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FACULTY APPOINTMENTS

Marquette University Law School, Milwaukee, WI

Assistant Clinical Professor of Law, Fall 2024 – Present

Adjunct Associate Professor of Law, Fall 2022 – Spring 2023

Principal Courses Taught: Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR), Interviewing & Counseling

ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATION

Marquette University Law School, Milwaukee, WI

Assistant Director, Andrew Center for Restorative Justice, Fall 2024 – Present

Other Law School Administrative Appointments:

ADR Competition Board Faculty Advisor, Fall 2025 – Present

ADR Certificate Program, Fall 2025 – Present

Moot Court Committee, Fall 2024 – Present

Teaching & Assessment Committee, Fall 2024 – Spring 2025

Harvard Law School, Office of Public Interest Advising, Cambridge, MA

Peer Student Advisor, International Opportunities, Fall 2013 – Spring 2014

Northwestern University in Qatar, Education City, Doha, Qatar

Student Affairs Specialist, Summer 2008 – Summer 2010

ADDITIONAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA

Teaching Assistant, Prof. Vicki Jackson, Federal Courts, Spring 2016

Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

Student Co-Lead Instructor, Campus Community Building Initiative, Fall 2006

BAR LEADERSHIP

State Bar of Wisconsin, Dispute Resolution Section

Board Member, July 2026 – Present

EDUCATION

Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA

Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, May 2016

Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

Bachelor of Arts, Communication Studies & Political Science, Honors, June 2008

PUBLICATIONS

[*Marsy's Law: Changes for Crime Victims?*](#), 93 WIS. LAWYER 8 (Sept. 2020) (Cover Story).

[*Law by Non-Lawyers: The Limit to Limited License Legal Technicians Increasing Access to Justice*](#), 42 SEATTLE U. L. REV. 1, 1 (2018).

[*Who Accesses Justice?: The Rise of Limited License Legal Technicians*](#), 4 THE PRACTICE 5, Harvard Law Center on the Legal Profession (July/Aug. 2018) (Cover Story).

[*Book Review: Democratic Uprisings in the New Middle East*](#), HARV. H.R. J. Online (July 2014).

[*Opinion: Civics Lesson*](#), MILW. J. SENTINEL (Mar. 2011).

LEGAL PRACTICE

Legal Action of Wisconsin, Crime Victims' Rights Project, Milwaukee, WI

Staff Attorney, Fall 2018 – Fall 2021

Community Lawyering Fellow, Fall 2017 – Fall 2018

–Co-authored appellate and amicus briefs. Second-chaired oral arguments for impact case.

–Provided trauma-informed counsel to clients. Prepared evidence. Wrote briefs. Argued orally.

–Co-authored public-facing writing, including press statements and industry publications.

National Women's Law Center, Workplace Justice Team, Washington, D.C. (Remote)

Law School Clinic Extern, Spring 2016

American Civil Liberties Union, Women's Rights Project, New York, NY

Harvard Presidential Public Service Fellow, Summer 2015

Harvard International Human Rights Clinic, Cambridge, MA

Clinical Student, Fall 2014 – Spring 2015

Namati: Innovations in Legal Empowerment, Washington, D.C.

Chayes International Public Service Fellow, Summer 2014

CLERKSHIPS

Hon. Ronald M. Gould, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, Seattle, WA

Law Clerk, 2023–2024

Hon. Virginia M. Kendall, Northern District of Illinois, Chicago, IL

Law Clerk, 2016–2017

LAW JOURNAL

Harvard International Law Journal

Editor-in-Chief, Volume 57, 2015–2016

Article & Line Editor, Volumes 55 & 56, 2013–2015

FUNDED RESEARCH

Law by Non-Lawyers: The Limit to LLLTs Increasing Access to Justice

Harvard Law Center on the Legal Profession Public Interest Research, 2015–2016
Funded Harvard IRB-approved primary research (surveys & interviews) for paper

Harvard Law School Summer Academic Fellow In-Residence, Summer 2015
Funded secondary research and initial draft sections

Volunteerism, Civic Engagement, and Civil Society in the UAE

Fulbright Fellowship, Political Science, United Arab Emirates, 2010–2011
Field research interviews and volunteering at a women's shelter in the UAE

U.S. State Dept. Critical Language Enhancement Award, Cairo, Egypt, Summer 2010
Supported further Arabic study to prepare for fieldwork in the UAE

Talking Democracy in Sierra Leone: Voters' Civic Engagement & Argument Repertoire During the 2007 Presidential Election Campaigns

Northwestern University Newton Minow Fellowship, Sierra Leone, Summer 2007
Funded Northwestern IRB-approved field research interviews for senior honors thesis

RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA
Research Assistant, Prof. Jim Greiner, Access to Justice Lab (2014)

Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA
Research Assistant, Visiting Prof. Lorie Graham, International Human Rights Law (2014)

Northwestern University, School of Communication, Evanston, IL
Research Assistant, Prof. Elaine Wong, Corporate Social Responsibility (2006 – 2008)

Northwestern University, Institute for Policy Research, Evanston, IL
Research Assistant, Prof. Monica Prasad, Sociology (2005 – 2006)

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Vital Voices Global Partnership, Washington D.C.
Program Coordinator, Global Leadership Network, Fall 2012 – Spring 2013
Program Assistant & Consultant, La Pietra Coalition, Spring/Summer 2012
Intern, Middle East & North Africa Team, Winter 2012

PRESENTATIONS

PRESENTER

Marquette University Law School, *ADR Society Spring Speaker Series* (Feb. 2023)

Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault, *Title IX Rule Changes* (Remote) (Dec. 2021)

Harvard Law School, *Legal Profession Seminar, Prof. David Wilkins* (Remote) (Apr. 2021)

Wisconsin Women's Network Accelerated Policy Institute, *Lobby Hobby: How Non-Profits Can Advocate Effectively* (Remote & Madison, WI) (Mar. 2021, Feb. 2023)

9to5, Paid Family Leave Bill Press Conference, Remarks, Wisconsin State Capitol (Oct. 2019)

Kramer Levin, *Victim Rights Meet #MeToo Training* (CLE) (New York, NY) (Sept. 2018)

Harvard Law School, Remarks, *David A. Grossman Fund Fundraiser* (Nov. 2017)

Northwestern University Honors Convocation, Co-Emcee (June 2008)

PANELIST

Harvard Law School, *David A. Grossman Fund 10th Anniversary Program* (Feb. 2026)

University of Wisconsin, *Social Work Seminar, Prof. Mary Eldridge* (Remote) (Mar. 2021)

Freedom Network USA Human Trafficking Conference (Remote) (Mar. 2021)

Friend of the Court, Enemy of the State: Writing an Amicus in Support of a Victim-Defendant's Human Trafficking Affirmative Defense (CLE)

National Legal Aid & Defender Association Conference (Detroit, MI) (Nov. 2019)

The Jeffrey Epstein Case: A Study in the Evolution of Victim Rights Law (CLE)

Brookings Institution U.S.-Islamic World Forum (Doha, Qatar) (Feb. 2009)

Youth Panel, The Next Generation Speaks

POSTER SESSIONS

Cardozo Law, Dispute Resolution Educators Colloquium (New York, NY) (Apr. 2026)

Facilitating Restorative Justice Circles in Large Format ADR Survey Courses

WORKSHOP CO-FACILITATOR

University of Pretoria Law School (Johannesburg, South Africa) (Jan. 2015)

Harvard Human Rights Clinic: Communities & the UN Guiding Principles

Definition of Service Exercise

Zayed University & UAE University (United Arab Emirates) (2011) (Arabic adaptation)

Northwestern University (2006–08), Northwestern University in Qatar (2009–10)

PRESENTATION CO-ORGANIZER

Marquette University Law School, Conference: *The Union of Restorative Justice, Health Care, and Street Outreach: A Healing Approach to Preventing Gun Violence* (Oct. 2024)

Harvard Law School, Book Talk: THE COURT & THE WORLD, Hon. Steven Breyer (Jan. 2016)

Interfaith Youth Core, *Interfaith Dialogue Workshops*: Education City, Qatar (Apr. 2010)

AWARDS & HONORS

ABA Section on Dispute Resolution, New Voices in Dispute Resolution Scholar (2025)

National Crime Victims Law Institute, Legal Advocacy Award (LAW Team) (2024)

State Bar of Wisconsin, **Wisconsin Lawyer**, Top 2020 Author Commendation (2021)

State Bar of Wisconsin, Legal Innovators Award (Crime Victims' Rights Project) (2018)

Harvard Law School, Davis Polk Legal Profession Writing Prize (2016)

Harvard Law School, Dean's Scholar Prize

–Gender Violence, Law & Social Justice (Prof. Diane Rosenfeld) (2016)

–Negotiations Workshop (Profs. Bob Bordone & Heather Kulp) (2016)

Awarded to top 1-2 students in a class to recognize outstanding academic excellence

Harvard University, Presidential Public Service Fellowship (2015)

University-wide grant awarded by President Faust for innovative public service work

ADDITIONAL SERVICE, LEADERSHIP, & AWARDS

–**Wauwatosa Senior Commission**, Commissioner, 2021–2023

–**Wisconsin Alzheimer's Association**, Volunteer Policy Advocate, 2021–2023

–**Fresh Start Learning**, Board Member, Milwaukee, WI, 2019–2023

–**Wisconsin Women's Network Policy Institute**, Alum, Class of 2018–2019

–**Education City Outstanding New Professional** (2010) – *Awarded to 1 professional annually*

–**Northwestern University Communication Studies Departmental Excellence Award** (2008)

–**Northwestern Alumnae Award for Community Service** (2008) – *Awarded to 1 senior*

–**Northwestern Highest Order of Excellence Society** (2008) – *Awarded to 5 seniors*

–**Northwestern Community Development Corps**, Evanston/Chicago, IL

Co-President, 2007–2008

Community Outreach Co-Director, 2006–2007

Co-Site Leader and Tutor, Family Focus of Evanston After-School Program, 2004–2006

–**Northwestern Outstanding Leader Award** (2007) – *Awarded to 1 junior*

–**Evanston Outstanding Volunteer Award** (2006) – *Awarded to 5 volunteers annually*

–**Northwestern University Freshman Urban Program**, Counselor, 2005

BAR ADMISSIONS

Wisconsin (2017)

New York (2018)

Illinois (2024)

E.D. of Wisconsin (2019)

U.S. Supreme Court (2021)

LANGUAGES

English (Fluent)

French (Proficient)

Arabic (Intermediate)