale of Market Failure?, in 1 CARCERAL NOTEBOOKS 61 (Bernard Harcourt ed., 2005).

Comment: Non-Prevailing Parties Who Bring Successful Actions under Consumer Protection Statutes, 71 U. CHI. L. REV. 311-332 (2004).

Multiple Threats: The Co-Occurrence of Teen Health Risk Behaviors, Urban Institute Report, 1-14 (2000), (co-authors: Laura D. Lindberg & Scott Boggess).

Teen Risk-Taking: A Statistical Portrait, Urban Institute Report, 1-35 (2000), (co-authors: Laura D. Lindberg, Scott Boggess, & Laura Porter).

Involving Males in Preventing Teen Pregnancy, Urban Institute Report, 1-173 (1997), (co-authors: Freya L. Sonenstein, Kellie Stewart, Laura D. Lindberg, & Marta Pernas).

PRESENTATIONS

Unconscious Bias in the Courtroom, Harris County Bench/Bar Conference, May 2015

Sex (and Money) in the City, Georgetown Law School Faculty Colloquium, November 2014

Dead Children: Parental Investments in Child Safety and Tort Damages, Indiana University Maurer School of Law Faculty Colloquium, October 2014

Judicial Decision-Making, Harris Country District Judges Conference, August 2014

Parental Investments in Child Safety and Tort Damages, University of Washington, Olin Business School, February 2014

Local Family Law, University of Virginia Law School Faculty Colloquium, October 2013

Local Family Law, St. Louis University Law School Faculty Colloquium, September 2013

Local vs. State Control over Family Law, IASJF, The Jurisprudence of Family Relations: Privacy, Autonomy, and Whether States Should Regulate Family Relations, June 2013

Probability Errors, LAMB Conference: Behavioral Law and Economics: Substance and Methodology, Notre Dame Law School, April 2013

Local Divorce Law, Faculty Conference, Arizona State University, March 2013

What's a Child Worth?, Law & Society, June 2012

Statistical Children, Junior Faculty Conference, Arizona State University, March 2012

Valuing Children in Tort Law, Emerging Family Law Scholars Conference, June 2011

Wrongful Death, Life Projects, and Individual Justice, Junior Faculty Conference for South-Western Law Schools, Arizona State University, March 2011

Happiness, Harm and Self-Altering Injury, Junior Faculty Conference for South-Western Law Schools, Arizona State University, March 2010

Same-Sex Child-Rearing Research and Theory, A Federalist Society debate with Maggie Gallagher, University of Texas School of Law, January 2009

OTHER RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2015 AALS Mid-Year Meeting: Shifting Foundations in Family Law. June 2015
Planning Committee. Designed and organized conference as part of five-member committee.

Concurring Opinions. Dec. 2014
Guest Blogger.

Law Preview. 2013-present
Lecturer. Taught Contracts to students about to start law school.

BarBri. 2012-present
Lecturer. Taught Family Law and Community Property for the Texas Bar Exam.

Judge Cynthia Holcomb Hall. U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit 2004-2005
Law Clerk

BAR MEMBERSHIP

California