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Academic Positions

1999 – Present

SOUTHWESTERN LAW SCHOOL, Los Angeles, CA

The Honorable Arleigh M. Woods and William T. Woods Chair
(2024-present)

Professor of Law (2004-current)

Irwin R. Buchalter Professor of Law (2005-2006)

Associate Professor of Law (1999-2004)

Courses Taught: Contracts I & II, Sales, Secured Transactions, Law & Social Change, Law & Sexual Orientation, Critical Race Theory

Significant Committee Service

Ad Hoc Committee on Faculty Best Practices (2011-2012)
(Chair)

Ad Hoc Committee on Site Evaluation/Self Study (2013-2014)

Appointments Committee (2005-2021)

Faculty Development Committee (2012-2018; 2020-2022)

Academic Standards Committee (2018-2022)

Laterals Hiring Committee (2022-2023)

Status & Equity Committee (Start: 2022—End: 2024)

Subcommittee on Drafting New Tenure Standards (2006-2009)

Task Force on Equity, Inclusion & Belonging (2021-2025; Co-Chair 2024)

Tenure, Promotion & Retention Committee (2005-2021; 2025-present)

Status & Equity Committee (now Missions & Values Committee) (2023-present)

Faculty Adviser

Southwestern Law Review (2005-2010; 2020-2026)
OUTLaw (2022-2025)

Fall 2023

UC IRVINE SCHOOL OF LAW, Irvine, CA

Visiting Professor of Law

Course Taught: The Common Law of Contracts

1998 – 1999

WILLIAM S. RICHARDSON SCHOOL OF LAW, Honolulu, HI

Visiting Assistant Professor of Law

Courses Taught: Civil Procedure I & II, Second Year Seminar

Education

LL.M. **HARVARD LAW SCHOOL, Cambridge, MA**

J.D. **WILLIAM S. RICHARDSON SCHOOL OF LAW, Honolulu, HI**

Member, University of Hawaii Law Review

B.A. **WHITMAN COLLEGE, Walla Walla, WA**

History and Economics

Honors in History

Publications (Articles)

Foreword: ClassCrits XIV—Demanding Justice in the Face of Retrenchment: Finding Common Ground and Building Coalition Across Borders (53 Sw. L. Rev. 361 (2025))

In This Moment (53 Sw. L. Rev. 446 (2025))

Reflections From a Professor of Theory & Practice: An Interview with Catherine Carpenter on January 21, 2025, 54 Sw. L. Rev. 513 (2025)

If Past is Prologue, Then the Future is Bleak: Contracts, Covid-19 and the Changed Circumstances Doctrines, 9 Tex. A&M L. Rev. 347 (2022).

Contract Law & Racial Inequality: A Primer, 95 St. John's L. R. 449 (2021).

In and Out—Contract Doctrines in Action 66 Hastings L. J. 1661 (2015).

Form & Substance in Nancy Kim's Wrap Contracts, 44 Sw. L. Rev. (2014).

Revealing Privilege—Why Bother? 42 Wash. U. J. of Law & Pol'y 131 (2013).

Cross-Purposes & Unintended Consequences—Karl Llewellyn, Article 2 and the Limits of Social Transformation, 1 The Theory & Practice of Legislation 91 (2013)

In A Word, 41 Sw. L. Rev. 215 (2012).

Cross-Purposes & Unintended Consequences—Karl Llewellyn, Article 2 and the Limits of Social Transformation, 12 Nev. L.J. 54 (2011).

Contract Law Now—Reality Meets Legal Fictions, 41 U. Balt. L. Rev. 1 (2011).

Contract Formation and the Entrenchment of Power, 41 Loy. U. Chi. L.J. 175 (2009).

And The Chill Goes On—Federal Civil Rights Plaintiffs Beware: Rule 11 Vis-a-Vis 28 U.S.C. §1927 and the Court's Inherent Power, 37 Loyola L.A. L. Rev. 645 (2004).

Still Chilling After All These Years: Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 11 and its Impact on Federal Civil Rights Plaintiffs After the 1993 Amendments, 37 Val. U. L. Rev. 1 (2002).

Same-Sex Marriage Revisited—Taking a Critical Look at Baehr v. Lewin, 9 Geo. Mason U. Civ. Rts. L. J. 1 (1998/1999).

Striking A Balance: Procedural Reform Under The Lum Court, 14 U. Haw. L. Rev. 223 (1992) (with Karla Winter).

Rule 11 And State Courts: Panacea Or Pandora's Box?, 13 U. Haw. L. Rev. 57 (1991) (with Eric K. Yamamoto).

Publications (Books)

Knapp, Crystal, Prince, Hart, & Silverstein, *Problems in Contract Law—Cases and Materials* (10th edition 2023)

Knapp, Crystal, Prince, Hart, & Silverstein, *Problems in Contract Law—Cases and Materials, Concise First Edition* (2025)

Works in Progress

From Contract to Status: The Story of Contract Law & Inequality (book under contract with Routledge)

Panels/Presentations

Association of Law & Political Economy Inaugural Conference,

February 6-7, 2026, at Richmond, Virginia

Panelist: Contract Law & Injustice

LatCrit 2025 30th Anniversary Conference, Despite the Abyss: Teaching Truth to Bulwark Democracy Across Las Americas for the Next Thirty Years

October 5-6, 2025, at Denver, Colorado

Panelist: White Governance, Identity, Nationalism, Racism, Religion, & Xenophobia

Contract, Consumer, & Commercial Law Conference, The Ascension of Contract: Understanding the Crucial Role of Contractual Ordering and of Consumer and Commercial Transactions in the Continuously Evolving Landscape of Modern Society

January 6-7, 2026, Peter A. Allard School of Law, The University of British Columbia

Panelist: Why Contract Law is Worth Having: A Myth Examined

Joint Western Law Teachers of Color and Conference of Asian Pacific American Law Faculty Conference—Transformative Justice In A World On Fire

June 26-29, 2025, William S. Richardson School of Law, University of Hawaii at Manoa

Panelist: Confronting Erasure and Power: Racial Identity, History and Justice

17th Annual International Conference on Contracts

June 20-21, 2024, University of Bristol Law School

Moderator: Contract Law and Social Justice

Panelist: Change of Circumstances and Consent

Class Crits XIV, Demanding Justice in the Face of Retrenchment: Finding Common Ground and Building Coalitions Across Borders

February 9-10, 2024, Southwestern Law School

Panelist: Wealth & Power

LatCrit 2023 Biennial Conference, Hemispheric Justice: Cultivating Solidarity Across the South-North Divide of the Americas.

October 6-7, 2023, Cornell Law School

Panelist: Teaching Critical Justice Throughout the Curriculum

2022 Annual Meeting of Law & Society

Lisbon, Portugal, July 13-16, 2022.

Panelist: Market Failure Redefined and Resisted

LatCrit XXI, Mapping Critical Geographies and Alternative Possibilities in Legal Scholarship and Praxis for the Next Twenty-Five Years

October 9, 2021, Orlando, Florida

Panelist: Critical Perspectives on Theory and Jurisprudence

Queering Class

ClassCrits Workshop Series: Workshop #7

April 16, 2021

Roundtable Participant

Widening the Lens of Justice—Unmasking the Layers of Racial and Social Inequality

Southwestern Law Review Symposium

February 5, 2021

Panelist: Economic (In)Justice—Past Present Future

15th International Conference on Contracts

February 21-22, 2020, University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law

Panelist—New Approaches to Contract Law

Moderator—Nancy Kim's Consentability: Consent & Its Limits

ClassCrits XII: Facing Our Challenges, Rescuing Democracy and Ensuring Wellbeing

November 15-16, 2019, Western New England School of Law

Panelist—Unmasking Power in Private Law

14th International Conference on Contracts

March 8-9, 2019, Tulane Law School

Panelist—Consent, Autonomy, and Other Values of Contract Law

ClassCrits XI: Rising Together for Economic Hope, Power and Justice

November 2-3, 2018, West Virginia College of Law

Panelist--Unequal Exchanges: Consent, Trust, and Economic Power

2018 Annual Meeting of Law & Society

June 7 -10, 2018, Toronto, Canada

Panelist—Law, Class & Inequality

ClassCrits at Ten: Mobilizing for Resistance, Solidarity, and Justice

November 10-11, 2017, Tulane University School of Law

Panelist—Inequality—How We Got Here & Why We Stay

Poverty Law Conference

February 19-20, 2016, Seattle University School of Law

Panelist—Big Picture

2016 International Conference on Contracts

February 26-27, 2016, St. Mary's School of Law

Panelist—Contract Law and Ideology

2015 International Conference on Contracts

February 27-28, 2015, William S. Boyd School of Law, UNLV

Panelist—Whose Contract Law Is It Anyway?

SALT/LatCrit Faculty Development Workshop

October 9, 2014, William S. Boyd School of Law, University of Las Vegas, Nevada

Panelist/Mentor

Symposium Honoring Charles Knapp's 50 Years of Law Teaching

October 24, 2014, Hastings College of the Law

Panelist—The State of Contract Law

Tulane Forum—"The Future of Law & Inequality"

November 7, 2014, Tulane University Law School

Panelist

2014 International Conference on Law & Society

May 29-June 1, 2014 ,Minneapolis, Minnesota

Reader—Author Meets Reader: Nancy Kim, Wrap Contracts: Foundations and Ramifications)

Panelist—A Critical Perspective on Rights

2014 International Conference on Contracts

February 21-22, 2014, St. Thomas University School of Law

Co-Chair/Panelist—Contract Law and Social Justice: An Oxymoron?

ClassCrits VI Stuck in Forward? Debt, Austerity and the Possibilities of the Political

November 15-16, 2013, Southwestern Law School

Panelist—Public Law, Private Law and the Common Good

2013 International Conference on Law & Society

May 30-June 2, 2013, Boston, MA

Co-Chair/Panelist—Gender in the Market

Contracts as “Public Law” at the Intersection of Globalization and Privatization (A Vulnerability and the Human Condition Initiative Workshop)

March 1-2, 2013, Emory School of Law

Panelist—Contract and Intimacy

13th Annual International Conference on Contracts

February 22-23, 2013, Texas Wesleyan School of Law

Co-Chair/Panelist—Contractual Blindness

2012 International Conference on Law & Society

June 5-8, 2012, Honolulu, Hawaii

Chair/Panelist—Stephanie Wildman’s Privilege Revealed—Past, Present, and Future

11th Annual International Conference on Contracts

March 2-3, 2013, Thomas Jefferson School of Law

Panelist—Contractual Fairness

ClassCrits IV Criminalizing Economic Inequality

September 23-24, 2011, American University Washington College of Law

Chair/Panelist—Brick by Brick: Understanding Systems of Domination in the Core Curriculum

2011 International Conference on Law & Society

June 2-5, 2011, San Francisco, CA,

Chair/Panelist—Exploring Power, Agency & Action in a World of Moving Frontiers

10th Annual International Conference on Contracts

February 18-19, 2011, Stetson University College of Law

Chair/Panelist—(Un)Conscious Bias in Contract Law

West Coast Law & Society Retreat

February 11-12, 2011, Southwestern Law School

Panelist—Rethinking Equality

Spring Conference on Contracts

February 26-27, 2010, William S. Boyd School of Law (UNLV)

Chair/Panelist—The Contract Law System and Power—Past Present & Future

Injuries Without Remedies

March 26, 2010, Loyola L.A. Law School

Commentator—Marc Galanter's "The Dialective of Injury & Remedy"

Joint Western Law Teachers of Color and Conference of Asian Pacific American Law Faculty Conference

April 24-26, 2008, University of Denver Sturm College of Law

Presenting Paper

International Contracts Law Conference

February 8-9, 2008, McGeorge School of Law

Chair/Panelist—Contract as Power

Conference of Asian Pacific American Law Faculty Conference

April 27-28, 2007, William Mitchell College of Law

Presenting Paper

AALS Mid-Year Meeting: Exploring the Boundaries of Contract Law

June 14-17, 2005, Montreal, Canada

Panelist—Implications of Limited Rationality for Contract and Commercial Law

LatCrit VII

May 2-5, 2002, Portland, OR

Panelist-- "Middleman Minority" Status: From Affirmative Action to Terrorism Profiling

Law, Culture & the Humanities Conference

March 7-9, 2002, University of Pennsylvania

Panelist—Critical Race Theory and Cultural Studies

Conferences & Symposia

Andrea Freeman's Ruin Their Crops On The Ground: The Politics of Food in the United States, from the Trail of Tears to School Lunch

- Southwestern Law Review & Lunch Panel Event
- Spring 2026 (forthcoming)
- *Organizer*

Immigration Amidst the Upheaval

- Southwestern Law Review
- Spring 2026 (forthcoming)
- *Co-Organizer*

Resistance! Now

- Southwestern Law Review
- Fall 2026 (forthcoming)
- *Organizer*

A Celebration of Professor Catherine's Impact in Law and Academia

- February 7, 2025 (live event)
- Southwestern Law Review, Volume 54, Issue 3 (2025)
- *Organizer*

Law & Political Economy Collective Workshop Series: 2024-2025

- *Queering the Right-Wing Constitution? Trans Litigation & Parents' Rights*
 - October 2024 (*co-organizer*)
- *Fair Shake: Women & The Fight to Build a Just Economy*

- December 2024 (co-organizer)
- *Teaching In a Time of Retrenchment: Structures of Government*
 - Upcoming 2025 (co-organizer)

Michael B. Dorff's *Becoming a Public Benefit Corporation*

- Southwestern Law Review
- Volume 54, Issue 1
- *Organizer*

LGBTQIA+ Rights

- Southwestern Law Review
- Volume 54, Issue 2
- *Co-Organizer*

ClassCrits XIV: *Demanding Justice in the Face of Retrenchment: Finding Common Ground and Building Coalitions Across Borders*

- In-Person Conference
 - Southwestern Law School
 - February 9-10, 2024
 - *Primary Organizer*, Member Organizing Committee
- Southwestern Law Review—The ClassCrits XIV Symposium Issue
 - To be published Fall 2024
 - *Organizer*
- Southwestern Journal of International Law—The ClassCrits XIV Symposium Issue
 - To be published Fall 2024
 - *Organizer*

Wendy Bach's *Prosecuting Poverty, Criminalizing Care*

- Southwestern Law Review
- Volume 53, Issue 2
- *Organizer*

ClassCrits XIII: *Unlocking Race & Class For Just Transitions*

- Thurgood Marshall School of Law
- October 21-22, 2022
- *Member Organizing Committee*

Eric Yamamoto's *Healing the Persistent Wounds of Historic Injustice: United States, South Korea and the Jeju 4.3 Tragedy*

- Southwestern Law Review
- Volume 52, Issue 1
- *Organizer*

Ezra Rosser's *A Nation Within: Navajo Land and Economic Development*

- Southwestern Law Review
- Volume 52, Issue 2 (2023)
- *Organizer*

Teri McMurtry-Chubb's *Race Unequals: Overseer Contracts, White Masculinities, and the Formation of Managerial Identity in the Plantation Economy*

- Creighton Law Review
- Published Spring 2023
- *Co-Organizer*

Meera Deo's *Unequal Profession*

- Southwestern Law Review
- Published Spring 2022
- *Organizer*

Widening the Lens of Justice—Unmasking the Layers of Racial and Social Inequality

- February 5, 2021 (on campus)
- Volume 50, Issue 3 (2022)
- *Co-Organizer*

Andrea Freeman's *Skimmed*

- Cal Western Law Review
- Published 2021
- *Organizer*

Beth Caldwell's *Deported Americans*

- Southwestern Law Review
- Volume 50, Issue 2 (2021)
- *Organizer*

ClassCrits Workshop Series: 2020-2021

- *The Journal of Law & Political Economy and Its "Constituencies"*
 - October 26, 2020 (co-organizer)

- *Online Junior Scholar Workshop*
 - January 22, 2021 (co-organizer)
- *Presumed Incompetent*
 - February 19, 2021 (co-organizer)
- *Racial Capitalism*
 - March 10, 2021 (co-organizer)

ClassCrits XII: Facing Our Challenges, Rescuing Democracy and Ensuring Wellbeing

- Western New England School of Law
- November 15-16, 2019
- *Member Organizing Committee*

Nancy Kim's *Consentability*

- Loyola (New Orleans) Law Review
- Published Spring 2020
- *Organizer*

ClassCrits XI: Rising Together for Economic Hope, Power and Justice

- West Virginia College of Law
- November 2-3, 2018
- *Member Organizing Committee*

ClassCrits at Ten: Mobilizing for Resistance, Solidarity, and Justice

- Tulane University Law School
- November 10-11, 2017
- *Member Organizing Committee*

12th Annual International Conference on Contracts

- In-Person Conference at Southwestern Law School
- February 24-25, 2017
- *Co-Organizer*

Locking Up Females, Failing to Protect Them, and Punishing Their Children & Families—A Symposium Honoring the Work of Professor Myrna S. Raeder

- Friday, November 6, 2015 (on campus)
- Southwestern Law Review Volume 44, Issue 3 (2015)
- *Co-Organizer*

ClassCrits VIII: Emerging Coalitions: Challenging the Structures of Inequality

- Southwestern Law Review
- Volume 45, Issue 4 (2016)
- *Co-Organizer*

ClassCrits VII: Poverty, Precarity, and Work: Struggle and Solidarity in an Era of Permanent(?) Crisis

- Southwestern Law Review
- Volume 44, Issue 4
- *Co-Organizer*

Locking Up Females, Failing to Protect Them, and Punishing Their Children and Families: Can A Human Rights Approach Eliminate Gender Bias That Is Currently Treated as Gender Neutral?

- November 14, 2014 (on campus)
- Southwestern Law Review Volume 44, Issue 3 (2015)
- *Co-Organizer*

Nancy Kim's *Wrap Contracts*

- Southwestern Law Review
- Volume 44, Issue 2 (2015)
- *Organizer*

ClassCrits VI: Stuck in Forward? Debt, Austerity and the Possibilities of the Political

- Southwestern Law Review—Issue 4, Spring, 2014
- On-campus event at Southwestern Law School--November 15-16, 2013
- *Co-Organizer*

40 Years of LGBT Legal Activism - Taking Stock and Looking Ahead

- Southwestern Law Review—Issue 4. Spring, 2013
- On-campus event at Southwestern Law School—February 8, 2013
- *Co-Organizer*

Privilege Revealed: Past, Present, & Future

- Washington University Journal of Law & Policy—Volume 42, Fall, 2013
- Panel at Law & Society Annual Meeting—June, 2012
- *Organizer*

Exploring Power, Agency & Action in a World of Moving Frontiers

- Southwestern Law Review—Issue 2, Fall, 2012
- Panel at Law & Society Annual Meeting—June, 2011
- *Organizer*

Law/Community Service

AALS Section on Contracts

- Executive Committee Member: Elected to Serve January, 2012
- Secretary of the Section: Effective January, 2014
- Chair of the Section: January 2016 – January, 2017

AALS Section on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Issues

- Executive Committee Member: Elected to Serve January, 2002
- President: January 2007-January 2008 Term

ABA Business Law Section

- Uniform Commercial Code Committee: Member, 2014—Present
- Sale of Goods Subcommittee: Member, 2014—Present
- Pro Bono Committee: Member, 2014—Present

ClassCrits

- Organizing Committee: Member, 2011—Present
- Executive Committee: Member, 2012—2013
 - Co-Chair 2013—2018
- Co-Founder/Editorial Board Member: Journal of Law & Political Economy
- President of ClassCrits, Inc., 2017-2019
- At Large Executive Board Member, 2019-Present

The Law & Political Economy Collective (LPE-C)

- Co-Founder of LPE-C
- Strategic Planning Committee, 2022-2024
- Steering Committee, 2022-2025
- Interim Board of Directors, 2024-2025
- At Large Board Member, 2024-2025

Commercial Law Amicus Initiative (CLAI)

- Member, Board of Directors, 2019—present

Journal of Law & Political Economy

- Member, Board of Directors, 2025--present

Honors and Awards

2023: Excellence in Teaching Award—First Year Professor

2012: Excellence in Teaching Award—First Year Professor

2010: Excellence in Teaching Award—First Year Professor

2008: Excellence in Teaching Award—First Year Professor

Bar Admission

Hawaii

Other Legal Experience

Legal Aid Society of Hawaii
Staff Attorney

Paul Johnson Park & Niles
Associate Attorney—Commercial Litigation

Hawaii Supreme Court
Law Clerk for Chief Justice Herman T. F. Lum and Associate Justice Mario Ramil