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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Nevada Las Vegas, William S. Boyd School of Law July 2010 – present

Professor of Law with tenure (from July 2016)

Associate Professor of Law (2010 – 2016)

Director, Family Justice Clinic (2013-present; co-Director 2010-13)

- Teach Poverty Law, Criminal Procedure, Family Justice Clinic
- Service: Chair, Long Term Contract Standards Committee; member, Clinic Committee, UNLV Women's Counsel Hiring, Retention, and Assessment Committee; Advisor, Outlaws (student LGBTI+ organization)

Chapman University School of Law, Orange, CA

August 2008 – July 2010

Visiting Assistant Clinical Professor

- Founded and taught Protection Order Clinic; taught California Marital Property, Domestic Violence Law
- Served on Honors Committee; Family Violence Clinic Committee; Advised Family Law Association

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Articles

- *Vulnerability, Access to Justice, and the Fragmented State*, 23 MICH. J. RACE & LAW 51 (2018)
- *From Victims to Litigants*, 67 HASTINGS L. REV. 1299 (2016)
- *Domestic Violence and the Politics of Self-Help*, 22 WM. & MARY J. WOMEN & L. 203 (2016)
- *Models of Invisibility: Rendering Domestic & Other Gendered Violence Visible to Students through Clinical Teaching* (with Ann Cammett), 22 VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN 1438 (2016)
- *Reimagining Access to Justice in the Poor People's Courts*, 22 GEO. J. POV. L. & POL'Y 473 (2015)
- *Improving Civil Legal Assistance for Ending Gender Violence*, CUNY LAW REVIEW FOOTNOTE FORUM (Nov. 21, 2014)
- *Theorizing from Particularity: Perpetrators and Intersectional Theory on Domestic Violence*, 16 J. GENDER RACE & JUSTICE 531 (2013)
- *When Courts Collide: Integrated Domestic Violence Courts and Court Pluralism*, 20 TEX. J. WOMEN & L. 95 (2011)
- *When Reading Between the Lines is Not Enough: Lessons from Media Coverage of a Domestic Violence Homicide-Suicide*, 17 AM. U.J. GENDER SOC. POL'Y & L. 269 (2009)
- *Law on the Street: Legal Narrative and the Street Law Classroom*, 9 RUTGERS RACE & L. REV. 285 (2008)

Book Chapters

- *Empowerment Politics and Access to Justice*, in THE POLITICIZATION OF SAFETY (Jane Stoeber, Ed., NYU Press, 2019)
- *Rewritten Opinion in Turner v. Rogers*, in FEMINIST JUDGMENTS: FAMILY LAW OPINIONS REWRITTEN (Rachel Rebouche, Ed., Cambridge Univ. Press, forthcoming March 2020)
- *Informality in Context: The Politics of Family Court Procedures in Turkey and the United States* in EXPLORING NORMS AND FAMILY LAWS ACROSS THE GLOBE (Melissa Breger, Ed. Lexington Press, manuscript due July 2021)

RESEARCH AWARDS

- Fulbright Scholar Award - Senior Researcher, Anadolu Univ., Eskişehir, Turkey (2017-2018)
- UNLV Faculty Opportunity Award (with co-PI Emily Troshynski, PhD) (2013-2014)
- AALS Bellow Scholar Award (with Emily Troshynski, PhD) (non-monetary) (2012-14)

SELECTED RECENT PRESENTATIONS

International

- Presented “Activism Against Gender-Based Violence in Turkey: Notes from the Field” at 29th World Congress of the International Association for the Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy, Lucerne, Switzerland, July 2019
- Presented “Feminist Activism in Turkey and the US” at Feminist Forum, Istanbul, Turkey, April 2018
- Presented “Eugenics and Compulsory Sterilization in the USA: Lessons for Trans Activism,” and “Regulation of the Gender Assignment Process in the U.S.” at Law, Gender Transition, and Trans Activism, hosted by SPoD LGBTI, Istanbul, Turkey, January 2018
- Presented “Turkish Feminisms and the State” at the Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Mexico City, Mexico, June 2016 (co-organizer)
- Presented “Breaking Barriers: Collaboration, Cross-Specialization, and Multidisciplinary Practice as Social Justice Pedagogy” at the 8th Worldwide Global Alliance for Justice Conference, Anadolu University, Eskişehir, Turkey, July 2015

U.S.A

- Presented “Feminist and LGBT+ Activism in Turkey and the Authoritarian Turn” at the Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., May 2019
- Presented “Gender-Based Violence and LGBT Communities” at The Politicization of Safety Conference, University of California Irvine, Irvine, CA, April 2017 (by invitation)
- Presented “Vulnerability, Access to Justice, and the Fragmented State” at the Workshop on Legal Migrations, Vulnerability, and Resilience, Emory University School of Law, Atlanta, GA, December 2016
- Presented “From Victims to Litigants” at the Advancing Access to Justice Conference, Hastings College of the Law, San Francisco, CA, November 2015 (plenary panel)
- Presented “Family Court Regulation of the Poor and Access to Justice” at the Workshop on Shifting Foundations in Family Law, Orlando, FL, June 2015 (plenary panel)

EDUCATION

University of California at Berkeley School of Law, J.D., May 1999

Honors: Jurisprudence Award, Advanced Issues in Employment Discrimination; Best Oral Argument Award, Moot Court

Activities: Recent Developments Ed., Berkeley Women’s Law Journal; Counselor, Workers’ Rights Clinic (advised low-income workers); Board Member, Moot Court (TA/mentor to first-year Moot Court students); Instructor, Street Law Clinic (taught law course to high school seniors)

California State University, Hayward (Cal State East Bay), B.A., *summa cum laude*, June 1995

Honors: Helen Jacobson Award in Political Science; Award for Outstanding Service to the University; University Nominee, Trustees Award for Outstanding Achievement

Activities: Co-founder, Women’s Studies Association; Chair, 1993-1995

Post-graduate Honors: tenBroek Society Outstanding Student Award, 1996

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Law Offices of Elizabeth L. MacDowell, Encino, CA 2002 – 2008

- Civil practice focusing on family law and domestic violence law and policy; entertainment law

Weston, Benshoof, Rochefort, Rubalcava & MacCuish, Los Angeles, CA 2001 – 2002

- Litigated business disputes in state and federal courts; handled state and federal regulatory matters

Heller, Ehrman, White & McAuliffe, Los Angeles, CA 1999 – 2001; Summer 1998

- Practiced complex civil litigation, focusing on anti-trust class actions in state and federal courts
- Founding member, Pro Bono Civil Rights Panel for the Central Federal District Court of California