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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of South Carolina Joseph F. Rice School of Law, Columbia, South Carolina
Assistant Professor of Law 2026 – present

North Carolina Central University School of Law, Durham, North Carolina
Assistant Professor of Law 2022 – 2026

Loyola University Chicago School of Law, Chicago, Illinois
Clinical Teaching Fellow, ChildLaw Clinic 2019 – 2022
Instructor, ChildLaw Trial Practice 2020 – 2022
Adjunct Professor, Family Law & Policy 2022 Spring

PUBLICATIONS

Law Review Articles:

Adjudicating Obedience, STAN. J. C.R. & C.L. (forthcoming 2026).

- Selected for inclusion in the 2025 Harvard/Yale/Stanford Junior Faculty Forum after competitive, double-blind submission process.

Visitation as Family Regulation, 103 N.C. L. REV. 521 (2025).

Book Chapter:

Child Participation and Child Advocacy: Integrating Children's Voices and Interests in Family Dispute Resolution, in FAMILY DISPUTE RESOLUTION (Salem & Olson, eds.) (Oxford Univ. Press 2024) (with Stacey Platt).

Media:

Children Can Be Made Safe in Troubled Homes, WALL STREET JOURNAL, April 4, 2023.

DCFS Should Lift Its Ban on Parent-Child Visits, CHICAGO TRIBUNE, June 15, 2020.

- Cited in *DCFS Foster Kids to See Parents After Months Apart. It's About Time*, Editorial Board, CHICAGO TRIBUNE, June 19, 2020.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

“Infant Exceptionalism” (presented under various titles)
CrimFest!, July 14, 2026.

Richmond Junior Faculty Forum, May 20-21, 2026.

University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School, State & Local Courts Workshop, Apr. 17, 2026.

“Family Separation: Then and Now,” University of Virginia School of Law, Mid-Atlantic Family Law Scholars Roundtable, Dec. 10, 2025.

“Adjudicating Obedience” (presented under various titles)

Harvard/Yale/Stanford Junior Faculty Forum, Harvard Law School, June 2-3, 2025 (selected).

UNC School of Law, Mar. 25, 2025 (invited guest lecturer for seminar).

Duke Law, Feb. 6, 2025 (invited guest lecturer for seminar).

Mid-Atlantic Family Law Scholars Roundtable, Dec. 11, 2024.

ABA/AALS Criminal Justice Roundtable, Dec. 2, 2024.

NCCU School of Law Faculty Colloquium, Nov. 14, 2024.

NYU Clinical Law Review Workshop, Sept. 28, 2024.

Family Law Scholars and Teachers Conference, June 17, 2024.

“Visitation as Family Regulation”

AALS Family and Juvenile Law Section, Works-in-Progress Panel, Jan. 5, 2024.

Mid-Atlantic Family Law Scholars Roundtable, Dec. 1, 2023.

SEALS 2023 Conference, July 27, 2023.

Family Law Scholars and Teachers Conference, June 15, 2023.

“Keeping Families Together: Crisis in Child Welfare,” Duke Law, Oct. 28, 2023 (conference co-planner and panel moderator).

“Parents’ and Children’s Rights in the Midst of Our Present Culture Wars,” Family Law Scholars & Teachers Conference, Boston College School of Law, June 14, 2023 (moderator).

“Family Regulation,” AALS Annual Meeting, Poverty Law Section, Jan. 8, 2022 (selected panelist).

LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY

Testimony before U.S. Commission on Civil Rights’ North Carolina Advisory Committee, Briefing on Civil Rights and the Child Welfare System in North Carolina, July 12, 2024 (invited)

EDUCATION

City University of New York School of Law, Queens, New York

Juris Doctorate, 2010

- Jo-Anne Weissbart Fellow (first recipient)
- *New York City Law Review*, Editor
- Economic Justice Project, Member and Teaching Assistant
- Immigrant & Non-Citizen Rights Clinic, Member

Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, New York

Bachelor of Arts (Political Science), 2003

- General Honors, Department Honors, Senior Thesis Honors

- Universidad de La Habana, Cuba (semester abroad).

LEGAL AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

New York City Department of Education , New York, New York <i>Attorney</i> , Office of General Counsel	2018 – 2019
Brooklyn Defender Services , Brooklyn, New York <i>Senior Staff Attorney</i> <i>Staff Attorney</i>	2017 – 2018 2014 – 2017
City Bar Justice Center , New York, New York <i>Staff Attorney</i> <i>Equal Justice Works Fellow</i> <i>Legal Intern</i>	2013 – 2014 2011 – 2013 Summer 2008
Honorable Melvin Gelade , New Jersey Superior Court, New Brunswick, New Jersey <i>Judicial Clerkship</i>	2010 – 2011
Catholic Charities Immigration Services , New York, New York <i>Legal Intern</i>	Summer 2009
Fulbright Scholar , South Korea	2003 – 2004

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND AFFILIATIONS

University of South Carolina Joseph F. Rice School of Law

Inclusive Excellence Committee (2026-present)

North Carolina Central University School of Law

Faculty Hiring Committee (2025-2026)
Admissions Committee (2025-2026)
Academic Advisor to 15+ Students (2022-2026)
Disciplinary Committee (2022-2025)
Academic Standards Committee (2022-2025)
Faculty Development Committee (2022-2025)
Scholarship Committee (2022-2024)
Search Committee, Director of Information Technology (2023-2024)
OutLaws Alliance, Faculty Advisor (2024-2026)
Death Penalty Project, Faculty Advisor (2023-2024)

Legal Academy

AALS Section on Family & Juvenile Law, Executive Committee (2025-present)

Family Law Scholars & Teachers Conference, Co-Chair (2023-2025), Planning Committee (2021-2023)

Community

Center for Child and Family Health, Board Member (2023-2026)

BAR ADMISSION

New York (2011)

Illinois (2019) (inactive)