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### APPOINTMENTS

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

### EDUCATION

<b>YALE LAW SCHOOL</b> , J.D., June 2008 <i>Yale Journal of Law &amp; the Humanities</i> , Executive Editor <i>Yale Law Women</i> , Conference Co-Chair
<b>WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY</b> , 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

*Bending the Rules of Evidence*, 118 N.W.U. L. Rev. \_\_\_\_ (forthcoming Dec. 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).

*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).

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

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*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**

*Character Evidence Reimagined* \_ VAND. L. REV. \_ (2023) (invited symposium contribution)

*Evidence Law’s “Demeanor” Problem* (with Kiel Brennan-Marquez)

## **OTHER WRITINGS**

*Prior Conviction Impeachment: The Case for Reform*, Report for the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (forthcoming 2023).

Amicus brief on behalf of the Prior Conviction Impeachment Reform Coalition, *Oregon v. Aranda*, Oregon Supreme Court (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.

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**

*Law's Credibility Problem*, Connecticut Judicial Conference Annual Meeting, June 9, 2023.

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

*Reexamining Evidence Rule 609*, Washington Defender Association Annual Meeting, April 29, 2023.

*Bending the Rules of Evidence*, 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.

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*“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.

*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.

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*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.

**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), 2021-2023.

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

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

Policing and Criminal Justice Planning Committee, 2020-2021.

Educational Policy Committee, 2020-2021.

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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

Member, New Jersey Bar, since 2008.

**LANGUAGES**

Spanish (proficient)

German (conversational)