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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 Social Justice and Equity Task Force*, 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, Kaiponanea Matsumura, and Linda McClain) (WEST ACADEMIC, forthcoming 2023).
- ADOPTION LAW: THEORY, POLICY & PRACTICE, 3RD ED., (with Barbara Bennett Woodhouse) (William S. Hein, Co., Inc., forthcoming 2024).

Law Review Articles & Essays

- *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*, 55FAM. 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., forthcoming 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*
- *Slavery and the Origins of Family Law*
- *#VoteForOurLives: Children and the Right to Vote*

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

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)

Slavery and the Origins of Family Law

- 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)

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

- 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

- 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.

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- *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
 - Section on Women in Legal Education, 2015 AALS Networking Event Planning Committee
- 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, 2021-23
- Jack and Jill of America, Inc., Dallas Chapter, Historian; Beautillion Programming Co-Chair, 2021-22
- Lutie Legacy Society, Board of Directors, 2020-23
- Jack and Jill of America, Inc., Dallas Chapter, Beautillion Scholarship Chair, 2018-19
- Dallas Public Voices, Leadership and Advisory Committee, 2018-19
- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Alpha Xi Omega Chapter, 2017-19, 2021
- Advisory Board Member, Harmony Community Development Corporation, 2015-23
- 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
- Member, Dallas Mayor Inner Circle, 2007