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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- SOUTHWESTERN LAW SCHOOL, Los Angeles, CA
 - *Positions*: Co-Associate Dean for Research (2024-present); Professor of Law (tenured) (2023-present)
 - *Courses*: Constitutional Law I; Constitutional Law II; Criminal Law; Education Law
 - *Committees*: Ad Hoc Committee on Titles (ex officio) (2025); Curriculum (2023-24); Dean's Advisory Committee (elected) (2025-26, 2024-25); Dean's Task Force for Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion (2023-24); Faculty Development (2024-26); Faculty Recruitment (2024-26) & Co-Chair (2025-26); Lateral Appointments With Tenure (2024-26); WSCUC Accreditation, Steering Committee & Standard 3 Working Group (2025-26)
 - *Faculty Advisor*: ACLU, Southwestern Law School Chapter (2024-26)
- UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO SCHOOL OF LAW, San Francisco, CA
 - *Positions*: Associate Professor (tenure-track) and Dean's Circle Scholar (2022-23); Assistant Professor (2020-22); Visiting Professor (full-time) (2014-20); Adjunct Professor (remote) (2023-24)
 - *Courses*: Constitutional Law I, Constitutional Law II, Criminal Law, Education Law, Family Law, Law Review Workshop, Remedies
 - *Committees*: Anti-Racism, Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion (2018-23) & Co-Chair (2022-23) & Subcommittee on Hiring and Recruitment (2020-21); Appointments (2022-23); Academic Standards (2021-22); Admissions (2017-19, 2021-22); Best Student Note Award (2019-22); Visiting Appointments (2022, 2023)
 - *Faculty Advisor*: USF Law Review; USF Law Review Symposium (2021-22); Pride Law Association (2014-23); Jewish Law Students Association (2018-20); USF Chapter of the National Cannabis Bar Association (2018-20)
 - *Other Service*: Colleague Coach, *Conversations on Racial Pedagogy* (2021-22); Moot Court Coach for USF teams competing at The Williams Institute's Annual Moot Court Competition at UCLA School of Law (spring semesters 2019, 2020)
- UC COLLEGE OF THE LAW, SAN FRANCISCO (formerly Hastings), San Francisco, CA
 - *Position*: Visiting Professor (part-time), 2019, 2020, 2021 (fall semesters)
 - *Course*: Constitutional Law II

- SAVANNAH LAW SCHOOL, Savannah, GA
 - *Position:* Associate Professor (2013-14)
 - *Courses:* Constitutional Law I, Constitutional Law II, Property I, Property II
 - *Committees:* Faculty Recruitment, Academic Standards, Information Technology
- UCLA SCHOOL OF LAW, THE WILLIAMS INSTITUTE, Los Angeles, CA
 - *Position:* Law Teaching Fellow (2011-13)
 - *Courses:* Law & Sexuality (law school and undergraduate survey), LGBT Legal Scholarship (seminar)
 - *Faculty Advisor:* Dukeminier Awards Journal of Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Law (2012-13); Williams Institute Annual Moot Court Competition (2013)

AWARDS AND HONORS

- Kenneth and Harle Montgomery Foundation Distinguished Scholar Award, honoring Southwestern Law School faculty members for excellence in research and publication.
 - Winner, 2026-27
 - Winner, 2024-25
- Southwestern SBA Professor of the Year Award.
 - Winner, Upper Division Professor (2025-26)
 - Nominee, Upper Division Professor (2023-24)
- Dukeminier Award and M.V. Lee Badgett Prize (2022), for *Anti-LGBT Free Speech and Group Subordination*, 63 ARIZ. L. REV. 341 (2021). Selected by UCLA's Williams Institute as one of the year's best legal articles on sexual orientation and gender identity.
- John Adler Distinguished Professor Award (2021). Selected by the USF Law Graduating class for teaching excellence.
- Dukeminier Award and Stu Walter Prize (2014), for *Urban Bias, Rural Sexual Minorities, and the Courts*, 60 UCLA L. REV. 562 (2013). Selected by UCLA's Williams Institute as one of the year's best legal articles on sexual orientation and gender identity.
- Michael Greenberg Student Writing Competition, First Prize Award Winner (2008), for *A (Trans)Gender-Inclusive Equal Protection Analysis of Public Female Toplessness*, 18 TULANE J. L. & SEXUALITY 143 (2009). Selected by the LGBT Bar Association for outstanding student scholarship on legal issues affecting LGBTQ+ persons.
- Patrick Duffy Koontz Scholarship (2008). Awarded to West Virginia natives and law school graduates exhibiting leadership, citizenship, and academic achievement.

EDUCATION

UCLA SCHOOL OF LAW, Los Angeles, CA

- *Degree:* LL.M., May 2009
- *Honors:* Top 10% of class; Dean's Tuition Fellowship (merit)

- *Activities*: Department Chief and Articles Editor for UCLA Women's Law Journal

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW, Morgantown, WV

- *Degree*: J.D., May 2008
- *Honors*: Top 20% of class; West Virginia Law Review Outstanding Research Editor Award; CALI Awards in Advanced Labor Law, Constitutional Litigation; Patrick Duffy Koontz Scholarship, awarded
- *Activities*: West Virginia Law Review, Research Editor; President of Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Students

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY, Morgantown, WV

- *Degree*: B.A., English (major), Political Science (minor), December 2024
- *Honors*: Graduated *magna cum laude*; Virginia Butts Sturm Scholarship (outstanding English major award); commissioned by WVU Provost to write published history of WVU libraries

SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

- [*Right-Wing Grievance and Queer Speech*](#), 57 SETON HALL LAW REVIEW ____ (forthcoming 2026)
- [*Exclusionary Expressive Conduct*](#), 66 BOSTON COLLEGE LAW REVIEW 295 (2025)
 - Reprinted in FIRST AMENDMENT LAW HANDBOOK (2025-26 ed., Thomson Reuters)
 - Cited in *Woodlands Pride, Incorporated v. Paxton*, 157 F.4th 775 (5th Cir. 2025) (Dennis, J., concurring and dissenting in part)
- [*Fear and Hope for LGBTQ Rights in the Second Trump Administration*](#), 54 SOUTHWESTERN LAW REVIEW 201 (2025) (invited symposium Essay)
- [*Religious Liberty, Discriminatory Intent, and the Conservative Constitution*](#), 2023 UTAH LAW REVIEW 1023 (2023)
- [*Anti-LGBT Free Speech and Group Subordination*](#), 63 ARIZONA LAW REVIEW 341 (2021)
 - Reprinted in 21 DUKEMINIER AWARDS JOURNAL 1 (2022)
- [*Rural Resentment and LGBTQ Equality*](#), 71 FLORIDA LAW REVIEW 919 (2019)
- [*Dignity, Inequality, and Stereotypes*](#), 92 WASHINGTON LAW REVIEW 1119 (2017)
 - Cited in *United States v. Pérez-Rodríguez*, 13 F.4th 1 (1st Cir. 2021)
- [*Acting Gay, Acting Straight: Sexual Orientation Stereotyping*](#), 83 TENNESSEE LAW REVIEW 575 (2016)
- [*Real Men*](#), 37 UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII LAW REVIEW 107 (2015)
 - Cited in *Cloutier v. Ledyard Bd. of Ed. et al.*, 2021 WL5988614 (D. Conn. Dec. 17, 2021)
 - Cited in *John Doe B, et al. v. Chandler Unified Sch. Dist. et al.*, 2018 WL8261180 (D. Ariz., Aug. 21, 2018)

- Cited in *Roberts v. Archbold Med. Ctr.*, 220 F.Supp.3d 1333 (M.D. Ga. 2016)
- [*Policing Masculinity in Small-Town America*](#), 23 TEMPLE POLITICAL & CIVIL RIGHTS LAW REVIEW 345 (2014) (invited symposium Article)
- [*Urban Bias, Rural Sexual Minorities, and the Courts*](#), 60 UCLA LAW REVIEW 562 (2013)
 - Reprinted in 13 DUKEMINIER AWARDS JOURNAL (2014)
 - Reviewed by Melissa Murray, [*\(Same\) Sex and the City*](#), JOTWELL (Jun. 26, 2013)
- [*Disrupting Sexual Categories of Intimate Preference*](#), 21 HASTINGS WOMEN'S LAW JOURNAL 59 (2010)
- [*A \(Trans\)Gender-Inclusive Equal Protection Analysis of Public Female Toplessness*](#), 18 TULANE JOURNAL OF LAW & SEXUALITY 143 (2009)
- [*The Unjust Exclusion of Gay Sperm Donors: Litigation Strategies to End Discrimination In the Gene Pool*](#), 110 WEST VIRGINIA LAW REVIEW 843 (2008) (student Note)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Luke Boso & Hila Keren, [*The Supreme Court Keeps Ignoring Actual LGBTQ+ People in Its Gay Rights Cases*](#), SLATE (Apr. 2, 2026)
- Solicited Blog Contributor for the OXFORD HUMAN RIGHTS HUB:
 - [*Chiles v. Salazar: Free Speech, Religious Liberty, and the Invisibility of LGBTQ Harm*](#) (May 1, 2026)
 - [*Mahmoud v. Taylor and the Rise of White Christian Nationalism*](#) (Aug. 19, 2025)
 - [*Resisting the Legal Assault on Transgender and Gender Non-Binary Students*](#) (Feb. 21, 2024)
 - [*The Respect for Marriage Act as Both a Gay Rights Victory and Defeat*](#) (Jan. 31, 2023)
 - [*LGBTQ Liberty After the Fall of Roe v. Wade*](#) (Jul. 6, 2022)
 - [*Justice Kennedy's Gay Rights Legacy*](#) (Oct. 3, 2018)
 - [*Masterpiece Cakeshop and Discriminatory Intent*](#) (Jun. 8, 2018)
 - [*Animus and Unequal Dignity: The Purpose and Effect of North Carolina's New Anti-LGBT Law*](#) (Apr. 14, 2016)
 - [*In Deference to Majoritarian Oppression: Justice Scalia's Indifference to LGBTQ Lives*](#) (Mar. 10, 2016)
- Solicited Essay, [*Religious Liberty, Rural Identity, and Same-Sex Marriage*](#), 53 U.S.F. L. REV. F. 479 (2019)
- Solicited Article Contributor: *What Is Sexual Orientation Discrimination?*, LOS ANGELES & SAN FRANCISCO DAILY JOURNAL, August 30, 2016, at 9
- Solicited Anthology Contributor: [*Introduction*](#) to Equality, in GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES ON HUMAN RIGHTS: OXFORD HUMAN RIGHTS HUB BLOG (3d ed., 2016)
- [*The Charles C. Wise Library: A Retrospective*](#) (West Virginia University Press, 2005)

PRESENTATIONS: SCHOLARLY PAPERS

- *Right-Wing Grievance and Queer Speech*
 - International Conference on Law and Society (May 2026)
 - West Coast Sexuality, Gender, & the Law Conference, UC Irvine School of Law (February 2025)
- *Fear and Hope for LGBTQ Rights in the Second Trump Administration*
 - Southwestern Law Review Symposium: *Legal Perspectives on LGBTQIA+ Rights* (January 2025)
- *Exclusionary Expressive Conduct*
 - International Conference on Law and Society (May 2025)
 - Northern Kentucky University Chase College of Law, Law Review Symposium: *Obergefell v. Hodges: Ten Years Later* (March 2025)
 - West Coast Sexuality, Gender, & the Law Conference, LMU Loyola Law School (March 2024)
- *Religious Liberty, Discriminatory Intent, and the Conservative Constitution*
 - ClassCrits XIV, *Demanding Justice in the Face of Retrenchment: Finding Common Ground and Building Coalitions Across Borders*, Southwestern Law School (February 2024)
 - Faculty Workshop, USF School of Law (March 2023)
 - University of Maryland School of Law, Law Review Symposium: *Understanding Modern Constitutional Law: Perspectives from the Left, Right, and Center* (February 2023)
- *Anti-LGBT Free Speech and Group Subordination*
 - Saint Louis University School of Law, Law Journal Symposium: *Progressive Constitutionalism and its Libertarian Discontents: The Case of LGBTQ Rights* (October 2023)
 - USF School of Law, Law Review Symposium: *Free Speech** (January 2022)
 - International Conference on Law and Society (May 2021)
 - National Conference of Constitutional Law Scholars, with Melissa Murray as distinguished commentator (March 2021)
- *Rural Resentment and LGBTQ Equality*
 - ClassCrits XII, *Rescuing Democracy, Ensuring Wellbeing & Exorcizing the Politics of Fear*, Western New England University School of Law (November 2019)
 - International Conference on Law and Society (June 2019)
 - 2019 AALS Annual Meeting for the Section on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Issues: LGBTQ Poverty (January 2019)
 - Faculty Workshop, USF School of Law (February 2018)
- *Dignity, Inequality, and Stereotypes*

- National Conference of Constitutional Law Scholars, University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law (March 2018)
- International Conference on Law and Society (June 2017)
- Faculty Speaker Series, Gonzaga University School of Law (January 2017)
- *Acting Gay, Acting Straight: Sexual Orientation Stereotyping*
 - *After Marriage: The Future of LGBTQ Politics and Scholarship*, John Jay College of Criminal Justice (October 2016)
 - International Conference on Law and Society (June 2016)
 - Lavender Law Conference (August 2015)
 - Law, Culture & the Humanities Conference, Georgetown Law School (March 2015)
- *Policing Masculinity in Small-Town America*
 - University of South Dakota School of Law, Law Review Symposium: *LGBTQ Marriage Rights and Transgender Rights* (March 2015)
 - LGBT Youth Conference, Temple Law School (October 2013)
- *Real Men*
 - Faculty Workshop, USF School of Law (February 2015)
 - Southeastern Law Scholars Conference, Charleston School of Law (October 2013)
 - Faculty Workshop, Savannah Law School (September 2013)
 - International Conference on Law and Society (May 2013)
- *Urban Bias, Rural Sexual Minorities, and the Courts*
 - Faculty Colloquium, West Virginia University College of Law (September 2012)
 - Faculty Colloquium, UCLA School of Law (September 2012)
 - Aspiring Law Professors Conference, Arizona State University (September 2012)
 - Lavender Law Conference (August 2012)
 - International Conference on Law and Society (June 2012)
 - The Williams Institute's Work-In-Progress Series, UCLA School of Law (May 2012)
- *A (Trans)Gender-Inclusive Equal Protection Analysis of Public Female Toplessness*
 - Lavender Law Conference (August 2008)

PRESENTATIONS: INVITED COMMENTARY

- Best Best & Krieger's (Los Angeles law firm) Juneteenth Luncheon (organized by its Black & BOLD ERG), Invited Keynote Speaker: Louisiana v. Callais: *The Supreme Court's Latest Attack on the Voting Rights Act* (June 2026)
- UC Irvine School of Law, West Coast Sexuality, Gender & Law Conference. Commentator: Laura Lane-Steele, *Cis Sex Identity and Trans Rights* (March 2026)

- Western State College of Law, Constitution Day, *Attack on Love, Law, and the Constitution: A Decade After Obergefell*. Panelist discussing the First Amendment (September 2025)
- Southwestern Law School, Constitution Day, *Constitutional Meaning and the Rule of Law in Uncertain Times*. Moderated discussion with Professor Michael Gerhardt of the UNC School of Law (September 2025)
- Southwestern Law School, Orientation: *Building Bridges: Civil Discourse and Professionalism in Law School*. Co-Presenter with Dean Nydia Johnson (August 2024, 2025)
- Southwestern Law School, Constitution Day, *Building Bridges Across Ideological Divides*. Moderated discussion with Judge Thomas Kirsch of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit and Professor L. Song Richardson of UC Irvine School of Law (September 2024)
- Southwestern Law School, [*Exploring Key Cases: 2023-24 Term*](#). Webinar Keynote Speaker, moderated by Professor Rachel VanLandingham (July 2024)
- The San Francisco Experience, Podcast Guest: [*The U.S. Supreme Court Ruling on the Trump Immunity Case*](#) (July 2024)
- Renaissance Learning Speaker Series (sponsored by the Rainbow Alliance Queer ERG), Webinar Keynote Speaker: *Pride and the Supreme Court: The Current and Future Legal Landscape* (June 2024)
- Gonzaga University School of Law, *With Pride: LGBTQ+ Rights & Advocacy in Legal Education Summit* (sponsored by the Center for Civil and Human Rights). Panelist presentation: *LGBTQ Equality and the First Amendment* (April 2024)
- Southwestern Law School, *First Monday in October: Cases from the Supreme Court's Upcoming Docket and Landmark Cases from the Last Term*. Co-Presenter with Professor Andrea Freeman (October 2023)
- The San Francisco Experience, Podcast Guest: [*The Supreme Court Decision on Affirmative Action*](#) (June 2023)
- USF School of Law, Orientation: *Respectful and Inclusive Dialogue in the Law School Classroom*. Co-Presenter with Professor Juan Carlos Ibarra (August 2022)
- 23andMe Speaker Series (sponsored by DEI Employee Resource Group), Webinar Keynote Speaker: *Constitutional Rights, Originalism, & LGBTQ Liberty After the Fall of Roe v. Wade* (June 2022)
- USF School of Law, Webinar Keynote Speaker: [*Dobbs v. Jackson: Looking Back and Moving Forward*](#) (June 2022)
- The San Francisco Experience, Podcast Guest: [*Roe v. Wade Overturned*](#) (June 2022)
- The San Francisco Experience, Podcast Guest: [*The Roe v. Wade Leaked Opinion*](#) (May 2022)
- Gonzaga University School of Law, Guest Lecturer in Professor Orly Rachmilovitz's Law & Sexuality Course on topic: *Free Speech, Free Exercise, and LGBTQ Rights* (April 2022)

- USF School of Law, *Contemporary Abortion Law Q&A*. Co-Presenter with Professor Julie Nice (October 2021)
- University of Kansas School of Law (co-sponsored by ClassCrits), Roundtable Discussant: *Queering Class* (April 2021)
- San Francisco Interfaith Council, Keynote Speaker: [*Briefing for Faith Leaders: COVID-19, Houses of Worship, & the United States Constitution*](#) (December 2020)
- USF School of Law (sponsored by the American Constitution Society): *Impeachment*. Co-Presenter with Professor Julie Nice (February 2020)
- UC Hastings College of the Law, Panelist: *LGBT Employees at the Supreme Court* (October 2019)
- USF School of Law, Women's Law Association Annual Tea, Keynote Speaker: *Gendered Issues in the Law* (March 2019)
- University of San Francisco, Panelist: *Transgender Issues in Catholic Education* (May 2017)
- Gonzaga University School of Law (sponsored by the LGBTA Section of the Spokane Bar Association), Keynote Speaker: *LGBTQ Rights in the Trump Era* (January 2017)
- International Conference on Law and Society, Discussant: *Advancing Diversity With Feminist Legal Theory* (June 2016)
- USF School of Law, Pride Law Luncheon, Keynote Speaker: *Proving Sexual Orientation Discrimination: Stereotypes About Queer Identities* (March 2016)
- USF School of Law, Pride Law Luncheon, Keynote Speaker: *Discussion on the Effects of Recent Judicial Decisions in Same-Sex Marriage* (November 2014)
- AALS Mid-Year Meeting, Panelist: *Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Issues* (June 2014)
- UCLA Education Department, Guest Lecturer in Professor Stuart Biegel's LGBT Issues in Education & Law course: *Masculinities, Sex Stereotyping, and Title IX* (February 2013)

OTHER UNIVERSITY & PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Organizing Committee Member, West Coast Sexuality, Gender & Law Conference (2025-present)
- Solicited Peer Reviewer:
 - Yale Law Journal (2026)
 - Aspen Publishing (proposed casebook on LGBTQ+ law) (2025)
 - Stanford Law Review (2024)
 - Oxford Encyclopedia of LGBT Politics and Policy (2019)
 - Journal of Homosexuality (2018)
 - Journal of Bisexuality (2017)
 - Law & Society Review (2017)

- UCLA School of Law, Judge for Williams Institute Annual Moot Court Competition (March 2024)
- Mills College, Judge for annual Moot Court Competition (April 2017, May 2019)
- UCLA School of Law, Dukeminier Award Nominating Committee (2014-15)

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- The Law Offices of Dale K. Galipo, Woodland Hills, CA
 - *Position:* Staff Attorney (2010-11)
 - *Responsibilities:* Drafted pleadings and motions at all stages of litigation for Fourth and Fourteenth Amendment claims regarding excessive police force, including motions for and opposed to summary judgment, motions to dismiss, and evidentiary motions; and responded to and propounded discovery requests involving government officials.
- The Honorable Philip D. Gaujot, Circuit Court, Monongalia County, Morgantown, WV
 - *Position:* Judicial Law Clerk (2009-10)
 - *Responsibilities:* Drafted Opinions and Orders in cases on civil and criminal dockets, in all family court appeals, and in child abuse and neglect proceedings; focused on motions for summary judgment, TROs and preliminary injunctions, motions to dismiss, and evidentiary motions; conducted scheduling conferences and assisted in managing the court's docket; and supervised and delegated tasks to summer intern.
- The Honorable Irene M. Keeley, U.S. District Court, N.D. W.Va., Clarksburg, WV
 - *Position:* Judicial Intern (summer 2007)
 - *Responsibilities:* Drafted Orders and Opinions, including one published decision in the federal register; and researched legal issues for sentencing hearings and scheduling conferences.
- West Virginia University College of Law, Morgantown, WV
 - *Position:* Research Assistant for Professors Anne Lofaso, Valorie Vojdik, Vivian Hamilton, and Judith Scully (2006-08)
 - *Responsibilities:* Researched issues regarding labor law under the NLRA; Fourth Amendment excessive force claims; Free Speech Clause and Establishment Clause violations in K-12 public schools; same-sex sexual harassment under Title VII; and domestic violence and other family law topics.