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FACULTY APPOINTMENTS

TOURO COLLEGE JACOB D. FUCHSBERG LAW CENTER, Central Islip, NY

Assistant Clinical Professor

Director of Clinical Programs

Director of Education and Youth Justice Clinic and Advanced In-House Clinic: July 2019-Present

Direct Touro Law Center's fourteen clinical programs providing civil, immigration, and criminal legal services to the Long Island community. Oversee both legal operations and educational programming for all clinics. Direct 6-credit clinic providing youth representation in family court and in education advocacy. Teach Advanced In-House Clinic. Teach modules for interdisciplinary inter-school "Structural Barriers" course. Recipient of 2020-2021 Provost Faculty Innovation Grant Award. Curriculum Committee, Colloquium Committee, Diversity Committee, University-wide Interprofessional Education Committee, Outcome & Assessment Committee, Adjunct Hiring Committee, Best Paper Committee. Administrative Management Team.

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, NY

Acting Assistant Professor: July 2017-June 2019

Taught Lawyering, a first year research, writing, and simulation-based course designed to build legal skills and expose students to broad cross-section of legal disciplines. Supervised clinic students in civil rights cases. Member of Rose Sheinberg Lecture Committee and NYU Public Interest Fellowship Selection Committee.

CHICAGO-KENT COLLEGE OF LAW, Chicago, IL

Visiting Assistant Professor of Law: July 2016-July 2017

Full time appointment to teach 1L Legal Writing course. Position included doctrinal/podium courses. Appointment as Kent's Indian Law consultant and specialist.

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO CENTER FOR THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF CHILDREN, Chicago, IL

Faculty Fellow: June 2015-July 2016

Drafted and passed Montana's first tribal human trafficking law. Engaged the Fort Peck Indian Reservation Tribal Council, local community-based advocacy groups, tribal criminal justice systems, and elders to respond to sex trafficking and reverse criminalization of victims. Trained local community and law enforcement on legislation and best practices. Trained other tribes on how to develop trafficking legislation. Supervised students engaged in legal research, cross-cultural interviewing and community and legislative work in Indian Country.

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO SCHOOL OF LAW, Chicago, IL

Post Graduate Clinical Teaching & Policy Fellow: August 2014-July 2016

Taught in Child Law Policy and Legislation Clinic Seminar and developed and co-taught doctrinal interdisciplinary course on child welfare, juvenile justice and education law. Supervised legislative

projects to advance juvenile law and policy in Illinois and Indian Country. Oversaw student representation of court-involved youth. Received competitive faculty grant for human trafficking project. Drafted complaint at request of U.S. Dept. of Justice, and on behalf of the Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Tribal Nation, to redress racial discrimination within Reservation school districts.

OTHER LEGAL EXPERIENCE

PRISONERS' LEGAL SERVICES OF NEW YORK

Equal Justice Works Fellow: July 2017-August 2018

Represented Native American incarcerated people in New York State prisons in range of civil rights issues, including religious liberty and racial justice claims. Represented tribal governments in class claims.

NATIVE TRAFFICKING PROJECT, LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO CENTER FOR THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF CHILDREN, Chicago, IL

Equal Justice Works Fellow: July 2016-June 2017

Created and founded a project and obtained half a million dollars of federal and private grant funding to address sex trafficking of Native American youth in Chicago and Indian Country through tribal and state legislative and policy development, individual client representation, and community advocacy. Represented incarcerated Native women in family law and tribal benefits cases.

HON. JOHN T. NIXON, U.S. DISTRICT COURT, MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE, Nashville, TN

Judicial Clerk: August 2013-July 2014

JUVENILE DEFENSE CLINIC, THE LEGAL AID SOCIETY, Bronx, NY

Student Counsel: Fall 2012-Summer 2013

Defense counsel of record on five felony trials; three acquittals and one dismissal secured.

FEDERAL DEFENDERS OF NEW YORK, New York, NY

Intern: May 2012-August 2012

Drafted motions and sentencing memoranda. Primary counsel for illegal reentry case. Appeared as student counsel of record in misdemeanor cases.

THE BRONX DEFENDERS, Bronx, NY

Intern: January 2012-May 2012

Interviewed witnesses and clients, investigated cases, counseled criminal defendant clients and drafted motions.

CHILDREN'S RIGHTS CLINIC, THE LEGAL AID SOCIETY, New York, NY

Intern: September 2011-December 2011

Represented children in child welfare proceedings and provided educational and school discipline advocacy.

AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION OF MONTANA, Missoula, MT

Intern: June 2011-August 2011

Published award-winning articles on racial impact of school discipline and juvenile court involvement on Native communities. Led strategic meetings with executive level state and tribal officials.

THE LEGAL AID SOCIETY JUVENILE RIGHTS PRACTICE, New York, NY

Education Advocate: August 2008-April 2010

Managed special education and school discipline representation and policy work for Manhattan office of the Legal Aid Society. Represented clients at school suspension hearings, in special education appeals, and for family court dispositional issues. Litigated over 70 due process hearings with favorable outcomes in each case and served on several campaigns for school equity.

EDUCATION

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, J.D., May 2013

Honors: Review of Law and Social Change, Executive Editor; Flora S. and Jacob L. Newman Prize; Grand Prize, Oklahoma Supreme Court Chief Justice John B. Doolin Writing Competition

Activities: Suspension Representation Project Executive Board (City-wide organization providing hundreds of law student advocates to public schoolchildren facing disciplinary charges); Family Law Practice Teaching Assistant

SWARTHMORE COLLEGE, B.A. with Honors, English Literature and History, June 2008

Honors: Honors program; 9-time Centennial Conference Honor Roll; Starfield Fellowship; Robert Lenrow Scholarship; Rochester Humanities and Social Sciences Award and Scholarship

Activities: 2-year Captain, Varsity Cross Country and Track teams; Student Teacher at Stetser Elementary; Fully funded research on medical practices in Northern India

PUBLICATIONS

Law Review Articles and Book Chapters

Opening up the In-House forthcoming.

I Want to Hold Your Hand: Better Clinics Through Technology and Student-Driven Innovation in LAW TEACHING STRATEGIES FOR A NEW ERA: BEYOND THE PHYSICAL CLASSROOM (Eds. Tessa Dysart & Tracy Norton) Carolina Academic Press, 2021.

Discrimination against Native Students in Wolf Point, Montana District Schools, Title VI Complaint,

chrome-extension://efaidnbnmnnibpcajpcglcfindmkaj/https://www.aclumontana.org/sites/default/files/field_documents/fort_peck_reservation_title_vi_doj_complaint.pdf (June 2017)

Montana's Rural Version of the School-to-Prison Pipeline, MONTANA LAW REVIEW, 75 Mont. L. Rev. 15 (Winter, 2014).

The School-to-Prison Pipeline Tragedy on Montana's American Indian Reservations, THE NEW YORK UNIVERSITY REVIEW OF LAW AND SOCIAL CHANGE, 37 N.Y.U. Rev. L. & Soc. Change 671 (Fall, 2013) (winner of Newman Prize for most distinguished scholarship).

The School-to-Prison Pipeline in Montana, THE OKLAHOMA SUPREME COURT XXVI SOVEREIGNTY SYMPOSIUM (June, 2013) (winner of Chief Justice Doolin Prize).

Short Articles

Successful Partnership Between Law School, Occupational Therapy School, and Graduate School of Applied Behavioral Analysis (Fall 2022 ABA School Newsletter, forthcoming)

Touro Students Examine Cyberbullying from Interprofessional Education Perspective, August 2, 2022,

<https://www.touro.edu/departments/cetl/blog/touro-students-examine-cyberbullying-from-interprofessional-education-perspective.php>

Clinical Programs Newsletter Fall 2021, ed. available at <https://www.tourolaw.edu/academics/1632>

Clinic Spotlight: Fight for Justice available at

<https://www.tourolaw.edu/AboutTouroLaw/Featured-Content/299/Spotlight> (July 6, 2021).

Navigating Confidentiality and Privilege for Social Workers in Legal Settings (with Warren K. Graham & Elizabeth A. Justesen) NASW: SOC. WORK & THE CTS, Fall 2019, at 4.

Get Lost, Swarthmore College Bulletin, Issue IV Vol. CXVI (Summer, 2019).

FEDERAL GRANTS

Department of Justice “Project Beacon” Award, October, 2016: Primary Recipient of \$450,000 to fund the Native Trafficking Project, a project which I conceived, created, and received federal funding for. Funding was for the Native Trafficking Project, which I created to provide legal and social services to urban Native victims of sex trafficking.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

April 29, 2023, Presenter, “Looking Within: Exploring Inter-Clinic Collaborations” Annual AALS Clinical Conference, San Francisco, CA.

April 20-23, 2023, Presenter, “A Novel Interprofessional Education Collaboration with Students Enrolled in Occupational Therapy, Applied Behavior Analysis and Law Programs,” American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference, Kansas City, MO.

September 15, 2022, Panelist, “Religious Thought in Criminal Law Scholarship and Advocacy,” The Past, Present, and Future of Religiously Affiliated Law Schools, Touro University Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center, Central Islip, NY

July 10, 2022, Presenter, “Opening up the In-House,” Faculty Colloquium Touro University Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center (virtual)

May 10, 2022, Presenter “The Intersection of Clinical Education and Lawyer Licensing” Annual AALS Clinical Conference, Orlando, FL (held virtually due to Covid pandemic)

April 22, 2022, Panelist at “Building a Better Legal Profession Conference” Webinar Mitchell-Hamline School of Law, Minneapolis, MN (held virtually due to Covid pandemic)

March 28, 2022, Conference Organizer and Lead Presenter, Designer of Case Study, Touro University Interprofessional Educational Symposium/Community Day (held virtually)

July 22, 2021, Panelist “The Upper Level Curriculum in a New Era,” Law Teaching Strategies for a New Era: Beyond the Physical Classroom (held virtually)

April 28, 2021, Lead Presenter, “Harmonizing the Legal and Ethical Responsibilities of Lawyers and Social Workers in Clinical Practice,” AALS Clinical Conference, Orlando, FL (held virtually due to Covid pandemic)

February 24, 2021, Faculty Colloquium, “Adapting Client Representation to the new Virtual Reality: Emerging Lessons from the front line of Clinical Education,” Jacob D. Fuchsberg College of Law, Central Islip, NY

October 15, 2020, Presenter, “Working with Clinic Clients Virtually,” Hosted by Harvard Law School, with over 80 participants from 12 national law clinics (held virtually).

November 15, 2019, Panelist, “Valley of the Birdtail: An Ojibway Reserve, a White Town, and Canada’s History of Separate and Unequal Education,” New York University School of Law, New York, NY

February 26, 2018, Panelist, “The Diverse Faces of Rural Poverty,” New York University Review of Law and Social Change Symposium, New York, NY

April 28, 2017, Invited Presenter, “Sex Trafficking in Indian Country,” Center for Urban Research and Learning, Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, IL

April 4, 2017, Presenter, “Building a Tribal Sex Trafficking Code” National Indian Child Welfare Association Annual Conference, San Diego, CA

January 30, 2017, Panelist, “Not My Life” UNICEF Chapter, Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, IL

December 8-10, 2016, Invited Presenter, “Sex Trafficking in Indian Country” full-day pre-conference institute; Presenter, “Building an Effective Tribal Sex Trafficking Code,” National Indian Nations Conference: Justice for Victims of Crime, Palm Springs, CA

September 27-28, 2016, Invited Presenter, “Sex Trafficking in Native Communities;” “Tribal Code Development;” and “Jurisdiction in Indian Country,” Native Women’s Society of the Great Plains, Chamberlain, SD

August 3, 2016, Invited Presenter, “Sex Trafficking of Native Youth,” and “Introducing the Native Child Trafficking Project,” The American Indian Center of Chicago, Chicago, IL

April 27, 2016, Invited Presenter, “*What is Human Trafficking?: Breaking Down Stereotypes and Myths;*” “*Trafficking Law and Jurisdiction: Arrest and Prosecutorial Authority;*” “*Trafficking Law and Jurisdiction: Fort Peck Tribal Law, Collaboration, and Best Practices for the Reservation;*” Human Trafficking in Montana’s Indian Country Conference, Fort Peck Community College, Poplar, MT

April 28, 2016, Invited Presenter, “Developing Effective and Culturally Sensitive Tribal Codes for Human Trafficking,” Human Trafficking in Montana’s Indian Country Conference, Fort Peck Community College, Poplar, MT

January 14, 2016, Presenter, “*Directing the Wasichu*: How to Lead Non-Native Students as they Work with a Tribal Community to Address Child Sex Trafficking,” Focus on Teaching and Learning Conference, Loyola University Chicago Quinlan School of Business, Chicago, IL

October 24, 2015, Presenter and Workshop Leader, “Unpacking the Carpet Bag,” Southern Clinical Conference, Memphis, TN

September 26, 2015, Workshop Presenter, “*A New Wild West*” Clinical Writer’s Workshop, New York University School of Law, New York, NY

May 18, 2015, Conference Organizer and Introductory Remarks, “*School to Prison or Cradle to Career?*: Imagining a Different Pipeline,” Loyola University Chicago School of Law, Chicago, IL

May 6, 2015, Presenter, “Establishing and Improving Clinical Teaching Fellowship Programs,” AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education, Rancho Mirage, CA

April 20 2015, “School Discipline, Child Criminalization, and the School-to-Suicide Pipeline in Indian Country,” 33rd Annual National Indian Child Welfare Conference, Portland, OR

February 28, 2015, Distinguished Speaker and Panelist, “*Freedom After Incarceration*: Prisoner Reentry, Wrongful Convictions, and Anti-Recidivism,” Norman Amaker Midwest Public Interest Law and Social Justice Retreat, Woodstock, IL

September 23-26, 2014, Keynote Address, Fort Peck Indian Reservation State of the Reservation Summit, Fort Peck College, Poplar, MT

June 18, 2014, Panelist, “*Behind the Black Robe*: Demystifying Judicial Clerkships,” American Constitution Society, Nashville, TN

June 2-3, 2014, Invited Presenter and Expert Panelist, 20th Annual National Health Equity Conference on The School-to-Prison Pipeline, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC

2009-2012, Led regular trainings for law students, social workers, and lawyers, on litigating adversarial public school suspension and expulsion hearings in New York City

MEDIA

Selected Radio (Please Contact for full list of Radio and Television Coverage)

Nicky Ouellet & Kayla Desroches, “Department of Education Investigating Alleged Discrimination At Wolf Point School District” April 16, 2019, Montana Public Radio (NPR), <https://www.mtpr.org/post/department-education-investigating-alleged-discrimination-wolf-point-school-district>

Peter Christian: “Federal Agency Investigating Discrimination in Wolf Point”; *1240 KLYQ Hamilton News Talk – Jan. 4, 2019*; <http://klyq.com/federal-agency-investigating-discrimination-in-wolf-point/>

Monica Braine, *Native America Calling*, broadcasted live on over 70 stations nationwide, “July in the News” July 28, 2017 <http://www.nativeamericacalling.com/friday-july-28-2017-july-news/> (work on racial justice and education case profiled)

Nicky Oullet and Brie Ripley, *Montana Public Radio*, broadcasted statewide several times on all of Montana's public radio stations, "Fort Peck Tribes allege discrimination against Native American students at Wolf Point" July 3, 2017, <http://mtpr.org/post/fort-peck-tribes-allege-discrimination-against-native-students-wolf-point> (work on racial justice and education case profiled)

Susan Hay Patrick, *Spotlight on Missoula Nonprofits*, broadcast regionally in Western Montana several times on Cherry Creek Radio and "The Hawk" Country 98.7 and 96.9FM, May 30, 2017 (profile of work for justice in Indian Country)

Joel Heitkamp, KFGO 790am *News and Views*, "Melina Healey on drug and sex trafficking epidemic in Native American communities" May 19, 2016 10am CT. Podcast of show available at <http://kfgo.com/podcasts/news-views-with-joel-heitkamp/2615/melina-healy-on-drug-and-sex-trafficking-epidemic-in-native-american-communities/> (served as expert)

Selected Print (Please Contact if you wish to see full list of Press Coverage)

Stephanie Ward, "For some law students, clinic work during COVID-19 feels more real than ever," *ABA Journal*, April 28, 2020, <https://www.abajournal.com/web/article/for-some-law-students-clinic-work-during-covid-19-feels-more-real-than-ever-before>

Nick Pachelli, "Why was a study on trafficking in Indian Country canceled?; *After the Trump Administration transition, the Department of Justice killed a critical needs assessment initiative,*" *High Country News*, Jan. 23, 2019, <https://www.hcn.org/articles/tribal-affairs-how-trafficking-in-native-communities-has-been-ignored-under-the-trump-administration>

Annie Waldman/Erica Green: "U.S. to Investigate Discrimination Against Native Students on Montana Reservation," *New York Times/ProPublica*, Jan. 4, 2019, <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/01/04/us/politics/native-american-education.html>

Joe Heim: "Education Department investigating alleged discrimination of Native American students in Montana," *Washington Post*, Jan. 4, 2019, https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/education/education-department-investigating-alleged-discrimination-of-native-american-students-in-montana/2019/01/04/ef3ecbe8-1045-11e9-8938-5898adc28fa2_story.html?noredirect=on&utm_term=.933d93a44246

Joyce Hanson, "Education Dept. To Probe Mont. Tribal Students' Bias Claims," *Law 360*, Jan 4, 2019, <https://www.law360.com/nativeamerican/articles/1115381/education-dept-to-probe-mont-tribal-students-bias-claims>

Annie Waldman/Erica Green: "'I Feel Invisible': Native Students Languish in Public Schools; *At Wolf Point High School in rural Montana, Native American students face the same neglect Native students across the U.S. do as they navigate a school system that has failed American Indians.*" *New York Times/ProPublica*, Dec. 28, 2018, <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/12/28/us/native-american-education.html>

Lisa Ellwood: "Education Department investigates discrimination against Native students"; *Indian Country Today*, Jan. 5, 2019,

https://newsmaven.io/indiancountrytoday/news/education-department-investigates-discrimination-against-native-students-DDHmKak_PkWwfgxYu48v9g/

Rebecca Clarren, “How America Is Failing Native American Students; Punitive discipline, inadequate curriculum, and declining federal funding created an education crisis,” *The Nation*, July 24, 2017, <https://www.thenation.com/article/left-behind/>

Joe Heim, “Two Native American tribes allege discrimination in Montana Schools,” *The Washington Post*, June 28, 2017, https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/education/two-native-american-tribes-allege-discrimination-in-montana-schools/2017/06/28/875172b0-582c-11e7-ba90-f5875b7d1876_story.html?utm_term=.03eb5ae21f14 (work as lead attorney on civil rights case profiled)

Phil Drake, “Tribes file discrimination complaint against Wolf Point School District,” *Great Falls Tribune*, June 28, 2017, <http://www.greatfallstribune.com/story/news/2017/06/28/tribes-file-discrimination-complaint-against-wolf-point-school-district/435988001/>

Gazette Staff, “Native students are disciplined more than white students in Wolf Point schools, complaint says,” *Billings Gazette*, June 28, 2017 http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/montana/native-students-are-disciplined-more-than-white-students-in-wolf/article_a69f8a99-5ca3-5a19-bebe-9502119b1224.html

Associated Press, “Fort Peck Tribes Allege Discrimination by School District,” June 28, 2017 (picked up in NBC Montana, US News and World Report, *The Republic*, ABC Fox Montana, *Bozemon Daily Chronicle*, *Bristol Herald Courier*, KULR, Montana Public Radio, KQTV, and the *Washington Times*, among other outlets)

Ellen Wulforst, “Five myths color the crime of human trafficking”, Thomson Reuters, May 17, 2016, May 19, 2016, available at <http://www.reuters.com/article/us-trafficking-myths-idUSKCN0YA1IO> (quoted as expert)

Ellen Wulforst, “Sex trafficking on American Indian reservations – old problem, new name,” Thomson Reuters, May 18, 2016, available at <http://news.trust.org/item/20160518110255-1bjd9/?source=fiHeadlineStory> (quoted as expert)

Ellen Wulforst, “Fueled by drugs, sex trafficking reaches 'crisis' on Native American reservation,” Thomson Reuters, May 17, 2016, available at <http://news.trust.org/item/20160517110324-nvs5q/> (quoted as expert)

Stephanie Woodard, “Montana’s Pipeline to Prison—and Suicide—for Native Kids,” *Indian Country Today Media Network*, Dec. 12, 2013, available at <http://indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com/2013/12/20/montanas-pipeline-prison-and-suicide-native-kids-152810> (profiled)

Matthew L. M. Fletcher, “New Scholarship on Montana American Indian Students and the ‘Prison Pipeline,’” *Turtle Talk Indigenous Law and Policy Center Blog of Michigan State University College of Law*, Dec. 16, 2013, available at <http://turtletalk.wordpress.com/2013/12/16/new-scholarship-on-montana-indian-students-and-the-prison-pipeline/> (scholarship profiled)

BAR ADMISSIONS AND LICENSES

New York, 2014

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