

## *Curriculum Vitae*

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#### **Academic Positions**

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| Spring 2009         | Visiting Associate Professor of Law, Brown University (Department of Political Science; Constitutional Law course) |
| Fall 2007 – Present | Associate Professor Law, Roger Williams University, School of Law  |
| Fall 2006           | Visiting Associate Professor of Law, Washington and Lee University, School of Law                                  |
| Winter 2006         | Visiting Instructor of Law, University of Michigan Law School  |
| 2005 - 2007         | Associate Professor of Law, University of Toledo, College of Law   |
| 2003 - 2005         | Assistant Professor of Law, University of Toledo, College of Law   |

#### **Education**

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| J.D.  | Yale Law School, <i>The Yale Law Journal</i> (Chief Essays Editor), 2001                                     |
| Ph.D. | Comparative Literature, Princeton University, 1999   |
| B.A.  | Classics & Literature, <i>summa cum laude</i> , Phi Beta Kappa<br>Barnard College, Columbia University, 1993 |

#### **Doctoral Dissertation**

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| 1999 | <i>Boccaccio's Decameron and the Fictions of Progress</i> |
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#### **Academic Awards and Fellowships**

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| 2000 | Coker Teaching Fellow (Yale)                                      |
| 2000 | Colby Townsend Prize (Best Paper by a Second-Year Student) (Yale) |
| 1997 | Mellon Fellow, Center for Human Values (Princeton)                |
| 1996 | Fulbright Fellow (Italy)  |
| 1995 | C. H. Grandgent Award (Harvard)                                   |
| 1993 | Honors & Distinction in Majors (Barnard College)                  |
| 1993 | Jean Willard Tatlock Prize (Columbia College)                     |

## **Professional Experience & Professional Associations**

- 2002-2003 Law Clerk to the Honorable Harold Baer, Jr.,  
United States District Court, Southern District of New York
- 2001-2002 Associate, Simpson Thacher & Bartlett, New York, New York
- 2001- Present New York State Bar, Member

## **Areas of Academic Specialization**

Constitutional Law, Sexuality and the Law, Family Law, Property, Italian Literature

## **Courses Taught**

Constitutional Law (including First Amendment), Family Law, Criminal Law,  
Sexuality and the Law, Property

## **University Service**

- 2008 Appointments Committee, Roger Williams Univ., School of Law  
2007 Curriculum Committee, Roger Williams Univ., School of Law  
2003 - 2007 Appointments Committee, University of Toledo, College of Law

## **Articles**

*(Still) Not Fit To Be Named: Moving Beyond Race To Explain Why 'Separate' Nomenclature for Gay and Straight Relationships Will Never Be 'Equal,'* 97 THE GEORGETOWN LAW JOURNAL (2009) (forthcoming June 2009).

*The Genuine Article: A Subversive Economic Perspective on the Law's Procreationist Vision of Marriage,* 64 WASHINGTON & LEE LAW REVIEW 393 (2007).

*Same-Sex Marriage, Slippery Slope Rhetoric, and the Politics of Disgust: A Critical Perspective on Contemporary Family Discourse and the Incest Taboo,* 99 NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 1543 (2005).

*Law and the Marginal Moment* (in progress)

*On Law, Gender Equality, and the Exceptional Case* (in progress)

## **Invited and Symposia Articles & Essays**

*Reorienting Sexual Orientation and the Law: Lessons Learned from Justice Ginsburg and United States v. Virginia,* OHIO STATE LAW JOURNAL (forthcoming 2009).

*Rhetorical Atavism and the Narrative of Progress in the Debate Over Marriage Equality*, 1 THE FREEDOM CENTER JOURNAL (Symposium and Invited Contribution to the Inaugural Issue of *The Freedom Center Journal*, University of Cincinnati College of Law) (2008).

*“If Sex Offenders Can Marry, Then Why Not Gays and Lesbians?”: An Essay on the Progressive Comparative Argument*, 55 BUFFALO LAW REVIEW 222 (2007) (Invited Contribution to the Annual Essays Issue).

*“What is Our Bane, That Alone We Have in Common”*: *Incest, Intimacy, and the Crisis of Naming*, 21 STUDIES IN LAW, POLITICS, AND SOCIETY 3 (A. Sarat & P. Ewick, eds, 2000) (Invited Contribution).

### **Conferences/Presentations**

2009 *Reorienting Sexual Orientation and the Law: Lessons Learned from Justice Ginsburg and United States v. Virginia*, presented at “The Jurisprudence of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg: A Discussion of Fifteen Years on the U.S. Supreme Court,” Ohio State University, Moritz College of Law

2009 *(Still) Not Fit To Be Named: Moving Beyond Race To Explain Why ‘Separate’ Nomenclature for Gay and Straight Relationships Will Never Be ‘Equal,’* Brown University

2009 *(Still) Not Fit To Be Named: Moving Beyond Race To Explain Why ‘Separate’ Nomenclature for Gay and Straight Relationships Will Never Be ‘Equal,’* Brown University (Out to Lunch Series)

2008 *The “S” Word*, Chapman University School of Law (FIRST Series, Fresh Ideas from Rising Scholars and Teachers)

2008 *The “S” Word*, Feinstein Institute Speaker Series (Roger Williams)

2007 *Rhetorical Atavism and the Narrative of Progress in the Debate Over Marriage Equality*, presented at “Reconstructions: Historical Consciousness and Critical Transformation,” University of Cincinnati College of Law

2007 *Just Rhetoric?: How (and Why) Rhetoric is Driving the Debate Over Marriage Equality*, University of Michigan Law School

2006 *The Genuine Article: A Subversive Economic Perspective on the Law’s Procreationist Vision of Marriage*, Feminism and Legal Theory Workshop, Emory Law School

2004 Panelist & Speaker, *Justice Scalia’s Jurisprudence*

University of Michigan Law School

2000

*“What is Our Bane, That Alone We Have in Common”:  
Incest, Intimacy, and the Crisis of Naming*, presented at  
Law, Culture, and the Humanities Conference, Washington, D.C.