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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, FRANCIS KING CAREY SCHOOL OF LAW, Baltimore, Maryland

Associate Professor of Law, July 2024-present

- Courses: Torts, Disability Justice and Civil Rights, Family Law

BROOKLYN LAW SCHOOL, Brooklyn, New York

Assistant Professor of Law, July 2023-present

- Courses: Torts, Federal Courts, Family Law
- Significant Faculty Service: Faculty Advisor to the Public Service Law Center (2023-present); Experiential Learning Committee (2022-present); Security and Risk Management Committee (2022-present); Accommodations Committee (2022-present); Faculty Workshop Committee (2020-present); Faculty Diversity Committee (2019-2022); Faculty Committee for the Edward V. Sparer Public Interest Law, (2019-present); Faculty Mentor for Marsha Garrison Family Law & Policy Fellowship (2020-present); Faculty Mentor for Student Adviser and Mentorship Program (2020-present).

Associate Professor of Clinical Law; Co-Director, Disability and Civil Rights Clinic, Mar. 2023-July 2023

Assistant Professor of Clinical Law, June 2019-Mar. 2023

- Lead and develop clinic that provides legal and related services to indigent adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. Clinic services include advocacy through direct representation, impact litigation, client counseling, community education, and legislative and policy efforts.
- Supervise students in representing clients on a range of federal, state, administrative, and appellate matters. Clinic docket includes advancing due process protections for persons subject to guardianship, representing clients in state and federal discrimination proceedings, and advocating for parents with intellectual disabilities in Family Court proceedings.
- Plan and participate in annual Disability and Civil Rights Roundtable, which draws more than 100 participants from the community, including persons with disabilities, law students and alumni, attorneys, social workers, and judges.

EDUCATION

FORDHAM UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF Law, New York, New York

Juris Doctorate, 2010, Order of the Coif, magna cum laude, Top 10%

- *Fordham Law Review*, Notes and Articles Editor
- The Robert Aram Renzulli Prize in Criminal Law
- The Ann Moynihan Award (for outstanding performance in the International Justice Clinic)
- Stein Scholar for the Public Interest; Wilkinson Scholar (Merit Scholarship)

HAVERFORD COLLEGE, Haverford, Pennsylvania

Bachelor of Arts (History), 2005

Varsity Field Hockey; Haverford College Women's Center; Women's Political Alliance

PUBLICATIONS

Articles & Essays

The Capacity to Marry, __ COLUMBIA L. REV. __ (forthcoming 2026).

- Selected for inclusion in the Harvard/Yale/Stanford Junior Faculty Forum after competitive, double-blind submission process

Disabling Families, 76 STAN. L. REV. 1255 (2024).

- Received honorable mention in the Association of American Law Schools 2024 Scholarly Papers Competition.

Set Up to Fail: Disabled Parents in the Family Regulation System, 77 OKLAHOMA L. REV. 185 (2024) (invited symposium).

Unaccommodated: How the ADA Fails Parents, 110 CALIF. L. REV. 1315 (2022).

- Reviewed in Josh Gupta-Kagan, *Accommodating Parents*, Jotwell.com, Feb. 10, 2022.
- Reprinted in *Women and the Law* (Thomson Reuters 2023).

Lived Experience and Disability Justice in the Foster System, 11 COLUMBIA J. OF RACE AND THE L. 477 (2022) (with L. Frunel).

- Reviewed in Karis Stephen, *Using Disability Justice to Reimagine Family Regulation*, The Regulatory Review, Mar. 8, 2022.
- Highlighted in Alexandra Walsh, Mary Moynihan, and Elizabeth Yin, *Is the Foster Care System Worth Fostering*, Dec. 10, 2022.

The Guantanamo Lawyers, NYU Press Eds. Denbeaux & Hafetz (March 2011) (contributing author).

Note, *Reconciling Classified Evidence and a Petitioner's Right to a "Meaningful Review" at Guantanamo Bay*, 77 FORDHAM L. REV. 5 (2009).

Works in Progress

Supporting Families

Kinship Care and Disability

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Participant, Harvard/Yale/Stanford Junior Faculty Forum, Harvard Law School, June 2025 (selected after competitive double-blind submission process; anticipated).

Presenter, *Kinship Care and Disability*, Family Law Scholars and Teachers Conference, Drexel University Thomas R. Kline School of Law, June 2025 (anticipated).

Invited Panelist, *Health Care and Disability: Access, Autonomy, and Capacity*, University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law, Mar. 2025 (anticipated).

Invited Panelist, *AALS Arc of Career Program: Transcending Law School Faculty Hierarchies*, American Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, Jan. 2024.

Moderator, *Rights, Regulation, and Resistance: Parents, Children, and the State*, American Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, Jan. 2024.

Panelist, *Works-in-Progress in Family and Juvenile Law*, American Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, Jan. 2024 (selected from a call for papers).

Moderator, *Health Law & The Supreme Court*, The University of Maryland, Nov. 2024.

Invited Presenter, *The Capacity to Marry*, Faculty Colloquium, Emory University School of Law, Oct. 2024.

Presenter, *The Capacity to Marry*, Clinical Writers' Workshop, New York University Law School, Sept. 2024.

Presenter, *The Capacity to Marry*, Sixth Annual Roundtable on Marriage and the Law, University of Virginia School of Law, Sept. 2024.

Invited Presenter, *Teaching Disability Justice*, CLEA's Teaching Justice Series, 2023-2024 Season, Apr. 2024.

Invited Presenter, *Disabling Families*, Faculty Scholarship Workshop, Temple University Beasley School of Law, Apr. 2024.

Invited Presenter, *Disabling Families*, Faculty Scholarship Workshop, Drexel University Thomas R. Kline School of Law, Mar. 2024.

Invited Presenter, *Disabling Families*, Faculty Scholarship Workshop, University of Syracuse College of Law, Feb. 2024.

Moderator, *Policing and Surveillance of People with Disabilities*, American Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, Jan. 2024.

Invited Panelist, *Reproductive Rights Meets Disability Justice*, American Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, Jan. 2024.

Invited Panelist, *Set Up to Fail: Disabled Parents in the Family Regulation System*, *Oklahoma Law Review Symposium: Rewriting the Script: Challenging Ableism and Advancing Justice in Sexuality, Reproduction, and Parenting for Disabled People*, University of Oklahoma College of Law, Oct. 2023.

Presenter, *Nonmarriage and Disability*, Fifth Annual Roundtable on Marriage and the Law, Rutgers Law School Newark, Sept. 2023.

Presenter & Moderator, *Family Law New & Emerging Scholarship Discussion Group*, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, Boca Raton, Florida, July 2023

Presenter, *Teaching Show & Tell: Teaching alongside People with Lived Experience*, Family Law Scholars and Teachers Conference, Boston College Law School, June 2023.

Roundtable Participant, *Focusing on Families: Centering Lived Experience in Teaching Family Policing*, Law and Society Annual Conference, Puerto Rico, June 2023.

Panelist, *If Rule 1.14 Sets the Floor, How Can Law Clinics Raise the Ceiling?: Teaching Best Practices when Representing Clients with Diminished Capacity*, Association of American Law Schools' Annual Conference on Clinical Legal Education, San Francisco, CA, Apr. 2023.

Workshop Participant, *Disabling Families*, Emerging Scholars in Law and Political Economy, Harvard Law School, Apr. 2023 (invited after competitive submission process).

Panelist, *Children and Parents with Disabilities in the Child Welfare/Family Policing System: Intersections of Disability, Education and State Power*, 25th Annual Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates, Inc. Conference, San Francisco, CA, Mar. 2023.

Presenter, *Supported Decision-Making as an Alternative to Guardianship*, Education Law Task Force, New York, NY, Feb. 2023.

Panelist, *Politicizing Parenthood*, American Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, Jan. 2023 (selected from a call for papers).

Presenter, *Alternatives to Guardianship*, NYC Department of Education – District 75 Transitions Program, Dec. 2022.

Panelist, *Menstruation, Health, and the Law*, Law and Society Annual Conference, Lisbon, Portugal, July 2022.

Presenter, *Disabling Families*, Family Law Scholars and Teachers Conference, Temple University Beasley School of Law, June 2022.

Presenter, *Deciding Your Path: Navigating Guardianship and Supported Decision-Making*, 2022 YAI New York City Autism Conference, New York, NY, Apr. 2022.

Presenter, *Unaccommodated: How the ADA Fails Parents*, Faculty Scholarship Workshop, Suffolk Law School, Apr. 2022 (invited).

Presenter, *Supported Decision-making and the Courts*, NY Judicial Institute (by video), Aug. 2021.

Panelist, *Under the Radar: Parents with Intellectual Disability in the U.S. Child Welfare System*, International Association for the Scientific Study of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, Amsterdam, Netherlands, July 2021.

Presenter, *Lived Experience and Disability Justice in the Foster System*, Family Law Scholars and Teachers Conference, Brooklyn Law School, June 2021.

Panelist, *Strengthened Bonds: Abolishing the Child Welfare System and Re-envisioning Child Well-Being*, Columbia Law School, June 2021.

Panelist, *Reimagining a Child Welfare System that Works for Parents with Disabilities and their Families*, National Research Center for Parents with Disabilities, Brandeis University, June 2021.
Panelist, *Race, Poverty, and Caregiving*, Law and Society Virtual Conference, May 2021.

Presenter, *The Clinic's Role in Building Resilience: Preparing Students for Failure*, American Association of Law Schools Clinical Conference, Apr. 2021.

Presenter, *Racism and Ableism in Family Regulation*, Birth Rights Bar Association Annual Meeting, Loyola University School of Law, Apr. 2021.

Moderator, *Abolition of the Child Welfare System*, Brooklyn Law School's Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild, Brooklyn Law School, Mar. 2021.

Presenter, *The Importance of Supported Decision-Making Legislation*, New York City Bar Association Disability Law Committee, Feb. 2021.

Presenter, *Representing Parents with Disabilities*, Carrie Ann Lucas Disability Advocacy Training, Office of Respondent Parents Counsel of Colorado, Feb. 2021.

Panelist, *Impact of Racism on Families*, Brooklyn Law School's Chapter of If/When/How & Black Law Students Association, Brooklyn Law School, Feb. 2021.

Presenter, *Introduction to Family Defense & Uncovering Racism in Child Welfare*, Brooklyn Law School, Jan. 2021.

Panelist, *Disability and Intersectionality: Celebrating 30 Years of Intersectionality and the ADA*, American Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, Jan. 2021 (selected from a call for papers).

Presenter, *Advocating for Parents with Intellectual Disabilities*, NYC Family Justice Center, Mar. & Dec. 2020 (invited speaker; training for judges, attorneys, and child welfare caseworkers).

Presenter, *Unaccommodated: How the ADA Fails Parents*, Clinical Writers' Workshop, New York University Law School, Sept. 2020.

Presenter, *Unaccommodated: How the ADA Fails Parents*, Family Law Scholars and Teachers Conference, Brooklyn Law School, June 2020.

Panelist, *Supporting Parents with Intellectual Disabilities in Child Welfare: Practice and Research Perspectives*, Boston University Center for Innovation in Social Work & Health, Nov. 2019.

Presenter, *Representing Parents with Intellectual Disabilities*, 2019 Conference on Child Welfare and the Courts: Working Together to Effectuate Timely Permanence, Wisconsin Child Welfare Professional Development System, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Sept. 2019.

Presenter, *Looking Beyond Permanency: Maintaining Family Connections Post-TPR and Adoption*, American Bar Association Center for Children and the Law, 5th National Parent Attorney Conference, Washington, DC, Apr. 2017.

Presenter, *Defending Against Mental Illness Allegations*, Legal Services of New York, NY, Mar. 2017.

CLERKSHIPS

JUDGE BOYCE F. MARTIN, SIXTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS, Louisville, Kentucky
Law Clerk, 2011-2012

JUDGE JOAN N. ERICKSEN, UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, Minneapolis, Minnesota
Law Clerk, 2010-2011

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

BROOKLYN DEFENDER SERVICES, FAMILY DEFENSE PRACTICE, Brooklyn, New York

Supervising Attorney, 2018-2019

Senior Staff Attorney, 2017-2018

Staff Attorney, 2014-2016

- Represented low-income parents and caregivers accused of neglect and abuse in all phases of family court litigation, including trials, discovery, motion practice, appeals, and settlement negotiations.
- Represented parents in proceedings related to termination of parental rights, custody, paternity, and family offenses in a client-centered and interdisciplinary practice.
- Managed and developed a project that involved appealing more than 40 Family Court orders precluding record sharing with criminal defense counsel in Kings County Family Court.
- Led CLE's and trainings for new and experienced attorneys on representing clients with mental illness, discovery, making effective oral arguments in court, motions *in limine* and other subjects.
- Co-led Parent Leadership Institute, which trains parents with prior child welfare involvement to advocate for families and systemic change in the child welfare and family court systems.
- Supervised five Staff Attorneys, who each handled between 50 and 70 cases at a time.

PATTERSON BELKNAP WEBB & TYLER LLP, New York, New York

Litigation Attorney, 2012-2014

- Participated in all aspects of federal and state litigation, including drafting and responding to written discovery requests and discovery motions, taking depositions, coordinating expert disclosures, conducting settlement negotiations, and drafting or responding to motions to dismiss and motions for summary judgment.
- Developed case strategies in employment, contract, legal malpractice and trademark/counterfeiting cases; researched legal issues and conducted factual investigation, including witness interviews.
- Represented four Iraqi men detained at Abu Ghraib in federal civil suit against a defense contractor, asserting violations of the Alien Tort Claims Act, international law, and various state laws.

INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE CLINIC, New York, New York

Legal Intern, 2008-2010

- Represented Guantánamo Bay detainee in *habeas corpus* petition filed in federal court, including by conducting legal research and writing motions and discovery requests.

KRAMER LEVIN NAFTALIS & FRANKEL, New York, New York

Summer Associate, Summer 2009

CAPITAL APPEALS PROJECT, New Orleans, Louisiana

Legal Intern, Summer 2008

FEDERAL DEFENDERS OF NEW YORK, Brooklyn, New York

Supervising Paralegal, 2005-2007

PROFESIONAL SERVICE AND AFFILIATIONS

Chair, American Association of Law Schools, Disability Law Section, Jan. 2025-present.
Secretary, 2023-2024

Chair-Elect, 2024-2025

Co-Chair, Family Law Scholars and Teachers Conference Planning Committee, 2024-present.
Member, 2022-present.

Executive Committee American Association of Law Schools, Family Law Section, 2023-present.

Board Member, The Association for Successful Parenting, 2024-present.

Academic Advisory Board Member, Family Justice Law Center, 2022-present.

Member, Disability Rights Bar Association, 2019-present.

Advisory Committee Member, New York Peace Institute, 2021-2024.

Steering Committee Member, Center for Court Innovation's Strong Starts
Court Initiative, 2021-2024.

Member, Committee on Mental Health Law, New York City Bar Association, 2019-2023.

Chair, Subcommittee on Supported Decision-Making, 2020-2022.

Member, Committee on Family Court and Family Law, New York City Bar Association, 2020-2023.

Secretary, Council on Children, New York City Bar Association, 2017-2020.

Fordham University Law School Stein Scholars Alumni Advisory Committee, 2015-2018.

BAR ADMISSIONS

New York State; Federal Circuit Court of Appeals; U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit; U.S.
District Court for the Southern District of New York; U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New