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### SCHOLARSHIP

*Prosecuting Poverty, Criminalizing Care*, forthcoming 60 WM. & MARY L. REV. \_\_\_\_ (2019).

*Hope* (article review), forthcoming, Jotwell (2018).

*Book Review of Bridges, THE POVERTY OF PRIVACY RIGHTS, THE REVIEW OF POLITICS* (solicited manuscript), forthcoming (2018).

*Tracing the Roots of the Criminalization of Poverty (Book Review)*, JOTWELL, available at <https://lex.jotwell.com/tracing-the-roots-of-the-criminalization-of-poverty/> (2017).

*Poor Support / Rich Support: (Re)Viewing the American Social Welfare State*, 20 FLA. TAX REV. 495 (2017).

*Forward ClassCrits 8: New Spaces for Collaboration and Contemplation* 5 TN J. OF RACE, GENDER AND SOCIAL JUSTICE vii (2016)(with Lucy Jewel).

*Rosado v. Wyman: Litigating in the Zeitgeist*, in MARIE A. FALINGER AND EZRA ROSSER EDS., THE POVERTY LAW CANON, (2016).

*Looking Intersectionally and Seeing Structural Bias (article review)*, JOTWELL, available at <https://lex.jotwell.com/looking-intersectionally-and-seeing-structural-bias/> (2016).

*Flourishing Rights*, 113 MICH. L. REV. 1061 (2015) (2015) (reviewing CLARE HUNTINGTON, FAILURE TO FLOURISH: HOW LAW UNDERMINES FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS (2013)).

*The Hyperregulatory State: Women, Race, Poverty and Support*, 25 YALE J. L. & FEMINISM 319 (2014).

*What if Your Child Were the Next One in the Door? Reimagining The Social Safety Net For Children, Families and Communities*, IN CONVERSATION: REFORMING THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM, (2014).

*Mobilization and Poverty Law: Searching for Participatory Democracy Amid the Ashes of the War on Poverty*, 20 VA. J. L & SOC. POL'Y 96 (2013).

*Responding to Welfare Privatization: New Tools for a New Age*, March-April 2011, CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEW.

*Governance, Accountability and The New Poverty Agenda*, 2010 WISC. L. REV. 239 (2010)

*Welfare Reform, Privatization, and Power: Reconfiguring Administrative Law Structures from the Ground Up*, 74 BROOK. L.REV. 275 (2009).

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Associate Professor – University of Tennessee College of Law, Legal Clinic**  
*Knoxville, TN, August 2010 – present*

*Awards:* Harold C. Warner Outstanding Teacher Award, 2014; Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching, 2016.

*Courses:* Advocacy Clinic, Poverty, Race, Gender and the Law, Family Law

*Institutional Service:* Member, Admissions Committee, Prior Chair, Committee on Community and Inclusion, Prior Member, Pro-Bono Committee, Governance Committee, Commissioner, UTK LGBT Commission, Chair, Faculty Senate Pride Center Working Group.

*State & National Service:* Secretary & Incoming Chair-Elect, Executive Committee, AALS Section on Clinical Legal Education, Editorial Board member, THE CLINICAL LAW REVIEW, Past Chair, Teaching Methodologies Committee, AALS Clinical Section; Board Member, Tennessee Alliance for Legal Services.

**Clinical Instructor – City University of New York School of Law**  
*Flushing, NY, July, 2005 – June, 2010*

*Co Taught Weekly Seminar:* Developed curriculum and teach in multiple areas including welfare law, Medicaid planning, legal claims analysis and administrative hearing planning, fact investigation in guardianship cases, and the role of racialized gender subordination in the social welfare state and in poverty law practice. Pedagogy focuses on doctrine and skills integration, professionalism, transferability and social justice lawyering.

*Supervised Case and Project Work:* Supervised planning, administrative and trial practice in a variety of courts; supervise in individual, pair and group settings; collaborated with students to develop community lawyering projects with Community Voices Heard and the Welfare Rights Initiative, both grassroots, membership led organizations.

*Additional Service Activities:* Advised students on clerkship and fellowship application process, moot court advisor, faculty senate representative, instructor and communications director search committee, faculty student disciplinary appeals committee, labor management committee, law review advisor.

**Adjunct Professor – New York Law School, Public Benefits Clinic**  
*New York, NY, January 2004 – May, 2005*

Taught doctrinal classes; consulted on program design; provided cases for representation and consulted with clinical teachers on case representation.

**Project Director – The Urban Justice Center**

**Homeless Outreach and Prevention Project, New York, NY, July 2001 – July 2005**

Directed a staff of fourteen lawyers, advocates and researchers; raised and managed a \$350,000 - \$960,000 annual budget; acted as lead counsel on all project litigation; led staff in program design and implementation.

*Individual Representation:* staff attorneys and legal advocates staffed daily outreach clinics at soup kitchens and food pantries and represented hundreds of clients yearly with public assistance problems.

*Affirmative Litigation:* settled *Davila v. Eggleston*, ensuring access to two-year college and training programs for public assistance recipients; settled *Meachem v. Wing*, ensuring enhanced due process for welfare recipients at administrative hearings, and litigated *Harris v. Eggleston* and *Williston v. Eggleston*, two lawsuits designed to enhance access to Food Stamps.

*Legislative Advocacy and Community Lawyering:* working in coalition with advocacy and grassroots organizations, secured passage of a local law expanding access to education and training for welfare recipients and defended that law in court; represented Families United for Racial and Economic Equality in a Racial Justice Collaborative project.

*Publications:* research staff published *A Better Recipe for New York: Less Red Tape, More Food on the Table*, an in depth report examining barriers to Food Stamps access for low income New Yorkers.

### ***Staff Attorney – The Legal Aid Society***

#### **Public Benefits and Housing, Brooklyn, NY, September 1996 – July 2001**

*Individual Representation:* Represented individuals in fair hearings, appeals and class action litigation. Represented tenants facing eviction in administrative, trial and appellate cases.

*Systemic and Community Lawyering:* class actions included *Rivera v. NYCHA*, a lawsuit designed to increase physical access to local housing authority properties for individuals with disabilities and *Davila v. Eggleston*, a lawsuit designed to increase educational access for public assistance recipients; counsel to Coalition for Access to Education and Training, which lobbied New York City Council and New York State Legislature to increase access to and funding for education and training for public assistance recipients.

#### ***Legal Intern – Legal Momentum, New York, NY, June – December 1995***

#### ***Legal Intern – Arizona Capital Representation Project, Phoenix, AZ, June – August 1994***

## **EDUCATION**

### **New York University School of Law, J.D., 1996**

*Honors:* Magna Cum Laude; Order of the Coif; Eric Dean Bender Prize, given to a graduating student who engaged in outstanding public interest work.

*Journal:* Senior Articles Editor, *Review of Law and Social Change*

**University of Pennsylvania, M.A. English Literature, B.A., Cum Laude, English Major, American History Minor, 1991.**

## **SELECTED PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCES**

*Plenary Presenter, New Clinicians, AALS Clinical Conference (May 2018).*

*Bellow Scholar Presentation, AALS Clinical Conference (May 2018).*

*Presenter, Prosecuting Poverty/Criminalizing Care, International Society for Family Law Scholars, (April 2018, University of Minnesota School of Law).*

*Poor Support/Rich Support*, Poverty Law Conference (March 2018, American University Washington College of Law).

*Prosecuting Poverty/Criminalizing Care*, Poverty Law Conference (March 2018, American University Washington College of Law).

*Prosecuting Poverty/Criminalizing Care*, Appalachian Justice Conference (February 2018, West Virginia University College of Law).

*Prosecuting Poverty/Criminalizing Care*, ClassCrits Conference (October 2017, Tulane University Law School).

*Bellow Scholar Workshop Presenter* (September 2017, NYU School of Law).

*Prosecuting Poverty/Criminalizing Care*, Law and Society (June 2017).

*Plenary Presenter*, Clinical Legal Education New Clinicians Presentation on Clinical Pedagogy, May 2017

*Concurrent Session Presenter*, *Creating Courageous, Contextual Conversations: Building Towards Just and Inclusive Communities in Law Schools and Clinical Programs*, AALS Clinical Conference, May 2017.

*Bellow Scholar Presentation*, *The Criminalization of In-Utero Opiate Transmission in Tennessee*, AALS Clinical Conference, May 2017.

*Research Presentation*, *Prosecuting Poverty*, Applied Feminism Conference, (March 2017, University of Baltimore).

*Works in Progress Presentation*, *Prosecuting Poverty*, Intersectionality Community of Scholars Workshop (February 2017, University of Tennessee).

*Panelist*, *Prosecuting Poverty*, Poverty Section Session, AALS Conference (January 2017).

*Research Presentation*, *Prosecuting Poverty*, *Class Crits in the Trenches*, Class Crits Conference (October 2016, Loyola Chicago).

*Presenter*, *New Clinicians: Clinical Rounds*, AALS Clinical Conference, May 2016

*Moderator*, *Clinical Law Review Symposium*, AALS Clinical Conference, May 2016.

*Concurrent Presenter*, *Evaluating Experiential Learning Opportunities*, AALS Clinical Conference, May 2016.

*The Hyperregulatory State: Women, Race, Poverty and Support*, *New Horizons in Intersectionality: Research, Policy and Activism*, UT College of Law, March, 2016.

*Invited Speaker*, Opening Plenary, Externships 8 Conference, Cleveland Marshall School of Law, March, 2016.

*Criminalizing Pregnancy and Parenthood*, Poverty Law: Academic Activism Conference, Seattle University School of Law, February, 2016.

*LGBT... Religion, Law, and State Statutes*, UTK Diversity Dialogues Series, February, 2016.

*Moderator, New Directions in Poverty Law*, AALS Annual Conference, January, 2016.

*The New Normal and Our Pedagogical Mission*, AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education, May 2015.

*Poor Support/Rich Support: (Re)viewing the American Social Welfare State*, Law and Society, May 2015.

*Moderator, Gender, Race and Criminal Justice*, ClassCrits Conference, University of Tennessee College of Law, October 2015.

*Poor Support / Rich Support: (Re)viewing the American Social Welfare State*, AALS Family Law Workshop, June, 2015.

*Poor Support / Rich Support: (Re)viewing the American Social Welfare State*, Law and Society, May, 2015.

*The New Normal and Our Pedagogical Mission*, AALS Clinical Conference, Plenary Presenter, May, 2015.

*Self-Directed Learning: Exploring the Potential of Journals and Other Written Reflection to Help Students Become Lifelong Learners*, Co-Presenter, Southern Clinical Conference, William and Mary, October 2014.

*The Hyperregulatory and the Submerged State: Exploring Structural Inequalities*, ClassCrits, November 2014.

Paper Presentation, *The Hyperregulatory and the Submerged State: Exploring Structural Inequalities, Vulnerability and the Human Condition Workshop*, Emory, December 2014.

*The Hyperregulatory State*, ClassCrits, Plenary Presenter, November 2013.

*The Theory and Structure of Clinical Pedagogy*, Clinical Legal Education Association New Clinicians Conference, May 2013.

*Confronting Criminal Injustice Through Clinical Partnerships With the Public Interest Bar*, AALS Clinical Conference, Concurrent Session, co-presenter, May 2013.

*The Hyperregulation of the Poor*, University of Baltimore School of Law, Center for Applied Feminism Conference, March 2013.

*The Pedagogy of Poverty Law*, Society of American Law Teachers Conference, co-presenter, October 2012.

*Intersecting Subordination and Poverty Law: Revising Our Teaching Goals*, Concurrent Session AALS Clinical Conference, co-presenter, May 2012.

*Southern Clinical Conference*, Conference Host and Co-Organizer, University of Tennessee College of Law, March 2012.

*Welfare, Privatization and Democratic Citizenship*, Vulnerability and the Human Condition Workshop: Privatization and Social Responsibility, Emory University School of Law, February, 2012.

*Rights, Mobilization and Poverty Law: Seeking Participatory Democracy Amongst the Ashes of the War on Poverty*, New York Law School Clinical Theory Workshop, November 2011.

*Maximum Feasible What? Seeking Deepened Democracy in the Ashes of the War on Poverty*, Michigan State University New Scholars Workshop, October 2011.

*Maximum Feasible What? Seeking Deepened Democracy in the Ashes of the War on Poverty*, Panelist, Class Crits Conference, September, 2011.

*Maximum Feasible What? Seeking Deepened Democracy in the Ashes of the War on Poverty*, SEALS New Scholar Presentation, August 2011.

*A Conversation Exploring Opportunities for Social Justice Students in the South*, Southern Clinical Conference, August 2011.

*Integration and Transfer*, Plenary session presenter, AALS Clinical Conference, June 2011.

*Maximum Feasible What? Seeking Deepened Democracy in the Ashes of the War on Poverty*, Panelist on panel focusing on Clinical Stance and the Development of a Clinical Jurisprudence, Law and Society, May 2011.

*Teaching to the Chaos: Oral Advocacy Skills in Poverty Courts*, Concurrent Session, AALS Clinical Conference, co-presenter, May 2010.

*Governance, Subordination and the New Welfare State*, Invited Speaker, *Transatlantic Conference on New Governance and the Transformation of Law*, November 2009.

*CLEA New Clinicians Conference*, small group leader, May 2009.

*Georgetown Law School Intensive Clinical Institute*, participant, June 2008.

*Social Justice Lawyering and Community Needs: Opportunities and Barriers in a Clinical Setting*, Concurrent Session, AALS Clinical Conference, co-presenter, May 2008.

*Conditional Cash Transfer Programs: Poverty Reduction Efforts in New York City and Beyond*, New York City Bar Association Forum, moderator, May, 2008.

*The Practitioner and the Clinician: A Structured Conversation About What and How Senior Clinicians and Senior Practitioners Turned Clinicians Learn From Each Other About Lawyering, Teaching and Learning*, Concurrent Sessions, AALS Clinical Conference, co-presenter, May 2007.

*The Impact of the Deficit Reduction Act on New York State's Welfare Programs*, State Conference on Welfare Reauthorization, presenter, June 2006.

*Collaborating With Communities and Community-Based Organizations*, Concurrent Session, AALS Clinical Conference, co-presenter, May 2006.

*Stein Scholars Panel on Welfare Reform*, Fordham Law School, panelist, 2005.