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ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

University of Baltimore School of Law | Baltimore, MD

Assistant Professor of Law, August 2021 - present

- Teach courses in family law and child welfare law.
- Supervise students on scholarly papers related to family law and child welfare topics.
- Faculty advisor for Family Law Association.

Faculty Director, Sayra & Neil Meyerhoff Center for Children, Families & The Courts, August 2021 – present

- Collaborate with Executive Director to create strategic vision for CFCC and develop projects accordingly.
- Host annual symposium on issues affecting children and families.
- Create content for newsletters and blog related to children and family law issues.
- Conduct trainings for community partners on family law and child welfare law.

Clinical Teaching Fellow, Bronfein Family Law Clinic, December 2016 – June 2020

- Supervised students on family law and other contested legal matters, such as child custody, child support, divorce, marital property, name change, protective orders, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, guardianship, paternity, and social security benefits and co-taught weekly seminar.

Georgetown University Law Center | Washington, D.C.

Clinical Teaching Fellow, Domestic Violence Clinic & Women's Law and Public Policy Fellow July 2020 – July 2021

- Supervised and litigated civil protective order cases from intake through resolution with a focus on client-centered lawyering and holistic problem solving and co-taught weekly seminar.
- Attended Women's Law and Public Policy Fellowship seminars and events.

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

The Adoption and Safe Families Act Cannot be Salvaged, Fam. Ct. Rev. (forthcoming 2023)

A Role for Communities in Reasonable Efforts to Prevent Removal, 12 Colum. J. Race & L. F.1 (2022) (with Matthew I. Fraidin).

Help Not Hotlines: Replacing Mandated Reporting for Neglect with a New Framework for Family Support, Fam. Integrity & Just. Q., (2022) (with Shereen A. White, Shakira Paige, Meredith Giovanelli, Makena Mugambi)

My Family Belongs to Me: A Child's Right to Family Integrity, 56 Harv. C.R.-C.L. L. Rev. 267 (2021).

The Harm of Child Removal, 43 N.Y.U Rev. L. & S. Change 523 (2019).

BOOK CHAPTERS

“Surviving the ‘Child Welfare’ System,” *Policing and Providing: The Child Welfare System as Poverty Governance* (NYU Press) (forthcoming 2023)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Amidst a Nationwide Formula Shortage, a Reminder: The Decision to Breastfeed is Personal
Ms. Magazine (May 13, 2022)

The Supreme Mom Guilt is Real
Ms. Magazine (March 22, 2022)

What’s Happening in Texas Should Come as No Surprise
Washington Post (February 28, 2022)

Apparently We Don’t Need Abortion Because of Foster Care...” or Whatever”
Ms. Magazine (December 14, 2021)

Texas Is Failing Its Children: The Hidden Consequences of S.B. 8
Ms. Magazine (November 4, 2021)

Britney Spears and the Right to Reproductive Justice: Regulation and Conservatorship in the Child Welfare System
Ms. Magazine (October 26, 2021)

Police Feed the Foster Care-to-Prison Pipeline by Reporting on Black Parents
NBC News (July 29, 2020)

Why the Drop in Child Welfare Reports Might be a Good Sign
Slate (May 14, 2020)

Note to Democrats: We Need Compassion and Reason Regarding Child Welfare
The Hill (November 25, 2019)

Why Are We Permitting Federal Child Abuse at Our Border?
The Hill (July 20, 2019)

State Agency Turns Its Back on Kids Who Need Support
Arizona Capitol Times (June 14, 2019) (with Kathy Brody)

Maryland Bill Would Provide Free Legal Representation for Low-income Abuse Victims
The Daily Record, Maryland Family Law Update, Vol. XXX, No. 3 (March 29, 2019) (with Margaret E. Johnson)

Abuse Reporting Bills Would Criminalize Teachers
Baltimore Sun (March 12, 2018)

MEDIA

Why is America So Keen on Separating Its Families, ACLU at Liberty Podcast, (January 27, 2022)
<https://www.aclu.org/podcast/why-is-america-so-keen-on-separating-families>

Keeping Children with Their Parents, EPPIC Broadcast, (December 7, 2021),
<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/keeping-children-with-their-parents-with-shanta-trivedi/id1494175980?i=1000544237851>

Deepa Fernandes & Victoria Estrada, *Unsafe in Foster Care*, Latino USA (July 16, 2021)
<https://www.latinousa.org/2021/07/16/unsafeinfostercare/>

Sara Tiano & John Kelly, *Historic Bill Would Remove Federal Requirement to Terminate Parental Rights in Some Cases*, The Imprint, (November 4, 2021)
<https://imprintnews.org/uncategorized/bill-remove-federal-requirement-terminate-parental-rights-foster-care-cases/60188> (quoted)

What do the Families of Baltimore Need? An Interview with the New Director of UB's Meyerhoff Center
Maryland Daily Record Family Law Update, (September 2021), Vol. XXXII, No. 9

Michelle Chen, *How Covid-19 Supercharged a Foster System Crisis*, The Nation, (March 15, 2021)
<https://www.thenation.com/article/society/foster-care-covid/>

Abuse Reporting Bills Would Criminalize Teachers
WBAL News Now with Bryan Lehman (Mar. 13, 2018)

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

The Harm of Child Removal (with Shereen A. White & Shakira Paige)
2022 Kempe International Conference, Virtual (forthcoming October 3-6)

The Constitution Applies to Child Welfare
National Association of Counsel for Children, Baltimore, MD (August 23, 2022)

Trauma-informed Systemic Advocacy (with Sarah Katz & Maria Nenutzka Villamar)
American Bar Association National Parent Representation Conference, McClean, VA (April 7-8, 2022)

Keynote, *The Harm of Child Removal*
Iowa State Bar Association Juvenile Law Conference, Virtual, (April 7, 2022)

Panelist, *Unequal Tradeoffs: State Paternalism and the War Against the Poor*
Baltimore, MD (March 16, 2022)

Moderator, *Preserving Families Through Primary Prevention*

UB Law in Focus, Baltimore, MD (February 1, 2022)

A Role for Communities in Reasonable Efforts to Prevent Removal (with Matthew I. Fraidin)
Strengthened Bonds: Abolishing the Child Welfare System and Re-Envisioning Child Well-Being,
New York, NY (June 18, 2021)

Panelist, "*Recognizing*" the Black Family: Structural Racism's Obstacles to Kinship, Wealth and Prosperity
University of Baltimore School of Law, Baltimore, MD (October 27, 2021)

Teaching Family Separation Across Practice Areas (with Julia Hernandez)
AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education, Virtual (April 29, 2021)

My Family Belongs to Me: A Child's Right to Family Integrity
ClassCrits XII: Facing Our Challenges: Rescuing Democracy, Ensuring Wellbeing & Exorcizing the Politics of Fear (Or: How to Be Free), Springfield, MA (November 15-16, 2019)

What the New Clinician Needs to Know: A Tool Kit for Success
2019 Midwest Conference on Clinical Education: Building Our Community: Fostering Collaboration within the Law School, Ann Arbor, MI (October 18, 2019)

My Family Belongs to Me: A Child's Right to Family Integrity
Mid-Atlantic Clinicians Writing Workshop, Washington D.C. (July 17, 2019)

What's the Harm in Considering the Harm of Removal?
AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education, Works in Progress Paper Feedback Session, San Francisco, CA (May 7, 2019)

The New Clinicians' Tool Kit
AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education, Poster Presentation, San Francisco, CA (May 4, 2019)

Tackling #MeToo Inside and Outside the Courtroom, Moderator
University of Baltimore, Center on Applied Feminism Feminist Legal Theory Conference, Baltimore, MD (April 12, 2019)

The Harm of Child Removal
2019 AALS Annual Conference, *Bridging the Gap: Perspectives on Poverty and its Impact on Childhood*, New Orleans, LA (January 3, 2019)

What's the Harm in Considering the Harm of Removal?
AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education, Intensive Feedback Paper Session, Chicago, IL (May 2, 2018)

Representation at the Edge – Standing by Unpopular Clients (with Matthew I. Fraidin & Tarek Z. Ismail)
AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education, Concurrent Session, Chicago, IL (May 1, 2018)

The Invisible Impact: Considering the Harm of Removal

American University, Poverty States: Federalism, Rights, and State Anti-Poverty Efforts Conference Families Panel, Washington, D.C. (March 23, 2018)

The Invisible Impact: Considering the Harm of Removal

University of Baltimore School of Law Clinical Faculty Workshop, Baltimore, MD (March 13, 2018)

The Invisible Impact: Considering the Harm of Removal

NYU Clinical Writers' Workshop, New York, NY (September 23, 2017)

Reframing and Resisting Gender-Based Violence, Moderator

University of Baltimore, Center on Applied Feminism Feminist Legal Theory 10th Annual Conference, Baltimore, MD (March 30, 2017)

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Brooklyn Defender Services, Family Defense Practice | Brooklyn, NY

Staff Attorney, July 2013 – August 2016; *Volunteer Attorney*, November 2012 – July 2013

- Court-appointed attorney for parents in child welfare and custody proceedings in Kings County Family Court, often managing a caseload of over eighty matters.
- Performed client interviews and initial client arraignments.
- Conducted fact-finding hearings and emergency hearings to contest foster care placements.
- Participated in preliminary, settlement, and pre-trial conferences.
- Researched and drafted motions to dismiss and for suspended judgments, vacatur of findings, visitation and provision of services, habeas corpus petition, objections, subpoenas and related documents.
- Negotiated and drafted custody and guardianship agreements.
- Supervised junior attorneys, pro-bono attorneys, and interns.
- Participated in and delivered countless trainings related to child welfare and trial advocacy, including three-day Bronx Defenders' trial skills program and American Bar Association's National Parent Representation Conference.

Sanctuary for Families | New York, NY

Volunteer Attorney, July 2012 – April 2013

- Represented clients in domestic violence and matrimonial actions.
- Drafted family offense petitions, discovery requests, stipulations, and motions in custody actions.
- Pro Bono Committee Member and founder of LGBT Committee.

Winston & Strawn LLP | New York, NY

Associate, September 2008 – June 2012; *Summer Associate*, 2007

- Represented clients in complex commercial litigation with a focus on securities litigation, shareholder suits, accounting fraud, employment, contract disputes, and general commercial litigation.
- Researched and drafted a wide range of litigation-related documents in state and federal court including complaints, answers, briefs, motions for summary judgment, and related Rule 56.1 statements.

- Prepared witnesses for depositions and defend third party depositions. Participated in National Institute for Trial Advocacy intensive 3-day deposition skills training workshop.
- Drafted responses to document requests, requests for information and interrogatories.
- Advised client on compliance with state tobacco laws and track relevant statutory amendments.
- Deposed multiple plaintiffs on behalf of New York City for NYC Law Department Public Service Program.
- Independently represented and secured asylum for client in immigration proceedings. Drafted brief and all applications and conducted direct examination of client in hearing before Immigration Court.
- Researched and drafted sections of Supreme Court amicus brief on Fifth Amendment Takings Clause issue and amendment to federal *habeas corpus* petition.

O'Rourke & Degen, PLLC | New York, NY

Summer Associate, June-August 2006; *Assistant*, June – July 2003

- Researched and drafted memoranda regarding various substantive and procedural matters including but not limited to property, franchise, and tort law.
- Drafted interrogatories and demands for documents in state and federal court.
- Second-chaired multiple depositions.

EDUCATION

Boston University School of Law | Boston, MA

J.D., May 2008

Stone Moot Court Participant, Faculty Appointments Committee

Research Assistant to Professor Tracey Maclin, September 2006 - March 2007

- Researched Fourth Amendment issues related to illegal stops and seizures.

New York University, College of Arts and Science | New York, NY

B.A., *cum laude* in Journalism & Mass Communications with Psychology minor, May 2004

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Family Law, Child Welfare Law, Law and Poverty, Domestic Violence, Evidence, Trial Advocacy, Race & the Law, Feminist Legal Theory, Clinical Teaching.

BAR MEMBERSHIPS

Maryland (2017), District of Columbia (2020)