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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of South Carolina Joseph F. Rice School of Law, Columbia, SC
Assistant Professor of Law, 2022 – present

Tulane Law School, New Orleans, LA
Forrester Fellow, July 2020–June 2022

PUBLICATIONS

Law Review Articles

The Rights to Obligations Spectrum (in progress) (with Meghan M. Boone)

Transing Cis Sex Discrimination, 100 S. CAL. L. REV. ____ (forthcoming 2026).

The Sex Alignment Project, 78 FLA. L. REV. __ (forthcoming 2026).

Sex-Defining Laws and Equal Protection, 112 CAL. L. REV. 259 (2024).

The Nonbinary Bogyman, 73 FLA. L. REV. FORUM 31 (2024) (reviewing Marie-Amélie George, *Expanding LGBT*, 73 FLA. L. REV. 243 (2021)) (invited submission).

Adjudicating Identity, 9 TEX. A&M L. REV. 267 (2022).

My Brother's Keeper, My Sister's Neglector: A Critique and Explanation of Single-Sex Initiatives for Black Boys, 39 COLUM. J. GENDER & L. 60 (2020).

Book Chapters and Shorter Articles

Explaining Fulton's Narrow Holding, Georgetown University, BERKLEY CENTER FOR RELIGION, PEACE & WORLD AFFAIRS (July 2021) (invited submission).

Losing Custodial Mothers in Child Support Reform, in GENDER JUSTICE AND THE LAW: THEORETICAL PRACTICES OF INTERSECTIONAL IDENTITY (Elaine Wood ed., 2020).

Working it Off: Introducing a Service-Based Child Support Model, 19 U. PA. J. L. & SOC. CHANGE 163 (2016).

Masking Discrimination: How the "Second Wave" of RFRAs Can Weaken Protections for LGB Individuals, 72 NAT'L LAW. GUILD REV. 109 (2015).

Studs and Protest-Hypermasculinity: The Tomboyism within Black Lesbian Female

Masculinity, 15 J. LESBIAN STUD. 480 (2011) (peer-reviewed).

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

“The Rights to Obligations Spectrum”

- *Feminist Legal Studies Roundtable* (June 2026)
- *Family Law Scholars and Teachers Annual Conference* (June 2026).
- *American Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting* (January 2026)

“Transing Cis Sex Discrimination” (presented under various titles)

- *Feminist Legal Studies Roundtable* (June 2026).
- *West Coast Gender, Sexuality, and the Law Conference* (March 2026)
- *American Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting* (January 2026)
- *Mid-Atlantic Family Law Scholars Roundtable* (December 2025).
- *Family Law Scholars and Teachers Annual Conference* (June 2025).

“The Sex Alignment Project” (presented under various titles)

- *Faculty Workshop*, Washington and Lee University School of Law (March 2026)
- *Junior Faculty Forum*, University of Richmond School of Law (May 2025).
- *Law & Society Association Annual Conference* (May 2025).
- *Faculty Workshop*, NKU, Chase College of Law (April 2025).
- *Mid-Atlantic Family Law Scholars Roundtable* (December 2024).
- *Faculty Workshop*, Georgia State College of Law (December 2024)
- *Family Law Scholars and Teachers Annual Conference* (June 2024).
- *West Coast Gender, Sexuality, and the Law Conference* (March 2024)
- *American Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting* (January 2024)
- *Equality Law Scholars’ Forum* (November 2023).
- *Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Conference* (July 2023).

“Sex-Defining Laws and Equal Protection” (presented under various titles)

- *Family Law Scholars and Teachers Annual Conference* (June 2023).
- *Law & Society Association Annual Conference* (June 2023, July 2022).
- *University of Tennessee Law School, Faculty Workshop Series* (March 2023).
- *American Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting* (January 2023).
- *Mid-Atlantic Family Law Scholars Roundtable* (December 2022).
- *Equality Law Scholars’ Forum* (November 2022).
- *Feminist Legal Theory Conference, Baltimore School of Law* (April 2022).
- *LGBTQ Roundtable, Vanderbilt University Law School* (April 2022).
- *Intellectual Life Series, Tulane Law School* (April 2022).

“Adjudicating Identity”

- *Summer Feminist Legal Theory Series* (July 2021).
- *Law & Society Graduate Student & Early Career Workshop* (May 2021).
- *Michigan Law Junior Scholars Conference* (April 2021).
- *Intellectual Life Series, Tulane Law School* (February 2021).
- *Law & Society Association Annual Conference* (May 2020).

- *Association for the Law, Culture, and the Humanities Annual Conference* (March 2020).

“My Brother’s Keeper, My Sister’s Neglector”

- *Association for the Law, Culture, and the Humanities* (March 2019).

SERVICE

University Service

- Faculty Advisory Committee (2026-present)
- Faculty Advisor, Lincoln Douglas Debate Society (2025-present)
- Junior Faculty Workshop, Founder and Chair (2022–present)
- Faculty Selection Committee (2025–2026; 2023–2024)
- Inclusive Excellence Committee (2024–2025)
- Curriculum Committee (2022–2023)

Service to the Legal Academy

- AALS Section on Family & Juvenile Law
 - Executive Committee Member (2025–present)
 - Chair (2024–2025)
 - Vice-Chair (2023–2024)
 - Secretary (2022–2023)
- GENDER AND THE LAW Treatise
 - Lead Editor (2025–present)
 - Editorial Board Member (2023–2025)
- Family Law Scholars and Teachers Conference
 - Co-Chair (2026– present)
 - Planning Committee (2021– 2026)
- Family Law Resource Team, Southeastern Association of Law Schools (2023–present)

EDUCATION

Harvard Law School

Juris Doctor, Cum Laude; May 2016

Dean’s Scholar Prizes: Corporations and Reproductive Rights & Justice

Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review, *Solicited Content Editor*

Washington University in St. Louis

Bachelor of Arts, Cum Laude, Anthropology & Psychology; May 2010

Dean’s List Fall 2008–Spring 2010

Varsity Basketball Team

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Steptoe & Johnson LLP, Washington D.C.

Litigation Associate: Insurance, Professional Liability, and Commercial Disputes

Practice Groups, August 2019 – January 2021; September 2016 – August 2018

Summer Associate, May 2015 – August 2015

United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, Philadelphia, PA

Law Clerk to the Honorable Judge Jane R. Roth, September 2018 – August 2019

Supreme Court Litigation Clinic, Washington, D.C.

Legal Intern, January 2016 – February 2016

Urban Justice Center, Sex Workers Project, New York, N.Y.

Legal Intern, May 2014 – August 2014

Whitman Walker Name and Gender Change Clinic, Washington, D.C.

Legal Intern, January 2014 – May 2014

BAR ADMISSIONS

Maryland (inactive)

District of Columbia (inactive)

United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit