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**EDUCATION**

**UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA SCHOOL OF LAW**
Juris Doctorate, 1995

***Honors:***
- Virginia Law Review
- Virginia Law Review, Notes Development Editor

**UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA, College of Arts & Sciences**
Bachelor of Arts - History, 1992

***Honors:***
- Arthur Fauset Award, Outstanding Intellectual and Community Service
- Sphinx Honor Society

**ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE**

**SMU DEDMAN SCHOOL OF LAW**, Dallas, Texas
*Professor of Law,* 2021 – present
*Associate Professor of Law,* promoted with tenure 2015 - 2021
*Assistant Professor of Law,* 2009 - 2015
*Senior Lecturer in Law & Director, W. W. Caruth, Jr. Child Advocacy Clinic,* 2002-2009

*Appointments:*
*Associate Dean for Research,* 2022-2025
*Chair, University-wide Task Force on Social Justice and Equity,* 2021-2023

**EMORY UNIVERSITY,** Atlanta, Georgia
*Visiting Scholar,* Feminist Legal Theory Project and Vulnerability and Human Condition Initiative, Fall 2012

**Current Courses:** Family Law, Children and the Law, Professional Responsibility, Advanced Family Law Seminar (edited writing course).

**Research Areas:** Family Law and Slavery, Antebellum Family Law, Intersection of Race, Gender, and Family Law, Family Law Regulation and Public Policy, Elder Law and Intergenerational Caregiving.

**RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS**

• 2020-21 Robert G. Storey Distinguished Faculty Fellowship, SMU Dedman School of Law

• 2019 Gerald J. Ford Senior Research Fellowship, Southern Methodist University

• 2019-20 Robert G. Storey Distinguished Faculty Fellowship, SMU Dedman School of Law

## AWARDS

• 2021 Tom Tunks Distinguished University Citizenship Award Recipient, SMU

• 2020-21 Inaugural Member of the Stagen Leadership Academy Social Impact Leadership Program, Audre Lorde Class

• 2020 Fellow, Texas State Bar Foundation

• 2017 Dallas Public Voices Thought Leader, selected by The OpEd Project and The Boone Family Foundation to increase public impact of the nation's top and most diverse thinkers

• 2016 V. Alyce Foster Trailblazer Award Recipient, South Dallas Business and Professional Women's Club, Inc.

• 2015 Faculty Appreciation Award from Women in Law Association at SMU Dedman School of Law

• 2014 SMU Year of the Faculty, selected by Dean and Office of Public Affairs as faculty member who has been a newsmaker through achievements

• 2009 *Texas Lawyer* Extraordinary Minority in Texas Law

• 2006 11th Annual Equal Justice Award, Legal Aid of Northwest Texas, Inc. (as W.W. Caruth, Jr. Child Advocacy Clinic Director)

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books

• FAMILY LAW SIMULATIONS: BRIDGE TO PRACTICE (with Jamie R. Abrams) (WEST ACADEMIC, 2021).

• CONTEMPORARY FAMILY LAW, 6TH ED., (with Douglas E. Abrams, Naomi R. Cahn, Linda McClain, Catherine Ross, and Kaiponanea Matsumura) (WEST ACADEMIC, 2023).

### Law Review Articles & Essays

• *Racial Myopia in [Family] Law,* 132 YALE L.J. FORUM 1086 (2023).

• *A Critical Race Theory Approach to Children's Rights*, 71 AM. U. L. REV. 1855-1897 (2022) (invited symposium article).

• *The Ties that Bind: What Pauli Murray Teaches Us About Race, Family, Slavery and Inequality,* 55 FAM. L.Q. 293-309 (2022).

• *The Perfect Storm: Coronavirus and the Elder Catch,* 96 TUL. L. REV. 59-129 (2021).

• *The Changing Tides of Adoption: Why Marriage, Race and Identity Still Matter*, 71 SMU L. REV. 159-176 (2018).

• *Beyond Child Welfare: Theories on Child Homelessness,* 21 WASH. & LEE J. CIV. RTS. & SOC. JUST. 16-53 (2014).

• *Overstepping Ethical Boundaries? Limitations on State Efforts to Provide Access to Justice in Family Courts,* 82 FORDHAM L. REV. 2705-2760 (2014).

• *Grandma in the White House: Legal Support for Intergenerational Caregiving,* 43 SETON HALL L. REV. 1-74 (2013) (lead article) (cited in D. KELLY WEISBERG & SUSAN F. APPLETON, MODERN FAMILY LAW: CASES AND MATERIALS 385 (5th ed., 2016) and excerpted in NINA A. KOHN, ELDER LAW: CASES, PROBLEMS & EXERCISES 595-96, 597 (2014)).

• *The First Father: Perspectives on the President's Fatherhood Initiative,* 50 FAM. CT. REV. 297-309 (2012) (cited in CLARE HUNTINGTON, FAILURE TO FLOURISH: HOW LAW UNDERMINES FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS 41 (2014).

• *African-American Grandmothers: Does the Gender Entrapment Theory Apply? Essay Response to Professor Beth Richie,* 37 WASH. U. J.L. & POL'Y 153-181 (2011).

• *The Principle of Subsidiarity Applied: Reforming the Legal Framework To Capture the Psychological Abuse of Children,* 18 VA. J. SOC. POL'Y & L. 247-318 (2011) (cited in *McClanahan v. Washington Cty. Dep't of Soc. Servs.*, 445 Md. 691, footnote 17, 129 A.3d 293, 302 (2015) and excerpted in KATHERINE HUNT FEDERLE, CHILDREN AND THE LAW: AN INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACH WITH CASES, MATERIALS AND COMMENTS, 553-54 (Oxford University Press 2012).

• *The Texas Mis-step: Why the Largest Child Removal in Modern U.S. History Failed***,** 16 WM. & MARY J. WOMEN & L**.** 449-535 (2010) (lead article).

• *The African-American Child Welfare Act: A Legal Redress for African-American Disproportionality in Child Protection Cases,* 10 BERKELEY J. AFR.-AM. L. & POL'Y 109-145 (2008).

**Book Chapters & Shorter Works**

• *The Elder Catch: Engineering the Future of Caregiving in* RE-CONCEIVING EQUALITY AND FREEDOM: VULNERABILITY, DEPENDENCY, AND THE RESPONSIVE STATE (Martha Fineman and Laura Spitz, eds., 2023).

• *Tribute to Family Law Scholars Who Helped Us Find Our Path: Dorothy E. Roberts*, 55 FAM. L.Q. 381-386 (2022).

• *Intersectionality and Children's Rights in* THE OXFORD HANDBOOK ON CHILDREN'S RIGHTS 181-202 (Jonathan Todres and Shani King, eds. 2020).

• *DeShaney v. Winnebago County Department of Social Services*, 489 U.S. 189 (1989) *in* FEMINIST JUDGMENTS: FAMILY LAW OPINIONS REWRITTEN 224 -242 (Rachel Rebouche, ed. 2020).

• *Legislative Solutions to Address Disproportionality in* RACIAL DISPROPORTIONALITY AND DISPARITIES IN THE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM 413-438 (A.J. Dettlaff, ed., 2020).

## WORKS-IN-PROGRESS

### Articles

• *Uncovering Race in Family Law*

• *#VoteForOurLives: Children and the Right to Vote*

• *Preserving Siblings: In the Best Interest of the Family*

### Book

• *Slavery and the Origins of Family Law*

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

### *Slavery and the Origins of Family Law*

• Slavery Past Present and Future: 7th Global Meeting, Webster University Ghana (July 4, 2023)

• 2023 Lutie A. Lytle Black Women Law Faculty Writing Workshop, Penn State Dickinson School of Law (June 24, 2023)

• Competitively Selected Panelist, *The Political Economy of Motherhood*, Yale Law and Political Economy Project Conference, Yale Law School (March 17, 2021)

• 2014 Lutie A. Lytle Black Women Law Faculty Writing Workshop, University of Wisconsin School of Law (June 27, 2014)

• Emerging Family Law Scholars and Teachers Conference, University of Minnesota Law School (May 28, 2014)

***Preserving Siblings: In the Best Interest of the Family***

• Invited Participant, Connecticut Public Interest Law Journal Symposium - Are Parental Rights Always in the Best Interest of Children?, University of Connecticut School of Law (March 31, 2023)

***A Critical Race Theory Approach to Children's Rights***

• Invited Participant, Children and the Law Workshop, University of Connecticut School of Law (April 1, 2022)

• Invited Panelist, Rutgers Race & the Law Review Symposium – "Family Matters" honoring Professor Twila Perry, Panel Presentation, *Critical Race Approached to the Well-Being and Welfare of Children of Color* (April 12, 2022)

• Invited Panelist, American University Washington College of Law, Symposium – "The Impact of Race on Youth [in]Justice: A Closer Look at Young People of Color and the Legal System" (February 4, 2022)

***The Elder Catch: Engineering the Future of Caregiving***

• Virtual Workshop, Emory University School of Law, "Re-Conceiving Equality and Freedom: Vulnerability, Dependency, and the Responsive State," The Vulnerability and Human Condition Initiative (January 29, 2022)

***The Perfect Storm: Coronavirus and the Elder Catch,***

• Invited Panelist, Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, AALS Section on Family and Juvenile Law, Panel Presentation, *Family Law for the Long Hall* (January 5, 2022)

• Member Presentation, Family, Kinship and Relatedness Research Cluster, SMU Dedman College Interdisciplinary Institute (October 2, 2020)

***Uncovering Race in Family Law***

• Member Presentation, Family, Kinship and Relatedness Research Cluster, SMU Dedman College Interdisciplinary Institute (September 30, 2021)

• The Southeastern Association of Schools Conference, Amelia Island (August 1, 2021)

• Invited Speaker, Temple Law Faculty Colloquium (February 24, 2021)

• Capital City Family Law Scholars Workshop (October 23, 2020)

• New York Area Family Law Scholars Workshop (October 9, 2020)

• Invited Speaker, Seton Hall Faculty Colloquium, (October 7, 2020)

• Invited Panelist, Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, AALS Section on Family and Juvenile Law, Panel Presentation, "Alternative Approaches to Teaching Family Law" (January 4, 2019)

• 2013 Lutie A. Lytle Black Women Law Faculty Writing Workshop, University of Nevada Las Vegas School of Law (June 29, 2013)

• Emerging Family Law Scholars and Teachers Conference, Brooklyn Law School (June 5, 2013)

***Family Law Simulations: A Bridge to Practice***

• Invited Panelist, Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, AALS Section on Family and Juvenile Law, Pedagogy Panel Presentation, (January 4, 2020)

• 2019 Lutie A. Lytle Black Women Law Faculty Writing Workshop, Penn State University Law School, University Park (June 22, 2019)

• Family Law Scholars and Teachers Conference, Howard University School of Law (May 29, 2019)

***The Elder Catch: Caregiving Vulnerability and the State-Market Response***

• Invited Panelist, Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, AALS Section on Aging and the Law, Panel Presentation, (January 5, 2019)

***#VoteForOurLives: Children and the Right to Vote***

• Invited Panelist, "The Rights of Children in America: Do We Need a Constitutional Amendment?," Capita Think Tank Webinar (August, 31, 2021)

• Selected Plenary Panelist, Mandela and the Law Conference, University of the Western Cape School of Law, Cape Town, South Africa (October 27, 2018)

***The African American Child Welfare Act Redux* (now *Legislative Solutions to Address Disproportionality in* RACIAL DISPROPORTIONALITY AND DISPARITIES IN THE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM**

• 2018 Lutie A. Lytle Black Women Law Faculty Writing Workshop, SMU Dedman School of Law (July 14, 2018)

***DeShaney v. Winnebago County Department of Social Services*, 489 U.S. 189 (1989) *in* FEMINIST JUDGMENTS: FAMILY LAW OPINIONS REWRITTEN**

• Invited Panelist, Law and Society Association Annual Meeting: Family Law and Feminist Opinions (June 10, 2018)

***A Critical Race Theory Approach to Children's Rights in* THE OXFORD HANDBOOK ON CHILDREN'S RIGHTS**

• SMU Faculty Form (February 12, 2018)

***The Ties that Bind: What Pauli Murray Teaches Us About Race, Family, Slavery and Inequality***

• Howard University School of Law, Symposium - "Singing of a New American: Pauli Murray's Legacy and Justice in the 21st Century" (September 15, 2017)

***Close Encounters: A Feminist Legal Theory Analysis of the State Treatment of Female Child Sexual Abuse Victims***

• Selected panelist, 2017 World Congress on Family Law and Children's Rights (June 5, 2017)

• 2017 Lutie A. Lytle Black Women Law Faculty Writing Workshop, University of Michigan College of Law (July 7, 2017)

***Caregiving Costs* (formerly entitled *Towards a New (Economic) Theory for Intergenerational Caregiving*)**

• 2016 Texas Legal Scholars Conference, SMU Dedman School of Law (August 26, 2016)

• Faculty Forum, SMU Dedman School of Law (August 31, 2016)

***The Black Parenting Experience: Intergenerational Effects on Children's Exposure to Violence***

• Panel organizer and presenter, The Present and Future of Civil Rights Movements: Race and Reform in 21st Century America, Duke Law School (November 21, 2015)

***Dismantling Resistant Assets: Toward a New Theory for Intergenerational Caregiving* (formerly entitled *Vulnerability, Resistant Assets, and Reciprocal Exchange)***

• 2016 Lutie A. Lytle Black Women Law Faculty Writing Workshop, University of Iowa School of Law (July 9, 2016)

• 2015 Lutie A. Lytle Black Women Law Faculty Writing Workshop, Vanderbilt University School of Law (July 11, 2015)

• 2015 AALS Midyear Meeting, "Workshop on Shifting Foundations: Family Law's Response to Changing Families," Orlando, Florida (June 24, 2015)

• Emerging Family Law Scholars and Teachers Conference, Florida A&M College of Law (June 22, 2015)

• Invited Panelist, Law and Society Association Annual Meeting: Aging and Inequalities (May 30, 2015)

• Selected Panelist, A Workshop on Theorizing the State: The Resources of Vulnerability, Emory University School of Law (December 6, 2014)

***The Fluid Family Theory***

• Invited Panelist, The Future of Families and Family Law, Brigham Young University School of Law (October 10, 2014)

***30 Year Anniversary of the Feminism and Legal Theory Project Roundtable***

• Invited Panelist, Law and Society Association Annual Meeting: Law and Inequalities: Global and Local (May 30, 2014)

***The Impact of Slavery on Private Family Law***

• Competitively Selected Presenter, 2014 Critical Race Theory Conference, "Re-Envisioning Race in a 'Post-Racial' Era: New Approaches in Critical Race Theory, Yale Law School (April 5, 2014)

• Selected Panelist, Mid-Atlantic People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference 2014, University of Baltimore School of Law, (January 24, 2014)

***Beyond Child Welfare: Theories on Child Homelessness***

• Invited Panelist, Symposium 2014: Emerging Issues in Child Welfare, Washington and Lee University School of Law (February 28, 2014)

***Overstepping Ethical Boundaries? Limitations on State Efforts to Provide Access to Justice in Family Courts***

• Invited Participant, 2013 Stein Ethics Center Colloquium, Legal Monopoly of Lawyers, Fordham Law School (October 18, 2013)

***Father Chasing: The State's Ethical Duties in the Establishment of Voluntary Paternity***

• 2013 Lutie A. Lytle Black Women Law Faculty Writing Workshop, University of Nevada Las Vegas School of Law (June 29, 2013)

• Emerging Family Law Scholars and Teachers Conference, Brooklyn Law School (June 5, 2013)

• Junior Faculty Workshop, SMU Dedman School of Law (April 12, 2013)

***Child Sexual Victimization: When Abused Children Become Neglectful Mothers***

• 2013 Southeastern Association of Law Schools Conference, Children in the Law Discussion Group (August 4, 2013)

• Brown Bag Lunch Visiting Scholar Presentation, Emory University School of Law (November 8, 2012), available at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KlZ0gzKxrZ0

• 2012 Lutie A. Lytle Black Women Law Faculty Writing Workshop, Suffolk University Law School (June 30, 2012)

• Sustaining Families: Global and Local Perspectives, Mid-West Family Law Consortium and International Society of Family Law, University of Iowa School of Law (June 14, 2012)

• Emerging Family Law Scholars and Teachers Conference, Fordham Law School (May 22, 2012)

***Grandma in the White House: Legal Support for Intergenerational Caregiving***

• Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, AALS Section on Children and the Law, Panel Presentation, "Evolving Responsibilities: The Impact of Recent Trends on Children and Families" (January 5, 2013)

• Faculty Development Brown Bag Workshop, Georgia State University School of Law (November 6, 2012)

• Faculty Enrichment Workshop, University of Florida Levin College of Law (November 2, 2012)

• Sustaining Families: Global and Local Perspectives, Mid-West Family Law Consortium and International Society of Family Law, University of Iowa School of Law (June 16, 2012)

• SMU Faculty Forum, Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law (April 12, 2012)

• 2011 Lutie A. Lytle Black Women Law Faculty Writing Workshop, Texas Southern University, Thurgood Marshall School of Law (June 18, 2011)

• Feminism and Legal Theory / Vulnerability and the Human Condition Projects Workshop, Emory University School of Law (January 22, 2011)

• Junior Faculty Legal Scholarship Workshop, SMU Dedman School of Law (January 14, 2011)

***Family and Race in Post-Obama America***

• Emerging Family Law Scholars and Teachers Conference, Brooklyn Law School (June 5, 2013)

• 2012 Lutie A. Lytle Black Women Law Faculty Writing Workshop, Suffolk University Law School (June 29, 2012)

• National People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, Seton Hall University School of Law (September 10, 2010)

• Emerging Family Law Scholars & Teachers Conference, University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law (June 3, 2010)

***The First Father: Perspectives on the President's Fatherhood Initiative***

• 2011 Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, "The Future of Fatherhood," San Francisco (June 4, 2011)

• Emerging Family Law Scholars and Teachers Conference, University of California Hastings College of Law (June 1, 2011)

***African-American Grandmothers: Does the Gender Entrapment Theory Apply?***

• Art, Life & Law – "Sharing ideas, experiences, and solutions: a conversation surrounding kinship care within the African American family," South Dallas Cultural Center (June 22, 2012)

• Invited Commentator for Keynote Speaker Professor Beth E. Richie, Access to Justice Symposium, Washington University School of Law, Saint Louis (March 28, 2011)

***The Principle of Subsidiarity Applied: Reforming the Legal Framework to Capture the Psychological Abuse of Children***

• Invited Speaker, Blue Ribbon Task Force, San Antonio, Texas (June 18, 2012)

• Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, Poster Presentation (January 7, 2011)

***Capturing the Psychological Abuse of Children***

• Feminism and Legal Theory / Vulnerability and the Human Condition Projects Workshop, Emory University School of Law (March 20, 2010)

***FLDS Reconsidered: Establishing Substantial Psychological Abuse as Part of the Legal Standard for Emergency Child Removal***

• Children and the Law Junior Faculty Workshop, Washington and Lee University School of Law (July 16, 2009)

***The African-American Child Welfare Act: A Legal Redress for African-American Disproportionality in Child Protection Cases***

• "Setting the Agenda: Examining Critical Legal Issues Facing African-Americans and Minority Communities in the 2008 Election," Berkeley Journal of African-American of Law and Policy Symposium (November 9, 2007)

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

• Eleventh Annual Promoting Diversity in Law School Leadership Workshop, Seattle University School of Law (September 16-17, 2022)

• Competitively Selected Member, Inaugural Social Impact Leadership Program, Audre Lorde Class, Stagen Leadership Academy (April 2020 – April 2021)

• Invited Speaker, *Ethics for Leaders,* 2020 Leaders and Candidates Training, Dallas, Texas (January 11, 2020)

• AALS Section on Family and Juvenile Law Pedagogy Panel Creator & Organizer, 2020 AALS Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C. (January 4, 2020)

• Invited Moderator, *Turning Passion into Pay*, 2019 Lutie A. Lytle Black Women Law Faculty Writing Workshop, Penn State Law, University Park (June 20, 2019)

• 2019 Faculty Success Program Scholarship Recipient, National Center for Faculty Diversity and Development

• AALS Section on Family and Juvenile Law Pedagogy Panel Creator and Organizer, 2019 AALS Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana

• Invited Plenary Speaker, *Success Stories: Now That I Have Tenure, What Are My Accomplishments and Triumphs as a Law Professor*, 2018 AALS Annual Meeting, San Diego, California (January 6, 2018)

• AALS Section on Minority Groups Panel Organizer and Moderator, *Strategies and Support for Persons of Color in New Law Teaching*, 2018 AALS Annual Meeting, San Diego, California (January 4, 2018)

• AALS Section on Family and Juvenile Law Joint Program Creator & Organizer, *Keeping Up with the Changing Face of the American Family*, 2018 AALS Annual Meeting, San Diego, California (January 5, 2018)

• Invited Panelist & Moderator, *Creating Your Academic Business Plan*, 2017 Lutie A. Lytle Black Women Law Faculty Writing Workshop, University of Michigan College of Law (July 8, 2017)

• SMU Dean's Council Presentation, National Center for Faculty Diversity and Development, February 9, 2017 (resulting in institutional membership)

• Invited Teaching Plenary Panelist "The Real Family Law Practitioners of Philadelphia County," 2016 Family Law Scholars and Teachers Conference, Loyola University New Orleans College of Law (June 1, 2016)

• Invited Plenary Panelist "Making Criticism Constructive at all Phases," 2016 Lutie A. Lytle Black Women Law Faculty Writing Workshop, University of Iowa College of Law (July 9, 2016)

• Invited Panel Moderator, "On Being Black and Female in the Classroom," 2015 Lutie A. Lytle Black Women Law Faculty Writing Workshop, Vanderbilt University School of Law (July 11, 2015)

• Invited Plenary Panel Moderator, "Preparing Family Law for the Future," 2015 AALS Midyear Meeting, "Workshop on Shifting Foundations: Family Law's Response to Changing Families," Orlando, Florida (June 24, 2015)

• Invited Participant, Emerging Leaders Seminar Series, Southern Methodist University, (Spring 2015)

• Invited Respondent Speaker, *Can Feminism Be Resurrected?*, The Federalist Society, (September 8, 2014)

• Invited Panelist, Teaching Cultural Competence, Teaching Effectiveness Symposium, Center for Teaching Excellence, Southern Methodist University (August 21, 2014)

• Participant, Best Law Teacher's Conference 2014, Northwestern University School of Law (June 26-27, 2014)

• Paper Commentator, Alix Lerner, Princeton University Ph.D. Candidate, *Both Property and Pauper: Slavery, Old Age, and the Inverted Logic of Capitalist Exchange,* Aging, Law, & Society Critical Research Network, Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, Minnesota (May 29, 2014)

• Paper Commentator, Tonya Brito, *The Dearth of Defense: Examining the Unrealized Promise of Civil Gideon*, Lutie A. Lytle Black Women Law Faculty Writing Workshop (June 27, 2014)

• Invited Panel Moderator, Section on Civil Rights – "50th Anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1964: Examining its Future (Part I)," American Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, New York, New York (January 3, 2014)

• Paper Commentator, Bernie Jones, *Reconsidering Federally Funded Paid Family Leave Policies: Envisioning Private Pension Plans*, Lutie A. Lytle Black Women Law Faculty Writing Workshop (June 29, 2013)

• Panel Moderator, Section on Children and the Law – "Children and the Media," American Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C. (January 6, 2012)

• Paper Commentator, Rose Cuison Villazor, *Racially Inadmissible Wives: Uncovering the Federal Regulation of Interracial Marriages through Immigration Law*, Faculty Forum, SMU Dedman School of Law (April 9, 2010)

• Panel Facilitator, Making Choices & Keeping Doors Open, Eighth Annual LatCrit-SALT Junior Faculty Development Workshop, University of Denver Sturm School of Law (October 8, 2010)

## CONFERENCES & SEMINARS ORGANIZED & CHAIRED

• Host and Co-chair, 12th Annual Lutie A. Lytle Annual Black Women Law Professors Workshop and Writing Retreat, SMU Dedman School of Law (July 11 -18, 2018)

• Co-chair, Emerging Family Law Scholars and Teachers Annual Conference, Florida A&M College of Law (June 22, 2015)

• *Family-Focused Collaborative Project: CPS Training For Collaboratively Trained Professionals,* W.W. Caruth, Jr, Child Advocacy Clinic and CPS Collaborative Project (August 14, 2009)

• *Interdisciplinary Training for Children's Attorneys: FLDS Cases,* W.W. Caruth, Jr. Child Advocacy Clinic and State Bar of Texas (May 10, 2008)

• *Preparing for Court Testimony: A Primer for Social Workers & Attorneys*, W.W. Caruth, Jr. Child Advocacy Clinic and Department of Family and Protective Services (December 7, 2007)

• *Dallas Youth at Risk Roundtable*, American Bar Association President's Office and SMU Dedman School of Law (May 23, 2007)

• *The Legal and Social Impact of Disproportionality in Child Protection Cases*, SMU Child Welfare Symposium (November 16-17, 2006)

• *Relapse to Recovery: Making Home Safe for Children*, The American Bar Association Center on Children and the Law and W.W. Caruth, Jr. Child Advocacy Clinic (November 4, 2005)

• *How to be a Zealous Advocate for Your Child Client*, Southwest Juvenile Defender Center, Texas Appleseed and W.W. Caruth, Jr. Child Advocacy Clinic (October 17, 2005)

• *Abused Children in State Care: Are Their Best Interest Being Served?* SMU Child Welfare Symposium (October 15, 2004)

## OPINION EDITORIALS

• "Juneteeth shows why Black freedom remains elusive," WASHINGTON POST, Made By History - Perspective (June 19, 2020), https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/2020/06/19/juneteenth-shows-that-black-freedom-remains-elusive/.

• "What the Cosby and Sandusky Cases teach us about reporting sexual assault," Garnett News, June 22, 2017.

• "Why Convicting Dr. Huxtable is so Hard," Garnett News, June 21, 2017.

• "Police Training Should Start with a History on Slavery Laws," The Root, June 10, 2017.

## MEDIA INTERVIEWS & APPEARANCES

• Interview, "DeSoto parents of newborn fight to remove baby from foster care," Dallas Morning News, April 13, 2023.

• Podcast Interview, *The Perfect Storm: Coronavirus and the Elder Catch*, Voices in Vulnerability, February 23, 2022.

• Radio Interview, "Lawyers, Law Students Officially File Grievances Seeking To Disbar Senator Ted Cruz," KERA, January 28, 2021, https://www.keranews.org/news/2021-01-28/lawyers-law-students-officially-file-grievances-seeking-to-disbar-senator-ted-cruz.

• Radio Interview, The Mildred Gaddis Show, AM 1200 WCHB in Detroit, Michigan, June 14, 2017 re Opinion Editorial, "Police Training Should Start with a History on Slavery Laws."

• Radio Interview, "The Supreme Court's Texas Decisions," KNON, KERA 90.1FM, Think! Radio show, June 23, 2016, http://www.kera.org/2016/06/23/the-supreme-courts-texas-decisions/.

• Interview, *Women wed in Texas' first same sex marriage, but union contested*, Dallas Morning News, February 19, 2015.

• Live Television Interview, Same-Sex Marriage Ruling, Fox 4 News, Good Day, October 7, 2014, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xM8MxD_ATYo.

• Interview, *Mother arrested at D/FW Airport after returning to U.S. with son*, Dallas Morning News, July 10, 2014.

• Interview, *Texas Inmates encounter a hitch in their wedding plans*, Dallas Morning News, February 23, 2014.

• Video Interview, *Deadly Affection: Part 2 – 'Better tools, better education,'* Dallas Morning News, February 2, 2014, http://res.dallasnews.com/interactives/2014_deadlyaffection/part2/index.html.

• Radio Interview, CBS Radio (Dallas, KLIF FM), December 18, 2013, http://www.smu.edu/News/2013/jessica-weaver-ap-18dec2013 (regarding Affluenza case involving teen accused of drunk driving and manslaughter).

• Interview, *Texas Prosecutor seeks to put 'affluenza' teen behind bars*, REUTERS, December 18, 2013.

• Interview, *For Those Who Drink, Drive and Kill, "Affluenza" Outcome Isn't Uncommon, Especially if They Have Money*, Dallas Observer, December 17, 2013, http://blogs.dallasobserver.com/unfairpark/2013/12/for_those_who_drink_drive_and.php.

• *Prosecutors: No Appeal Options in Texas Wreck Case*, Associated Press, December 16, 2013.

• Live Television Interview, Supreme Court Ruling on Same-Sex Marriage, WFAA News Channel 8, Good Morning Texas, June 26, 2013,

https://www.smu.edu/News/2013/supreme-court-marriage-ruling-26june2013?c=hpHeadlineNews_Professor-Jessica-Weaver-provides-commentary-on-U-.

• Television Interview, Same-Sex Marriage Supreme Court Rulings, CW News Channel 33, June 26, 2013, https://www.smu.edu/News/2013/supreme-court-marriage-ruling-26june2013?c=hpHeadlineNews_Professor-Jessica-Weaver-provides-commentary-on-U-.

• Video Interview, *The Intersection of Practice & Theory: Affecting Family and Children's Law & Policy Through Scholarship*, Emory University Visiting Scholar Interview Exchange Project, November 16, 2012, http://web.gs.emory.edu/vulnerability/visiting%20scholars/interviewexchange/2012interviews.htm.

• Video presentation, *Child Sexual Victimization: When Abused Children Become Neglectful Mothers*, Emory University Brown Bag Lunch Visiting Scholar Presentation, November 8, 2012, http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KlZ0gzKxrZ0.

• Television Interview, "Deion Sanders divorce drama: Conflict of interest?," WFAA News Channel 8, April 26, 2012.

• Ayen Bior, *Students, faculty rally in protest of Trayvon Martin's death,* The Daily Campus, March 26, 2012.

• David Crawford, *Campus News Blog: SMU Law Professor Praised by Texas Lawyers*, The Daily Campus, October 8, 2009.

• *Extraordinary Minorities in Texas Law*, Texas Lawyer, Vol. 25, No. 26, Section 2, September 28, 2009.

• Interview, *CPS actions in polygamist sect case puzzle some child welfare experts*, Dallas Morning News, June 18, 2008.

• Television Interview, "High Court upholds polygamist sect case decision," NBC Nightly News with Brian Williams, May 29, 2008.

• Live Television Interview, "Polygamy Ruling Raises Legal Debate on State Power," News Hour with Jim Lehrer, May 22, 2008.

• Interview, *Sweep of Polygamists' Kids Raise Legal Questions*, Associated Press, April 25, 2008.

• Television Interview, "Mothers Tell Their Side of the Story," NBC Nightly News with Brian Williams, April 16, 2008.

• Radio Interview, "Child Advocacy and Options after Foster Care," KNON, KERA 90.1FM, Think! Radio show, November 20, 2006.

## LAW SCHOOL SERVICE

• Chair, Endowed Lectures and Faculty Forum Committee (2022-23)
• 1L Inns of Court Advisor (2021-22)
• Member, Appointments Committee, 2014-16, 2021-22
• Member, Honor Code Revision Committee, 2021-22

• Member, Law School Executive Committee, 2017-19
• Appointed Law School Representative, Faculty Senate, 2015-16, 2017-18
• Member, Diversity Issues Committee, 2007-08, 2017-18, 2020-22
• Chair, Diversity Issues Committee, 2015-16, 2018-19
• Law School Faculty Liaison, Women's & Gender Studies Certificate Program, 2014-16
• Member, Innovation Task Force Committee, 2015
• Member, Curriculum Committee, 2013-14, 2020
• Faculty Liaison, The Forensic Group, 2010-16
• Faculty Supervisor, Various Externships, 2012-16
• Faculty Advisor, Family Law Association, 2009-16
• Member, Public Service Committee, 2007-15, 2019
• Faculty Advisor, Black Law Students Association, 2003-16, 2017-18, 2020-23
• Member, Endowed Lecturers Committee, 2009-13
• Guest Speaker, Minority Pre-Law Symposium, 2003-10, 2013, 2015-16, 2018
• Faculty Secretary, Spring 2011
• Junior Faculty Workshop Organizer, 2009-10
• Judge, Law Related Education Program, 2005-08
• Judge, Regional Black Law Students Association Moot Court Competition, 2005
• Member, Minority Recruitment and Retention Committee, 2003-04, 2017-18

## UNIVERSITY SERVICE

• Chair, Task Force on Social Justice and Equity, 2021-23
• Faculty Representative, Black Unity Forum, 2020-22
• Faculty Trainer, Hidden Scripts, Campus Cultural Intelligence Initiative, 2019-20
• Faculty Author, Campus Cultural Intelligence Initiative, 2016-18
• Appointed Law School Representative, President's Commission on the Status of Racial Minorities, 2015-16, 2017-18
• Invited member, Faculty Cultural Intelligence Innovation Work Group, 2015-16
• Invited member, Diversity and Wellness Curriculum Committee, 2015-16

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

• Editorial Board Member, Family Law Quarterly (American Bar Association), 2017-23

• Invited Member, Family Law Subcommittee, American Academy of Arts and Sciences Project, Making Justice Accessible: Designing Legal Services for the 21st Century, 2019-21

• Association of American Law Schools

- Section on Family and Juvenile Law
  - Chair, 2018-19
  - Chair-Elect, 2017-18
  - Secretary, 2016-17
  - Member, 2015 Midyear Workshop Planning Committee

  - Executive Committee, 2010-23

- Section on Children and the Law
  - Executive Committee, 2013-19, 2021-23
  - Chair, 2012
  - Chair-Elect, 2011
  - Secretary and Treasurer, 2010

- Section on Aging and the Law, Executive Committee, 2019-22

- Section on Minority Groups and the Law, Executive Committee, 2015-17

- Family Legal Scholars and Teachers Conference (formerly Emerging Family Legal Scholars and Teachers Conference)
  - Planning Committee, 2016-17
  - Planning Committee Co-chair, 2015

- Lutie A. Lytle Annual Black Women Law Faculty Workshop and Writing Retreat
  - 2021 Planning Committee, Howard University School of Law
  - 2018 Host & Workshop Co-chair, SMU Dedman School of Law
  - 2017 Planning Committee, University of Michigan Law School
  - 2016 Planning Committee, University of Iowa School of Law
  - 2015 Planning Committee, Vanderbilt University School of Law

- Society of American Law Teachers

  - SALT/LatCrit Faculty Development Workshop Planning Committee, 2010

- National Association of Counsel for Children
  - 2009-2010 Texas Advisory Board

- Children's Commission, Supreme Court of Texas Permanent Judicial Commission for Children, Youth and Families, Legal Representation Study Workgroup & CPS Bench Book Workgroup, 2009-10

- State of Texas Disproportionality Steering Committee, 2006-08

- Tex Protects Public Policy Committee, 2005-07, 2010-11
  - Drafted White Paper that resulted in changes to Texas Family Code §107.004 – Additional Duties of Attorney Ad Litem for Child

**LEGAL EXPERIENCE**

**THE LAW OFFICE OF JESSICA R. DIXON**
*Solo Practitioner,* Dallas, Texas, 1997-2002

Practice Areas: Labor and Employment Law, Small Business Law, Family Law, Child Welfare Law, and Juvenile Delinquency Law.

**THE MILESTONE GROUP, L.L.C.**
*Managing Partner*, Dallas, Texas, 1999-2001

Company Service: Employment Law and Human Resources Advisement for small to mid-size businesses, Employee Policy Manuals, Labor Audits, Management and Employee Training on Employment Policies & Sexual Harassment.

**SMITH & POLEWSKI**
*Associate*, Dallas, Texas, 1996-1997
Practice Areas: General Civil and Commercial Litigation

**LITTLER MENDELSON**
*Associate*, Dallas, Texas, 1995-1996
Practice Area: Labor and Employment Law

## BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- Texas, 1996
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas, 1997

## BAR SERVICE

- State Bar of Texas, Family Law Council, 2010-22

- Appointed Faculty Member of Family Law Council & Appellate Committee, 2010-21

- Invited Speaker, *The Little Voice: Recognizing Child Abuse and Your Duty to Report It – A Legal Responsibility,* Dallas Association of Young Lawyers, March 31, 2011.

- American Bar Association
    - Youth at Risk Roundtable, 2007-08

- Dallas Bar Association
    - 2006 Vice-Chair, Juvenile Justice Committee
    - 2007 Co-Chair, Juvenile Justice Committee

- J.L. Turner Legal Association – African-American Bar Association
    - 2006 Co-Chair, Mentor Committee
    - 2005 Chair, Mentor Committee
    - 2005 Parliamentarian

***Honors:*** • 2005 Outstanding Committee Chair – Mentor Committee
• 2006 President's Award

## PUBLIC SERVICE

• Capita Think Tank, Board of Directors, 2021-24
• Lutie Legacy Society, Board of Directors, 2020-24
• Jack and Jill of America, Inc., Dallas Chapter, Beautillion Scholarship Chair, 2018-19; Beautillion Programming Co-Chair, 2021; Dallas Chapter, Historian (2021-23)
• Dallas Public Voices, Leadership and Advisory Committee, 2018-19
• Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Alpha Xi Omega Chapter, 2017-20, 2021
• Advisory Board Member, Harmony Community Development Corporation, 2015-20
• Governance Chair, Harmony Community Development Corporation, 2013-14
• Founding Board Member, Harmony Community Development Corporation, 2007-14
• Appointed Board Member, Dallas County Child Welfare Board, 2008-12, Interim Chair (2011)
• South Dallas Fair Park Trust Fund, Chair 2006-08