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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Loyola Law School, Loyola Marymount University
Professor of Law, 2022 – present
William M. Rains Fellow, 2022 – present

Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, Arizona State University
Associate Professor of Law, 2014 – 2022 (with tenure, 2019 – 2022;
promoted to full professor effective Aug. 2022)

Stanford Law School
Thomas C. Grey Fellow and Lecturer in Law, 2011 – 2014

EDUCATION

UCLA School of Law
Juris Doctor, Order of the Coif

Northwestern University
Bachelor of Science, *magna cum laude*

ARTICLES, ESSAYS & CHAPTERS

Racial Alchemy: Japanese Ancestry, Marriage, and White Racial Formation During WWII (work in progress)

Dysogamy (work in progress)

Asian Americans and the Harm of Exceptionalized Inclusion, 110 CORNELL LAW REVIEW __ (forthcoming 2025) (with Erin Suzuki)

Asians, Law, and the American Family, in RACE, RACISM, AND THE LAW (forthcoming 2025, Aziza Ahmed & Guy-Uriel Charles eds.)

The Illusion of Stability in Family Law, 78 VANDERBILT LAW REVIEW 1133 (2025)

Unifying Status and Contract, 56 U.C. DAVIS LAW REVIEW 1571 (2023)
Reviewed by Aditi Bagchi, *Why Does Status Matter in Contract?*, JOTWELL (July 28, 2023)
Reprinted in LEGAL HANDBOOK FOR ARCHITECTS, ENG'RS, & CONTRACTORS (Clark Boardman Callaghan 2024)

The Marital Habitus, 99 WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 2033 (2022)

Beyond Polygamy, 107 IOWA LAW REVIEW 1903 (2022)

Breaking Down Status, 98 WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 671 (2021)

Reviewed by Brian Bix, *A Status Breakdown*, JOTWELL (Nov. 3, 2020)

Reviewed by Aníbal Rosario Lebrón, *Rounding the Square Peg: Matsumura's Redefining of Status Regulatory Schemes*, JOTWELL (Nov. 3, 2020)

Beyond Property: The Other Legal Consequences of Informal Relationships, 51 ARIZONA STATE LAW JOURNAL 1325 (2019)

The Integrity of Marriage, 61 WILLIAM & MARY LAW REVIEW 453 (2019)

Consent to Intimate Regulation, 96 NORTH CAROLINA LAW REVIEW 1013 (2018)

Reprinted in 32 MINN. FAM. L.J. 23 (LexisNexis, Jan./Feb. 2019)

Choosing Marriage, 50 U.C. DAVIS LAW REVIEW 1999 (2017)

A Right Not to Marry, 84 FORDHAM LAW REVIEW 1509 (2016)

Binding Future Selves, 75 LOUISIANA LAW REVIEW 71 (2014)

"Download of the Week," Legal Theory Blog (Oct. 25, 2014)

Public Policing of Intimate Agreements, 25 YALE JOURNAL OF LAW & FEMINISM 159 (2013)

CASEBOOK

CONTEMPORARY FAMILY LAW (6th ed. 2023) (with Douglas Abrams, Naomi Cahn, Linda McClain, Catherine Ross, and Jessica Dixon Weaver)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Sixth Roundtable on Nonmarriage and the Law: Introduction, __ FAM. CT. REV. __ (forthcoming 2025) (with Albertina Antognini, Naomi Cahn, Anibal Rosario-Lebron, and Gregg Strauss)

Operationalizing Acts of Love, JOTWELL, Apr. 9, 2025 (available at <https://family.jotwell.com/operationalizing-acts-of-love/>)

Advancing Consensual Non-monogamy in Psychological Research, Practice, and Policy: A Guide for Psychologists, SOC. ISSUES & POL'Y REV. (2024), <http://doi.org/10.1111/sipr.12108> (peer reviewed) (with Amy C. Moors, Michelle Denise Vaughan, Sharon M. Flicker, and Heath A. Schechinger)

Looking Up to Obergefell, JOTWELL, Apr. 22, 2024 (available at <https://family.jotwell.com/looking-up-to-obergefell/>)

Nothing, Nowhere, Not Right Now, JOTWELL, May 5, 2023 (available at <https://family.jotwell.com/nothing-nowhere-not-right-now/>)

Nonmarital Relationships: Introduction, 61 FAM. CT. REV. 69 (2023) (with Albertina Antognini, Susan Frelich Appleton, Naomi Cahn, and Amanda Miller)

Book Review, Cynthia Grant Bowman, Living Apart Together: Legal Protections for a New Form of Family, 56 LAW & SOC'Y REV. 320 (2022)

Judging in the Shadow of Gender, JOTWELL, Apr. 25, 2022 (available at <https://family.jotwell.com/judging-in-the-shadow-of-gender/>)

Restating the Law of Nonmarital Contracts, JOTWELL, Apr. 27, 2021 (available at <https://family.jotwell.com/restating-the-law-of-nonmarital-contracts/>)

Expanding Nonmarital Relationships, 58 FAM. CT. REV. 968 (2020) (with Albertina Antognini & Naomi R. Cahn)

Reproductive Exceptionalisms, JOTWELL, July 3, 2020 (available at <https://family.jotwell.com/reproductive-exceptionalisms/>)

Perspectives on Nonmarital Relationships, 58 FAM. CT. REV. 142 (2020) (with Albertina Antognini, Naomi R. Cahn, and Emily J. Stolzenberg)

Transcending Time and Place: Judge A. Wallace Tashima and the Liberation of LGBT Identity, 66 UCLA L. REV. 1910 (2019) (tribute essay)

Purchasing Race; Or, The Pursuit of White Sperm and Eggs, JOTWELL, Apr. 11, 2019 (available at <https://family.jotwell.com/purchasing-race-or-the-pursuit-of-white-sperm-and-eggs/>)

Family Law's Democratic Foundations, JOTWELL, May 25, 2018 (available at <https://family.jotwell.com/family-laws-democratic-foundations/>)

Book Review, Henry T. Greely, The End of Sex and the Future of Human Reproduction, 57 JURIMETRICS 433 (2017) (invited)

Reproducing Queer Kinship, JOTWELL, Sept. 26, 2017 (available at <https://family.jotwell.com/reproducing-queer-kinship/>)

Shades of Discrimination Brought to Light, JOTWELL, April 26, 2016 (available at <http://family.jotwell.com/shades-of-discrimination-brought-to-light/>)

Reaching Backward While Looking Forward: The Retroactive Effect of California's Domestic Partner Rights and Responsibilities Act of 2003, 54 UCLA L. REV. 185 (2006)

Cited in *Zaber v. City of Dubuque*, 789 N.W.2d 684 (Iowa 2010)

COURSES TAUGHT

Loyola Law School

Contracts; Family Law; Asian Americans and the Law

Arizona State University

Contracts; Civil Procedure; Family Law; Asian Americans and the Law

Stanford Law School

Legal Research & Writing; Federal Litigation

LAW SCHOOL SERVICE

Loyola Law School

Appointments, 2022-23, 2024-25, 2025-26 (entry-level chair); APALSA, Faculty Advisor, 2023-; Children and Family Law Society, Faculty Advisor, 2022-; Clerkship Committee, 2025-26; Dean's Advisory Committee (elected), 2022-23, 2023-24; Dean Search Committee, 2023-24; Hybrid Evening Program Committee, 2022-23; Strategic Planning Committee (co-chair), 2023-25, (member) 2025-26

Arizona State University

Appointments, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2019-20; Clerkship Committee, 2015-20 (chair, 2017-20); Colloquium Committee, 2014-15, 2021-22 (chair, 2021-22); Dean's Advisory Committee, 2019-20 (elected); Dean Search Committee, 2021-22 (elected); Filipino Law Students Association, Faculty Advisor, 2018-19; Inclusion Working Group, 2018-20; Anti-Racism Steering Committee, 2020-22; VAP Committee, 2021-22

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP, San Francisco, CA

Associate, 2008 – 2011

Summer Associate, 2006

Honorable A. Wallace Tashima

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, Pasadena, CA

Law Clerk, 2007 –2008

The Honorable George H. King

U.S. District Court, C.D. Cal., Los Angeles, CA

Judicial Extern, 2005

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Presenter, *Potentially White*

CAPALF & Western Law Teachers of Color Conference, Univ. of Hawaii Richardson School of Law, Jun. 2025 (Honolulu, HI)

Presenter, *Dysogamy*

West Coast Sexuality, Gender, and the Law Conference, UCI School of Law, Feb. 2025 (Irvine, CA)

Speaker, *Against Stability*
UCI School of Law Intellectual Life Workshop, Feb. 2025 (Irvine, CA)

Presenter, *Against Stability*
Roundtable on Nonmarriage and the Law, Univ. of Virginia School of Law, Sept. 2024 (Charlottesville, VA)

Presenter, *Dysogamy*
Int'l Acad. of Law & Mental Health Conference, Univ. of Barcelona, July 2024 (Barcelona, Spain)

Presenter, *Pedagogy and Singlehood Studies: Roundtable*
Third Int'l Singles Studies Conference, July 2024 (online)

Presenter, *Relational Race*
Family Law Scholars & Teachers Conference, Univ. of Baltimore School of Law, June 2024 (Baltimore, MD)

Presenter, *Invisible Harm: The Real 'Asian Penalty'*
Grey Fellows Forum, Stanford Law School, May 2024 (Stanford, CA)

Presenter, *Asians, Law, and the American Family*
Race, Racism, and the Law Convening, Harvard Law School, Mar. 2024 (Cambridge, MA)

Presenter, *Against Stability*
Roundtable on Nonmarriage and the Law, Rutgers Law School, Sept. 2023 (Newark, NJ)

Presenter, *Why Value Relationship Stability?*
Int'l Soc'y of Family Law, 18th World Conference, Univ. of Antwerp, July 2023 (Antwerp, Belgium)

Panelist, Dobbs, *Diminishing Rights, and the Devolution of Democracy*
CAPALF & Western Law Teachers of Color Conference, Loyola Law School, June 2023 (Los Angeles, CA)

Presenter, *Why Value Relationship Stability?*
Family Law Scholars & Teachers Conference, Boston College, June 2023 (Boston, MA)

Speaker, *Unifying Status and Contract*
LSU Law Faculty Colloquium, Feb. 2023 (online)

Guest Lecturer, *Beyond Polygamy*
International & Comparative Family Law, Univ. of Virginia School of Law, Jan. 2023 (online)

Commentator and Panelist, *Nonmarital Relationships Post-Dobbs*

Roundtable on Nonmarriage and the Law, Washington Univ. School of Law, Sept. 2022 (St. Louis, MO)

Presenter, *Unifying Status and Contract*
Family Law Scholars & Teachers Conference, Temple Law School, June 2022 (Philadelphia, PA)

Presenter, *Domestic Workers as Family Members*
Grey Fellows Forum, Stanford Law School, June 2022

Participant, *Reconsidering the Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Herma Hill Kay Sex-Based Discrimination Casebook*, NYU Birnbaum Women's Leadership Network, Feb. 2022 (online)

Invited Commentator, *The Future of Family Law*, AALS Section on Family and Juvenile Law
AALS Annual Meeting, Jan. 2022 (online)

Presenter, *The Marital Habitus*
Roundtable on Nonmarriage and the Law, Washington Univ. School of Law, Oct. 2021 (online)

Speaker, *Beyond Polygamy*
Univ. of Virginia Faculty Colloquium, Aug. 2021 (Charlottesville, VA)

Presenter, *Beyond Polygamy: Building a Plural Relationship Status*
Family Law Scholars & Teachers Conference, June 2021 (online)

Presenter, *Unifying Status and Contract*
Grey Fellows Forum, Stanford Law School, June 2021 (online)

Speaker, *Beyond Polygamy: Building a Plural Relationship Status*
Atkinson LGBTQ Law & Policy Colloquium, Univ. of Arkansas School of Law, Apr. 2021 (online)

Moderator, *Legal Education in the Wake of George Floyd and Covid-19: A Conversation with Law School Deans and Faculty on Race, Inequality, and the Challenges and Opportunities Ahead*
AALS Annual Meeting, Jan. 2021 (online)

Presenter, *Breaking Down Status*
Colloquium on Scholarship in Employment and Labor Law, Oct. 2020 (online)

Speaker, *Breaking Down Status*
BU Law Gender Law & Policy Colloquium, Sept. 2020 (online)

Speaker, *Breaking Down Status*
Arizona State University Faculty Colloquium, Sept. 2020 (online)

Presenter, *The Breakdown of Status-Based Regulation*

Family Law Scholars & Teachers Conference, June 2020 (online)

Panelist, *What About Marriage? Obergefell and the Law of Nonmarriage*
Yale Law Journal & You, Yale Law School, Mar. 2020 (New Haven, CT)

Presenter, *Square Pegs and Round Holes: Worker Classification and*
Nonmarital Relationship Recognition

Roundtable on Nonmarriage and the Law, Univ. of Arizona School of
Law, Feb. 2020 (Tucson, AZ)

SELECTED MEDIA

Andrew Jeong, "Arizona Judge Reinstates Near-Total Abortion Ban
from 19th Century," WASH. POST, Sept. 24, 2022

Steve Goldstein, "Brnovich Files Motion Allowing Charges Against
Doctors Who Perform Abortions. What that Could Mean," *The Show*,
July 14, 2022 (public radio interview)

"Breakfast with Refilwe Moloto," *CapeTalk*, May 5, 2022 (Cape Town,
South Africa, morning radio interview (discussing abortion laws in
Arizona))

Katherine Davis-Young, "Could Arizona Outlaw Abortion? Supreme
Court Decisions Could Mean Major Changes," KJZZ, Apr. 5, 2022
(public radio interview)

Mark Brodie, "Further Challenges to Arizona's Abortion Laws
Inevitable as New Session Begins, Lawyer Says," *The Show*, Jan. 17,
2022 (public radio interview)

Emma Ascott, "Ducey Asks U.S. Supreme Court to Overturn *Roe v.*
Wade," *Cronkite News*, Arizona PBS, July 30, 2021 (quoted)

Allison Sherry & Will Stone, "Can Businesses Turn Away LGBT
Customers? Court Battles Bubbling Back Up," *All Things Considered*,
Feb. 10, 2019 (public radio interview)

"Arizona Supreme Court Hears Challenge to Phoenix Gay
Antidiscrimination Law," KJZZ, Jan. 22, 2019 (public radio interview)

Marshall Terrill, "*Three Identical Strangers* Opens Pandora's Box of
Privacy Law," *ASU Now*, Sept. 6, 2018 (interview)

Joanna Allhands, "How a Lesbian Divorce Case Could Redefine
Parenthood," *Arizona Republic*, June 27, 2017 (quoted)

"Arizonans Weigh in on Same-Sex Marriage Ruling," *Here and Now*,
June 26, 2015 (public radio interview)

"Experts: Supreme Court Decision on Same-Sex Marriage Could
Impact Arizona Couples," KJZZ, Apr. 27, 2015 (public radio interview)

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Reporter, Uniform Law Commission Study Committee on Pet Custody Issues, 2025-

American Psychological Ass'n: Division 44 Committee on Consensual Nonmonogamy, Co-Lead, CNM Families Initiative, 2021-2024

JOTWELL: Family Law, Section Editor (with Naomi Cahn), 2020- ; Contributing Editor, 2016-

Roundtable on Nonmarriage and the Law, Co-founder and co-chair, 2019-

West Coast Gender, Sexuality, and the Law Conference, Co-founder and co-chair, 2024; Planning Committee, 2025-

AALS Committee for the Recruitment and Retention of Minority Law Teachers and Students, 2020-2023

AALS Workshop for Pretenured Law School Teachers of Color, Planning Committee, 2019

Family Law Scholars & Teachers Conference, Co-chair, 2017; Planning Committee, 2018

Referee Activity

Yale Law Journal, *NYU Law Review*, *Stanford Law Review*, *Harvard Law Review*, *Univ. of California Press*

AWARDS

Outstanding Teaching Award (by vote of graduating class), ASU Law, 2019

Outstanding Teaching Award (by vote of graduating class), ASU Law, 2017

Judge Jerry Pacht Constitutional Law Award, UCLA Law, 2007

Harriet Gilliam Memorial Prize for Best English Thesis, Northwestern University, 2000

Edwin Shuman Award for Best English Major, Northwestern University, 2000

BAR ADMISSIONS

California; U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit; U.S. District Court, Northern District of California; U.S. District Court, Southern District of California