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#### ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

SAMUEL TYLER RESEARCH PROFESSOR,  
GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL  
Visited 1995-96, tenured 1998, promoted full Professor 1999.  
Editor, George Washington Public Law & Theory (SSRN), 2003-04.  
President, AALS Section on Labor Relations and Employment Law, 2008-09.

VISITING PROFESSOR OF LAW  
Boston University School of Law, 2006-07  
Harvard Law School, Spring 2005

DISTINGUISHED VISITING PROFESSOR, SUFFOLK LAW SCHOOL, 2002-03, FALL 2004.

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA LAW SCHOOL, 1993-95  
Awarded University Research Grant for study of the economic efficiency  
of the EEOC (1993-94). Public Interest Law Advisor.

#### COURSES TAUGHT

Contracts, Constitutional Law I & II, Employment Law,  
Employment Discrimination, Civil Rights Legislation, Criminal Law,  
Judicial Review and Social Change (seminar), Advanced Const. Theory  
(seminar).

#### OTHER PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT AND SERVICE

Board Member, Citizen Complaint Review Board, Washington, D.C.  
2000-02 (Mayoral Appointee, Civilian Oversight of police department).

Staff Attorney, Employment Discrimination Project, Lawyers' Committee for  
Civil Rights Under Law, Washington, D.C., 1991-93.

Trial Attorney, Employment Litigation Section, Civil Rights Division,  
United States Department of Justice, Washington, D.C., 1989-91.

Litigation Associate, Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe, Sacramento, Ca., 1988-89.

Law Clerk, Chief Judge James R. Browning, United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, San Francisco, CA, 1987-88.

## EDUCATION

Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA  
J.D., magna cum laude, 1987  
Articles Editor, Harvard Law Review  
Myer Etta Dana University Scholar  
Research Assistant: Professors Charles Ogletree, Laurence Tribe,  
and Lloyd Weinreb.

Stanford University, Stanford, CA  
A.B. English, with Highest Honors and Distinction, 1983  
Phi Beta Kappa  
Research Assistant: Dr. John Bunzel & Dr. Peter Corning

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books and Book Chapters

WORK LAW: CASES AND MATERIALS (Lexis 2d ed 2010), co-authored with M. Crain & P. Kim (1<sup>st</sup> Edition 2005).

EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION (West 8th ed. 2010), co-authored with D. Avery, R. Corrado, M. Hart & M. Ontiveros (joined with Supplement 2006).

LAW OF DISCRIMINATION (Lexis forthcoming 2011), co-authored with R. Brooks & G. Carrasco.

CIVIL RIGHTS LITIGATION (Carolina Academic Press, 3d Ed. 2005), co-authored with R. Brooks & G. Carrasco.

*The Stigma of Disabilities and the Americans With Disabilities Act*, DISABILITY AND AGING DISCRIMINATION (Springer 2010, edited by R. Weiner & S. Wilborn) (chapter)

*Contemporary Sex Discrimination: It is Not All Subtle*, BEHAVIORAL ECONOMICS AND EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION (Yelnosky & Gulati eds. Kluwer 2007) (chapter).

*Difference and Solidarity: Unions in a Postmodern Age*, LABOUR LAW IN AN ERA OF GLOBALIZATION (K. Klare et al eds) (Oxford University Press 2002) (with Molly McUsic) (chapter).

*Indirect Discrimination: A Perspective from the United States*, in NON-DISCRIMINATION LAW: COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVES (T. Loenen & P. Rodrigues, 1999) (chapter).

### Articles

1. *Interpreting the Americans With Disabilities Act: Why the Supreme Court Rewrote the Statute, and Why Congress Did Not Care*, 76 GEO. WASH. L. REV. 101 (2008).
2. *Was the Disparate Impact Theory a Mistake?*, 53 UCLA L. REV. 701 (2006) (reprinted in CIVIL RIGHTS LITIGATION & ATTORNEY FEES ANNUAL HANDBOOK, S. Saltzman, ed., West, 2006).
3. *Sex Discrimination in the Nineties, Seventies Style: Evidence from Class Action Litigation*, 9 EMPLOYEE RTS. & EMPLOY. POL'Y J. 1 (2005).
4. *The Price of Discrimination: The Nature of Class Action Employment Discrimination Litigation and Its Effects*, 81 TEXAS L. REV. 1249 (2003) (reprinted in EMPLOYMENT CLASS AND COLLECTIVE ACTIONS, D. Sherwyn, ed., Kluwer 2009 and CIVIL RIGHTS LITIGATION & ATTORNEY FEES ANNUAL HANDBOOK, S. Saltzman, ed., West, 2003).
5. *Remedying Societal Discrimination Through the Government's Spending Power*, 80 NORTH CAROLINA LAW REV. 1574 (2002).
6. *Family Leave and the Gender Wage Gap*, 78 N. CAR. LAW REV. 707 (2000).
7. *The Life of Bakke: An Affirmative Action Retrospective*, 87 GEORGETOWN LAW J. 981 (1999).
8. *Public v. Private Enforcement of Civil Rights: The Case of Housing and Employment*, 45 UCLA L. REV. 1401 (1998).
9. *Proving Intentional Discrimination: The Reality of Supreme Court Rhetoric*, 86 GEORGETOWN LAW J. 279 (1997).
10. *Postmodern Unions: Identity Politics in the Workplace*, 82 IOWA L. REV. 1339 (1997) (with Molly McUsic).
11. *The Value of the EEOC: Should the Agency Be Abolished?*, 57 OHIO ST. L.J. 1 (1996).
12. *Testing for Equality: Merit, Efficiency and the Affirmative Action Debate*, 42 UCLA LAW REV. 1251 (1995).

13. Note, *Felony Murder: A Tort Law Reconceptualization*, 99 HARV. L. REV. 1918 (1986).

Essays, Reviews and Commentary

14. *The Supreme Court's Surprising and Strategic Response to the Civil Rights Act of 1991*, forthcoming WAKE FOREST LAW REVIEW (Summer 2011).
15. *Understanding Discrimination in a "Post-Racial" World*, 32 CARDOZO LAW REV. 101 (2011).
16. *Unions, Education, and the Future of Low-Wage Workers*, UNIV. OF CHICAGO LEGAL FORUM 147 (2009) (symposium).
17. *The 2007-2008 Term: The Government Changes Its Tune and the Supreme Court Takes a Pragmatic Turn*, 12 EMPL. RTS. & EMPL. POL'Y J. 161 (2008).
18. *The Work Family Debate: An Essay on Men, Employers and Responsibility*, 4 ST. THOMAS L. REV. 573 (2007) (symposium).
19. *The Supreme Court's 2006-07 Term Employment Law Cases: A Quiet But Revealing Term*, 11 EMPL. RTS. & EMPL. POL'Y J. 219 (2007).
20. *The Many Faces of Darlene Jespersen*, 14 DUKE J. OF GENDER & LAW 467 (2007) (symposium).
21. *Privacy for the Working Class: Public Work and Private Lives*, 66 LA L. REV. 1035 (2006) (symposium).
22. *Race in the City: The Triumph of Diversity and the Loss of Integration*, 22 J. LAW & POLITICS 49 (2006) (symposium).
23. *Women in the Workplace: Which Women, Which Agenda?* 13 DUKE J. OF GENDER & LAW 7 (2006) (symposium) (with Naomi Cahn) (reprinted in WOMEN AND THE LAW, J. Moriarty, ed., West, 2009).
24. *The Class Ceiling*, 65 U. MD. L. REV. 435 (2006) (symposium) (with Naomi Cahn).
25. *Is Something Better than Nothing? Critical Reflections on Ten Years of the FMLA*, 15 WASHINGTON UNIV. J. OF LAW & POL'Y 65 (2004) (symposium).
26. *Subtle Discrimination: A Matter of Perspective Rather than Intent*, 34 COLUMBIA HUMAN RTS. L.REV.657 (2003) (symposium).

27. *Caretaking and Contemporary Social Policy*, 55 MAINE L. REV. 290 (2002) (with Naomi Cahn) (symposium).
28. *Getting Beyond Affirmative Action: Thinking About Racial Inequality in the Twenty-First Century*, 55 STAN. L. REV. 1013 (2002) (book review).
29. *Why Are Employment Discrimination Cases So Hard to Prove?*, 61 LOUISIANA LAW REV. 555 (2001) (symposium).
30. *Care, Work and the Road to Equality: A Comment on Fineman and Williams*, 76 CHICAGO-KENT LAW REV. 1557 (2001) (symposium).
31. *The Facts of Affirmative Action*, REVIEWING THE SHAPE OF THE RIVER, by William G. Bowen and Derek Bok, 85 VIRGINIA L. REV. 697 (1999) (book review).
32. *The Limited Vision of the Family & Medical Leave Act*, 44 VILLANOVA L. REV. 395 (1999) (symposium).
33. *Response to Professor Wax – Discrimination as Accident: Old Whine, New Bottle*, 74 INDIANA LAW J. 1233 (1999) (invited commenatary).

#### PRESENTATIONS & CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Presentation, “Social Media and the Workplace,” Temple Political and Civil Rights Law Review symposium on Emerging Trends in Cyberspace, Feb. 2011.

Presentation, “Twenty Years of the Civil Rights Act of 1991,” symposium on Twenty Years After the 1991 Civil Rights Act: What Does the Future Hold?, Wake Forest Law School, Nov. 2010.

Presentation, “Understanding Discrimination in a ‘Post-Racial’ World, Acknowledging Race in a “Post-Racial” Era, Cardozo Law School, April 2010.

Presentation, “The Human Capital Approach for Low-Wage Workers,” Annual Northeast People of Color Conference, Univ. of Buffalo, Oct. 2009.

“Privacy, Speech and the Modern Workplace,” Faculty Workshops, Marquette Law School and Wayne State Law School, Fall 2008.

“Stereotypes and the ADA: Has the Statute Been Effective?” Law and Psychology Symposium, University of Nebraska Law School, Nov. 2008.

“What do Unions Offer for Low-Wage Workers,” Faculty Workshop, Wake Forest Law School, Nov. 2008.

Plenary Speaker, Session on Low-Income Women, Amer. Ass’n Law Schools Annual Mtg., N.Y., Jan. 2008.

Presentation, “Workplace Justice and the Next Frontier,” Third Annual Labor and Employment Law Scholars, Denver, Co., Sept. 2008.

Presentation, “The Future of Unions and the Low-Wage Worker,” Conference at University of North Carolina Poverty Center, Nov. 2007.

Participant, “The Impact of Employment Discrimination Class Actions on Gender Equality in the Workplace,” Institute for Women’s Policy Research Advisory Group, Boston, Ma, Nov. 2006.

Presentation, “Interpreting the Americans With Disabilities Act: A Case Study in Pragmatic Judicial Interpretation,” Faculty Workshop, Boston University School of Law, Nov. 2006.

Presentation, “The Many Faces of Darlene *Jespersen*,” Symposium on Identity and Makeup in the Workplace, Duke Law School, Oct. 2006.

Presentation, “Sexual Stereotyping and the *Jespersen* Case,” Labor Law Group, Conference, Saratoga Springs, N.Y., June 2006.

Presentation, “Trends in Class Action Employment Discrimination Litigation,” Littler Mendelson Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, June 2006.

Participant, “Annual Roundtable on EEO Law,” Cornell University Hotel & Restaurant Mgt. School, May 2006.

Presentation, “Current Issues in Employment Discrimination Law,” Annual Conference for Association of Attorney Generals, Washington, D.C., April 2006.

Presentation, “Interpreting the ADA: Pragmatic Judicial Theory,” Conference on Empirical Studies and the ADA, New York University Law School, April 2006.

Presentation, “Workplace Justice: Identifying What is Important to Workers,” Faculty Workshop, University of Connecticut Law School, Mar. 2006.

Invited Lecture, “Women in the Workplace: Which Women, Whose Agenda?” Duke Law School, Mar. 2006.

Presentation, “Privacy for the Working Class,” Annual Law Review Symposium, Louisiana State University Law School, Feb. 2006.

Presentation, "Contemporary Privacy Issues in the Workplace," New York University Center on Judicial Administration, Nov. 2005.

Presentation, "Whatever Happened to Hopwood?" Annual Law & Society Conference, Las Vegas, Nevada, June 3, 2005.

Presentation, "Why the FMLA? Reflecting on the First Ten Years," Distinguished Visiting Professor Presentation, Suffolk Law School, November 12, 2005.

Presentation, "Current Issues in Employment Discrimination Law," NAACP Annual Lawyer Training Conference, July 14, 2004, Philadelphia, PA.

Presentation, "Was the Disparate Impact Theory A Mistake?" Annual Law & Society Conference, Chicago Illinois, May 29, 2004; Faculty Workshop Boston University Law School, November 8, 2003.

Presentation, "The Aftermath of the University of Michigan Affirmative Action Cases," NAACP Annual Lawyer Training Conference, July 13, 2003, Miami, Fla.

Presentation, "The Difficulty With Proving Employment Discrimination Claims," NAACP Annual Lawyer Training Conference, July 13, 2003, Miami, Fla.

Presentation, "Sex Discrimination in the 90s, Seventies Style," paper presented at Annual Law and Society Conference, June 6, 2003, Pittsburgh, PA.

Lecture, "Contemporary Employment Discrimination Class Actions," NYU Labor and Employment Annual CLE Conference, May 8, 2003.

Lecture, "Workplace Justice in the Twenty-First Century," Distinguished Visiting Professor Lecture, Suffolk Law School, Boston, April 2, 2003.

Presentation, "Caretaking and Contemporary Social Policy," Conference on Labor and Gender, Maine Law School, September 14, 2002.

Presentation, "The Price of Discrimination: The Nature and Effect of Large Class Action Discrimination Lawsuits," Annual Law & Society Conference, May 31, 2002, Vancouver, British Columbia. Also presented to law faculties at New York University Law School (April 2003), Northeastern Law School (March 2003), William and Mary Law School (February 2002).

Presentation, "Statistical Discrimination, Stereotypes, Stigma and the Vicious Circle of Discrimination," Conference on Behavioral Analyses of Law, New York University Law School, April 19, 2002.

Presentation, "What Workers Deserve," Conference on International Corporate Governance and Accountability, June 1, 2001, Washington, D.C.

Presentation, "Why Are Employment Discrimination Cases So Hard to Prove?" Symposium on Proof Problems in Employment Discrimination Cases, Louisiana State University Law School, Jan. 26, 2001.

Presentation, "Remedying Societal Discrimination Through the Government's Spending Power," Law & Society Conference, May 27, 2000, Miami, Fla.

Presentation, "Rethinking Equality and Family Leave," Annual Ass'n American Law Schools Conference, Washington, D.C., Jan. 5, 2000.

Presentation, "Courts vs. Legislatures: The Case of Sexual Minorities," Conference on Representation & Identity, University of Chicago, Nov. 17-19, 1999.

Presentation, "The Future of Civil Rights Enforcement," United States Dept. of Justice, Civil Rights Division, Annual Retreat, Potomac, MD., July 15, 1999.

Presentation, "Forcing Equality," Law and Society Conference, May 30, 1999, Chicago, Illinois.

Presentation, "The Limited Vision of the Family and Medical Leave Act," Symposium in Honor of Mary Jo Frug, held at Villanova Law School, Nov. 7, 1998.

Presentation, "Indirect Discrimination: A U.S. Perspective," International Conference on Comparative Non-Discrimination Law, University of Utrecht, Netherlands, June 1998.

Presentation, "The Future Implications of the Court's Decision in *Wildman Bros. v. Glickman*," 1998 AALS Conference, San Francisco, Jan. 8, 1998.

Participant, "Rethinking Global Equality Conference," Washington University Law School, Nov. 8-10, 1997.

Chair & Commentator, "The Colorblind Principle & Multiracial Democracy," Plessy v. Ferguson Revisited Conference, Nov. 15, 1996, Howard University.

Presentation, "Public v. Private Enforcement of Civil Rights," Law & Society Conference, July 12, 1996, Glasgow, Scotland.

Presentation, "Postmodern Unions," Law and Society Conference, June 1995, Toronto, Canada (with Molly McUSIC).

Panelist, "Labor Market, Business, and Racial Response," Conference on the Future of Civil Rights, Univ. of Minnesota, October 1994.

Presentation, "Second-Generation Workplace Discrimination,"  
United States Department of Agriculture, July 1994.

## FACULTY SERVICE

Chair, University Dispute Resolution Committee, 2000-02, Member 2010-  
Chair, Tenure and Promotions Committee, 2001-02, 2005-06 (member)  
Chair, Academic Integrity Committee, 2000-01  
Chair, Curriculum Committee, Spring 1998  
Served on Appointments, Admissions, Public Interest  
Member, Ad Hoc Committee on Sexual Harassment, University Committee  
on Status of Women

## SIGNIFICANT CASE PARTICIPATION

Grutter v. Bollinger, 123 S.Ct. 2325 (2003), Amicus brief filed for Society of American  
Law Teachers  
Oubre v. Entergy Operations, 522 U.S. 422 (1998), assisted petitioner  
Farmer v. Brennan, 522 U.S. 825 (1994), assisted petitioner ACLU  
Landgraf v. USI Film, U.S. S. Ct. (1994), amicus participation for Lawyers'  
Committee for Civil Rights Under Law  
St. Mary's Honor Center v. Hicks, 509 U.S. 502 (1993), amicus participation for  
Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law  
Officers for Justice v. Civil Serv. Comm'n, 979 F.2d 721 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1992)

## MEDIA APPEARANCES

Quoted in New York Times, Washington Post, Los Angeles Times, Houston  
Chronicle, Philadelphia Inquirer, Financial Times, Christian Science Monitor, Wall Street  
Journal, USA Today, National Law Journal among others. Appeared on MSNBC, NPR  
Talk of the Nation, Marketplace, NPR Evening Edition, Bloomberg Radio, among others.

## MEMBERSHIPS

Labor Law Group (West), Editorial Board, Employee Rights & Emp. Pol'y J., ABA, Ca  
Bar., Supreme Court Bar, Board Member, Humane Farm Animal Care.