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## EDUCATION

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### COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, J.D., May 2011

Journal: Case Law Editor, *Columbia Journal of European Law*  
Activities: Rapporteur, Columbia University Seminar on Modern Europe  
Black Law Students Association, Elections/Constitution Chair

### HARVARD UNIVERSITY, A.B. in Government and Foreign Language Citation in French, June 2008

Awards: Real Colegio Complutense Senior Thesis Research Grant  
Dean's Summer Research Award  
Harvard College Research Program Grant for research in Europe  
Harvard University Office of International Programs Scholarship for  
Harvard Summer Study Abroad Program in Olympia, Greece  
Senior Honors Thesis: *The Mavericks of Western Europe: A Study of the Absence of a  
Successful, Spanish Extreme Right*

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### WILLIAM AND MARY LAW SCHOOL, Williamsburg, V.A.

May 2019 - Present

*Associate Professor*

2020 - Present

*Assistant Professor*

2019-2020

Courses: Health Law, Bioethics, Property

### HOWARD UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, Washington, D.C.

2017- 2019

*Assistant Professor*

Courses: Health Law, Family Law, Bioethics and the Law, Legislation and Regulation

### IIT CHICAGO-KENT COLLEGE OF LAW, Chicago, I.L.

2015 - 2017

*Visiting Assistant Professor*

Courses: Legal Research & Writing I and II, Family Law

## HONORS & AWARDS

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American Society of Law, Medicine & Ethics/Saint Louis University Health Law Scholar, 2018

Howard University Summer Faculty Research Fellowship, 2018 (university-wide competition)

## PUBLICATIONS & WORKS IN PROGRESS

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***Moral Panic, Mitochondria, and Genes: Changing the Discourse on Techniques Involving Genetic Modification (work in progress)***

***Is Germline Gene Editing Exceptional?***, 51 SETON HALL LAW REVIEW \_\_ (forthcoming 2021)(previously entitled *The Coming Age of Gene Editing: Medical Promise, Regulation, and the Revival of Decades of Debate*)

***Innovating Federalism in the Life Sciences***, 92 TEMPLE LAW REVIEW 383 (2020)(previously entitled *Improving Life Sciences Regulation: Solutions to the Current Impasse*)

***Commentary on Whole Woman’s Health v. Hellerstedt***, in *FEMINIST JUDGMENTS: REWRITTEN REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE*, ed. Kimberly Mutcherson (Cambridge University Press 2020).

***The American Democratic Deficit in Assisted Reproductive Technology Innovation***, 45 *AMERICAN JOURNAL OF LAW AND MEDICINE* 130 (2019)

***Halted Innovation: The Expansion of Federal Jurisdiction over Medicine and the Human Body***, 2018 *UTAH LAW REVIEW* 1073 (2018).

***How Subterranean Regulation Hinders Innovation in Assisted Reproductive Technology***, 39 *CARDOZO LAW REVIEW* 1239 (2018).

***Criminalizing Substance Abuse and Undermining Roe v. Wade: The Tension Between Abortion Doctrine and the Criminalization of Prenatal Substance Abuse***, 23 *WILLIAM & MARY JOURNAL OF WOMEN & THE LAW* 185 (2017).

***Biology, Genetics, Nurture, and the Law: The Expansion of the Legal Definition of Family to Include Three or More Legal Parents***, 16 *NEVADA LAW JOURNAL* 743 (2016).

***Making Sex the Same: Ending the Unfair Treatment of Males in Family Law***, 27 *WISCONSIN JOURNAL OF LAW, GENDER & SOCIETY* 257 (2012).

***Sex and Statutory Uniformity: Harmonizing the Legal Treatment of Semen***, 7 *CHARLESTON LAW REVIEW* 235 (2012-3).

#### SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

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- Discussant, “Embryonic Injuries and Nascent Remedies in the Age of Crispr-Cas and Advanced IVF,” Chicago-Kent Law Review Symposium, November 19, 2020 (scheduled)
- “Moral Panic, Mitochondria, and Genes: Changing the Discourse on Techniques Involving Genetic Modification,” Third Annual Chicagoland Junior Scholars Conference, October 2, 2020 (scheduled)
- “Moral Panic, Mitochondria, and Genes: Changing the Discourse on Techniques Involving Genetic Modification,” Wiet Life Sciences Law Scholars Conference, September 18, 2020 (scheduled)
- “Moral Panic, Mitochondria, and Genes: Changing the Discourse on Techniques Involving Genetic Modification,” Virtual Health Law Workshop, August 14, 2020
- “Moral Panic, Mitochondria, and Genes: Changing the Discourse on Techniques Involving Genetic Modification,” Lutie A. Lytle Black Women Law Faculty Workshop, July 2, 2020
- Panelist, “Meeting the Needs of All Students Online,” Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Faculty Focus, June 16, 2020
- “Is Germline Gene Editing Exceptional?,” Fourth Annual Regional Health Law Works-in-Progress Retreat at Seton Hall Law School, Newark, New Jersey, February 7, 2020
- “Is Germline Gene Editing Exceptional?,” University of Richmond School of Law, Richmond, Virginia, January 31, 2020

- “The Coming Age of Gene Editing: Medical Promise, Regulation, and the Revival of Decades of Debate,” Nova Southeastern Law Review Symposium, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, October 11, 2019
- “The Coming Age of Gene Editing: Medical Promise, Regulation, and the Revival of Decades of Debate,” Third Annual Junior Faculty Forum on Law and STEM, Stanford, California, September 27-28, 2019
- “The Coming Age of Gene Editing: Medical Promise, Regulation, and the Revival of Decades of Debate,” Lutie A. Lytle Black Women Law Faculty Workshop, University Park, Pennsylvania, June 20-23, 2019
- “The Coming Age of Gene Editing: Medical Promise, Regulation, and the Revival of Decades of Debate,” American Society of Law, Medicine & Ethics’ 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Health Law Professors Conference, Chicago, Illinois, June 6, 2019
- “The Coming Age of Gene Editing: Medical Promise, Regulation, and the Revival of Decades of Debate,” Baby Markets Roundtable, Washington, D.C., June 2-3, 2019
- “The Coming Age of Gene Editing: Medical Promise, Regulation, and the Revival of Decades of Debate,” Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., May 31, 2019
- “The Coming Age of Gene Editing: Medical Promise, Regulation, and the Revival of Decades of Debate,” Seventh Annual Conference on Governance of Emerging Technologies & Science, Phoenix, Arizona, May 23-25, 2019
- “The Coming Age of Gene Editing: Medical Promise, Regulation, and the Revival of Decades of Debate,” Junior Faculty Forum at the University of Richmond, Richmond, Virginia, May 21-22, 2019
- “Innovating Federalism in the Life Sciences,” Promises and Perils of Emerging Health Innovations, Boston, Massachusetts, April 12, 2019
- “The Coming Age of Gene Editing: Medical Promise, Regulation, and the Revival of Decades of Debate,” Biolawpalooza 3.0, Stanford, California, March 30, 2019
- “Legal Cases Affecting Academic Dentistry,” American Dental Education Association Annual Session & Exhibition, Chicago, Illinois, March 17, 2019
- “Innovating Federalism in the Life Sciences,” University of Kansas School of Law, Lawrence, Kansas, February 6, 2019
- “The American Democratic Deficit in Assisted Reproductive Technology Innovation,” *American Journal of Law and Medicine* Symposium, Boston, Massachusetts, January 25, 2019
- “Improving Life Sciences Regulation: Solutions to the Current Impasse,” Wake Forest University School of Law, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, November 1, 2018
- “Improving Life Sciences Regulation: Solutions to the Current Impasse,” FDA: Past, Present, and Future, Washington, D.C., October 19, 2018
- “Improving Life Sciences Regulation: Solutions to the Current Impasse,” Marquette University Law School’s Sixth Annual Junior Faculty Scholars Works-in-Progress Conference, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, October 4-6, 2018

- “Improving Life Sciences Regulation: Solutions to the Current Impasse,” 2018 Health Law Scholars Workshop, St. Louis, Missouri, September 27-29, 2018
- “Improving Life Sciences Regulation: Solutions to the Current Impasse,” Wiet Life Sciences Law Scholars Conference, Chicago, Illinois, September 7, 2018
- “Improving Life Sciences Regulation: Solutions to the Current Impasse,” Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Conference, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, August 8, 2018
- “Improving Life Sciences Regulation: Solutions to the Current Impasse,” Lutie A. Lytle Black Women Law Faculty Writing Workshop, Dallas, Texas, July 14, 2018
- “Improving Life Sciences Regulation: Solutions to the Current Impasse,” American Society of Law, Medicine & Ethics’ 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Health Law Professors Conference, Cleveland, Ohio, June 9, 2018
- “Improving Life Sciences Regulation: Solutions to the Current Impasse,” Mid-Atlantic Junior Faculty Forum at the University of Richmond, Richmond, Virginia, May 16, 2018
- “Halted Innovation: The Expansion of Federal Jurisdiction over Medicine and the Human Body,” Howard University School of Law Faculty Colloquium, Washington, D.C., April 10, 2018
- “Halted Innovation: The Expansion of Federal Jurisdiction over the Human Body and Medical Practice,” Second Annual Regional Health Law Works-in-Progress Retreat at Seton Hall Law School, Newark, New Jersey, February 9, 2018
- “Halted Innovation: The Expansion of Federal Jurisdiction over the Human Body and Medical Practice,” Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Annual Meeting, AALS Section on Law, Medicine, & Health Care Works-in-Progress, San Diego, California, January 4, 2018
- “Medicine Instead of Enhancement: Changing the Discourse on Techniques Involving Genetic Modification,” Legal Perspectives on Synthetic Biology and Gene Editing, University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark, November 20, 2017
- “Halted Innovation: The Expansion of Federal Jurisdiction over the Human Body and Medical Practice,” Eighth Annual Constitutional Law Colloquium, Chicago, Illinois, November 3, 2017
- “Halted Innovation: The Expansion of Federal Jurisdiction over the Human Body and Medical Practice,” Wiet Life Sciences Law Scholars Conference, Chicago, Illinois, October 13, 2017
- “Halted Experimentation: The Expansion of Federal Jurisdiction over the Human Body and Medical Practice,” Lutie A. Lytle Black Women Law Faculty Writing Workshop, Ann Arbor, Michigan, July 8, 2017
- “How Subterranean Regulation Hinders Innovation in Assisted Reproductive Technology,” IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law Faculty Workshop, Chicago, Illinois, September 7, 2016
- “Does the U.S. Food and Drug Administration Have Jurisdiction Over New Forms of *In Vitro* Fertilization?: The Legal Impacts of the FDA’s Unexpected Assertion of Jurisdiction Over New Forms of Assisted Reproductive Technology,” Tenth Annual Lutie A. Lytle Black Women Law Faculty Writing Workshop, Iowa City, Iowa, July 9, 2016.

- “Targeting, Searching, Seizing, & Prosecuting Pregnant Drug Addicts: An Analysis of the Constitutionality of Laws Criminalizing Prenatal Substance Abuse,” Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana, June 4, 2016.
- “Civil Commitment, Prosecution, and Pregnancy: The Consequences of State Actions that Target the Behavior of Pregnant Women,” Northern Illinois University Law School Chapter of the American Constitution Society, DeKalb, Illinois, April 12, 2016.
- “Fostering and Hindering Innovation: A Comparison of the Institutional Structures that Regulate ‘Three-Parent’ *In Vitro* Fertilization,” American Society of Comparative Law’s Younger Comparativists Global Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana, March 19, 2016.
- “The New Nuclear Family: The Expansion of the Legal Definition of Family to Include Three or More Legal Parents,” 2013 Lavender Law Conference and Career Fair Junior Scholars Forum, San Francisco, California, August 23, 2013.
- “Making Sex the Same: Ending the Unfair Treatment of Males in Family Law,” *Wisconsin Journal of Law, Gender, & Society* Symposium “When Gender Norms Become Law: Recognizing and Correcting for Gender Bias,” Madison, Wisconsin, February 10, 2012.
- “Unpredictable Risks: Considering the Environmental Impacts of Terrorism in Nuclear Energy Licensing,” Seminar on Environmental Conflict at the University of the Basque Country, San Sebastián, Spain, July 1-3, 2009 (Language: Spanish).

## RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

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Administrative Law, Bioethics, Constitutional Law, Family Law, Health Law, Legislation and Regulation, Property

## PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

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**UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION, Rockville, M.D.** August 2011 – August 2015  
***Attorney, New Reactors Division***

Provided legal advice to agency technical and legal staff on federal rulemakings, guidance documents, and statutes. Drafted and filed pleadings before administrative law judges. Aided expert witnesses in preparing affidavits in support of Staff pleadings. Reviewed Staff analyses of new nuclear power reactor licenses and designs.

Awards: Special Act Award, Group Time-Off Award, Performance Award (3).

**UNITED STATES ATTORNEY’S OFFICE, Washington, D.C.** July 2014 - February 2015  
***Special Assistant United States Attorney, Sex Offense and Domestic Violence Section***

7-month detail to the Superior Court Division. Prosecuted misdemeanors in the Domestic Violence Unit of the Sex Offense and Domestic Violence Section. Drafted and filed motions and responses to motions. Appeared in court for status hearings, detention hearings, arraignments, sentencings, and trials. Gathered evidence, interviewed law enforcement and civilian witnesses, and provided discovery to defense counsel.

**CALIFORNIA ATTORNEY GENERAL—ANTITRUST DIVISION, San Francisco, C.A.** Summer 2010  
***Law Clerk***

Scrutinized potential anti-competitive impacts of mergers on California markets. Investigated and examined claims of Resale Price Maintenance in collaboration with other California Attorney General’s offices. Prepared memoranda on the treatment of antitrust law violations under federal and California law.

EMI MUSIC, New York, N.Y.

**Legal Affairs Intern**

January - May 2010

Drafted settlement licensing agreements and trademark reports. Generated reports on potential copyright infringement litigation. Gathered information from record label and merchandising executives relating to foreign copyright infringements. Filed Digital Millennium Copyright Act infringement notices.

INTERNATIONAL COURT OF ENVIRONMENTAL ARBITRATION & CONCILIATION, San Sebastián, Spain

**Researcher**

Summer 2009

Wrote and presented (in Spanish) article analyzing federal statutes and nuclear power at university conference. Researched and tracked Latin American border disputes.

ADDITIONAL

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**Bar:** Admitted to New York Bar (2012).

**Languages:** Advanced Proficiency in French and Spanish; Beginning Proficiency in Russian.

**Memberships:** Executive Board of the AALS Section on Law, Medicine, and Health Care (2020-2022); New York State Bar Association Committee on Children and the Law (2012-2014); Board of Directors of the American Constitution Society's Washington, DC Lawyer Chapter (Constitution in the Classroom Co-Vice Chair)(2012-2014).

**Peer Review:** *Journal of Law and the Biosciences*; *Journal of Law, Medicine & Ethics*.