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EDUCATION

Harvard Law School Master of Laws (LL.M.)	Cambridge, MA 2002
American University Washington College of Law Juris Doctor Honors: <i>summa cum laude</i> Note & Comment Editor, <i>American University Law Review</i>	Washington, D.C. 1996
Carleton College Bachelor of Arts in History Honors: <i>cum laude</i> Robert C. Byrd Scholar	Northfield, MN 1992

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Texas Wesleyan University School of Law Professor of Law Associate Professor of Law	Fort Worth, TX 2008-present 2003-2008
American University Washington College of Law Visiting Associate Professor of Law	Washington, D.C. 2005-2006
Stanford Law School Teaching Fellow	Stanford, CA 2002-2003
University of Texas Academic Press Co-editor of Texas Legal History Series (with Bill Pugsley)	2009-present

RESEARCH AND TEACHING PROFILE

Teaching Areas

Torts
Advanced Torts
Civil Rights
Criminal Law
Race and the Law Seminar: Slavery, Conquest, and Jim Crow

Research Interests

Slavery and the Law
American Legal History
Civil Rights

PUBLICATIONS AND WORKS IN PROGRESS

Works in Progress

Shades of Gray: The Life and Times of a Free Family of Color in Antebellum Texas.

The Intriguing Tale of Betsy Webster: A Story of a Slave, Her Master, Her Lawyer, and Her Freedom.

Law and Society in the South: A History of North Carolina Court Cases, by John W. Wertheimer (book review) (to be published in Cambridge University Press's *Continuity and Change: A Journal of Social Structure, Law and Demography*).

Law Reviews, Book Chapters, and Book Reviews

Race, Blood, and What the Alligator Knows: A Review of Ariela Gross, What Blood Won't Tell, 83 S. CAL. L. REV. __ (2010) (invited book review symposium).

Telling Stories of Love, Sex, and Race, in *LOVING IN A POST-RACIAL WORLD: NEW LEGAL APPROACHES TO INTERRACIAL MARRIAGES AND RELATIONSHIPS* (Kevin Noble Maillard & Rose Cuison Villazor eds., 2010).

Jim Crow Moves North: The Battle over Northern School Segregation, 1865-1954, by Davison M. Douglas, 27 LAW & HIST. REV. 476 (2009) (book review).

Base Wretches and Black Wenches: A Story of Sex and Race, Violence and Compassion, During Slavery Times, 59 ALA. L. REV. 1501 (2008) ("Top Paper" award in 2008 Southeastern Association of Law Schools' Call for Papers Competition).

Poor Whites, Benevolent Masters, and the Ideologies of Slavery: The Local Trial of a Slave Accused of Rape, 85 N.C. L. REV. 489 (2007).

Suing for Freedom: Interracial Sex, Slave Law, and Racial Identity in the Post-Revolutionary and Antebellum South, 82 N.C. L. REV. 535 (2004).

Minnesota's Tobacco Case: Recovering Damages Without Proof of Reliance Under Minnesota's Consumer Protection Statutes, 25 WM. MITCHELL L. REV. 567 (1999) (with Gary L. Wilson).

United States v. Clary: Equal Protection and the Crack Statute, 45 AM. U.L. REV. 497 (1995).

Others

To Kill a Mockingbird: Ideologies, Mythologies, and the Rape Complex Revisited, 5 WESLEYAN LAWYER 26 (2005).

Sex, Race, and Slavery: A Brief Look into the Jefferson-Hemings Affair, 4 WESLEYAN LAWYER 14 (2004).

Consumer Protection Act, in *CAUSE OF ACTION MANUAL* (Shawn M. Bartsh ed., Minnesota Trial Lawyers Association 3rd ed. 1999) (with Martha K. Wivell).

Fraud and Misrepresentation, in *CAUSE OF ACTION MANUAL* (Shawn M. Bartsh ed., Minnesota Trial Lawyers Association 3rd ed. 1999) (with Martha K. Wivell).

Punitive Damages, in CAUSE OF ACTION MANUAL (Shawn M. Bartsh ed., Minnesota Trial Lawyers Association 3rd ed. 1999) (with Gary L. Wilson).

PRESENTATIONS AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Scheduled Presenter, *The Intriguing Tale of Betsy Webster: A Story of a Slave, Her Master, Her Lawyer, and Her Freedom*, Annual Meeting, Texas State Historical Association, Dallas, TX (March 2010).

Scheduled Presenter, *Shades of Gray: The Life and Times of a Free Family of Color in Antebellum Texas*, Faculty Colloquium, Washington University in St. Louis School of Law, St. Louis, MO (November 2009).

Scheduled Keynote Speaker, *The "Love" of Loving*, Pan-African Student Organization "Our Story" Conference, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minnesota (November 2009) (pending availability).

Scheduled Presenter, *Telling Stories of Love, Sex, and Race*, LatCrit XIV, Annual LatCrit Conference, Washington, D.C. (October 2009).

Panelist, *Author Meets Reader: Ariela Gross, What Blood Won't Tell*, Annual Meeting, The Law and Society Association, Denver, CO (May 2009).

Presenter, *Shades of Gray: The Life and Times of a Free Family of Color in Antebellum Texas*, Faculty Colloquium, University of South Carolina School of Law, Columbia, South Carolina (February 2009).

Presenter, *Shades of Gray: The Life and Times of a Free Family of Color in Antebellum Texas*, Conference on *1808: Fighting for the Right to Dream*, University of Toledo College of Law, Toledo, OH (October 2008).

Panel Organizer and Moderator, *Slavery and Race: Historical and Contemporary Problems*, LatCrit XIII, Annual LatCrit Conference, Seattle, WA (October 2008) (other panelists: Carla Pratt and Camille Nelson).

Presenter, *Life in the Middle: Free Blacks, Poor Whites, and the Politics of Difference in Antebellum Texas*, LatCrit XIII, Annual LatCrit Conference, Seattle, WA (October 2008).

Presenter, *Complexity and Confusion in the Laws of Slavery*, Conference on *Kara Walker: My Complement, My Enemy, My Oppressor, My Love*, The Modern Art Museum, Fort Worth, TX (September 2008).

Awards Recipient and Presenter, *Base Wretches and Black Wenches: A Story of Sex and Race, Violence and Compassion, During Slavery Times*, Annual Meeting, The Southeastern Association of Law Schools, Palm Beach, FL (August 2008).

Presenter, *Base Wretches and Black Wenches: A Story of Sex and Race, Violence and Compassion, During Slavery Times*, Faculty Colloquium, Stetson University College of Law, Gulfport, Florida (April 2008).

Presenter, *Base Wretches and Black Wenches: A Story of Sex and Race, Violence and Compassion, During Slavery Times*, Colloquium on *Law and Citizenship*, SMU School of Law, Dallas, TX (October 2007).

Panel Organizer and Moderator, *Race and Slavery: Historical Problems and Contemporary Context*, Annual Meeting, The Law and Society Association, Berlin, Germany (July 2007) (other panelists: Adrienne D. Davis and Ariela Gross)

Presenter, *Base Wretches and Black Wenches: A Story of Sex and Race, Violence and Compassion, During Slavery Times*, Annual Meeting, The Law and Society Association, Berlin, Germany (July 2007).

Presenter, *Black, White, and Brown: Texas Interracial Cases in the 19th and Early 20th Centuries*, Annual Meeting, The Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities, Washington, D.C. (March 2007).

Conference Fellow, *Denying Genocide: Law, Identity and Historical Memory in the Face of Mass Atrocity*, Cardozo Law School, New York, NY (Dec. 2006).

Presenter, *Poor Whites, Benevolent Masters, and the Ideologies of Slavery: The Local Trial of a Slave Accused of Rape*, Annual Meeting, The Southeastern Association of Law Schools, Palm Beach, FL (July 2006).

Panel Moderator, *Plenary Session: Slavery and Freedom in the Wake of Somerset*, Conference on “*Too Pure an Air*”: *Law and the Quest for Freedom, Justice, and Equality*, University of Gloucestershire, Gloucester, England (June 2006).

Panel Moderator, *Slavery and Imperialism*, Conference on “*Too Pure an Air*”: *Law and the Quest for Freedom, Justice, and Equality*, University of Gloucestershire, Gloucester, England (June 2006).

Presenter, *Slave Crime*, Conference on *Race: Law, Culture and Policy*, American University Washington College of Law, Washington, D.C. (April 2006).

Presenter, *Why Spike Lee Got it Wrong: Contemporary Black/White Relationships in Media and Film*, Annual Meeting, The Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities, Syracuse, NY (March 2006).

Presenter, *Poor Whites, Benevolent Masters, and the Ideologies of Slavery: A Slave Accused of Rape in Antebellum Arkansas*, Faculty Colloquium, American University Washington College of Law, Washington, D.C. (February 2006).

Presenter, “*To Kill a Mockingbird*”: *Ideology and Mythology in an Alabama Courtroom*,” Conference on *The Power of Stories: Intersections of Law, Culture, & Literature*, University of Gloucestershire, Gloucester, England (July 2005).

Panel Moderator, *The Role of Stories as an Impetus for Social Change*, Conference on *The Power of Stories: Intersections of Law, Culture, & Literature*, University of Gloucestershire, Gloucester, England (July 2005).

Presenter, *From Thomas Jefferson to Emmett Till: Rethinking Issues of Interracial Intimacy*, Brown Bag Seminar, University of North Texas, Denton, TX (June 2005).

Presenter, *Scandal in the Neighborhood: A Slave Accused of Rape in the Antebellum South*, Annual Meeting, The Law and Society Association, Las Vegas, NV (June 2005).

Presenter, *Sex, Race, and Mastery: A Slave Accused of Rape in the Antebellum South*, Annual Meeting, The Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities, Austin, TX (March 2005).

Presenter, *Suing for Freedom*, Annual Meeting, The Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities, Hartford, CT (March 2004).

Presenter, *Suing for Freedom*, Stanford Legal History Society, Stanford Law School, Stanford, CA (April 2003).

SERVICE ACTIVITIES

2009-10 Committees

- Faculty Recruitment
- Faculty Development

2008-09 Committees:

- Faculty Recruitment
- Faculty Development
- ABA / AALS Strategic Planning Committee
- Steering Committee for Center for Law and Public Service (**chair**)

2007-08 Committees:

- Faculty Recruitment
- Faculty Development (**chair**)
- Steering Committee for Center for Law and Public Service (**chair**)
- Academic Standards
- Dean's Advisory & Planning Committee

2006-07 Committees:

- Faculty Development (**chair, spring 2007**)
- Dean Search Committee
- Academic Standards
- Dean's Advisory & Planning Committee

2005-06 Committees (on leave at American University, Washington College of Law):

- Dean Search Committee

2004-05 Committees:

- Faculty Recruitment
- Faculty Development
- AALS Strategic Planning Committee
- Graduate Programs (main university)

2003-04 Committees:

- Bar Performance
- Strategic Planning Task Force on Faculty
- Design Development (ad hoc)

Other:

- Faculty Advisor, Conference on *The Role of Lawyers of Color: Past, Present, and Future*, Texas Wesleyan Law Review, Fort Worth, TX (October 2009).
- Panel Organizer, Conference on *Kara Walker: My Complement, My Enemy, My Oppressor, My Love*, The Modern Art Museum, Fort Worth, TX (September 2008) (other panelists: Robert Storr, Dean of Yale University School of Art, and Adrienne Davis, Professor of Law at Washington University in St. Louis).
- Conference Organizer, "*Too Pure an Air*": *Law and the Quest for Freedom, Justice, and Equality*, the Third Annual Conference held by Texas Wesleyan University School of Law

and the University of Gloucestershire, Gloucester, England (June 2006) (with Reginald Oh and Stephen Alton).

- Panel Moderator/Organizer, “Jurisprudence Case Study: DeShaney v. Winnebago County,” American University Washington College of Law (Fall 2005).
- Faculty Advisor, *Texas Wesleyan Democrats* (2003 - present).
- Panelist, Examination Taking Skills (2003 - present).
- Donation for Student-Faculty Auction (2003 - present).

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Law Clerk to Hon. Kim Wardlaw	Pasadena, CA 8/00 – 1/01
United States District Court for Minnesota Law Clerk to Hon. Donald D. Alsop	St. Paul, MN 8/99 – 8/00
Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi, L.L.P. Associate	Minneapolis, MN 1996-1999

MEDIA APPEARANCES

Interview, *The Faces of Progress: More interracial couples are raising families in North Texas, though some stigma lingers*, FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM, Jan. 18, 2009, at 1B (featured in article).

Interview, *Husband pulled trigger, but wife is indicted*, FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM, Mar. 30, 2007, at 1B.

Interview, *The Carter Library is a Destination*, AMON CARTER MUSEUM PROGRAM, Mar-Apr. 2005, at 18 (featured in article).

ACADEMIC MEMBERSHIPS

- The Law and Society Association
- Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities
- American Society for Legal History
- Society of American Law Teachers
- Texas Supreme Court Historical Association

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- State Bar of Minnesota
- American Bar Association
- Tarrant County Bar Association

HONORS/AWARDS

- “Top Paper” Award, *Base Wretches and Black Wenches: A Story of Sex and Race, Violence and Compassion, During Slavery Times*, 59 ALA. L. REV. 1501 (2008), in 2008 Southeastern Association of Law School’s Call for Papers Competition
- Outstanding 1L Day Professor, Texas Wesleyan University School of Law (2003-04)
- Outstanding 1L Night Professor, Texas Wesleyan University School of Law (2003-04)
- Member of the Year (collectively with Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi Cigarette Litigation Team), *Minnesota Trial Lawyers Association* (1998)
- J.D., *summa cum laude*, American University Washington College of Law
- B.A., *cum laude*, Carleton College
- Robert C. Byrd Scholar