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LEGAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Associate Professor of Law (with tenure) Columbia, South Carolina
University of South Carolina School of Law Aug 2019-Present
Courses Taught: Income Tax, Corporate Tax, Partnership Tax, Taxation of Property Transactions, & Tax Policy

Assistant Professor of Law Columbia, South Carolina
University of South Carolina School of Law July 2014-July 2019
Courses Taught: Income Tax, Corporate Tax, Partnership Tax, Taxation of Property Transactions, & Tax Policy

Visiting Assistant Professor of Law New Orleans, Louisiana
Tulane University Law School 2012 – 2014
Courses Taught: Income Tax, Taxation of Nonprofits, & Tax Policy

EDUCATION

New York University School of Law New York, New York
LL.M. in Taxation, received May 2012

Honors: Theodore Tannenwald, Jr. Foundation for Excellence in Tax Scholarship 2011 Writing Competition, Honorable Mention award (*Reproducing Value . . .*)

Florida State University College of Law Tallahassee, Florida
Juris Doctor, *magna cum laude*, received May 2011

Honors: David G. McGunegle, Beverly McLearn and Steven M. Goldstein Memorial Scholar
Phi Delta Phi
Order of the Coif
Florida State Law Review “Outstanding Student Piece of the Year” Award (*Lost in Doctrine . . .*); Attorneys Title Insurance Fund Student Writing Award 2010 (*Keeping the Welcome Mat Rolled Up . . .*)

Activities: *Journal of Land Use & Environmental Law*, Executive Editor (2010-11), Articles & Notes Editor (2009-10); Children in Prison Project, Intern; American Constitution Society, President (2009-10); Public Interest Law Students Association, Programs Director (2008-09); Graduate Teaching & Awards Selection Committee, Member (2010)

The London School of Economics and Political Science
Master of Science in Social Anthropology, with Merit, received December 2007

London, England

Dissertation: *Finding the Foundations of the Rwandan Genocide: A Comparative Examination of Weberian and Marxist Arguments on Social Conflict*

Davidson College
Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology, *magna cum laude*, received May 2006

Davidson, North Carolina

Honors Thesis: *Bridging the Gap: Biomedicine, Empowerment and Women's Voices in Pregnancy and Childbirth*

Honors: Phi Beta Kappa, High Honors in Anthropology, Franz Boas Award for Excellence in Anthropology; Charles A. Dana Honors Scholar

PUBLICATIONS

Articles

Freezing the Future: Elective Egg Freezing and the Limits of the Medical Expense Deduction, 107 KENTUCKY LAW JOURNAL 373 (2019)

A Human Capital Theory of Alimony and Tax, 25 GEORGE MASON LAW REVIEW 2 (2018)

The Tax-Immigration Nexus, 94 DENV. L. REV. 195 (2017)

Mapping the Families of the Internal Revenue Code, 22 VIRGINIA J. OF SOCIAL POLICY & THE LAW 181 (2015)

Reproducing Value: How Tax Law Differentially Values Fertility, Sexuality & Marriage, 19 CARDOZO J. OF LAW & GENDER 1 (2012)

Lost in Doctrine: Particular Social Group, Child Soldiers and the Failure of U.S. Asylum Law to Protect Exploited Children, 38 FLA. ST. U. L. REV. 653 (2011)

Taking International Law At Its Word and Its Spirit: Re-envisioning Responsibility to Protect as a Binding Principle of International Law, 38 FLA. ST. U. L. REV. 884 (2011)

Keeping the Welcome Mat Rolled-Up: Social Justice Theorists' Failure to Embrace Adverse Possession as a Redistributive Tool, 20 J. TRANSNAT'L L. & POL'Y 73 (2010)

Essays

"Taxing Values: What Our Tax Code Says About Us," in *"Demand the Impossible:" Essays in History as Activism*, Westphalia Press (2018)

Tax and Social Context: Legal Fictions and Tax, American Legal Fictions Symposium, SAVANNAH LAW REVIEW (2017)

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Taxing Choices

(The Problem With?) Taxing Methane

Tax Cultures of Compliance

CONFERENCES, SYMPOSIA, WORKSHOPS

Presenter, Tax Cultures of Compliance Tax Policy Panel
Southeastern Association of Law Schools Conference Fort Lauderdale, Florida
August 2019

Invited Presenter, Taxing Choices
Boston College & Tulane Tax Roundtable
Tulane Law School New Orleans, Louisiana
March 2019

Invited Presenter, Taxing Choices
Faculty Forum
Southern Methodist University Law School Dallas, Texas
February 2019

Invited Presenter, Taxing Choices
Intellectual Life Series
University of Kentucky College of Law Lexington, Kentucky
October 2018

Presenter, Taxing Choices, The Future of Tax Law
Southeastern Association of Law Schools Conference Fort Lauderdale, Florida
August 2018

Moderator, Taxation and Inequality Panel
Presenter, Taxing Choices
Law & Society Annual Meeting Toronto, Ontario
June 2018

*Presenter, Freezing the Future: Elective Egg Freezing,
and the Limits of the Medical Expense Deduction*
Critical Tax Conference
University of South Carolina Columbia, South Carolina
April 2018

Invited Presenter, (The Problem With?) Taxing Methane, University of Arizona
Rogers College of Law, **Global Conference on Environmental Taxation** Tuscon, Arizona
September 2017

Presenter, A Human Capital Theory of Alimony and Tax
Law & Society Annual Meeting Mexico City, Mexico
June 2017

*Presenter, Freezing the Future: Fertility, Choice, and Taxing State of the Art
Reproductive Technologies, Junior Tax Scholars Workshop*
University of Toronto Toronto, Ontario
June 2017

Presenter, A Human Capital Theory of Alimony and Tax, Critical Tax Conference
Saint Louis University Law St. Louis, Missouri
April 2017

Invited Presenter, “The Basis of Tax Fictions”
American Legal Fictions Symposium Savannah, Georgia
Savannah Law School September 2016

Presenter, Reconsidering Alimony and Tax, State, Local & Federal
Tax Policy Workshop Amelia Island, Florida
August 2016
Presenter, The Tax-Immigration Nexus, New Scholars Workshop
Southeastern Association of Law Schools Conference

Presenter, Reconsidering Alimony and Tax, Junior Tax Scholars Workshop Irvine, California
University of California-Irvine School of Law June 2016

Presenter, The Tax-Immigration Nexus, Critical Tax Conference New Orleans, Louisiana
Tulane University Law School April 2016

Invited Presenter, The Tax-Immigration Nexus
Advanced Topics in Taxation Colloquium Chicago, Illinois
Northwestern University School of Law March 2016

Invited Presenter, Of Tax Crimes and “Bad” Citizens, Citizenship and Tax Symposium Ann Arbor, Michigan
University of Michigan Law School October 2015

Presenter, Of Tax Evasion and “Bad” Citizens, Tax Policy Panel Boca Raton, Florida
Presenter, Sin Taxes, Teaching and Regulating Vice Panel July 2015
Southeastern Association of Law Schools Conference

Presenter, Of Tax Evasion and “Bad” Citizens, Junior Tax Scholars Workshop Austin, Texas
University of Texas School of Law June 2015

Presenter, Citizenship and Taxation, Critical Tax Conference Chicago, Illinois
Northwestern University School of Law May 2015

Invited Presenter, A Post-Gender Tax Code?, Enhancing Economic Security Baltimore, Maryland
for Women Workers Panel March 2015
8th Annual Feminist Legal Theory Conference: Applied Feminism and Work

Presenter, Taxing Modern Families, Improving Clarity in Tax Administration Panel Amelia Island, Florida
Southeastern Association of Law Schools Conference August 2014

Presenter, Taxing Modern Families, Junior Tax Scholars Workshop Washington, D.C.
June 2014
Discussant, David Herzig, Marriage Pluralism: Taxing Marriage After Windsor
Discussant, Philip Hackney, Taxing the Unheavenly Chorus: Why Section §501(c)(6) Trade Associations Are
Thoroughly Undeserving of Tax Exemption
American University Washington College of Law

<i>Discussant</i> , Susannah Takh, <i>The Tax War on Poverty</i> , Tulane Tax Roundtable Tulane University Law School	New Orleans, Louisiana March 2014
<i>Moderator</i> , <i>Social Engineering and the Tax Code: A Record of Success?</i> Southeastern Association of Law Schools Conference	Palm Beach, Florida August 2013
<i>Discussant</i> , Tax Policy Workshop Southeastern Association of Law Schools Conference	Palm Beach, Florida August 2013
<i>Presenter</i> , <i>Mapping the Families of Tax</i> , Faculty Workshop Tulane University Law School	New Orleans, Louisiana July 2013
<i>Presenter</i> , <i>Family As Status, Family as Contract in the Tax Code</i> Law & Society Annual Meeting	Boston, Massachusetts June 2013
<i>Invited Presenter</i> , <i>Family As Status . . .</i> , Tulane Law Review Footnote Series Tulane University Law School	New Orleans, Louisiana April 2013
<i>Presenter</i> , <i>Family As Status . . .</i> , Faculty Workshop Tulane University Law School	New Orleans, Louisiana March 2013
<i>Invited Presenter</i> , <i>Family As Status . . .</i> , Tulane Tax Roundtable Tulane University Law School	New Orleans, Louisiana February 2013
<i>Invited Presenter</i> , <i>Family As Status . . .</i> , Faculty Workshop Florida State University College of Law	Tallahassee, Florida November 2012
<i>Invited Presenter</i> , <i>Reproducing Value</i> , Murphy Institute Public Policy Group Tulane University Law School	New Orleans, Louisiana October 2012
<i>Discussant</i> , James R. Hines, Jr., <i>The Redistributive Potential of Wealth Transfer Taxes</i> “A Fiscal Trilemma?” Conference Tulane University Law School	New Orleans, Louisiana October 2012

EDITORIAL WORK

Developmental Editor for Casebook Connect Tax Study Center (Income Tax) Wolters Kluwer	Spring 2017
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EXPERIENCE

Trenam, Kemker, Scharf, Barkin, Frye, O’Neill & Mullis <i>Summer Associate</i>	Tampa, Florida May 2009 – August 2009, May 2010 – June 2010
Karen Sandrik, Florida State University College of Law <i>Research Assistant</i>	Tallahassee, Florida September 2010 – April 2011

Botswana Court of Appeal

Judicial Clerk

Drafted legal opinions and bench memoranda as a clerk for the Justices of Botswana's highest court.

Lobatse, Botswana

July 2010

Children in Prison Project

Legal Intern

Tallahassee, Florida
August 2009 – Jan 2010

First Amendment Foundation

Legal and Legislative Intern

Tallahassee, Florida
February 2009 – May 2009

BAR STATUS

Admitted to the Florida Bar in November 2011