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Professor of Law, Texas A & M University School of Law, 2013-present
Affiliated Faculty, Texas A & M University Program on Women & Gender Studies, 2023-present
Professor of Law, Texas Wesleyan University School of Law, 1996-2013; Associate Professor of Law, 1991-1996; Assistant Professor of Law, 1990-991
Fulbright Scholar, Xiamen University School of Law, China 2007
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Texas Wesleyan University School of Law, 1996-2000

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

[*Adoption as Substitute for Abortion?*](#) 57 COLORADO L. REV. 1089 (2024)

[*Social Costs of Dobbs' Pro-Adoption Agenda*](#), 95 UC DAVIS 503 (2023)

[*Adoption Ouroboros*](#), 50 PEPPERDINE L. REV. 229 (2023)

[*Inconceivable Families*](#), 100 NORTH CAROLINA L. REV. 1745 (2022)

[*Originalism: Erasing Women from the Body Politic*](#), 10 ADOPTION & CULTURE 214 (2022)

Openness and Connectedness in Adoption in EXPLORING NORMS IN FAMILY LAWS ACROSS THE GLOBE (Melissa Breger, ed., 2022)

[*Specialty Bar Associations and the Marketing of Ethics: The Example of the Academy of Adoption Attorneys*](#), 35 NOTRE DAME J. LAW, ETHICS & PUBLIC POLICY 101 (2021)

[*Ethical Blind Spots in Adoption Lawyering*](#), 54 U. RICHMOND L. REV. 461 (2020)

Ethical Lawyering in Adoption: Centering the Child in Adoption Law, 24 ADOPTION QUARTERLY 48 (2020) (peer reviewed)

[*Adopting Civil Damages: Wrongful Family Separation in Adoption*](#), 76 WASHINGTON & LEE L. REV. 895 (2019)

[*Book Review: Jean Paton and the Struggle to Reform American Adoption by E. Wayne Carp*](#), 7 ADOPTION & CULTURE 151 (2019) (by invitation)

[*Grasping Fatherhood in Abortion & Adoption*](#), 68 HASTINGS L. J. 817 (2017)

[*Openness in International Adoption*](#), 46 COLUMBIA HUMAN RIGHTS L. REV. 163 (2015)

Sixteen & Pregnant: Minors' Consent to Abortion & Adoption, 25 YALE J. L. & FEMINISM 99 (2013)

China's Future Lawyers: Some Differences in Education and Outlook, 7 ASPER REV. INT'L BUS. & TRADE L. 293 (2007)(with Patricia Ross McCubbin, Andrea A. Curcio, & Llewellyn Gibbons)

The Presidency and the Meaning of Citizenship, 2005 BYU L. REV. 927

International Adoption and International Comity: When is Adoption "Repugnant"?, 10 TEX. WESLEYAN L. REV. 381 (2004)

International Adoption and Cultural Transformation: Symposium Introduction, 10 TEX. WESLEYAN L. REV. 311 (2004)

Attorney-Client Sex: A Feminist Critique of the Absence of Regulation, 15 YALE J. L. & FEMINISM 175 (2003)

Isn't It a Crime: Feminist Perspectives on Spousal Immunity and Spousal Violence, 90 NORTHWESTERN U. L. REV. 1032 (1996)

"Against the Peace and Dignity of the State": Spousal Violence and Spousal Privilege, 2 TEX. WESLEYAN L. REV. 239 (1995)

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Article: Legalized Abandonment: Safe Havens, Re-Homing and Anonymous Birth

Article: Adopting Lies: Birth Certificates for Adoptees and Government Lies

Book: *Erle Stanley Gardner, Perry Mason and the Court of Last Resort*

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Presented "Adopting Lies/Birth Certificates," Family Law Scholars and Teachers Conference, Boston College School of Law, Boston, MA, June 14, 2023

Poster Presented "Adoption in *Dobbs*: Is Adoption an Adequate Substitute for Abortion?," Women's Research on Women Symposium, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX, March 30, 2023

Presented "Openness and Connectedness in Adoption," Roundtable: Exploring Norms in Family Laws Across the Globe; Albany Law School, Albany, New York, May 4, 2020

Presented "Adoptions Revisited: Rehoming, Nonexistent Regulations and Uniform Laws," 2nd Annual Advanced Child Protection Law CLE, Dallas, Texas, March 29, 2019

Presented "Adopting Civil Damages: Wrongful Family Separation in Adoption," Alliance for the Study of Law & Culture/Adoption Initiative Conference, Oakland, California, October 20, 2018.

Presented "Grasping Fatherhood: How Adoption Law Ignores Fathers," Adoption Initiative Conference, Montclair State University, Montclair, New Jersey, June 9-11, 2016.

Faculty Member, Evidence Summit, Texas Center for the Judiciary, June 28, 2012.

Presented "16 & Pregnant: Minors' Consent to Abortion & Adoption," Faculty Colloquium, Texas Wesleyan University School of Law, March 28, 2012.

Presented "The Law is Male," Pre-Professional Program, Texas Wesleyan University, February 27, 2012.

Presented "Erle Stanley Gardner, Perry Mason and the Court of Last Resort" at the Texas Wesleyan University School of Law Conference on the Road to Innocence on October 8, 2010.

Presented "Openness in International Adoption: Legalities & Practicalities," at the 6th Biennial Adoption Conference - Open Arms, Open Minds: The Ethics of Adoption held in New York, New York at the St. John's University Manhattan campus on October 15, 2010.

Presented at the Southeastern Association of Law Schools' annual conference held in Palm Beach, Florida on August 2, 2010 on "Global Law School: Teaching/Studying Abroad, Bringing it Home."

Presented to the Women's Policy Forum on "Current Issues in International Adoption" at the Ridglea Country Club in Fort Worth, Texas on June 9, 2010.

Presented at the Southeastern Association of Law Schools' annual conference held in Palm Beach, Florida in August 2009, on the "Pedagogy of Rape Shield Laws: Using Procedure to Teach Doctrine."

Presented "The Case of the Crooked Convictions: Erle Stanley Gardner, Perry Mason, and the Court of Last Resort," Faculty Colloquium, Texas Wesleyan University School of Law, October 9, 2007.

Dialogue on Chinese and American Legal Education, Panel Member, Fulbright Mid-Year Meeting, Guangzhou, China, March 2, 2007.

EDUCATION

Baylor University School of Law: Juris Doctorate, *cum laude*, August 1986

Honors and Activities:

Law Review, Senior Notes and Comments Editor

Charles Petty Award in Law and Medicine

Rice University: Bachelor of Arts, May 1982. Double major in Political Science and Medieval History

OTHER LEGAL EXPERIENCE

1989-1990: Staff Attorney for the Dallas Court of Appeals

1987-1989: Research Attorney
Honorable Annette Stewart & Linda Thomas, Dallas Court of Appeals

1986-1987: Briefing Attorney
Honorable John L. McCraw, Jr., Dallas Court of Appeals

LAW SCHOOL & UNIVERSITY ACTIVITIES

Law School Committees:

Tenure Committee: Chair, 2009-2014; member, 1996-present
Dean Search Committee: 1993-1994; 1999-2000, Chair; 2007-2008; 2018
Post-Tenure Review Committee: Chair, 2018-19; member, 2013-15; alternate, 2019-2022
Admissions Committee, 1995-2001, 2004-2008, 2017-2019
Promotion & Tenure Advisory Committee, 2015-2017, 2021-2022
Committee on Joint/Curtesy Appointments, 2016-2017
Faculty Governance Committee, 2015-2016
Curriculum Committee: 1990-1992, 1998-2000; Chair, 1999-2000, 2009-2013
Certificates & Centers Committee: 2009-2010
LLM Committee: 2010-2013
Academic Standards Committee: 1996-2001; 2008-2009; 2012-2014, 2015-2017
Strategic Planning Committee: Chair, 2003-2007
AALS Self-Study Committee: Co-Chair, 2005-2008
AALS Committee: Chair, 2003-2004
Faculty Recruitment Committee: 1991-1999, 2005-2006; Chair, 1991-1994, 1997-1998
Vice Dean Search Committee: 1997-1998, Chair
Institutional Advancement Committee: 1995-2007; Chair, 1996-2000
Committee on Bar Preparation: 1996-2004
Faculty Development Committee: 1990-1996; 2003-2004; Chair, 1990-1993

Texas A&M University Service:

Elected to University Grievance Committee for 2021-2022, appointed Chair 2021-2022
Elected to Committee on Academic Freedom, Responsibility and Tenure, 2022-2023
Task Force on Academic Freedom and Protection of Faculty, 2023-2024
Search Advisory Committee for Associate Provost for Faculty Advocacy, 2024
Ad Hoc Committee on Salary Grievance, 2021
Dissertation Committee for Ya Goa, Linguistics Department, 2021-2022

Faculty member, YAP Camp, Summer 2016, 2015, 2014

BAR ADMISSIONS

Licensed by the State Bar of Texas, November 1986