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ACADEMIC
APPOINTMENTS

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO LAW SCHOOL, Boulder, CO
Full Professor, June 2018-present
Associate Professor with tenure, June 2013-May 2018
Associate Professor, June 2007-May 2013
Schaden Chair of Experiential Learning, August 2019-June 2023
Director of Clinical Education, June 2007-May 2022

YALE LAW SCHOOL, New Haven, CT
Senior Lecturer of Law, Research Scholar & Director, Arthur Liman
Public Interest Program, July 2001 – May 2007

SCHOLARSHIP

BOOKS:

EMOTIONS, ACTIVISM, AND SOCIAL CHANGE
(Carolina Academic Press, 2025)

Teacher's Guide for EMOTIONS, ACTIVISM, AND SOCIAL CHANGE
(Carolina Academic Press, 2025)

ARTICLES:

Silence, Protest and Lawyering, 22 RUTGERS J. L. & RELIGION 84
(2021)(34 pgs.)

Love, Anger and Social Change, 12 DREXEL L. REV. 47 (2019)(45 pgs.)

Celebrating Mundane Conflict, 18 PEPP. DISP. RESOL. L. J. 139
(2018)(38 pgs.)

Love, Anger, and Lawyering, 19 RICH. PUB. INT. L. REV. 283-97
(2016)(15 pgs.)

Practicing Practical Wisdom, 67 MERCER L. REV. 331-81 (2016)(co-
authored with Kenneth Sharpe)(52 pgs.)

Are Clinics a Magic Bullet?, 51 ALBERTA L. REV. 831-47 (2014)(17 pgs.)

Re-Problematizing Anger in Domestic Violence Advocacy, 21 AM. U. J.
GENDER SOC. POL'Y & L. 837-63 (2013)(28 pgs.)

With Lovingkindness and Compassion: One Buddhist Woman's Response to Feminist Domestic Violence Advocacy, in FEMINISM, LAW, AND RELIGION 219 (Ashgate Publishing, 2013)(17 pgs.)

Lawyers, Loyalty and Social Change, 89 DENVER UNIV. L. REV 941 (2012)(36 pgs.)

The Role of Equipoise in Family Law, 14 J. OF LAW & FAMILY STUDIES 63 (2012)(33 pgs.)

Can Compassionate Practice Also Be Good Legal Practice?: Answers From the Lives of Buddhist Lawyers, 12 RUTGERS J. LAW & RELIGION 1 (2011)(74 pgs.)

What's Love Got to Do With It?: Contemporary Lessons on Lawyerly Advocacy From the Preacher Martin Luther King, Jr., 22 ST. THOMAS L. REV. 296 (2010)(44 pgs.)

Common Ground: The Case for Collaboration Between Anti-Poverty Advocates and Public Interest Intellectual Property Advocates, 15 VA. J. SOC. POL'Y & L. 415 (2008)(30 pgs.)

Walking the Path of the Law: How Law Graduates Navigate Career Choices and Tolerate Jobs that Fail to Meet Expectations, (with secondary authors E. Paluck, H. Lord, A. Smith), 14 CARDOZO J. LAW & GENDER 267 (2008)(50 pgs.)

Sensational Reports: The Ethical Duty of Cause Lawyers to be Competent in Public Advocacy, 30 HAMLINE L. REV. 567 (2007)(18 pgs.)

The Obligation of Legal Aid Lawyers to Champion Practice by Nonlawyers, 73 FORDHAM L. REV. 883 (2004)(19 pgs.)

Teaching Practical Wisdom, 55 S.C.L. REV. 391 (2003)(18 pgs.)

A Short History of Poverty Lawyers in the United States, 5 LOY. J. OF PUBLIC INTEREST LAW 11 (2003)(25 pgs.)

Justice for the Interests of the Poor: The Problem of Navigating the System Without Counsel, 70 FORDHAM L. REV. 1573 (2002)(17 pgs.)

Self-Presentation When Sharing with Friends and Nonfriends (with primary authors D. Buhrmester & J. Goldfarb), 12 J. OF EARLY ADOLESCENCE 61 (1992)

**WORKS-
IN-PROGRESS**

Assessing the Mindfulness and Law Movement (article in progress)

TEACHING

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO LAW SCHOOL

Lecture Courses:

Legislation & Regulation

Legal Ethics

Specialty Courses:

Community Collaboration Law Lab

(year-long legal clinic)

1L Anti-Racism & Intersectionality Caucus (non-credit,
offered AY 20-21, AY 21-22)

Telos (first year experimental course on professional formation, not
currently offered)

YALE LAW SCHOOL

Lecture Courses:

Ethics in the Practice of Law

Ethics in Clinical Practice

Professional Ethics, Public Interest and the Media

Specialty Courses:

Ethics Clinic (semester-long practicum)

A2K (Access to Knowledge)(faculty-lead reading group)

The Mindful Lawyer (faculty-lead reading group)

The Constitution in 2020 (faculty-lead reading group)

AWARDS

Yale Law School Teaching Award, 2006

**SELECTED
PRESENTATIONS (SCHOLARLY)**

Movement Law & Lawyers, Conference on Lawyering for Economic
Justice, University of Colorado Law School, Boulder, CO, January
2023

Transformational Silence and Protest, Colorado Law Talk, Denver,
CO, May 2021

Religious Lawyering at Twenty, Annual Conference of the Council on
Religion and Law, Fordham Law School, New York, NY, October 2018

Relational Legal Ethics, International Legal Ethics Conference, New York, NY, July 2016

Mindfulness, Law and Legal Education, Southwest Association of Law Libraries Annual Conference, Boulder, CO, April 2015

Buddhist Principles and Advocacy Choices of Lawyers Practicing in an Adversary System, Law and the Curated Body, University of York, Toronto, Canada, March 2015

Relational Perspectives, Interdisciplinary conference, Florence, Italy, June 2014

Mindfulness in Clinical Legal Education, AALS Clinical Conference, Chicago, IL, May 2014

With Compassion and Lovingkindness: One Feminist Buddhist's Exploration of Feminist Domestic Violence Advocacy, University of St. Thomas School of Law, Minneapolis, MN, March 2014

Until Civil Gideon, Fordham Law School, New York, NY, November 2013

Workshop on Mindfulness in Legal Education, University of California Berkeley Law School, Berkeley, CA, June 2013

Re-Problematizing Anger in Domestic Violence Advocacy, Workshop on the Feminist Influence on Criminal Law, University of Colorado Law School, Boulder, CO, April 2013

Can Compassionate Practice Also Be Good Legal Practice?: Answers From the Lives of Buddhist Lawyers, Fourth Annual Religious Legal Theory Conference, Touro Law School, Long Island, NY, April 2013

Teaching and Testimony: The Role of Religion in the Student-Teacher Experience, 2012 Annual AALS Clinical Conference, Los Angeles, CA, May 2012

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS (PUBLIC)

Protecting Tax Exempt Status While Welcoming All, Food Rescue Alliance, Online, National Audience, October 2024

Movement Lawyering, Labor Lawyering & Ethics, National Education Association National Conference, Denver, CO, September 2023

Movement Lawyering, Community Workshop, Colorado Health Foundation, Denver, CO, August 2023

Colorado Mobile Home Parks and Community Organizing, community presentation, Fort Collins (virtual), April 2022

The Colorado Mobile Home Park Act & Homeowners' Rights, community presentation, University of Colorado Law School, September 2019

Current Issues in Ethics, CLE presentation, Colorado Faculty of Federal Advocates, Denver, CO, April 2017

Ethics Round-Up, CLE presentation, University of Colorado Law School, Denver, CO, November 2016

Super-Secret Stuff: Keeping Things Safe in a World of Technological Openness, CLE presentation, University of Colorado Law School, Boulder, CO, October 2014

Ethics Workshop, National Organization of Lawyers for Educational Associations, San Diego, October 2013

SELECTED LAW SCHOOL SERVICE

ABA Accreditation Committee (AY 2008-09)
Academic & Student Affairs Committee (AY 2007-08, AY 2009-10),
Curriculum Reform Subcommittee (AY 2009-10)
Clinical Faculty Appointments Committee, Chair (AY 2012-13,
AY 2010-11, AY 2008-09)
Teaching Faculty Evaluation Committee, Chair (AY 2022-23, 2023-24)
Clinical Faculty Evaluation Committee, Chair (AY 2020-21,
AY 2016-17, AY 2015-16, AY 2014-15, AY 2013-14, AY 2010-11)
Dean's Search Committee (AY 2015-16)
Dean's Cabinet and/or Policy, Management & Budget Committee
Faculty Appointments (AY 2014-15, Spring 2013, AY 2011-12)
Getches Wilkinson Center for Natural Resources, Energy, and the
Environment, Board Member (AY 2020-Fall 2024)
Tenure/Tenure Track Faculty Evaluation (Chair, AY 2019-20 & 2018-
19, AY 2016-17, AY 2013-14)
Public Service Ad Hoc Committee (2011-12)

**UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO
CAMPUS-WIDE SERVICE**

Senior Academic Appraisal Committee, University of Colorado,
Boulder (2022 to present; chair, Spring 2024-present)

IDEA Council (Inclusion, Diversity & Excellence in
Academics)(AY2020-21 to AY 2022-23)

Mentor, Dalai Lama Fellows Program, Renee Crown Wellness Center
(AY 2022-23, ongoing)

**OTHER PROFESSIONAL
SERVICE (SELECTED)**

Board Member, Council on Religion & Law (Fall 2009 to Fall
2020)(formerly known as JOURNAL OF LAW & RELIGION)

International Advisory Board, JOURNAL OF LAW & RELIGION (Fall
2009-present)

Board of Directors, Boulder Shelter for the Homeless (Spring 2018-
Spring 2020)

Board of Directors, Boulder County Bar Association (August 2007 to
Spring 2018)

Advisory Board, *Connecticut Law Tribune* (2006-2007)

Vice Chair, Board of Directors, ACLU of Connecticut (2004-2007)

Executive Board, New Haven County Bar Association (2004-2007)

GRANTS

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANT

Awarded grant of \$4855 in AY21-22 to provide outreach and education
related to the [Mobile Home Park Organizing Guidebook](#). The
Guidebook was created by the Sustainable Community Development
Clinic.

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO SERVICE LEARNING PROGRAM

Awarded grant of \$2,300 from CU-Boulder Service Learning Office for
Spring 2010 to develop law school service learning course titled,
“Lawyers & Social Change.”

YALE LAW SCHOOL

Awarded \$15,000 in Dean’s funding for empirical research related to
career satisfaction of Yale Law School alumni.

**PROFESSIONAL
AWARDS**

2020 Healthy Communities Award, Boulder County Public Health

University of Colorado Law School 2013 Clifford Calhoun Public Service Award

Co-recipient of the 2001-02 American Bar Association's Smythe-Gambrell Professionalism Award (with Dennis Curtis)

**PROFESSIONAL
EXPERIENCE**

WESTERN CENTER ON LAW AND POVERTY, INC., Los Angeles, CA
Executive Director, June 1999 – June 2001

LAWYER REFERRAL FOR THE ELDERLY PROGRAM, Albuquerque, NM
Staff Attorney, promoted to Managing Staff Attorney, October 1996 – May 1999

ROSS, SACKS & GLAZIER, Los Angeles, CA
Associate, promoted to Partner, August 1993 – May 1996

MORRISON & FOERSTER, Los Angeles, CA
Litigation Associate, October 1990 – July 1993

HONORABLE FERDINAND F. FERNANDEZ,
Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, Pasadena, CA, September 1989 – September 1990

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LAW SCHOOL, Los Angeles, CA
J.D., May 1989

Honors:

Order of the Coif

Shattuck Award (honoring student who shows high potential for outstanding service to the legal profession.)

Senior Legal Writing Instructor (1988-1989), Legal Writing Instructor (1987-88)

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES, Los Angeles, CA
M.A., June 1986, developmental psychology

SMITH COLLEGE, Northampton, MA
B.A., May 1982, economics and psychology

BAR**ADMISSIONS**

Colorado (July 2007)(active)
California (Dec. 1989)(inactive), New Mexico (Oct. 1996)(inactive),
Connecticut (Oct. 2001)(inactive),