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Academic Positions

Cardozo School of Law	Professor of Law, 2005-present
	Director, Gertrud Mainzer Family Law, Policy, & Bioethics Program, 2003-present
	Law School Director, Einstein-Cardozo Bioethics Masters Program, 2010-2025
	Director, Cardozo's China State Intellectual Property Office Program, 2011-2017
	Vice Dean, 2009-14; Acting Dean, July 2009
	Associate Professor of Law, 2000-05
National Taiwan University, College of Law	
	Visiting Professor of Law, Spring 2025
Harry Radzyner Law School, Reichman University (Israel)	
	Visting Professor of Law, Summer 2023
Yale Law School	Maurice R. Greenberg Visiting Professor of Law, Spring 2016
University of Paris Ouest	Visiting Professor of Law, Spring 2015
UC Hastings College of Law	Visiting Scholar, Fall 2014
NYU School of Law	Adjunct Professor of Law, 1994, 2008-12
UCLA School of Law	Visiting Scholar, Fall 2007
Yale University	Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy, 1996-97
Mount Holyoke College	Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy, 1995-96
New York University	Assistant Professor of Philosophy, 1992-95
Williams College	Assistant Professor of Philosophy, 1991-92

Education

Yale Law School	J.D., 2000
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Ph.D., Philosophy, 1992
Williams College	B.A., Philosophy, 1987, highest honors

Bar Admissions

New York; U.S. Supreme Court; Third Circuit Court of Appeals

Books

The Mismeasure of Desire: The Science, Theory and Ethics of Sexual Orientation (Oxford University Press, 1999)

Without Good Reason: The Rationality Debate in Philosophy and Cognitive Science (Oxford University Press, 1996)

Forms of Desire: Sexual Orientation and the Social Constructionist Controversy (Routledge, 1992) (edited and wrote introductory and concluding chapters)

Chapters in Books

Gender, Law and Social Perspectives in Same-Sex Divorce and Dissolution, in LGBTQ Divorce and Relationship Dissolution: Psychological and Legal Perspectives and Implications for Practice 353 (Abbie Goldberg & Adam Romero, eds., Oxford University Press, 2019), with Suzanne Kim

Sexual-Orientation Discrimination, in Routledge Handbook of The Ethics of Discrimination 218 (Kasper Lippert-Rasmussen, ed., Routledge, 2017)

Spousal Secrets, in Secrets of Law 77 (Austin Sarat, et. al, eds., Stanford University Press, 2012)

Sexual Orientation, in The Encyclopedia of Ethics 97 (R. Chadwick, ed., Academic Press, vol. 4, 2012)

Chapters in Books (continued)

Seeing Sexual Orientation Through the Lens of Gender, in Queer Philosophy: Presentations of the Society of Lesbian and Gay Philosophy 11 (Raja Halwani, ed., Rodopi, 2012)

Miscegenation, in Encyclopedia of the Supreme Court of the United States 305 (David Tanenhaus, ed., Gale / Macmillan, vol. 3, 2008)

Same-Sex Marriage and Domestic Partnerships, in LGBTQ America Today 717 (John Hawley, ed., Greenwood, vol. 2, 2008)

Biological Determinants of Sexual Orientation, in International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences 475 (William Darity, ed., 2d. ed., Macmillan, vol. 7, 2008), with William Byne

The Story of Goodridge v. Department of Public Health: *The Bumpy Road to Marriage for Same-Sex Couples*, in Family Law Stories 27 (Carol Sanger, ed., Foundation Press, 2007)

The Gay Gene, in The Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology 1830 (G. Ritzer, ed., Blackwell, 2007)

The Ethical, Legal, Social and Political Implications of Scientific Research on Sexual Orientation, in The Health of Sexual Minorities: Public Health Perspectives on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Populations 135 (Ilan Meyer & Mary Northridge, eds., Springer, 2007)

Law, Sexual Orientation and Gender, in Handbook of Jurisprudence and Legal Philosophy 990 (Jules Coleman & Scott Shapiro, eds., Oxford University Press, 2002)

Sexual Orientation: Biological Influences, in International Encyclopedia of Social & Behavioral Sciences 13, 995 (N. J. Smelser & Paul Bates, eds., Pergamon, 2002)

Evolution and Ethics, in The Encyclopedia of Cognitive Science 284 (Frank Keil & Robert Wilson, eds., MIT Press, 1999)

Queer Clones, in Clones and Clones: Facts and Fantasies about Human Cloning 95 (Martha Nussbaum & Cass Sunstein, eds., Norton, 1998), with William Eskridge

Essentialism and Constructionism about Sexual Orientation, in Philosophy of Biology 427 (Michael Ruse & David Hull, eds., Oxford University Press, 1998)
- reprinted in Philosophy and Sex 383 (R. Baker, et al. eds., 3rd ed., Prometheus, 1998)

Scientific Research on Sexual Orientation, in The Encyclopedia of Applied Ethics 101 (Ruth Chadwick ed., Academic Press, vol. 4, 1997), with Udo Schüklenk & Jacinta Kerin

Evolutionary Epistemology, in A Companion to Epistemology 122 (Jonathan Dancy & Ernest Sosa, eds., Blackwell, 1993)

Getting Closer to the Truth: Realism and the Metaphysical and Epistemological Ramifications of Evolutionary Epistemology, in Evolution, Cognition & Realism 119 (Nicholas Rescher, ed., University Press of America, 1990)

Articles (selected)

Multi-Generation Queer Families: Foregrounding the LGBTQ Children of LGBTQ People, 26 Georgetown Journal of Gender and the Law 57 (2024), with Isabella Mancini Pori

Adultery, Infidelity and Consensual Nonmonogamy, 55 Wake Forest Law Review 147 (2020)

How U.S. Family Law Might Deal with Spousal Relationships of Three (or More) People, 51 Arizona State Law Journal 1395 (2020)

Gender in the Context of Same-Sex Divorce and Relationship Dissolution, 56 Family Court Review 384 (July 2018), with Suzanne Kim
- reprinted in *Family Law: Cases and Materials* (Judith Areen, et. al, eds., Foundation Press, 7th ed. 2019)

Not Too Separate or Unequal: Marriage Penalty Relief After Obergefell, 91 Washington Law Review 1073 (2016), with Mitch Engler

Plural Marriage, Group Marriage and Immutability in Obergefell v. Hodges *and Beyond*, 83 UMKC Law Review 871 (2016)

Legal and Ethical Concerns about Sexual Orientation Change Efforts, 44 Hastings Center Report S32 (2014), with Tia Powell

Articles (selected) (continued)

Immutability and Innateness Arguments about Lesbian and Gay Rights, 89 Chicago-Kent Law Review 597 (2014)
- reprinted in Bioethics and the Law (Janet Dolgin & Lois Shepard, eds., Wolters Kluwer, 2018)

The Topography of Legal Recognition of Same-Sex Relationships, 50 Family Court Review 181 (2012)

Dealing with DOMA: Federal Non-Recognition Complicates State Income Taxation of Same-Sex Relationships, 24 Columbia Journal of Gender and Law 29 (2012), with Carlton Smith

Commentary on the Treatment of Gender-Variant and Gender-Dysphoric Children and Adolescents: Common Themes and Ethical Reflections, 59 Journal of Homosexuality 480 (2012)

Sexual Orientations, Rights, and the Body: Immutability, Essentialism, and Nativism, 78 Social Research: An International Quarterly 633 (2011)

Looking Beyond Full Relationship Recognition for Couples Regardless of Sex: Abolition, Alternatives, and/or Functionalism, 28 Journal of Law and Inequality 345 (2010)

The "Accidental Procreation" Argument for Withholding Legal Recognition for Same-Sex Relationships, 84 Chicago-Kent Law Review 403 (2009)

Marriage or Liberation?: Reflections on Two Strategies in the Struggle for Lesbian and Gay Rights and Relationship Recognition, 61 Rutgers Law Review 567 (2009)
- reprinted in Sexuality and Law 37 (Ruthann Robson, ed., Ashgate, vol. 1, 2011)

A Functional Approach to the Spousal Evidentiary Privileges, 5 Episteme: A Journal of Social Epistemology 374 (2009)

Past and Present Proposed Amendments to the United States Constitution Regarding Marriage, 82 Washington University Law Quarterly 611 (2004)
- electronic version in Issues in Legal Scholarship (August 2004), www.bepress.com/ils/iss5/art1

Initial Thoughts on the Admissibility of Expert Testimony about Scientific Research on Eyewitness Identification, 2 Law, Probability and Risk 295 (2003)

Queers Anonymous: Lesbians, Gay Men, Free Speech, and Cyberspace, 38 Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review 159 (2003)

Reply to Martha Nussbaum and Ian Hacking, 21 Law and Philosophy 349 (2002)

Précis of The Mismeasure of Desire: The Science, Theory and Ethics of Sexual Orientation, 21 Law and Philosophy 305 (2002)

Evaluating the Sex Discrimination Argument for Lesbian and Gay Rights, 49 UCLA Law Review 471 (2001)
- reprinted [excerpts] in Cases and Materials on Sexual Orientation and the Law (William Rubenstein, et al., eds., West, 2007)
- reprinted in 1 The Dukeminier Awards: Best Sexual Orientation Law Review Articles (2003)

Choosing the Sexual Orientation of Children, 12 Bioethics 1 (1998)
- reprinted in Same-Sex Cultures and Sexualities: An Anthropological Reader 177 (Jennifer Robertson, ed., Blackwell, 2005)

Ethical Implications of Medical and Biological Research on the Causes of Sexual Orientation, 5 Health Care Analysis 136 (1997), with William Byne

Can We Be Justified in Believing That Humans Are Irrational?, 62 Philosophy and Phenomenological Research 545 (1997)

The Ethics of Genetic Research on Sexual Orientation, 27 Hastings Center Report 6 (July-August 1997), with Udo Schüklenk, William Byne & Jacinta Kerin
- reprinted in Introduction to Women's Studies: Gender in a Transnational World 48 (Inderpal Grewal & Caren Kaplan, eds., McGraw-Hill, 2001)
- reprinted in Ethical Issues in Modern Medicine 522 (John D. Arras & Bonnie Steinbock, eds., 5th ed., Mayfield, 1998)

Rationality and Reflective Equilibrium, 99 Synthese 137 (1994)

Articles (selected) (continued)

Why Sexuality Matters to Philosophy: An Introduction, 25 Metaphilosophy 233 (1994)

Why Sexuality Matters to Philosophy, 67 Proceedings and Addresses of the American Philosophical Association 81 (1994), with Morris Kaplan

The Relevance of Scientific Research about Sexual Orientation to Lesbian and Gay Rights, 27 Journal of Homosexuality 269 (1994)

- reprinted [excerpts] in Sexuality, Gender and the Law 219 (William Eskridge & Nan Hunter, eds., Foundation Press, 1997)
- reprinted in Same Sex: Debating the Ethics, Science and Culture of Homosexuality 135 (John Corvino, ed., Rowman & Littlefield, 1997)

Evidence for Queer Genes, 1 GLQ: The Journal of Gay and Lesbian Studies 93 (1993)

God, the Demon & the Status of Theodicies, 27 American Philosophical Quarterly 163 (1990)

Where Guesses Come From: Evolutionary Epistemology and the Anomaly of Guided Variation, 4 Biology and Philosophy 33 (1989), with Peter Lipton

Reviews, Short Articles, and Commentaries (selected)

Understanding "Racialized" Desire Requires Understanding "Gendered" Desire, Balkanization, https://balkin.blogspot.com/2024/07/understanding-racialized-desire.html?m=1 (July 17, 2024)

Sorting Sexuality: Expertise and the Politics of Legal Classification, Law and Society Review 313 (2022)

Respect for Marriage Act Leaves Too Large a Loophole, Law360 (Dec. 5, 2022), with Ryan Nelson

Transgender Rights as Human Rights, 18 AMA Journal of Ethics 1126 (2016), http://journalofethics.ama-assn.org/2016/11/pfor3-1611.html, with Tia Powell & Sophia Shapiro

"What Have We Gotten Ourselves Into?": Reflections on Katherine Franke's WEDLOCKED, Concurring Opinions, http://concurringopinions.com/archives/author/ed-stein (March 2, 2016)

Commentary for 'After Gender' Conference, 31 Pace Law Review 821 (2011)

Symposium on Abolishing Civil Marriage: Introduction, 27 Cardozo Law Review 1155 (2006)

Wide Reflective Equilibrium as an Answer to an Objection to Moral Heuristics [comment on Cass Sunstein, *Moral Heuristics*], 28 Behavioral and Brain Sciences 561 (2005)

Introducing Lawrence v. Texas*: Some Background and a Glimpse of the Future*, 10 Cardozo Women's Law Journal 263 (2004)

Review of Henry Minton, *Departing from Deviance: A History of Homosexual Rights and Emancipatory Science in America*, 7 Sexualities 250 (2004)

Science and the Nuremberg Code: A Question of Ethics and Harm [Review of Robert Spitzer, *Can Some Gay Men and Lesbians Change Their Sexual Orientations*?], 32 Archives of Sexual Behavior 455 (2003), with Milton Wainberg, et al.

Review of Allen Buchanan, et al., *From Choice to Chance: Genetics and Justice*, 111 Philosophical Review 130 (2002)

Review of Stephen O. Murray and Will Roscoe, eds., *Islamic Homosexualities: Culture, History, and Literature*, 30 Archives of Sexual Behavior 445 (2001)

Review of Roger Brown, *Against My Better Judgment: An Intimate Memoir of an Eminent Gay Psychologist*, 29 Archives of Sexual Behavior 291 (2000)

Review of Simon LeVay, *Queer Science: The Use and Abuse of Research on Homosexuality*, 35 Journal of Homosexuality 107 (1997)

Review of Andrew Sullivan, *Virtually Normal: An Argument about Homosexuality*, 3 Constellations: An International Journal of Critical & Democratic Theory 261 (1996), with Morris Kaplan

Reasoning Why? [Review of Michael Ruse, *Homosexuality: A Philosophical Inquiry*], 60 American Scholar 315 (1991), with Paul Bloom

Legal Experience (selected)

YU Pride Alliance, et al. v. Yeshiva University, No. 154010 (N.Y. Sup. Ct. 2021) (cooperating attorney assisting LGBT undergraduate student group seeking recognition by university)

In the Matter of A.C.S., No. 1916-FC08279 (Jackson Cty. Cir. Ct. Mo. 2019) & No. NC-000166-10/NY (NYC Civ. Ct. 2010) (NY name change & amendment of Missouri birth certificate for transgendered individual)

Lead author, amicus brief on behalf of family law and constitutional law professors in *Hollingsworth v. Perry* (U.S. Supreme Ct. 2013; same-sex marriage)

Counsel for Respondent, *In re Claim of Newland*, No. 93396 (N.Y. App. Div., 3d Dep't 2003) (wrote appellate and administrative appeal briefs in case about benefits for a same-sex couple)

Law Clerk for Judge Dolores Sloviter, Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, 2001-02

Summer Associate, Davis Polk and Wardwell LLP, 1999

Invited Lectures (selected)

Non-Traditional Relationship Recognition in the United States: Past, Present and Future, National Taiwan University College of Law, Taipei, Taiwan, March 31, 2025

How Law Might Deal with Spousal Relationships of Three (or More) People, Harry Radzyner Law School, Reichman University, Herzliya, Israel, June 12, 2023

Adultery, Infidelity, and Consensual Non-Monogamy, Harry Radzyner Law School, Reichman University, Herzliya, Israel, June 4, 2023

Pride and Prejudice in Yeshiva University, Brooklyn Bar Association, May 16, 2023

Adultery, Infidelity, and Consensual Non-Monogamy, UC-Hastings College of Law, San Francisco, CA, September 25, 2018

The Virtues of Consensual Non-Monogamy, Rutgers School of Law-Newark, April 4, 2016

Plural Marriage, Group Marriage and Immutability in Obergefell v. Hodges *and Beyond,* BYU Law School, October 12, 2015

Marriage and Sexual Fidelity, Midyear AALS Conference on Shifting Foundations in Family Law, Orlando, Florida, June 23, 2015

The Quest for Same-Sex Marriage and Its Relevance to Legal Issues Relating to Polyamory, The Future of Monogamy and Non-Monogamy, UC-Berkeley, February 14, 2015

What Can be Learned from the Quest for Same-Sex Marriage in the United States, University of Sydney Law School, March 12, 2015

LGBT Law 2014 Year in Review, LeGal: LGBT Bar Association of Greater NY, January 21, 2015

Recognizing Same-Sex Relationships: Past, Present, & Future?, Mary Edwards Annual Distinguished Lecture, Purchase College, SUNY, March 19, 2014

LGBT Law 2013: Year in Review, LeGal: LGBT Bar Association of Greater NY, January 15, 2014

Problems with "Born That Way": Sexual Orientation, Science and the Law, Center for Ethics, Law and Society, Sonoma State University, September 25, 2013

LGBT Law 2012: Year in Review, LeGal: LGBT Bar Association of Greater NY, January 17, 2013

The Relevance of Immutability, Innateness and Natural Human Kinds to Lesbian and Gay Rights (keynote speech), Gender, Race, Sexuality Conference, Univ. of Barcelona, June 26, 2012

LGBT Law 2011: Year in Review, LeGal: LGBT Bar Association of Greater NY, January 11, 2012

Old and New Procreation Arguments Against Same-Sex Marriage, Chinese University of Hong Kong, June 27, 2011

Born That Way? Not a Choice?: Origin-Based Arguments for Lesbian and Gay Rights, University of Sydney Law School, October 26, 2010; Columbia Law School, October 15, 2008

Looking Beyond Full Relationship Recognition for Couples Regardless of Sex: Abolition, Alternative, and/or Functionalism, University of Minnesota Law School, April 9, 2010

The Accidental Procreation Argument, Loyola School of Law (Los Angeles), February 5, 2009; University of South Carolina Law School, October 27, 2008

Invited Lectures (selected) (continued)

The Current State of Same-Sex Marriage, Brooklyn Law School, October 15, 2008
Spousal Secrets, Amherst College, March 26, 2007
Etiological Arguments for and Against Lesbian and Gay Rights, UCLA School of Law, November 9, 2007; University of Virginia School of Law, November 2, 2006
Etiology, Mutability, and the Law: A Critique of Biological and Psychological Arguments Concerning Lesbian & Gay Rights, California State University, Long Beach, May 10, 2007
After Hernandez*: The Rights of Same-Sex Couples in New York*, Williams Institute, UCLA School of Law, New York, October 25, 2006
Scientific Research on Sexual Orientation, Union College, May 12, 2005
Federalism and Federal Marriage Amendments, Same-Sex Marriage Conf., Yale Univ., Mar. 7, 2005
Past and Present Proposed Amendments to the United States Constitution Regarding Marriage, Hofstra Law School, October 28, 2004
Same-Sex Marriages and Civil Unions: The Changing Legal Landscape, New York State Judicial Institute, September 13, 2004
Same-Sex Marriages and the Ramifications Under New York Law, Nanette Dembitz Lecture, New York County Lawyers Association, June 26, 2004
The 21st Century Family, New York Chapter of Hadassah Attorneys' Council, March 3, 2004
The Legal Situation of Lesbians and Gay Men in the U.S., Haverford College, October 30, 2003
Roundtable Discussion on Lawrence v. Texas, Federalist Society and the American Constitution Society, Cardozo School of Law ("CSL"), October 29, 2003
Bad Law?: The Case of Lawrence v. Texas, Center for Lesbian and Gay Studies, CUNY Graduate Center, October 16, 2003
Lawrence v. Texas *and the Future of Lesbian and Gay Rights in the United States*, Hartwick College, May 15, 2003
Sex, Sexual Orientation, and the Law in the 21st Century, Vassar College, March 25, 2002
Queers Anonymous: Lesbians, Gay Men, Free Speech, and Cyberspace, UCLA School of Law, November 15, 2002
The Sex-Discrimination Argument for Lesbian and Gay Rights, Harvard Law School; University of Chicago Law School; Arizona State University Law School (various dates in 2000-2001)
Choosing the Sex and the Sexual Orientation of Children, New York University, Society for Philosophy & Public Affairs, October 20, 2000
Symposium on the Ethical, Legal, and Social Issues of Human Genome Research, Dartmouth College, Ethics Institute, June 27, 2000
Panel on *The Mismeasure of Desire*, New School for Social Research, March 30, 2000
Scientific Theories of Sexual Orientation, CUNY, March 23, 2000
The Science, Theory & Ethics of Sexual Orientation, SUNY-Purchase; University of California-Santa Cruz; UCLA; Northwestern University; Boston Public Library (1999-2000)
The "Born that Way" Argument for Gay Rights, University of Chicago Law School, Nov. 22, 1999
Natural Human Kinds in Theory and Practice, University of Vermont, September 25, 1998
Evolutionary Constraints on Human Rationality, Wellesley College, March 2, 1998
Rationality Naturalized, Smith College, February 20, 1998
Human Rationality and Naturalized Epistemology, University of Connecticut, October 24, 1996
Scientific Research on Sexual Orientation and Its Ethical Implications, Wellesley College, March 4, 1996; Yale University, February 15, 1996
How to Choose a Sexual Orientation, Smith College, November 12, 1996; Williams College, April 4, 1995; American Philosophical Association Conference, Boston, December 30, 1994
The Categories, the Science, and the Moral Status of Sexual Orientations, American Philosophical Association Conference, San Francisco, March 25, 1993

Invited Lectures (selected) (continued)

Rationality and Reflective Equilibrium, Cambridge University, UK, April 23, 1992; Society for Philosophy & Psychology, San Francisco State University, June 11, 1991

Beyond Essentialism, Utrecht University, The Netherlands, April 3, 1992; Columbia University, November 7, 1991; University of Michigan, October 5, 1991

'Natural' and 'Unnatural' Kinds, Cornell University, February 22, 1991

Nativism, Natural Selection, and Meta-ethics, Vassar College, January 25, 1991; Williams College, January 15, 1991

Talks at Conferences and Symposia (selected)

"Non-traditional Families," Panel discussion, West Coast Sexuality, Gender and the Law Conference, University of California at Irvine Law School, February 22, 2025:

"Innovations in Teaching Family Law," Family Law Teachers and Scholars Conference, Temple University Law School, June 18, 2025:

"LGBTQ Families," International Society for Family Law, Thomas Kline School of Law, Drexel University, June 16, 2025

"Multi-Generation Queer Families: Foregrounding the LGBTQ Children of LGBTQ People," West Coast Sexuality and Gender Conference, Loyola Law School, March 23, 2024

"Religious Liberty and LGBTQ Rights," How Deeply Rooted Are LGBTQ Rights: Where We Stand Post-*Dobbs*, The Richard Falia LGBTQ Commission of the New York Courts, New York Law School, November 10, 2022

"Romantic Preference or Sexual Racism?", NY Area Family Law Workshop, July 10, 2020

"Ethical and Legal Issues about Racial and Ethnic Preferences Regarding Intimate Relationships", Family Law Teachers and Scholars Conference, Brooklyn Law School, June 15, 2020

"Adultery, Infidelity, and Consensual Non-Monogamy," National LGBT Bar Association Annual Conference, August 8, 2019

"Marriage Effects," Law and Society Conference, Washington, DC, May 30, 2019

"Adultery, Infidelity, and Consensual Non-Monogamy," Family Law Teachers and Scholars Conference, Howard University Law School, May 29, 2019

"Protecting the 'Other Person': How Family Law Can Deal with a Couple That Adds a Third," Roundtable on Nonmarriage, Arizona State University College of Law, March 1, 2019

"More Than Two (Legal) Parents?," Family Law Teachers & Scholars Conf., Cardozo Law, June 19, 2018; ICON-S: International Society of Public Law Conf., Hong Kong, June 27, 2018

"Marriage and Sexual Fidelity," International Society for Family Law, Amsterdam, July 27, 2017

"Gender & LGBT Divorce," Law and Society Conf., Mexico City, June 23, 2017

"The Virtues of Consensual Non-Monogamy," Family Law Teachers & Scholars Conf., Fordham Law, June 6, 2017

"Gender & LGBT Divorce," Family Law Teachers & Scholars Conf., New Orleans, June 2, 2016

"Sexual Orientation and Bioethics," Law & Society Conf., New Orleans, June 4, 2016

"Marriage and Consensual Non-Monogamy," Lavender Law Conference, Chicago, August 5, 2015

"The Future of Marriage," Section on Family & Juvenile Law, Amer. Ass'n of Law Schools, Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, January 3, 2015

"Immutability and Innateness Arguments about Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Rights," Symposium on Intergroup Dissent, Chicago-Kent College of Law, November 8, 2013

"Marriage & Parenting: Queer Legal Perspective," Law & Society Ass'n Conf., Boston, May 31, 2013

"The Topography of Legal Recognition of Same-Sex Relationships," Defense of Marriage Act: Law, Policy, and the Future of Marriage, Fordham Law, March 30, 2012

"Sexual Orientations, Rights, and the Body: Immutability, Essentialism, and Nativism," The Body and the State, New School for Social Research, February 11, 2011

"After Gender," After Gender & International Justice Enterprises, Pace Law School, Nov. 12, 2010

Talks at Conferences and Symposia (selected) (continued)

"The Many Meanings of Gender," Sexuality & Gender Conf., UCLA School of Law, Feb. 20, 2010
"The Categories of Sexual Orientation in Law, Science, and Society" American Philosophy Association Pacific Division Conference, Vancouver, February 11, 2009
"Legal and Ethical Problems with Immutability Arguments for Gay Rights," International Conference on LGBT Human Rights, Montreal, July 29, 2006
"State Amendments and Laws Opposing Interracial Marriage, Polygamous Marriages and Same-Sex Marriages," Lavender Law Conference, San Diego, October 28, 2005
"Constitutional Amendments About Marriage," Int'l Lesbian & Gay Law Conf., Toronto, June 28, 2005
"The Relationship Between Queer Law and Queer Theory," Queer Matters, Kings College, London, May 29, 2004
"Proposed Amendments to the United States Constitution Concerning Marriage," Law, Culture and Humanities, University of Connecticut Law School, March 12, 2004
"Admissibility of Expert Testimony on Research on Eyewitness Identification," Inference, Culture, & Ordinary Thinking, Cardozo School of Law, April 29, 2003
"*Lawrence v. Texas*: The US Supreme Court Reconsiders the Constitutionality of Sodomy Laws," Cardozo Law, March 4, 2003 (organizer, moderator, and commentator)
"Queers Anonymous: Lesbians, Gay Men, Free Speech and Cyberspace," Law, Culture & Humanities Conf., Univ. of Pennsylvania, March 9, 2002
"Evaluating the Sex-Discrimination Argument for Gay Rights," Women and the US Constitution, Baruch College, CUNY, February 9, 2001
"Author Meets Critics: *The Mismeasure of Desire*," Amer. Phil. Ass'n Conf., NYC, Dec. 28, 2000
"Essentialism and Natural Human Kinds," University of California-Riverside, March 27, 1999
"Seeing Sexual Orientation Through the Lens of Gender," Amer. Philos. Ass'n Conf., Dec. 29, 1998
"Sexual Orientation: Scientific, Ethical, Legal, and Theoretical Questions," Babes-Boyali Univ., Cluj, Romania, October 17, 1997
"Choosing Sexual Orientation of Children," Amer. Philosophical Ass'n Conf., Seattle, April 5, 1996
"Deciphering Constructionism about Homosexuality," Amer. Philos. Ass'n Conf.; New Orleans, April 28, 1990; Conf. on Human Sexuality, Brown Univ., Sept. 23, 1989
"Getting Closer to the Truth: Realism & the Metaphysical and Epistemological Ramifications of Evolutionary Epistemology," Philosophy of Science Conf., Univ. of Pittsburgh, Dec. 18, 1988

Honors (selected)

The Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law Award for Extraordinary Leadership, May 2014
Rockefeller Foundation, Residential Fellowship at Bellagio Center, Lake Cuomo, Italy, March 2008
Bauer Faculty Research Fellowship, CSL, Spring 2008
Dukeminier Award, Best Sexual Orientation Law Review Article, 2001, UCLA School of Law
Fund for Lesbian and Gay Studies, Yale University: Research Fellowship, 1999
Fund for Lesbian and Gay Studies, Yale University: Teaching Fellowship, 1996-97
Faculty Research Fellowship, College of Arts and Science, New York University (3 years)
University Curricular Challenge Grant, NYU, 1994-95
Sloan Prize for Essay in Philosophy of Science, MIT, 1990
Mellon Fellowship for Graduate Study in the Humanities, Woodrow Wilson Foundation, 1987-1991
Henry Rutgers Conger Memorial Writing Prize, Williams College, 1987
Arthur B. Graves Essay Prize for Philosophy, Williams College, 1987
Phi Beta Kappa, Williams College, 1987
John W. Miller Prize in Philosophy, Williams College, 1986

Professional Activities (selected)

Co-Founder and Co-Chair, Polyamory Legal Roundtable (2024); hosted 2024 conference (at CSL)
Planning Committee, Nonmarriage Roundtable (2023-2026); hosted 2025 conference (at CSL)
Co-founder and Co-Chair, New York Area Family Law Workshop (2008-present)
Member, Advisory Board, Sexuality and Law, Social Science Research Network (2008-present)
Member, Editorial Board, *Journal of Homosexuality* (1997-present)
Selection Committee, Rockefeller Foundation, Bellagio Center Residency Program (2024)
Member, American Psychological Ass'n, Consensual Non-Monogamy Task Force (2018-present)
Member, Matrimonial Bar, New York City Bar Association (2020-2022)
Co-founder, Emerging Family Law Scholars (now Family Law Teacher and Scholars Conference); Planning & Host Committees for 11th & 1st Annual Emerging Family Law Scholars Conference, June 2018 & June 2007 (both held at CSL)
Reviewer (for scholarly publications, recent): *AMA Journal of Ethics*, *Analysis*, *Archives of Sexual Behavior*, *Behavioral & Brain Sciences*, *Bioethics*, *Biology & Philosophy*, *Canadian Journal of Law and Jursiprudence*, *Dialectica*, *Feminist Philosophical Quarterly, GLQ*, *Hypatia: Journal of Feminist Philosophy, Journal of Homosexuality, Journal of Medical Ethics*, *Journal of Sex & Marital Therapy*, *Journal of Social Ontology*, *Legal Theory*, *LGBT Health*, *Philosophers' Imprint*, *Philosophy & Phenomenological Research*, *Pragmatics & Cognition*, *Questions in Politics*: *Journal of the Georgia Political Science Association*, *Review of Philosophy & Psychology*, *Sexualities*, *Signs*, *Social Theory & Practice, Women & Criminal Justice*
Reviewer (for book publishers) for Cambridge Univ. Press. Cornell Univ. Press, NYU Press, Oxford Univ. Press (US & UK), Columbia Univ. Press, Univ. of Chicago Press, Routledge (US & UK), Westwood, Wolters Kluwer
Tenure Reviews for Faculty (recent): Bar-Ilan University (Israel) (2018), Columbia Law School (2023), University of Minnesota Law School (2023), George Washington Law School (2023), State Univ. at Buffalo Law School (2020), Penn. State School of Law (2019), Chicago-Kent Law School (2019)
Referee for *Encyclopedia of Applied Ethics*, Canadian Philosophical Ass'n, CUNY Research Awards, Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Studies Conference, Society for Philosophy & Psychology
Member, Faculty Advisory Board, Williams Institute, UCLA School of Law (2008-2017)
Chair, NY Area LGBT Law Workshop (2007-10, 2017-2019)
Member, LGBT Rights Committee, Association of the Bar of City of New York (2005-07)
Member, Bioethics and Disability Research Group, Yeshiva University (2006-07)
Member, What Sorts of People Should There Be? Research Group, University of Alberta (2006-08)
Advisory Board, LGBTQ America Today, (John Hawley, ed., Greenwood, 2007) (2005-07)
Faculty Advisor, Same-Sex Marriage Conference, Yale Law School (2004-05)
Co-author and signatory for numerous amicus briefs related to family law and LGBT rights
Advisor (applied ethics), Program Committee, Amer. Philosophical Ass'n (1998-2002)
Member, Amer. Philosophical Ass'n, LGBT Issues Committee (1998-99)
Contributor, HuffingtonPost.com, findlaw.com, American Constitution Society Blog

Professional Memberships (selected)

American Bar Association
American Association Law Schools
Family Law Institute
Law and Society Association
LeGal: LGBT Bar Association of Greater NY
National LGBT Bar Association
American Philosophical Association
New York City Bar Association

Courses Taught

Law: Family Law; Statutory Interpretation; Elements of Law; Sexual Orientation; Gender & Law; Sexuality Law; Evidence; Bioethics & Law; Children, Psychology & Law; Reproduction, Law & Policy; Introduction to U.S. Law; Law in Japan

Philosophy: Epistemology; Philosophy of Mind; Philosophy of Biology; Philosophy of Science; Logic; Metaphysics and Ethics of Sex

Law School / University Service (selected)

Educational Policy Committee, CSL (Chair, 2023-24; Member, 2025-26)
Adjunct Appointments Committee (Member, 2023, 2024)
Middle States Reaccreditation Mission and Goals Workgroup, Yeshiva University (Member, 2023)
Clerkship Committee, CSL (Chair, Spring 2023, 2021-22, Member 2020-21)
Appointments Committee, CSL (Chair 2006-07; Member 2002-03, 2019-20)
Academic Standards Committee, CSL (Chair, 2018-19)
Diversity Task Force, CSL (Member, 2009-10, 2013-14, 2015-18)
Faculty Development Committee, CSL (Member, 2015-2017)
Cardozo Journal of Dispute Resolution, CSL (Faculty Advisor, 2017-2018)
OutLaw: Gay and Lesbian Law Students Association, CSL (Faculty advisor, 2002-17)
ABA/AALS Reaccreditation / Self-Study Committee, CSL (Chair, 2016-17); Member (2008-09)
Global Partnerships Working Group, Yeshiva University (Member, 2014-2016)
Strategic Planning Committee, Yeshiva University (Member, 2013-2014)
Long-Range Planning Committee, CSL (Chair, 2012-2014)
Tenure Appeals Committee, Yeshiva University (Member, 2012)
University Benefits Committee, Yeshiva University (Member, 2009-2014)
Educational Policy Committee, CSL (Chair, 2005-06)
Advisory Board, Center for Ethics, Yeshiva University (Chair, 2012-2013; Member 2005-2012)
QYU: LGBT Employees of Yeshiva University and Their Allies (Co-Chair, 2006-2009)
Public Interest Law Students Association, CSL (Faculty advisor, 2005-2009)
Asian Pacific American Law Students Association, CSL (Faculty advisor, 2004-05)
Cardozo Women's Law Journal, CSL (Faculty advisor, 2003-06)
Institute for Social & Policy Studies Colloquium (Research on Sexual Orientation and Its Implications), Yale University (Chair, 1996-97)
NYU Humanities Research Colloquium on Gay and Lesbian Studies (Co-chair, 1993-95)
Thesis supervisions: Ph.D. (NYU-1, Yale-1); Masters (NYU- 7)
NYU Gender Studies Committee for M.A. in Liberal Studies (Member, 1993-94)
NYU Women's Studies Advisory Board (Member, 1992-94)
Mellon Fellowships in Humanities Conference on Teaching, Bryn Mawr College (Chair, 1989)