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APPOINTMENTS

University of Connecticut School of Law , Hartford, CT <i>Evangeline Starr Professor of Law</i> Courses: Civil Procedure, Evidence, Problems in Evidence, Law & Lying	2023 – present
University of Connecticut School of Law , Hartford, CT <i>Professor of Law</i>	2017 – 2023
University of Connecticut School of Law , Hartford, CT <i>Associate Professor and Ralph and Doris Hansmann Scholar</i>	2012 - 2017
University of Chicago Law School , Chicago, IL <i>Bigelow Fellow and Lecturer in Law</i>	2010 - 2012
U.S. Court of Appeals, First Circuit, Hon. Kermit V. Lipez , Portland, ME <i>Law Clerk</i>	2009 - 2010
Supreme Court of New Jersey, Justice Jaynee LaVecchia , Morristown, NJ <i>Law Clerk</i>	2008 - 2009

EDUCATION

YALE LAW SCHOOL , J.D., June 2008 <i>Yale Journal of Law & the Humanities</i> , Executive Editor <i>Yale Law Women</i> , Conference Co-Chair
WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY , B.A. with Honors in English, May 2002 Phi Beta Kappa Camp Prize for Excellence in English Literature

AREAS OF RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTEREST

Evidence, Civil Procedure, Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, Law & Lying, Problems in Evidence, Immigration Law, Education Law, Law & Literature, Gender & the Law, Race & the Law.

SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

- Judging Demeanor* (with Kiel Brennan-Marquez), 109 MINN. L. REV. __ (forthcoming 2024).
- A New Baseline for Character Evidence*, 76 VAND. L. REV. 1827 (2023).
- Bending the Rules of Evidence*, 118 N.W.U. L. REV. 295 (2023) (with Edward K. Cheng & G. Alexander Nunn).
- Law's Credibility Problem*, 98 WASH. L. REV. 179 (2023).
- Reforming Prior Conviction Impeachment*, 50 FORDHAM URB. L. J. 377 (2023) (with Anna Roberts).
- Credibility in an Age of Algorithms*, 74 RUTGERS L. REV. 111 (2021).
- Relevance Through a Feminist Lens*, in PHILOSOPHICAL FOUNDATIONS OF EVIDENCE LAW (Alex Stein, et al., eds. Oxford University Press 2021).

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Unmasking Demeanor, 88 G. W. L. REV. ARGUENDO 158 (2020).

Uncovering Credibility, in OXFORD HANDBOOK OF LAW AND HUMANITIES (Bernadette Meyler, et. al. eds., Oxford University Press 2020).

Public Trust and Police Deception, 11 NORTHEASTERN UNIV. L. REV. 625 (2019).

Credibility by Proxy, 85 G.W. L. REV. 152 (2017).

“On Serial and the Acceptability of Verdicts” in *A Law Faculty Listens to Serial*, 48 CONN. L. REV. 1593, 1632 (2016)

Systemic Lying, 56 WILLIAM & MARY L. REV. 2175 (2015) (selected Stanford/Yale/Harvard Junior Faculty Forum 2014).

A Simple Theory of Complex Valuation, 113 MICH. L. REV. 1175 (2015) (with Anthony J. Casey).

Pious Perjury in Scott’s The Heart of Midlothian, in SUBVERSION AND SYMPATHY: GENDER, LAW, AND THE BRITISH NOVEL IN THE EIGHTEENTH AND NINETEENTH CENTURIES (Alison LaCroix & Martha Nussbaum eds., Oxford University Press, 2013).

Moral Turpitude, 2012 UTAH L. REV. 1001 (2012).

Justiciability and the Role of Courts in Adequacy Litigation: Preserving the Constitutional Right to Education, 4 STANFORD J. CIVIL RIGHTS & CIVIL LIBERTIES 83 (2010) (with Robynn Sturm).

Note, *Unchaste and Incredible: The Use of Gendered Conceptions of Honor in Impeachment*, 117 YALE L. J. 1854 (2008).

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Evidence and Antisubordination

Evidence Rulemaking

Critical Evidence (edited volume with Jasmine Harris & Bennett Capers – under submission to Cambridge University Press)

SELECTED OTHER WRITINGS

Prior Conviction Impeachment: Working Toward Reform, The Champion, March/April 2024.

Amicus brief on behalf of the Prior Conviction Impeachment Reform Coalition, *Washington v. Gates*, No. 102534-3 (Wash. 2024) (on Washington’s practice of prior conviction impeachment).

Prior Conviction Impeachment: The Case for Reform, Report for the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (January 2024).

Amicus brief on behalf of the Prior Conviction Impeachment Reform Coalition, *Oregon v. Aranda*, No. So69641, 2023 WL 1966904 (Or. 2023) (on Oregon’s prior conviction impeachment rule).

Julia Simon-Kerr, *SCOTUS Should Revisit Demeanor’s Role in the Courtroom*, Justia Verdict, Dec. 14, 2022, available at <https://verdict.justia.com/2022/12/14/scotus-should-revisit-demeanors-role-in-the-courtroom>.

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS & DISTINCTIONS

UConn Law School Seed Grant Award for work on Prior Conviction Impeachment Reform, Spring 2022.

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Perry Zirkel '76 Distinguished Teaching Award, *The University of Connecticut School of Law*, 2020-21.
Visiting Research Fellow, The Center for the Humanities, Wesleyan University, Spring 2020.

Finalist, Perry Zirkel '76 Distinguished Teaching Award, *The University of Connecticut School of Law*, 2015-2016.

Paper selected, Harvard/Stanford/Yale Junior Faculty Forum, 2014.

SELECTED JUDICIAL CITATIONS

Zarate v. Garland, No. 20-11654 (11th Cir. 2022) (*Moral Turpitude*).

Baddourah v. McMaster, 433 S.C. 89, 104 (2021) (*Moral Turpitude*).

Vazquez Diaz v. Commonwealth, 487 Mass. 336, 358 (2021) (*Unmasking Demeanor*).

State v. Griffin, 339 Conn. 631, 721 (2021) (*Unmasking Demeanor*).

Bakor v. Barr, 958 F.3d 732, 738 (8th Cir. 2020) (*Moral Turpitude*).

Barbosa v. Barr, 926 F.3d 1053, 1061 (9th Cir. 2019) (*Moral Turpitude*).

Islas -Veloz v. Whitaker, 914 F.3d 1249, 1257 (9th Cir. 2019) (*Moral Turpitude*).

Delawareans for Educ. Opportunity v. Carney, 199 A.3d 109, 173 (Del. Ch. 2018) (*Education Adequacy*).

Arias v. Lynch, 834 F.3d 823, 826 (7th Cir. 2016) (*Moral Turpitude*).

Connecticut Coal. for Just. in Educ. Funding, Inc. v. Rell, 295 Conn. 240, 338 (2010) (*Education Adequacy*)

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Assessing Credibility, Connecticut Judicial Conference, Hartford, CT, June 14, 2024.

Judging Demeanor, Law and Society Association 2024 Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado, June 6, 2024.

Critical Evidence Roundtable, Law and Society Association 2024 Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado, June 7, 2024.

Reforming Federal Rule of Evidence 609, National Seminar for Federal Defenders, Milwaukee, WI, May 31, 2024

Critical Evidence, Theoretical Perspectives, The University of Connecticut Public Interest Law Journal Symposium, UConn School of Law, January 26, 2024.

The Promise and Peril of Evidence Law, Evangeline Starr Lecture, UConn School of Law, October 2, 2023.

Defendant Demeanor, CrimFest, New York, NY July 17, 2023.

Bias in Rule 609, Law and Society Association 2023 Annual Meeting, San Juan, Puerto Rico, June 4, 2023.

Defendant Demeanor, Evidence Summer Workshop, Vanderbilt Law School, May 15, 2023.

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- Reexamining Evidence Rule 609*, Washington Defender Association Annual Meeting, April 29, 2023.
- Law's Credibility Problem*, Albany Law School Faculty Workshop, April 14, 2023.
- Law's Credibility Problem*, Hawaii Department of the Attorney General Speaker Series, January 8, 2023.
- Demeanor & Credibility in Administrative Proceedings*, Arkansas Association of the Administrative Law Judiciary, November 18, 2022.
- Demeanor & Credibility in Administrative Proceedings*, Minnesota State Bar Association's Administrative Law Section, November 15, 2022.
- Character Evidence Reimagined*, The Federal Rules of Evidence at 50, Vanderbilt Law Review Symposium, Nov. 4, 2022.
- Bending the Rules of Evidence*, Touro Law Center Faculty Workshop, September 28, 2022
- Character Evidence Reimagined*, CrimFest, New York, NY, July 19, 2022.
- Considering Decision Making in Criminal Legal Systems*, Law and Society Association 2022 Annual Meeting, Lisbon, Portugal, July 15, 2022.
- Demeanor & Credibility in Administrative Proceedings*, 2022 National Association of the Administrative Law Judiciary Midyear Meeting, May 13, 2022.
- Critical Evidence Reform: How Do We Change Prior Conviction Impeachment in the U.S?*, AALS Annual Meeting, January 5, 2022.
- "Shadow Rules": The Operation of Evidentiary Rules Inside and Outside of the Courtroom*, Section on Evidence, AALS Annual Meeting, January 8, 2022.
- Credibility in the Age of Algorithms*, Pepperdine School of Law Faculty Workshop, Malibu, CA, October 11, 2021.
- Book Commentary, ANNA OFFIT, THINKING INSIDE THE BOX: HOW PROSECUTORS INVENT JURORS TO PURSUE JUSTICE*, June 2, 2021.
- Credibility in the Time of COVID*, Connecticut Bar Association's Summer Legal Conference, June 15, 2021.
- Reforming Prior Conviction Impeachment*, Law and Society Association 2021 Annual Meeting, May 26, 2021.
- Relevance Through a Feminist Lens*, Philosophical Foundations of Evidence Law International Seminar Series, April 27, 2021.
- Demeanor in the Age of Masked and Remote Proceedings*, OurFamily Wizard Webinar, March 18, 2021.
- Unregulated Evidence*, Section on Evidence, Co-Sponsored by Civil Rights, Criminal Justice, Minority Groups, and Law and the Social Sciences, AALS Annual Meeting, January 8, 2021.
- Big Data & the Credibility of the Future*, Rutgers University School of Law Faculty Workshop, November 9, 2020.
- Credibility in the Time of COVID-19*, Connecticut Bar Association Litigation Section, October 29, 2020.

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Unmasking Demeanor, Vanderbilt University School of Law Faculty Workshop, August 18, 2020.

Big Data & the Credibility of the Future, Evidence Summer Workshop, August 7, 2020.

Big Data & the Credibility of the Future, Law and Society 2020 Annual Meeting, May 31, 2020.

Big Data & the Credibility of the Future, Wesleyan Center for the Humanities Monday Night Lecture Series, Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT, March 23, 2020.

Big Data & the Credibility of the Future, Law Culture and Humanities Annual Meeting, Hamden CT, March 8, 2020.

Systemic Lying, Façade Truths in Tokugawa Japan and Beyond, Yale University, New Haven, CT, October 26, 2019.

Campus Sexual Assault as Polycentric Justice, Law and Society 2019 Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., June 1, 2018.

Conceptions of Justice in Campus Sexual Assault Proceedings, “MeToo and Who Me?”, Evidence Section Panel, AALS Annual Meeting, New Orleans, January 6, 2019.

Uncovering Credibility, The Oxford Handbook of Law and Humanities Conference, London, June 15, 2018.

Uncovering Credibility, “Truth in Law and Society,” Law and Society 2018 Annual Meeting, Toronto, June 7, 2018.

Public Trust and Police Deception, Scholarship Panel, The Innocence Network Annual Conference, Memphis, TN, March 23, 2018.

On Serial and the Acceptability of Verdicts, “Narrating Evidence”, Joint Law & Humanities and Evidence Section Panel, AALS Annual Meeting, San Francisco, January 6, 2017.

Public Trust and Police Deception, UConn School of Law Faculty Workshop, Hartford, CT October 2016.

Legitimacy and Police Deception, CrimFest 2016, New York, NY, July 11, 2016.

Credibility by Proxy, CT Judiciary Brownbag Scholarship Series, Hartford, CT, April 2016.

Intimate Lies, Association for the Study of Law, Culture and Humanities Annual Meeting, University of Connecticut School of Law, April 2, 2016.

Rediscovering E-Discovery, Connecticut Bar Association, Richard C. Lee United States Courthouse, New Haven, January 20, 2016.

Credibility by Proxy, CrimFest 2015, New York, NY, July 20, 2015.

Credibility by Proxy, Law and Society 2015 Annual Meeting, Seattle, May 29, 2015.

Against Credibility Proxies, Association for the Study of Law, Culture and Humanities Annual Meeting, Georgetown Law School, March 6, 2015.

Systemic Lying, Harvard/Stanford/Yale Junior Faculty Forum, Stanford Law School, June 27-28, 2014.

Systemic Lying, Yale Law Women Junior Scholars Workshop, Yale Law School, November 13, 2013.

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SELECTED MEDIA AND PODCASTS

Despite Connecticut's first-of-its-kind "safe haven" for abortion legislation, barriers to access exist, Where We Live, WNPR, May 4, 2022.

The Age of Consent, Episode 3, Narrative Matters, Dec. 3, 2021.

The Atlantic, *Zoom Court Is Changing How Justice Is Served*, April 21, 2021.

Excited Utterance Podcast Episode, November 20, 2020.

Opening Doors to Resolution – A Mediation Podcast, August 2020.

NPR's Here & Now, Interview with Robin Young, July 1, 2020.

Excited Utterance Podcast Episode, January 2017.

SELECTED LAW SCHOOL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Strategic Planning Committee, Subcommittee on Research (co-chair), University of Connecticut School of Law, 2021- present.

Promotion and Tenure Committee, University of Connecticut School of Law, 2023- present

Faculty Workshops Committee (co-chair), University of Connecticut School of Law, 2014-2019, 2021-2022.

Faculty Appointments Committee, University of Connecticut School of Law, 2018-2019, 2021-2023.

Policing and Criminal Justice Center Planning Committee, 2020-2021.

Educational Policy Committee, 2020-2021.

Dean's Advisory Council, University of Connecticut School of Law, 2018-2019.

PILG Fellowship Review Committee, University of Connecticut School of Law, Spring 2016, Spring 2018.

Clerkship Committee, University of Connecticut School of Law, 2012-2018.

Committee on Faculty-Student Engagement, University of Connecticut School of Law, 2015.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES & MEMBERSHIPS

Academic Advisor to the Code of Evidence Oversight Committee of the Supreme Court of Connecticut, 2014-present.

Founder & Co-chair, Prior Conviction Impeachment Reform Coalition, 2021-present.

Co-chair, Annual Evidence Summer Workshop, Vanderbilt Law School, 2019-present.

Faculty Affiliate, Center for Community Safety, Policing, and Inequality, The University of Connecticut School of Law, 2021-present.

AALS Evidence Section, Executive Committee Member 2021-present.

Peer Reviewer, The International Journal of Evidence & Proof

Peer Reviewer, Law & Philosophy

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Member, New Jersey Bar, since 2008.

LANGUAGES

Spanish (proficient)

German (conversational)