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Education

1992 Ph.D., Political Science, University of Washington
1987 M.A., Political Science, University of Washington
1983 B.A., Political Science and Economics, University of Pennsylvania

Academic Appointments

2022- Thomas Roy and Lura Forrest Jones Professor of Government and Law, Lafayette College
2006-2022 Professor of Government and Law, Lafayette College
1998-06 Associate Professor of Government and Law, Lafayette College
1992-98 Assistant Professor of Government and Law, Lafayette College
1989-92 Instructor, Political Science, University of Washington

Administrative Appointments

2007- Head, Department of Government and Law, Lafayette College (on leave 2014-2016)

- Supervise day-to-day operations
- Recruit new tenure-track and visiting faculty members
- Evaluate faculty for tenure, promotion, and merit raises
- Mentor untenured faculty
- Manage annual budget
- Assign teaching responsibilities and schedule course offerings
- Lead curricular development
- Supervise assessment activities for academic accreditation
- Advise students and oversee major declaration process and course transfers
- Organize Department-sponsored lectures, awards, and activities

2014-16 Program Director, Law and Social Sciences Program, National Science Foundation

- Co-manage and administer a \$5.5 million grant program
- Facilitate the development of research and workshops
- Advance NSF's merit review process and mission to broaden participation from underrepresented groups and diverse institutions
- Coordinate, within the NSF, with division, directorate, and foundation-wide programs
- Cooperate and develop relationships with other federal agencies, including the Department of Justice, the National Institute of Justice, the Federal Trade Commission, and the Administrative Conference of the United States
- Represent the NSF on interagency working groups and roundtables relevant to Law and Social Sciences

Grants and Awards

2022	Scholarship Production Grant, Lafayette College
2008	Richard King Mellon Foundation/Lafayette College Summer Research Grant <i>"Faith-Based Pregnancy Counseling and the Risk of State-Sponsored Religious Indoctrination"</i>
2007	Thomas Roy and Lura Forrest Jones Award, Lafayette College
2006	Research Grant, Lafayette College <i>"Legal Landscapes"</i>
2004	Richard King Mellon Foundation/Lafayette College Summer Research Grant <i>"The Case Against Mandated Parental Consent in the Abortion Decisions of Pregnant Minors"</i>
2004	Marquis Distinguished Teaching Award, Lafayette College
2003	Research Grant, Lafayette College <i>"Pro-Life Counseling in the Abortion Decisions of Pregnant Teens"</i>
2000	Thomas Roy and Lura Forrest Jones Lecture Award, Lafayette College
2000	Richard King Mellon Foundation/Lafayette College Summer Research Grant <i>"Law, Politics, and the Implementation of Parental Involvement in Minors' Abortion Decisions"</i>
1999	Pi Sigma Alpha Best Paper Award, Western Political Science Association
1999	Betty Nesvold Best Paper Award, Western Political Science Association
1998	Aaron Hoff People's Choice Award, Lafayette College
1996	Research Grant, Lafayette College <i>"The Impact and Implementation of Abortion Laws"</i>
1992	Dissertation Fellowship, University of Washington

Professional Service

Law & Society Association

2018	Faculty Mentor
2012-13	Search Committee for Review Essays Editor (chair), <i>Law & Society Review</i>
2012	Graduate and Undergraduate Student Paper Prize Committee (chair)
2006	Search Committee for Review Essays Editor (chair), <i>Law & Society Review</i>
2005-07	Dissertation Award Committee (chair, 2006-07)
2003	Search Committee for Review Essays Editor, <i>Law & Society Review</i>
2001-02	Herbert Jacob Book Prize Committee (chair)
2000-01	Nominations Committee
1999-01	Review Essays Editor, <i>Law & Society Review</i>
1999-01	Board of Trustees (ex officio)
1999-00	Graduate Student Workshop Committee
1998-99	Ad-Hoc Committee on Governance
1998	Editorial Advisory Board, <i>Law & Society Review</i>
1995-96	Herbert Jacob Book Prize Committee

American Political Science Association

2021	Nominations Committee, Law and Courts Section
2010	C. Herman Pritchett Book Prize Committee, Law and Courts Section
2008	Nominations Committee, Law and Courts Section
2007	American Judicature Society Award Committee, Law and Courts Section
2004	Teacher and Mentoring Award Committee, Law and Courts Section
2001-03	Books and Articles Columnist, <i>Law and Courts Newsletter</i>
2000-03	Ad Hoc Committee to Explore Relations with Law & Society Association

Western Political Science Association

2001-02 Pi Sigma Alpha Paper Prize Committee (chair)
2000-01 Section Chair, Judicial Politics and Public Law

Grant Proposal, Manuscript, and Personnel Reviewer

Grant Proposal Reviewer
National Science Foundation

Article Manuscript Reviewer
Asian Journal of Law and Society
Gender & Society
International Relations
Law & Social Inquiry
Law & Society Review
Law, Culture, and the Humanities
Political Research Quarterly
Politics, Groups, and Identities
Polity
Studies in Law, Politics, & Society

Book Manuscript Reviewer
Cambridge University Press
Harcourt College Publishers
New York University Press
Palgrave Press
Stanford University Press
SUNY Press
University of Michigan Press

Tenure and Promotion Reviewer
Reviewer for tenure and promotion cases at 13 universities or colleges.

Curriculum Reviewer
AP College Board U.S. Government Curriculum

Media Source

Print: American Prospect, Arizona Capitol Times, Associated Press, Chicago Tribune, Christian Science Monitor, Express-Times, Houston Press, Los Angeles Times, New York Times, Philadelphia City Paper, ProPublica, Quad City Times, Register Guard, San Antonio Express News

T.V.: CNN, ABC News, WFMZ News

Radio: NPR affiliates: WHYY-Philadelphia, New Hampshire Public Radio, Utah Public Radio, WBUR-Boston; The Joe Scarborough Show, CBS Radio; The Arnie Arnesen Show, New Hampshire Radio; KAHL, San Antonio; KPSI, Palm Springs; PBS.

Scholarship

Books

Political Control of America's Courts. ABC-CLIO (2023).

The Supreme Court. Greenwood Press (2021).

Girls on the Stand: How Courts Fail Pregnant Minors. New York University Press (cloth 2007, paper 2009).
Named a Choice Outstanding Academic Title for 2008

Unleashing Rights: Law, Meaning, and the Animal Rights Movement. Ann Arbor, Michigan: University of Michigan Press (1996).

Articles, Book Chapters, Essays

Review Essay: "Citizen Ruff: Do Humans Have Political Obligations to Animals?" Reviewing Sue Donaldson and Will Kymlicka, *Zoopolis: A Political Theory of Animal Rights* and Kimberly K. Smith, *Governing Animals: Animal Welfare and the Liberal State*. *Tulsa Law Review* (Vol. 49, Issue 2, Winter 2013), pp. 541-556.

Review Essay: "Estrangement and Empowerment in Scheingold's *The Political Novel*." *Law and Social Inquiry* (Vol. 37, 2012) pp. 1029-1050.

"Novelty and *The Politics of Rights*." *Studies in Law, Politics and Society* (Vol. 59, 2012) pp. 65-79.

"Judicial Waivers of Parental Consent for Abortion: Tennessee's Troubles Putting Policy into Practice," with Wayne Fishman, Emily Francis,* and Leanne Speitel.* *Law & Policy* (Vol. 27, No. 3, July 2005), pp. 399-428.

"Religious Establishment in Hearings to Waive Parental Consent for Abortion," with Kathryn Lundwall Alessi. *University of Pennsylvania Journal of Constitutional Law* (Vol. 7, No. 2, November 2004), pp. 473-532.

"The Symbolic Life of Law: The Instrumental and the Constitutive in Scheingold's *The Politics of Rights*." *International Journal for the Semiotics of Law* (Vol. 16, 2003), pp. 407-23.

"Honey, I Have No Idea': Court Readiness to Handle Petitions to Waive Parental Consent for Abortion," with Leanne Speitel.* *Iowa Law Review* (Vol. 88, No. 1, October 2002), pp. 75-120.

"Inconceivable?" *Law and Inequality* (Vol. 20, Winter 2002), pp. 141-55.

"In the Matter of Anonymous, A Minor: Fetal Protection in Hearings to Waive Parental Consent for Abortion." *Cornell Journal of Law and Public Policy* (Vol. 11, Fall 2001), pp. 69-111.

"Benign Neglect: Affirmative Action, Same-Sex Marriage, and the Underlying Conservatism of *Baehr v. Lewin*." *Studies in Law, Politics and Society* (Vol. 19, 1999), pp. 39-64.

"Road Closed: Evaluating the Judicial Bypass Provision of the Pennsylvania Abortion Control Act." *Law and Social Inquiry* (Vol. 24, No. 1, 1999), pp. 73-96.

"Rethinking Law's 'Allurements': A Relational Analysis of Social Movement Lawyers in the United States," with Michael W. McCann. In *Cause Lawyering*, Austin Sarat and Stuart Scheingold, eds. (Oxford University Press, 1998), pp. 261-92.

"Social Movements and the American State: Legal Mobilization as a Strategy for Democratization," with Michael W. McCann. In *A Different Kind of State? Popular Power and Democratic Administration*, Gregory Albo, David Langille and Leo Panitch, eds. (Oxford University Press, 1993), pp. 131-43.

* (Lafayette College Undergraduate EXCEL Scholar)

Book Reviews

- Mary Ziegler, *Abortion and the Law in America: Roe v. Wade to the Present*. *Law and Politics Book Review* (Vol. 31, No. 2, February 2021) pp. 53-56.
- Jeffrey R. Dudas, *Raised Right: Fatherhood in Modern American Conservatism*. *Law, Culture and the Humanities* (Vol. 15, No. 1, February 2019), pp. 281-284.
- Daniel Bennett, *Defending Faith: The Politics of the Christian Conservative Legal Movement*, and Jefferson Decker, *The Other Rights Revolution: Conservative Lawyers and the Remaking of American Government*. *Perspectives on Politics* (Vol. 16, June 2018) pp. 533-535.
- Joshua C. Wilson, *The Street Politics of Abortion: Speech, Violence, and America's Culture Wars*. *Law and Society Review* (Vol. 48, September 2014) pp. 689-692.
- Justin Buckley Dyer, *Slavery, Abortion, and the Politics of Constitutional Meaning*. *Law and Politics Book Review* (Vol. 14, No. 1, January 2014) pp. 44-51.
- Introduction to Symposium on Keith J. Bybee's, *All Judges are Political—Except When They Are Not*. *Law and Social Inquiry* (Vol. 38, Issue 1, Winter 2013), pp. 190-195.
- Kevin J. McMahon, *Nixon's Court: His Challenge to Judicial Liberalism and Its Political Consequences*. *Journal of Interdisciplinary History* (Vol. 43, No. 3, Winter 2013), pp. 500-502.
- Barry Friedman, *The Will of the People: How Public Opinion Has Influenced the Supreme Court and Shaped the Meaning of the Constitution*. *American Journal of Legal History* (Vol. 52, April 2012), pp. 237-240.
- Donald L. Drakeman, *Church, State, and Original Intent*. *Law and Politics Book Review* (Vol. 20, No. 10, October 2010), pp. 563-568.
- Varun Gauri and Daniel M. Brinks, eds., *Courting Social Justice: Judicial Enforcement of Social and Economic Rights in the Developing World*. *Perspectives on Politics* (Vol. 7, Issue 03, September 2009), pp. 687-688.
- Christopher P. Banks and David M. O'Brien, *Courts and Judicial Policymaking*. *Law and Politics Book Review* (Vol. 17, No. 11, November 2007), pp. 811-813.
- Gad Barzilai, *Communities and Law: Politics and Cultures of Legal Identities*. *Israeli Studies Forum* (Vol. 20, Issue 1, 2005), pp. 83-85.
- George I. Lovell, *Legislative Deferrals: Statutory Ambiguity, Judicial Power, and American Democracy*. *Journal of Interdisciplinary History* (Vol. 36, No. 1, 2005), pp. 113-14.
- Carl Wellman, *The Proliferation of Rights: Moral Progress or Empty Rhetoric?* *American Political Science Review* (Vol. 93, No. 4, December 1999), pp. 965-66.
- Paul W. Kahn, *The Reign of Law: Marbury v. Madison and the Construction of America*. *American Political Science Review* (Vol. 92, No. 2, June 1998), p. 439.
- David S. Caudill and Steven Jay Gold, eds., *Radical Philosophy of Law: Contemporary Challenges to Mainstream Legal Theory and Practice*. *Law and Politics Book Review* (Vol. 7, No. 11, 1997), pp. 496-99.
- Steven Vago, *Law and Society*, Fourth Edition. *Law and Politics Book Review* (Vol. 5, No. 2, February 1995), pp. 75-78.
- Mary Ann Glendon, *Abortion and Divorce in Western Law*, and Martha Minow, *Making All the Difference*. *Women & Politics* (Vol. 12, No. 4, 1992), pp. 112-15.

Miscellaneous Publications

- "Abortion," *Encyclopedia of Science and Technology Communication*, Sage Publications (2010).
- "Justice Bypassed," with Wayne Fishman. *The American Prospect, Online Edition* (July 27, 2006).
- "All Eyes on Kennedy," with Wayne Fishman. *The American Prospect* (July/August 2006), pp. 18-20.
- "The Ground Game: Dismantling Rule of Law Ideology." *AMICI*, Newsletter of the Sociology of Law Section of the American Sociological Association (Summer 2006).
- "People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals." *World Book Encyclopedia* (Chicago: World Book Publishing, Inc., 2003), p. 277.
- "Child Custody Protection Act' Based on Mistaken Assumption." Opinion editorial distributed by Knight Ridder/Tribune News Service. Published in *Houston Chronicle* (April 18, 2002), p. 31A.
- "Legal Status of Nonhuman Animals." Conference proceedings published in *Animal Law* (Vol. 8, No. 1, 2002), pp. 1-76.
- "Demystifying Law's Radiance." *Focus on Law Studies* (Vol. 14, No. 1, Fall 1998), pp. 6-7.

Invited Presentations

- "Judicial Scrutiny of the First Amendment "*
The Rendell Center Summer Teacher Institute, sponsored by The National Endowment for the Humanities, (Remote Presentation) (July 2022)
- "The First Amendment and Judicial Scrutiny"*
The Rendell Center Summer Teacher Institute, sponsored by The National Endowment for the Humanities, (Remote Presentation) (July 2021)
- "Analyzing the First Amendment Using Levels of Scrutiny"*
The Rendell Center Summer Teacher Institute, sponsored by The National Endowment for the Humanities, The National Constitution Center, Philadelphia, PA (July 2019)
- "The Bill of Rights and the Fourteenth Amendment: Judicial Scrutiny and the Abortion Cases"*
2018 Teacher Seminar, The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, Easton, PA (July 2018)
- Panel Moderator: "Socio-Legal Studies Concepts"*
NSF Workshop: Identifying Gaps, Building Bridges: Fostering Critical Exchange between Sociological Studies and Science and Technology Studies, Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA (May 2018)
- "Teachable Moments: What Students Have Taught Me About Failure"*
NSF Workshop: Advancement through Narrative: Understanding and Navigating Success and Failure in the Academy, Washington, DC (October 2017)
- "Judicial Scrutiny and the Fourteenth Amendment: Abortion, Gay Rights, and Same-Sex Marriage"*
2017 Constitutional Scholars Institute, co-sponsored by The Rendell Center, The National Constitution Center, and The Annenberg Public Policy Center, Philadelphia, PA (July 2017)
- "Raised Right: Fatherhood in Modern American Conservatism: A Conversation with Author and Professor Jeffrey R. Dudas (University of Connecticut) and Professor Helena Silverstein (Lafayette College)"*
University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT (April 2017)

- "Law in Action"*
School of Public Affairs, American University, Washington, DC (November 2016)
- "U.S. Judicial System"*
International Visitor Leadership Program, U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC (July 2016)
- "Knowing Your Audience"*
Center for Public Administration and Policy, Virginia Tech, Alexandria, VA (October 2014)
- "Myth-Guided Policy: Judicial Involvement in Minors' Abortion Decisions"*
Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY (April 2010)
- "Ignorance, Misinformation, and the Rights of Pregnant Minors"*
Conference on Reproductive Rights and the Right to Information, Harvard Law School Human Rights Program and the Center for Reproductive Rights, Harvard Law School, Boston, MA (October 2009)
- "Girls on the Stand: How Courts Fail Pregnant Minors"*
Conference on the Judicial Bypass Process, National Partnership for Women & Families, Washington, DC, (December 2008)
- "The Case of Mandated Parental Involvement in Minors' Abortion Decisions"*
Conference on Law's Interventions in Private Domains on Behalf of Minors, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH, June 2008
- "Casey and the Clockwork Orange Moment: On the Constitutionality of Mandated Ultrasound Viewing"*
The Baldy Center for Law and Social Policy, SUNY Buffalo, Buffalo, NY (October 2007)
- "Law Bypassed: Constitutional Rights and State Mandated Parental Consent for Abortion"*
Princeton University, Princeton, NJ (February 2004)
- "Variations on a Theme: Judicial Handling of Petitions to Waive Parental Consent for Abortion"*
University of Maryland, College Park, MD (April 2002)
- "Judicial Construction of Hearings to Waive Parental Consent for Abortion"*
University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Amherst, MA (March 2002)
- "Your Civil Liberties Today"*
Northampton County Bar Association, Bethlehem, PA (November 2001)
- "Abortion, Pregnant Teens, and Constitutional Rights: Evaluating Pennsylvania's Parental Consent Requirement"*
Thomas Roy and Lura Forrest Jones Lecture, Lafayette College, Easton, PA (February 2001)
- "The Politics of Rights and the Legacy of Stuart Scheingold"*
University of Washington, Seattle, WA (December 2000)
- "Green Politics in Court: Suing for the Environment"*
Brown University, Providence, RI (September 2000)
- "Salvager's Guilt: A 'Therapeutic' Reconsideration of Rights"*
The Baldy Center for Law and Social Policy, SUNY, Buffalo, Buffalo, NY (April 2000)
- "Animals and Law"*
New York Bar Association, New York, NY (September 1999)
- "Animals Before the Law"*
Hampshire College, Hampshire, MA (March 1997)
- "The 'Lure of Litigation' and Other Myths About Movement Lawyers in the US"* (with Michael W. McCann)
Amherst College, Amherst, MA (August 1994)

Conference Papers

- "This American Life": Public Religious Displays and Constitutional Cultures"*
Western Political Science Association, Seattle, WA (April 2014)
- "Estrangement and Empowerment in Scheingold's The Political Novel"*
American Political Science Association, Seattle, WA (September 2011)
- "Novelty and the Politics of Rights"*
Law and Society Association, San Francisco, CA (June 2011)
- "Providence for the Unborn': Religious Practices in Hearings to Waive Parental Consent for Abortion,"* (with Kathryn Lundwall Alessi)
Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA (January 2004)
Law & Society Association, Pittsburgh, PA (May 2003)
- "You Better Shop Around: Court Preparedness to Handle Petitions to Waive Parental Consent for Abortion,"* (with Leanne Speitel and Emily Francis)
Western Political Science Association, Denver, CO (March 2003)
Southern Political Science Association, Savannah, GA (November 2002)
- "Our Judge Doesn't Do It': Court Readiness to Handle Petitions to Waive Parental Consent for Abortion,"* (with Leanne Speitel)
Law & Society Association, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada (May 2002)
- "In the Matter of Anonymous, A Minor: Fetal Representation in Hearings to Waive Parental Consent for Abortion"*
Western Political Science Association, Long Beach, CA (March 2002)
- "The View from the Bench: Judging Parental Consent Bypass Requests in Alabama"*
Western Political Science Association, Las Vegas, NV (March 2001)
- "Resistance or Capitulation? Explaining the Behavior of Abortion Providers and Pro-choice Advocates"*
Western Political Science Association, Seattle, WA (March 2000)
- "Road Closed: Evaluating the Judicial Bypass Provision of the Pennsylvania Abortion Control Act"*
Western Political Science Association, Seattle, WA (March 1999)
Received Pi Sigma Alpha Best Paper Award, Western Political Science Association
Received Betty Nesvold Best Paper Award, Western Political Science Association
- "Revisiting the Logic of Equal Protection: Insights from Baehr v. Lewin"*
Western Political Science Association, Los Angeles, CA (March 1998)
Law & Society Association, St. Louis, MO (May 1997)
- "The Impact and Implementation of the Parental Consent Requirement for Minors Seeking Abortions"*
Law & Society Association, Glasgow, Scotland (July 1996)
- "The 'Lure of Litigation' and Other Myths About Movement Lawyers in the US,"* (with Michael W. McCann)
Western Political Science Association, Portland, OR (March 1995)
Law and Society Association, Chicago, IL (May 1993)
- "Animals in the Courtroom: Litigating for Social Change"*
American Political Science Association, New York, NY (September 1994)
- "Expanding the Discourse: Rights Talk and Social Movement Strategy"*
Law & Society Association, Phoenix, AZ (June 1994)
- "Social Movements in the Courts: Power and the Problems of a Legal Strategy,"* (with Robert Van Dyk)
Law & Society Association, Madison, WI (June 1989)

Panel Discussant and/or Chair

- "Author Meets Reader: Vaccine Court: The Law and Politics of Injury, by Anna Kirkland"*
American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA (September 2017)
- "Democratic Influences and the Courts"*
Western Political Science Association, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada (April 2017)
- "Reproducibility, Replicability, and Reliability in Sociolegal Scholarship"*
Law and Society Association, New Orleans, LA (June 2016)
- "How to Fund Sociolegal Research"*
Law and Society Association, New Orleans, LA (June 2016)
- "The Politics of Sacred and Secular"*
Southern Political Science Association, Puerto Rico (January 2016)
- "Agenda Setting on the U.S. Supreme Court"*
Southern Political Science Association, Puerto Rico (January 2016)
- "Constitutionalist and Public Law Approaches to Racial Hierarchy"*
Law and Society Association, Boston, MA (June 2013)
- "Author Meets Reader: All Judges Are Political, Except When They Are Not, by K. Bybee"*
Law and Society Association, San Francisco, CA (June 2011)
New England Political Science Association, Hartford, CT (April 2011)
- "Author Meets Reader: Framing Equal Opportunity: Law and the Politics of School Finance Reform, by M. Paris"*
Law and Society Association, Chicago, IL (May 2010)
- "Gender, Privacy, and Human Rights"*
Law and Society Association, Chicago, IL (May 2010)
- "Law, Society, and Social Control"*
Western Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA (March 2010)
- "Author Meets Reader: The Founding Fathers, Pop Culture, and Constitutional Law: Who's Your Daddy, by S. Burgess"*
American Political Science Association, Boston, MA (August 2008)
- "Author Meets Reader: Girls on the Stand: How Courts Fail Pregnant Minors by Helena Silverstein"*
Law and Society Association, Montreal, Canada (June 2008)
- "Social Movements in a Moment of Conservative Hegemony"*
Northeast Law and Society Association, Amherst, MA (July 2007)
- "Sovereignty, the State, and the Indigenous"*
American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA (August/Sept 2006)
- "Author Meets Reader: Same Sex Marriage by K. Hull; Confronting Sexual Harassment by A.M. Marshall"*
Law & Society Association, Baltimore, MD (July 2006)
- "Rights of Inclusion: Law and Identity in the Life Stories of Americans with Disabilities"*
Law & Society Association, Chicago, IL (May 2004)
- "Neglected Policies: New Learning from Constitutional Law"*
Law & Society Association, Pittsburgh, PA (May 2003)

- "State Attorneys General: Developing Legal Practices in the Context of Political Lawyering"*
Western Political Science Association, Denver, CO (March 2003)
- "'Special' Rights, the New Right, and the Politics of Resentment: On the Cultural Limits of a Politics of Rights"*
Law & Society Association, Vancouver, Canada (May 2002)
- "Critical Feminist Theory and Public Law"*
Western Political Science Association, Long Beach, CA (March 2002)
- "Human Rights"*
Law & Society Association, Miami, FL (May 2000)
- "Protecting Women?"*
Western Political Science Association, Seattle, WA (March 2000)
- "The Assessment of Rights"*
Law & Society Association, Chicago, IL (May 1999)
- "The Rights Stuff: A Roundtable"*
Western Political Science Association, Seattle, WA (March 1999)
- "The Gendered Basis of Welfare Reform"*
Western Political Science Association, Seattle, WA (March 1999)
- "A Reappraisal of What Rights Do"*
Law & Society Association, Aspen, CO (June 1998)
- "Cause Lawyering and the State"*
Law & Society Association, Aspen, CO (June 1998)
- "Courts and Judges"*
Law & Society Association, Glasgow, Scotland (July 1996)
- "The Ethical Treatment of Non-humans"*
American Philosophical Association Pacific Division, Seattle, WA (April 1996)
- "Theories of Social Change"*
Western Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA (March 1996)
- "Legal Mobilization and Social Reform"*
Law & Society Association, Toronto, Canada (June 1995)
- "Cause Lawyering"*
Law & Society Association, Toronto, Canada (June 1995)
- "Reforming the System, Reforming the Lawyers"*
Law & Society Association, Phoenix, AZ (June 1994)
- "The Courts and Political Identity"*
Western Political Science Association, Albuquerque, NM (March 1994)
- "Law and Social Change"*
Western Political Science Association, Seattle, WA (March 1991)
- "New Directions in Feminist Theory"*
Pacific Northwest Political Science Association, Spokane, WA (October 1987)

Teaching and College Service

Courses

First Year Seminar: Facing the Fetus: Perspectives on the Abortion Controversy
First Year Seminar: Contemporary Political Controversies
Introduction to Politics
Introduction to United States Politics
Introduction to Political Theory
Modern Political Thought
Law and Society
American Constitutional Law
Equality in the United States: Constitutional Law and Politics
First Amendment in the United States: Constitutional Law and Politics
Liberty in the United States: Constitutional Law and Politics
Implementation of Judicial Policy
United States Supreme Court
Seminar: Law and Social Movements

Committee and Administrative Activities

2007- Government and Law Department, Head (on leave 2014-2016)
2021-22 Faculty Search Committee, American Politics, Government and Law (chair)
2020-21 Visiting Faculty Search Committee, Comparative Politics, Government and Law (chair)
2020-21 Visiting Faculty Search Committee, American Politics, Government and Law (chair)
2020-21 Appeal and Grievance Committee (alternate member)
2020-21 Mentoring Cluster
2018-21 Faculty Compensation Committee (chair, AY 2018-19, 2019-20)
2020 Implementation Plan Design Group
2020 Academic Continuity and Adaptability Committee
2019-20 Institutional Review Board
2018-19 Health, Life Sciences, and Society Advisory Committee
2017-18 Department Head and Program Chair Compensation Committee
2016-17 Academic Progress Committee
2016 Faculty Search Committee, American Politics, Government and Law (chair)
2013 Organizing Committee, Lectures by Tony Blair, Jimmy Carter, and Jane Goodall
2012-13 Athletics Committee
2012 Faculty Search Committee, Comparative Politics, Government and Law (chair)
2012 Faculty Search Committee, American Politics, Government and Law (chair)
2012 Faculty Search Committee, History Department
2010-12 Grand Challenges Scholars Program, Steering Committee (co-chair)
2010-11 Appeal and Grievance Committee
2010 Faculty Search Committee, Political Theory, Government and Law (chair)
2009-11 Faculty Compensation Committee
2008-10 Graduate Studies and Fellowships Advisory Committee
2008-09 Ethics Project Advisory Committee
2008-09 Policy Studies Advisory Committee
2008-09 Governance Committee (chair)
2008 Faculty Search Committee, American Politics, Government and Law (chair)
2008 Faculty Search Committee, International Politics, Government and Law (chair)
2006-07 Governance Committee
2006-07 Strategic Plan Steering Committee
2006-07 Strategic Plan Steering Committee, Subcommittee on the Faculty (chair)
2006 Faculty Search Committee, Government and Law
2005-07 Student Conduct Committee (chair, 2006)

2005-07	Parliamentarian
2005-06	Appeal and Grievance Committee
2005-06	Athletics Working Group
2005	Assistant Department Head
2005	Ad Hoc Committee for President Rothkopf's Farewell
2004-07	Legal Professions Advisory Committee (chair)
2004	Acting Department Head
2001-06	Marquis Scholars Advisor
2001-04	Promotion, Tenure, and Review Committee
2000	Faculty Search Committee, Government and Law
1999-00	Student Appeals Committee
1998-99	Ad Hoc Committee to Revise the Tenure Appeals Process
1998	Faculty Search Committee, Department of Philosophy
1998	Experience Lafayette Presentation
1997-03	Ethics Project Advisory Committee
1997-98	Curriculum Review Subcommittee, Department of Government and Law
1996-00	Faculty Resident Advisor, McKelvy Scholars Program
1996-98	Legal Professions Advisor
1996-97	Faculty Search Committee, Department of Government and Law
1996, 97, 98	Presentation for Prospective Marquis Scholars
1995, 03, 05	New Student Orientation
1995-96	Faculty Search Committee, Government and Law
1995	PEW Roundtable Participant
1995	Women and Law Symposium (co-coordinator)
1995	Presentation on Women and Careers
1995	Comprehensive Writing Program Presentation
1994-95	Facilities Master Planning Recreation Group
1994	Peer Evaluation Subcommittee, Government and Law
1993-97	Women's Studies Advisory Committee
1993-95	Academic Council
1993-94	Faculty Search Committee, Department of Philosophy
1993	Co-coordinator, Professional Women at Lafayette
1993	Co-advisor, Students Organized Against Racism
1992-93	Faculty Search Committee, Government and Law

Public Lectures and Panel Presentations (selected)

- "*Is Abortion Still a Constitutional Right?*" (September 2021)
- "*Lafayette Votes Election Panel*" (Fall 2020)
- "*Alcohol and Law in the U.S.*" (October 2018)
- "*Law, Politics, and the U.S. Supreme Court*" (June 2017)
- "*Faculty Research Pathways*" (June 2017)
- "*Constitutional Feminism*" (March 2017)
- "*(Cyber)Bullying, Privacy and LGBTQ Youth Suicide*" (Fall 2010)
- "*Navigating Controversial Water*" (Fall 2009)
- "*Girls on the Stand: How Courts Fail Pregnant Minors*" (Spring 2008)
- "*Why Should You Care About South Dakota?*" (Spring 2006)
- "*The John Roberts Nomination*" (Fall 2005)
- "*Lawrence v. Texas and Gay Rights*" (Fall 2003)
- "*Diversity in the Balance: The Uncertain Future of Affirmative Action*" (Spring 2003)

"Civil Liberties in the Wake of 9/11" (Spring 2002)
"The Case Against Animal Experimentation" (Fall 1999)
"Simpson Civil Suit" (Spring 1997)
"The Death Penalty: Do We Have a Right to Play God?" (Spring 1997)
"Perspectives on Feminism" (Spring 1997)
"Same Sex Marriage and Law" (Fall 1996)
"Parental Consent and Abortion" (Fall 1996)
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