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education

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, NY

J.D., May 1992

Honors: Editor-in-Chief, *NYU Review of Law & Social Change*
Judge Eileen Haas Schwartz Award for outstanding student scholarship
Review of Law & Social Change Prize for Best Student Writing

YALE UNIVERSITY, New Haven, CT

B.A., May 1989

Honors: Graduated *cum laude*, with Distinction in the Sociology major and special recognition for senior thesis
U.S. Presidential Scholar

legal education experience

NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL, NEW YORK, NY

Professor of Law and Director of Academic Initiatives. Design innovative curriculum to articulate the process of legal reasoning and prepare all students for the intellectual rigors of legal work. Lead faculty efforts to review and adapt law school curriculum and pedagogy to today's students. Direct and supervise adjunct faculty teaching a ground-breaking legal methods/legal reasoning course for all first-year students, based on original materials and course design that I created. Teach courses in a wide range of subject areas. Co-direct initiatives to study and promote cutting-edge law teaching. Coordinate all aspects of Academic Initiatives programming, including hiring and training adjunct faculty, program design, budget, and inter-relationships with other programs at New York Law School. Founded and oversee NYLS's co-curricular Dispute Resolution Team. Organize and teach the Intensive Summer Advantage Institute for incoming law students. (Associate Professor, June 2002-November 2006)

courses

Contracts
Torts
Family Law
Family Law in Practice
Negotiation, Counseling & Interviewing
Advanced Legal Methods
Principles of Legal Analysis
Introduction to Legal Reasoning
Race, Bias & Advocacy (team-taught interdisciplinary course)

institutional responsibilities

Co-Director, NYLS Initiative for Excellence in Law Teaching
Faculty Supervisor, NYLS Dispute Resolution Team
Co-Chair, Curriculum Committee; Evening Division Task Force
Member, Coordinating Committee; Academic Support Committee;
Committee on Diversity and Inclusion
Past Chair, Assessment Committee; Harassment and Discrimination Review Board; Admissions Committee
Frequent Member, Appointments Committee

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, NY

Lawyering Program Section Leader. Taught in the Lawyering Program while supervising, mentoring and assisting other faculty members; designed, developed and shaped an innovative curriculum in critical legal thinking and sophisticated law practice. (May 1999-May 2002)

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, NY (cont'd)

Acting Assistant Professor of Lawyering. Developed and taught seminar in the practice and theory of Lawyering. Part of NYU's core curriculum, the Lawyering class introduces critical thinking relating to all elements of legal practice, including: written and oral advocacy, client interviewing and counseling, negotiation, examination of witnesses, and litigation strategy in a program noted for its pioneering methodology. (August 1996-April 1999)

- **Workways Pedagogy Group.** Interdisciplinary practicum examining adult learning theory, and designed pedagogical methods to engage an array of intellectual capacities. (May 1997- May 1999)
- **Lawyering Theory Colloquium.** Advanced multi-disciplinary symposia on Lawyering theory. Presentation topics ranged from complex client interactions to the intersections of race and gender in simulated negotiations. (September 1998-May 2002)

books

LEGAL REASONING CASE FILES: A CONTEMPORARY APPROACH TO LAWYERS' METHODS (Carolina Academic Press 2019); and accompanying LEGAL REASONING CASE FILES: TEACHER'S MANUAL (2019).

STRATEGIES AND TACTICS FOR ACADEMIC SUPPORT TEACHING (Wolters Kluwer 2014).

THE LAWYER'S PRACTICE: *A Context & Practice Case File* (Carolina Academic Press 2011); and accompanying THE LAWYER'S PRACTICE: TEACHER'S MANUAL (2011).

book chapter

Meditations on Teaching What Isn't, in RACE, BIAS & ADVOCACY *forthcoming*.

articles

It Takes Two (with Paula J. Manning) *forthcoming*.

Method Lawyering: Immersion Teaching Illustrated, 69 J.L.E. ____ (2020) *forthcoming*.

Transsexual, Transgender, Trans: Reading Judicial Nomenclature in Title VII Cases, (with Sarah E. Chinn) 32 BERKELEY J. OF GENDER, L. & JUST. 1 (2017).

Do We Need Subject Matter-Specific Pedagogies? 65 J. LEGAL EDUC. 839 (2016).

Empathy and Reasoning in Context: Thinking About Anti-Gay Bullying, 23 TULANE J. OF L. & SEXUALITY 61 (2014).

Baton Bullying: Understanding Multi-Aggressor Rotation in Anti-Harassment Cases, 70 NAT. LAWYERS' GUILD L. REV. 174 (2013).

Sim City: Teaching "Thinking Like a Lawyer" in Simulation-Based Clinical Courses, 53 N.Y.L.S. L. REV. 861 (2008-09).

“. . . See Erie.”: *Critical Study of Legal Authority*, 31 U.A.L.R. L. REV. 109 (2008).

The Authoritative Moment: Exploring the Boundaries of Interpretation in the Recognition of Queer Families, 32 WILLIAM MITCHELL L. REV. 655 (2006).

“*Theory Saved My Life*”: *the Importance of Theoretical Work in Legal Education*, 8 NEW YORK CITY L. REV. 599 (2005).

Homophobia and the “Matthew Shepard Effect” in Lawrence v. Texas, 48 N.Y.L.S. L. REV. 651 (2003-04).

The Rhetorics of Legal Authority: Constructing Authoritativeness, the “Ellen Effect” and the Example of Sodomy Law, 33 RUTGERS L.J. 49 (2001).

Lesbians, Legal Theory, and Other Superheroes, (with Sarah E. Chinn) 25 NYU REV. OF LAW & SOC. CHANGE 301 (1999).

The Revolution Will Not Be Liberalized, MINNESOTA REVIEW N.S. 40 (Spring/Summer 1993).

I Am What I Am (Or Am I?): The Making and Unmaking of Lesbian and Gay Identity in High Tech Gays v. Defense Industry Security Clearance Office, (with Sarah E. Chinn) 15 DISCOURSES 11 (1992).

A Family Like Any Other Family: Alternative Methods of Defining Families in Law, 18 NYU REV. OF LAW & SOC. CHANGE 1027 (1991).

**selected
presentations**

Diversity and Inclusion at Law Schools in 2019: Successes and Challenges, People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference (panelist) 2019.

Teaching by Immersion, featured presentation in extended conference session, AALS Annual Meeting, January 2019.

Self-Directed Learning in the Socratic Classroom, invited presenter in day-long faculty in-service workshop, DePaul University College of Law, December 2018.

Immersive Family Law (with Peggy Cooper Davis), New York Family Law Scholars Colloquium, October 2018.

Assessment, AALS New Law Teachers Conference, June 2018.

Critical Reading Skills, Lawyering Theory Pedagogy Workshop, NYU School of Law, May 2018.

Race Matters: How to Discuss Racial Issues in the Law School Classroom (with Ryan Williams), AASE Inaugural Diversity Conference, October 2017.

Assessment = Teaching (with Rory Bahadur), AALS Conference for New Law Teachers, June 2017.

What Does it Mean to Teach Legal Reasoning?, AASE National Conference, May 2017.

Preparing Students to Learn and Work in Diverse Environments (with Deborah Archer & Kim Hawkins), SALT Teaching Conference, September 2016.

Teaching is Assessing, AALS New Law Teachers' Conference, June 2016.

Educational Design, Faculty Training, NYU Lawyering Program, NYU School of Law, June 2016.

Developing Legal Theories, AASE National Conference, CUNY School of Law, May 2016.

New Theories of Learning, (Keynote) NY Academic Support Workshop, Brooklyn Law School, April 2016.

Empowering Students to Learn from Their Work (with Kim Hawkins), Assoc. of Academic Support Educators National Conference, John Marshall School of Law, May 2015.

Self-Directed Learning in the Socratic Classroom, NYLS Pedagogy Discussion Group, February 2015.

Creating Ownership and Mastery, featured plenary in "Faculty Teaching Day," Pace University School of Law, February 2015.

Inverted Teaching in the Socratic Classroom, Seton Hall School of Law, September 2014.

But I Understood the Material! Using Visual Thinking Paths to Model the Progression from Novice to Expert (with Paula A. Manning), 16th Biennial Conference of the LWI, June 2014.

Designing Effective ASP Teaching and Learning Experiences (with Rory Bahadur), featured plenary, AASE National Conference, May 2014.

Authentic Critique, NYU School of Law Lawyering Theory Colloquium, June 2014.

Constructing a Lawyering Pedagogy for the Next Generation (with Doni Gewirtzman), Seton Hall School of Law, May 2014.

Who Won?, NYLS Faculty Presentation Day Gay Marriage Roundtable, April 2014.

Moderator, *Creating the Legal Pedagogy We Need*, NYLS Faculty Presentation Day, April 2014.

Collaborative Teaching: Doctrine and Lawyering Practice, AALS Annual Meeting, Panel Presentation, January 2013.

Making the Changes You Want to See in the World, UConn Global Leadership Council, April 2012.

Empathy as a Cognitive Reasoning Skill, keynote plenary, Cognitive and Emotional Aspects of Law Learning and Practice Conference, February 2012.

Breaking New Ground in Advocacy Teaching, LWI Regional Conference, December 2011.

Generating Law School Pedagogy to Enhance Student Learning, LSAC Academic Support Newcomers' Conference, August 2011.

Simulation Pedagogy, NYLS Faculty Colloquium, September 2011.

"Teaching Rounds": Learning from Close Reading of Pedagogical Moments, NYLS Faculty Colloquium, September 2010.

Games Lawyers Play, Institute for Law Teaching and Learning, June 2010.

The Rhetoric of Anti-Gay Marriage Battles, NYLS, April 2010.

Trust and Interactive Teaching, Institute for Law Teaching and Learning, June 2009.

Izzy, Did You Ask a Good Question Today?, AALS Annual Meeting, joint session panel presentation, January 2009.

Designing for Interactive Teaching, Law School Admission Council National Academic Support Conference, June 2009.

Crafting Legal Authority, Lawyering Pedagogy Colloquium, NYU School of Law, September 2008.

Theorizing Art and Law, LSAC Newcomers Conference, University of Baltimore, June 2008.

Explaining Excellence, Law School Admission Council National Academic Support Conference, June 2007.

Absurdity Doctrine in Lesbian and Gay Family Law, NYLS Faculty Presentation Day, New York Law School, March 2006.

Professional Development in Academic Support, (plenary session organized and led with other panelists) Law School Admission Council National Academic Support Conference, June 2005.

The Design and Theory of NYLS's Principles of Legal Analysis Course, Law School Admission Council National Academic Support Conference, June 2005.

Dangerous Waters in Advocacy for Lesbian and Gay Families, (commentator and moderator) Conference on Lesbian and Gay Adoptions, NYLS May 2005.

New Techniques in Law Teaching (with Karen Gross), NYLS Adjunct Faculty Annual Workshop, April 2005.

The Reasonableness of the "Reasonable Woman Standard," NYLS Law Women Colloquium, Nov. 2004.

Teaching Legal Theory, CUNY Symposium Honoring Prof. Ruthann Robson, November 2004.

The Conceptual Work of Legal Authority, NYU Lawyering Faculty Colloquium, September 2004.

Academic Support, Clinical Legal Education and Contemporary Legal Education, NYLS Faculty Presentation Day, March 2004.

The Crisis of Confidence and the First Year Student, Roger Williams School of Law, February 2004.

Legal Rhetoric in Lawrence v. Texas, NYLS Faculty Colloquium, October 2003.

The Strategic Rhetoric of the "Partial Birth Abortion" Debate, NYLS American Constitution Society Colloquium, March 2003.

other works

Is Empathy Imperiled?, RADICAL TEACHER (book review) (summer 2014).

Three entries detailing teaching methods anthologized in *TECHNIQUES FOR TEACHING LAW*, GERALD HESS, *et. al.*, (2011).

Love & Marriage, featured commentator in independent film completed in Summer 2007.

King of the Hill, the Changing Face of Drag, (with Sarah E. Chinn & Mildred Gerestant) in *BUTCH-FEMME: INSIDE LESBIAN GENDER* (Sally Munt, ed., 1998).

LIFE PLANNING: LEGAL DOCUMENTS & PROTECTIONS FOR LESBIANS AND GAY MEN, an advisory publication of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund (1992).

**fellowships
and
prizes**

2020 Otto L. Walter prize for best faculty book

Finalist (with Peggy Cooper Davis, Susan Brooks and Susan Kuo), LEADING EDGE PRIZE FOR EDUCATIONAL INNOVATION.

NYU School of Law Professional Pedagogy Lab (Research Fellow, Summer & Fall 2017).

NYU School of Law Professional Pedagogy Lab (Inaugural Fellow, Fall 2010).

**professional
service**

Outside reviewer for promotion and tenure, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa William S. Richardson School of Law, 2020.

Advisory Board Member, AccesLex, 2017-present.

Advisory Board Member, Institute for Law Teaching and Learning, 2013-present.

Advisory Committee Member, NYLS ADR Skills Program, 2014-present.

Editorial Board Member, *Dutch Journal of Feminist Studies* published by the University of Amsterdam, 2016-present.

Outside reviewer for promotion, University of Maryland Carey School of Law, 2018.

Outside reviewer for promotion and tenure, Seattle University School of Law, 2018.

2015 Chair, AALS Section on Teaching Methods; Chair-Elect 2014; Secretary 2013, Treasurer 2012.

Founder, board member and inaugural Treasurer, Association for Academic Support Educators (AASE) 2012-2015.

Outside reviewer for tenure, Charlotte School of Law, 2015.

Northeast Regional Consultant, Council on Legal Education Opportunity (CLEO), 2012-2015.

Writer of materials and designer of training for NYLS faculty-led *Difficult Conversations* orientation workshops, 2014.

Consulting Trainer, Alternative Dispute Resolution for EBSA Staff, U.S. Dep't of Labor, March 2014.

Designer and founder of NYLS co-curricular program for dispute resolution competition, 2011.

Convener and drafter of recommended actions for complaints of inter-student harassment, 2012.

Conference Organizer & Host, Institute for Law Teaching and Learning National Conference, June 2011.

Outside reviewer of for promotion and tenure, Howard University School of Law, 2010.

Outside reviewer of for promotion and tenure, CUNY School of Law, 2009.

Founder and organizer of New York Academic Support Workshop, 2002-present.

Chair of AALS Section on Academic Support, 2008; Chair-elect 2007; Treasurer 2006; Board member, 2003-2005.

Trainer and Lecturer, Practicing Attorneys for Law Students (PALS) 2005-2012.

Trainer for staff of Legal Services of New York and The Legal Aid Society (1995-2000).

Contributing writer, report issued by the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, in support of Assembly Bill 1871 and Senate Bill 720 (proposals to amend New York State Human Rights and Education law to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation).

Contributing writer, *amicus* brief on behalf of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, *Able v. United States* (review of U.S. military's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell Policy"), submitted to U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit, 1998.

Association of the Bar of the City of New York, Committee on Sex and the Law, 1997-1999;
Lesbian and Gay Rights Committee, 1999-2002.

**practice
experience**

THE LEGAL AID SOCIETY, BROOKLYN NEIGHBORHOOD OFFICE

Staff Attorney. Responsible for motion practice, hearings, and trial work for indigent clients. Handled extensive housing and related public benefits caseload. Maintained secondary family law practice, including litigation for foster care, child custody, and abuse/neglect cases. Briefed and argued appeals in New York Supreme Court, Appellate Term, and Appellate Division. Trained new attorneys: supervised appearances in court and administrative hearings for new lawyers, law graduates, law students, and paralegals. Interviewed, evaluated, and hired law students for the Brooklyn Office. (August 1992-1996)

LAW ENFORCEMENT BUREAU, NEW YORK CITY COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

AIDS Unit Intern. Investigated complaints, assisted mediation efforts, drafted legal documents, and prepared litigation on behalf of the Commission in cases of alleged discrimination on the basis of HIV status. (June-August 1991)

LAMBDA LEGAL DEFENSE AND EDUCATION FUND, New York, NY

Legal Intern. Conducted legal research, contributed to briefs *amicus curiae*, drafted educational publications and legal memoranda, answered intake calls and requests for information and assistance. (May 1990-May 1991)

BAR ASSOCIATION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, New York, NY

Pro Bono Coordinator. Organized weekly legal clinic, coordinated activities of *pro bono* committee, conducted client interviews and made referrals. (April 1990-May 1991)

**additional
activities**

Designing and building custom furniture

Board Member, ImPACCT Brooklyn (formerly Pratt-Area Community Council) (2005-2008;
2011-2016)

Community organizer and participant in a wide array of direct action advocacy groups

Member, Park Slope Jewish Center

Member, Lakeside Brooklyn Curling League