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CURRICULUM VITAE

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW **July 2022 – present**

Professor of Law; Director, Health Justice Policy & Advocacy Clinic

Courtesy Appointment, Milken Institute School of Public Health, Department of Health Policy & Management

Courses: Health Justice Policy & Advocacy Clinic (Medical-Legal Partnership Litigation and Policy Clinic), Civil Access to Justice Clinic, Inns of Court.

THE EVICTION LAB AT PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

August 2021 – present

Research Collaborator

WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

July 2020 – July 2022

WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Visiting Professor of Law and Health Policy

Courses: Health Justice Theory & Praxis; Medical-Legal Partnership Clinic (law and medical students)

COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL

October 2018 – June 2020

Visiting Associate Clinical Professor of Law; Director, Health Justice Advocacy Clinic

Course: Health Justice Advocacy Clinic (law and public health students)

YALE LAW SCHOOL

July 2017 – September 2018

Invited Distinguished Visiting Scholar and Senior Fellow

Solomon Center for Health Law & Policy

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO SCHOOL OF LAW

July 2010 – June 2017

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY STRITCH SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Clinical Professor of Law

Courses: Health Justice Project Clinic; Health Justice Policy; Interdisciplinary Health Advocacy; Health Justice Advocacy; Introduction to Health Justice; Advance Care Planning and Client Counseling; Access to Health (law, medical, public health, and social work students).

The Health Justice Project received the 2015 Outstanding Medical-Legal Partnership Award from the National Center for Medical-Legal Partnership and the 2018 Clinical Legal Education Award for Excellence in a Public Interest Project.

GEORGETOWN LAW CENTER

Teaching Fellow, Supervising Attorney

June 2008 – July 2010

Adjunct Faculty

September 2009 – July 2010

Courses: Federal Legislation & Administrative Clinic; Advocacy Skills for the 21st Century Public Interest Lawyer; Clinical Pedagogy Course with Georgetown Law Center faculty.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

THE WHITE HOUSE

Senior Advisor

August 2021 – July 2022

Served as a Senior Advisor to the White House and the American Rescue Plan Implementation Team on housing policy. Supported the Biden-Harris Administration's successful efforts to prevent the pandemic eviction, affordable housing, and foreclosure crises.

NATIONAL HOUSING LAW PROJECT

August 2023 – present

Senior Fellow

TERRIS, PRAVLIK & MILLIAN, LLP

Associate

September 2007 – May 2008

Represented low-income children with disabilities in a successful class action lawsuit, *D.L. v. D.C.*, that challenged the District of Columbia's failure to provide special education benefits as required by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

WASHINGTON LEGAL CLINIC FOR THE HOMELESS

Arnold & Porter Equal Justice Works Fellow, Staff Attorney

August 2005 – August 2007

Designed and implemented a fellowship project to address child and youth homelessness and improve the District of Columbia's approach to homelessness prevention. Represented nearly 500 clients in the first enforcement actions under the Homeless Services Reform Act and in emergency eviction and public benefits proceedings. Drafted and secured passage of legislation that increased access to education and resources for children who are homeless. Engaged in outreach, organizing, community education, and coalition building.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA

Law Clerk for The Honorable David Hamilton

August – December 2004

Researched and drafted memoranda for opinions under the Social Security Act and the Family and Medical Leave Act.

LAWYERS' COMMITTEE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS

Law Clerk

May – August 2004

Developed Election Protection manual on disenfranchisement of ex-felons, students and homeless people; identified legal issues facing Black women for presentation at United Nations; contributed legal research to the Voting Rights, Housing and Community Development Projects.

NEW HAVEN LEGAL ASSISTANCE ASSOCIATION, INC.

Law Clerk

January – August 2002

Assisted attorneys in domestic relations, public benefits, eviction, and landlord-tenant cases. Served as a Fair Housing tester. Assisted in the development of New Haven's first medical-legal partnership.

UNITED STATES PEACE CORPS

Volunteer – Thailand, Belize & Zimbabwe

January 2000–December 2001

Conducted needs assessments. Trained local farmers in permaculture approach. Designed and led trainings for elementary school teachers in student-centered learning. Created a scholarship program for rural students to fund tuition, clothing, books, and transportation.

EDUCATION

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER, LL.M. (2010)

INDIANA UNIVERSITY MCKINNEY SCHOOL OF LAW, J.D. (*cum laude*) (2005)

Indiana University School of Law Faculty Prize, awarded to a single member of the graduating class for outstanding scholarship, leadership, and service.

Moot Court Society, Order of the Barristers

Indiana International & Comparative Law Review, Outstanding Editor Award

PROVIDENCE COLLEGE, B.A., (*cum laude*), English, Writing (1999)

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY, Junior Year Abroad

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA GRADUATE COLLEGE, Graduate Fiction Workshop (1998)

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO GRADUATE SCHOOL AND SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

Certificate in Social Justice (2017); Certificate in Non-Profit Leadership and Development (2016)

ARTICLES, ESSAYS & CHAPTERS

Author Page: <https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/cfdev/AbsByAuth.cfm?perid=1309580>

Google Scholar Page: <https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=zZk5VSUAAAAJ>

Primary Articles

The Scarlet E: Public Access to the Courts as a Structural Determinant of Poor Health, OHIO STATE L. J. (forthcoming 2025).

A Descriptive Analysis of Tenant Right to Counsel Law and Praxis 2017-2024, HOUSING POLICY DEBATE 1-26 (2025) (lead author with Peter Hepburn; Valerie Nazarro; Leah Robinson; Jamila Michener; Danya E. Keene).

Housing is Health: Prioritizing Health Justice & Equity in U.S. Eviction System, 22 YALE J. OF HEALTH, L. & ETHICS 49 (2024).

A Clarion Call for Change: The MLP Imperative to Center Racial Discrimination and Structural Health Inequities, J. OF L., MED. & ETHICS (2023) [with Dayna Bowen Matthew (lead author)].

Health Justice Strategies to Eradicate Lead Poisoning: An Urgent Call to Action to Safeguard Future Generations, YALE J. OF HEALTH, L. & ETHICS (Fall 2020) (lead author with Emily Coffey, Allyson Gold, Mona Hanna-Attisha, Bruce Lanphear, Helen Li, Ruth Ann Norton, David Rosner, Kate Walz).

Reducing the Justice Gap and Improving Health through Medical-Legal Partnerships, J. OF LEGAL MED. (2020) (with Danya Keene (lead author), Sascha Murillo, Alice Rosenthal, Ada Fenick).

Duty to Protect: A Federal Framework to Eliminate Environmental Harm to Children's Health, YALE J. OF HEALTH, L. & ETHICS (Spring 2019) (lead author with Emily Coffey, Allyson Gold, Mona Hanna-Attisha, Bruce Lanphear, Helen Li, Ruth Ann Norton, David Rosner, Kate Walz).

Lead Laws and Environmental Justice, Environmental Law Reporter (2019) (with Katrina Korfmacher and Matthew Chachere).

Health Justice: A Framework (and Call to Action) for the Elimination of Health Inequity and Social Injustice, 5 AM. U. L. REV. 2 (2015) (lead article; reprinted in PUBLIC HEALTH & ETHICS, reader, Larry Gostin, ed. 2017, 2018).

Medical-Legal Partnership: Lessons from Five Diverse MLPs in New Haven, Connecticut, J. OF L., MED. & ETHICS (2018) (lead author with Abbe Gluck and Katherine Kraschel).

Contaminated Childhood: How the United States Failed to Prevent the Chronic Lead Poisoning of Low-Income Children and Communities of Color, 41 HARVARD ENV. L. REV. 493 (2017).

There's No Place Like Home: Reshaping Community Interventions and Policies to Eliminate Environmental Hazards and Improve Population Health for Low-Income and Minority Communities, 11 HARVARD L. & POL'Y REV. 1 (2017) (with Allyson Gold).

The ADA Amendments Act: Overview of Recent Changes to the Americans with Disabilities Act, AMERICAN CONSTITUTION SOCIETY ADVANCE (2010).

The ADA Amendments Act of 2008, 13 TEX. J. C. L. & C. R. 187 (2008) [with Chai Feldblum (lead author), Kevin Barry].

In the Best Interests of the Child?: An International Human Rights Analysis of the Treatment of Unaccompanied Minors in Australia and the United States, 14 IND. INT'L & COMP. L. REV. 729 (2004).

COVID-19 Pandemic Articles

Protecting the Most Vulnerable: Policy Response and Eviction Filing Patterns During the COVID-19 Pandemic, RSF: THE RUSSELL SAGE FOUNDATION JOURNAL OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCES (2023) [with

Peter Hepburn (lead author), Jacob Haas, Nick Graetz, Renee Louis, Devin Q. Rutan, Ann Kat Alexander, Jasmine Rangel, Olivia Jin, Matthew Desmond] <https://doi.org/10.7758/RSF.2023.9.3.08>.

"A Little Bit of a Security Blanket": Renter Experiences with COVID-19–Era Eviction Moratoriums SOCIAL SERVICE REVIEW (2023) [with Danya E. Keene (lead author), Whitney Denary, Annie Harper, Anna Kapolka, Emily A. Benfer, and Peter Hepburn] <https://doi.org/10.1086/725320>.

COVID-19 Housing Policy: State and Federal Eviction Moratoria and Rental Housing Stabilization Measures in the United States During the Pandemic, HOUSING POLICY DEBATE (2022) (lead author with Robert Koehler, Alyx Mark, Valerie Nazzaro, Anne Kat Alexander, Peter Hepburn, Danya E Keene, Matthew Desmond) <https://doi.org/10.1080/10511482.2022.2076713>.

Variation in State-Level Eviction Moratorium Protections and Mental Health Among US Adults During the COVID-19 Pandemic, JAMA OPEN NETWORK (2022) [with Kathryn M. Leifheit (lead author), Craig Evan Pollack, Gabriel L. Schwartz, Robert Koehler, JV Rodriguez Bronico, Julia Raifman, Frederick J. Zimmerman, Sabriya L. Linton] <https://doi.org/10.1001/jamanetworkopen.2021.39585>.

Eviction, Health Inequity, and the Spread of COVID-19: Housing as a Primary Pandemic Mitigation Strategy, J. URBAN HEALTH (2021) (lead author with David Vlahov, Marissa Y. Long, Evan Walker-Wells, J.L. Pottenger, Jr., Gregg Gonsalves, Danya E. Keene) <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11524-020-00502-1>.

Expiring Eviction Moratoriums and COVID-19 Incidence and Mortality, Amer. J. OF EPIDEMIOLOGY (2021)[with Kathryn M. Leifheit (lead author), Sabriya L. Linton, Julia Raifman, Gabriel L. Schwartz, Frederick J. Zimmerman, Craig Evan Pollack] <https://doi.org/10.1093/aje/kwab196>.

U.S. Eviction Filings in 2020. SOCIUS; 2021 [with Peter Hepburn (lead author), Renee Louis, Emily Lemmerman, Joe Fish, Anne Kat Alexander, Timothy A. Thomas, Matthew Desmond] <https://doi.org/10.1177/23780231211009983>.

Health Justice Strategies to Combat the Pandemic: Eliminating Discrimination, Poverty and Health Inequity During and After COVID-19, YALE J. OF HEALTH, L. & ETHICS (2021) (with Seema Mohapatra, Lindsay Wiley, and Ruqaiyah Yearby).

Datasets

Tenant Right to Counsel Law and Policy, United States, 2017-2024. Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research, 2025. <https://doi.org/10.3886/ICPSR39350.v1>

COVID-19 Eviction Moratoria & Housing Policy: Federal, State, Commonwealth, and Territory. Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research, 2023. <https://doi.org/10.3886/E157201V1>

Eviction Moratoria: Most Populous U.S. Cities. Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research, 2023. <https://doi.org/10.3886/E188561V1>

A Database of US State Policies to Mitigate COVID-19 and its Economic Consequences, BMC Public Health, 2022. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12889-022-13487-0>

COVID-19 Housing Policy Scorecard, Eviction Lab, Princeton University, 2020.

U.S. Rental Inspection and Lead Poisoning Prevention Laws, Columbia Law School, 2019.

Essays & Editorials

More renters are getting lawyers during evictions. It's changing courts for the better. THE HILL, May 2025 (with Peter Hepburn).

Good Cause Evictions Bill is Right Cause for Health, BALTIMORE SUN, March 2025 (with Rishi Manchanda).

Evicted Generations: How U.S. Eviction Law Accelerates Health Inequity Among Children, HARVARD LAW SCHOOL BILL OF HEALTH, October 2022.

The Eviction Moratorium Limbo Laid Bare the Eviction System's Extreme Dysfunction, THE WASHINGTON POST, August 2021 (with Kathryn Sabbeth, Rasheedah Phillips, Antonia Fasanelli).

The Eviction Moratorium is About to Expire – and the Situation is Dire, THE GUARDIAN, July 2021 (with Peter Hepburn).

Eviction Moratoria, Explained, THE APPEAL, April 2021.

The American Eviction Crisis, Explained, THE APPEAL, March 2021.

How Tenants' Right to Council Can End Inequality in the Eviction System—And Save Lives, THE APPEAL, March 2021.

The Coming Wave of Evictions Will Significantly Worsen America's COVID-19 Crisis, THE APPEAL, Dec. 7, 2020 (with Gregg Gonsalves, Danya Keene).

How the Threat of Eviction Perpetuated Health Inequity and Racial Injustice During the Pandemic, INTERNATIONAL NETWORK OF STREET PAPERS, Dec. 10, 2020.

States Shouldn't Hinder Local Gov'ts in COVID-19 Tenant Aid, LAW360, Oct. 4, 2020 (with Nestor Davidson).

A Tidal Wave of Evictions is Forming. We Can Still Stop It. THE BOSTON GLOBE, Sept. 29, 2020.

Coronavirus Rent Protections are Ending and a Wave of Evictions will Sweep America, NBC NEWS, June 22, 2020.

Health Justice Strategies to Combat COVID-19: Protecting Vulnerable Communities During a Pandemic, HEALTH AFFAIRS BLOG, March 19, 2020 (with Lindsay F. Wiley).

What an Effective Eviction Moratorium Must Include, SHELTERFORCE, March 24, 2020 (with Eric Dunn, Norrinda Brown Hyatt, Rachel Blake).

Opinion Editorial: An Unconscionable Act on Lead Poisoning Standards, NEW HAVEN REGISTER, June 20, 2019.

Opinion Editorial: New York's Public Housing is the Size of a City. It's Failing Children. WASH. POST. Feb. 11, 2019.

Contaminated Childhood: The Chronic Lead Poisoning of Low-Income People and Communities of Color in Federally Assisted Housing, HEALTH AFFAIRS HEALTH EQUITY BLOG, August 8, 2017.

Opinion Editorial: Poison in Our Walls, N.Y. TIMES, A23, Mar. 3, 2016.

When Poverty is the Diagnosis: The Health Effects of Living Without on the Individual, 4 IND. J. L. SOC. EQ. 1 (2016) (with Amanda Walsh).

Honoring a Common Humanity: Maxims for Achieving Social Justice, 19 PUB. INT. L. REP. 147 (2014) (lead article).

The Redefined Hero: Discovering Champions of Social Change, 16 GEO. J. ON POVERTY L. & POL'Y 270 (2010).

Bending the Arc, 16 GEO. J. ON POVERTY L. & POL'Y 283 (2010).

May All Creatures Be at Peace, CHICAGO DAILY LAW BULLETIN, September 11, 2011.

Shaking a Cup: Panhandling in Indianapolis, NUVO, Mar. 3, 2004.

This article received the Society of Professional Journalists Award (2005).

Policy Reports (Selected)

Poisonous Homes: The Fight for Environmental Justice in Federally Assisted Housing (2020) (with Emily Coffey, Kate Walz, Debbie Chizewer, Mark Templeton, Robert Weinstock).

The COVID-19 Eviction Crisis, Aspen Institute (2020) (with David Bloom Robinson, Stacy Butler, Lavar Edmunds, Sam Gilman, Katherine Lucas McKay, Zach Neumann, Lisa Owens, Neil Steinkamp, Diane Yentel).

Lead Safe Housing Rule: Overview and Opportunities for Public Health Advocates, Network for Public Health Law (2020) (with Heather Walter-McCabe, Colleen Healy Boufides).

Select Amici Curiae Briefs, Counsel

- Brief *Amici Curiae* of the American Academy of Pediatrics, The American Public Health Association, the National Association of County and City Health Officials, the Network for Public Health Law, and Dr. Bruce Lanphear, *In re a Community Voice v. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency*, 878 F.3d 779, 784 (9th Cir. 2017).
- Brief *Amici Curiae* of the American Academy of Pediatrics; American Medical Association; Children's Healthwatch; The George Consortium; Georgia Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics; GLMA: Health Professionals Advancing LGBTQ Equality; National Hispanic Medical Association; National Medical Association; North Carolina Pediatric Society, State Chapter Of The American Academy Of Pediatrics; Public Health Law Watch; South Carolina Chapter, American Academy Of Pediatrics; Southern Poverty Law Center; Virginia Chapter, American Academy Of Pediatrics; Emily A. Benfer; Matthew Desmond; Gregg Gonsalves; Danya A. Keene; Kathryn M. Leifheit; Michael Z. Levy; Sabriya A. Linton; Craig E. Pollack; Julia Raifman; Gabriel L. Schwartz; and David Vlahov, *Brown v. Azar*, 497 F. Supp. 3d 1270 (N.D. Ga 2020).
- Brief *Amici Curiae* of the American Academy of Pediatrics; American Medical Association; Children's Healthwatch; The George Consortium; Georgia Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics; GLMA: Health Professionals Advancing LGBTQ Equality; National Hispanic Medical Association; National Medical Association; North Carolina Pediatric Society, State Chapter Of The American Academy Of Pediatrics; Public Health Law Watch; South Carolina Chapter, American Academy Of Pediatrics; Southern Poverty Law Center; Virginia Chapter, American Academy Of Pediatrics; Emily A. Benfer; Matthew Desmond; Gregg Gonsalves; Danya A. Keene; Kathryn M. Leifheit; Michael Z. Levy; Sabriya A. Linton; Craig E. Pollack; Julia Raifman; Gabriel L. Schwartz; and David Vlahov, *Alabama Association of Realtors v. Health and Human Services Administration*, 594 U.S. 758 (2021).

Clinical Pedagogy

Setting the Health Justice Agenda: Addressing Health Inequity & Injustice in the Post-Pandemic Clinic, 28 CLIN. L. REV. 45 (2021)(with James Bhandary-Alexander, Yael Cannon, Medha D. Makhoulouf, and Tomar Pierson-Brown)

Educating the Next Generation of Health Law Leaders: Medical-Legal Partnership and Interdisciplinary Graduate Education, 35 J. LEGAL. MED. 113 (2014).

Educating the Invincibles: Strategies for Teaching the Millennial Generation in Law School, 20 CLIN. L. REV. 1 (2013) (with Colleen Shanahan) (lead article).

Adaptive Clinical Teaching, 19 CLIN. L. REV. 201 (2013) (with Colleen Shanahan).

Interdisciplinary Collaboration Between Graduate Schools and Host Communities in TOWN AND GOWN: EFFECTIVE LEGAL STRATEGIES PROMOTING COOPERATION BETWEEN INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND THEIR HOST MUNICIPALITIES (2013).

Health Justice Project: A Collaborative Commitment to Solving Real World Problems, 9 IND. HEALTH L. REV. 523 (2012).

The Health Justice Project: Interdisciplinary Advocacy to Overcome Social Determinants of Health, 1.1 CANADIAN J. OF POVERTY L. 164 (2012) (with Allyson E. Gold and April E. Schweitzer).

Advancing Health Law & Social Justice in the Clinic, the Classroom and the Community, 21 ANNALS HEALTH L. 241 (2012) (with John Ammann, Lisa Bliss, Sylvia Caley, Elizabeth Tobin Tyler, Robert Pettignano).

FEDERAL & STATE TESTIMONY

"Oversight of the Federal Government's Approach to Lead-Based Paint and Mold in Remediation in Public and Subsidized Housing," Testimony Before the U.S. House of Representatives, House Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance (June 2018).

"Lead Poisoning & Racial Justice in Indiana and Nationally," Testimony Before the United States Civil Rights Commission Indiana Advisory Committee (May 2019).

"The COVID-19 Eviction Crisis," Testimony Before the Chief Judge, New York State Court of Appeals, Hearing on Civil Legal Services in New York, (September 2020).

"Eviction and the Disparate Impact on Historically Marginalized Groups," Testimony Before the United States Civil Rights Commission New York Advisory Committee (June 2021).

AWARDS

Public Health & Advocacy Awards

- 2021 American Bar Association Presidential Commendation
- 2018 American Public Health Association David P. Rall Award for Advocacy
- 2018 Clinical Legal Education Association Award for Excellence in a Public Interest Project
- 2017 Rocket Matter Legal Freedom Fighter
- 2017 Chicagoans of the Year, Chicago Magazine, for co-creating the Chicago Legal Responders Network (Group Award to co-facilitators)
- 2016 Erie Family Health Center Health Innovator Award
- 2015 National Center for Medical Legal Partnership Outstanding Medical-Legal Partnership Award
- 2014 Inaugural Schweitzer Leadership Award
- 2014 Equal Justice Works Hall of Fame
- 2009 Indiana University Public Interest Award for Commitment to Honor, Justice & Integrity
- 2005 Frederick B. Abramson Fellowship Award
- 2005 National Association of Women Lawyers Outstanding Law Student
- 2004 American Bar Association Judy M. Weightman Memorial Public Interest
- 2003 Equal Justice Works Martindale Hubbell Exemplary Public Service

Scholarship Awards

- 2015 Named Bellow Scholar by Association of American Law Schools for empirical quantitative research
- 2005 Society of Professional Journalists Outstanding Article Award

Pro Bono Awards

- 2017 AILA Pro Bono Champion Award for Chicago Legal Responders Network (Group Award)
- 2017 Chicago-Kent Outstanding Pro Bono Service Award for Chicago Legal Responders Network (Group Award)
- 2005 Dean Norman Lefstein Award of Excellence
- 2005 John Paul Berlon Pro Bono Award
- 2004 Indianapolis Bar Association Bar Foundation Pro Bono Award
- 2003 Heartland Pro Bono Council Law Student Pro Bono Award

Early Achievement Awards

- 2013 National Law Journal 40 Top Lawyers Under 40
- 2011 Indiana University Alumni Association Early Career Achievement Award

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

University & Academic Service

- Mentor, American Bar Foundation Access to Justice Research Initiative (2023-present)
- Association of American Law Schools, Section on Clinical Legal Education, Committee on Lawyering in the Public Interest (Bellow Scholar Committee), Committee Member (2015-2021)
- Legislation Law Prof Blog, Editor (2014-2015)
- American Association of Law Schools, Section on Poverty Law, Chair (2012), Program Committee Co-Chair (2011), Chair-Elect (2011), Board Member (2010-2019)
- Society of American Law Teachers, Board of Governors, Member (2011-2019)
- Norman Amaker Public Interest & Social Justice Midwest Law Retreat, Faculty Organizer and Advisor (2010-2017)

Community Service

- Member, National Low Income Housing Coalition, National Tenant Protections Advisory Committee (2024-present)
- Member, Eviction Diversion Working Group, Superior Court of the District of Columbia (2023-present)
- Chair, American Bar Association Task Force on Eviction, Housing Stability and Equity (2020-present, *in absentia* while serving in the Biden-Harris Administration)
- Chair, Committee on Eviction, American Bar Association COVID-19 Task Force (2020-2021)
- Advisor, Legal Services Corporation, Eviction Research Study Advisory Board (2020-present)
- Liaison, American Bar Association COVID-19 Task Force (2020-2021)
- Member, New York Bar Association Task Force on the Right to Counsel (2020-2022)
- Member, American Bar Association, Health & Human Rights Initiative, Health Justice Project Advisory Board (2019-present)
- Co-Founder and Coordinator, Chicago Legal Responder Network, O'Hare Travel Assistance Project (2017-2018)
- Member, Geography of Hope, Board of Directors (2015-2018)
- Member, Health & Medicine Policy Research Group Schweitzer Advisory Board (2014-2016)
- Mentor, Albert Schweitzer Fellowship Program (2010-2016)
- Member, Illinois Supreme Court Access to Justice Commission on Medical-Legal Partnership, (2013-2015)
- Member, Chicago Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights, Health Advisory Committee (2011-2014)
- Pro Bono Legal Volunteer, Childhood Lead Action Project (2013-2015)
- Washington Council of Lawyers, Board of Directors (2006-2010), Treasurer (2009-2010), Mentoring Program Facilitator (2006-2010).
- Steering Committee Member, Housing as a Human Right Campaign, Washington, D.C. (2009-2010).
- Member, District of Columbia McKinney Vento Homeless Assistance Advisory Board (2006-2007).
- Volunteer, Homeless Children's Playtime Project (2005-2010).
- Equal Justice Works, Board of Directors (2002-2003), National Advisory Committee (2004-2005).

GRANTS

2026-2028, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, principal investigator, "Impact of Tenant RTC Laws on Eviction Filings, Case Outcomes, and Settlements"

2025-2026, The Pew Charitable Trust, principal investigator, "Shadow Courts: Settlements, Civil Probation, and the Lived Experience of Landlord-Tenant Law"

2023-2024, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, principal investigator, "Examining Programs to Address Harmful Consequences of Eviction"

2022-2026, National Institute of Health NINR R01, research team member, "Housing Policies and their Impact on Engagement in Substance Use Treatment and Overdose Risk During the COVID-19 Pandemic"

2022-2026, National Institute of Health NINR R01, research team member, “Examining the Impact of Pandemic Eviction Prevention Policies on Racial Inequalities in Mortality”
2021-2022, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, gift to to fund housing research
2020-2021, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, co-investigator, “COVID-19 U.S. State Policy” (Housing Section)
2020, The Pew Charitable Trust, principal investigator, “Analysis of COVID-19 Eviction and Rental Housing Policy”
2020, DuPont Foundation, principal investigator, “Eviction Courts – Forsyth County, North Carolina”

LECTURES, PANELS, AND PRESENTATIONS

Keynote Lectures (Selected)

“Disrupting the Eviction System through Access to Justice,” Maryland Access to Counsel in Eviction Symposium (September 2024).

“Addressing Housing Instability: Response and Resilient Recovery in Population Health,” National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (November 2021).

“The Eviction Crisis and Strategies for Achieving Housing Justice,” Department of Justice, Federal Pro Bono Week Keynote Address (October 2021).

“Poisoned Generations: Addressing Toxic Environmental Exposure & Health Inequity in Federally Assisted Housing,” Moravian College (April 2021).

“Eliminating Eviction and Securing Housing Justice in America,” Indiana University Law Review Symposium (October 2020).

“Achieving Health Justice for Every Community,” Erie Family Health Center Luncheon (May 2019).

“What Can You Do with an English Degree?” Providence College English Honors Society Graduation Ceremony (May 2019).

“Contaminated Childhood: Diagnosing the Problem and Defining the Solution to Eliminate Lead Poisoning,” Cleveland Lead Safe Network, Children’s Lead Poisoning Forum (November 2018).

“Health Justice: A Call to Action,” Health Justice Week Georgetown University Medical School (March 2016).

“Leadership to Overcome Social Injustice,” Norman Amaker Midwest Public Interest Law & Social Justice Retreat (February 2011).

“The Redefined Hero: Discovering Champions of Social Change,” Norman Amaker Midwest Public Interest Law & Social Justice Retreat (February 2008).

Paper and Symposium Presentations (Selected)

“Crisis and Opportunity in Empirical Policy Research and Advocacy: The Key Role of Scientific Legal Mapping,” Law and Society (May 2025).

“Crisis and Opportunity in Empirical Policy Research and Advocacy: The Key Role of Scientific Legal Mapping,” The Association of American Law Schools, Annual Conference (January 2025).

“Housing is Health,” National Low Income Housing Coalition Southeastern Roundtable: Challenges and Opportunities for Passing Tenant Protections in the Southeast (September 2023).

“Housing is Health: Centering Health Justice & Equity in the U.S. Eviction System,” Hall Center IHLR Symposium, “Health and Housing Outcomes: Health, Housing and the Environment” (October 2023).

“Securing Health Justice in Housing,” American University Washington College of Law Health Law Symposium, “Social Determinants of Health & Health Equity: Where we live, what we eat, and how we access care.” (March 2023).

“AALS Hot Topic Program: Eviction Before, During, and After the Pandemic,” American Association of Law Schools Annual Conference (January 2020).

“The Poisoned Generations: A Historical and Civil Rights Analysis of the Deliberate Siting of Federally Assisted Housing in Toxic Environments,” Case Western Environmental Health & the Law Conference (March 2020).

“Medical-Legal Partnerships: Transforming Healthcare to Address Determinants of Health,” University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (November 2017)

“Are Lawyers the Antidote: The Effect of Legal Intervention on Low-Income Patient Health Outcomes and Health Inequity,” Society of American Law Teachers Teaching Conference (October 2016).

“Contaminated Childhood: The Chronic Lead Poisoning of Low-Income Children and Communities of Color in Federally Assisted Housing” Society of American Law Teachers Teaching Conference (October 2016).

“Health Justice: A Framework (and Call to Action) for the Elimination of Health Inequity and Social Injustice,” American Society of Law, Medicine and Ethics Conference (June 2016).

“Are Lawyers the Antidote?: An Empirical Study on the Effect of Legal Intervention on Low-Income Patient Health Outcomes and Health Inequity,” Poverty Law: Academic Activism Conference at Seattle University School of Law, (February 2016).

“Achieving Health Equity for Low-Income Clients: The Effect of Legal Intervention on Health Outcomes,” AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education Bellow Scholars Work-In-Progress Presentation (May 2015).

“Health Equity & Social Justice,” Indiana School of Law Bloomington Journal of Law and Social Equity Symposium: Living Without in America (April 2015).

“You Are Where You Live: Housing and Health Equity,” Norman Amaker Public Interest Law & Social Justice Retreat (February 2015).

“The Role of Interprofessional Collaboration in Achieving Health Equity,” Health & Medicine Policy Research Group Forum: Can Reform Move Us Toward Health Equity? (February 2015).

“Honoring a Common Humanity: Maxims for Achieving Social Justice,” Health & Medicine Policy Research Group Schweitzer Leadership Talk (February 2014).

“Health Justice: An Equity Approach to the Elimination of Health Disparities Among Low-Income and Minority Populations,” Poverty Law: Cases, Teaching and Scholarship, American University Washington College of Law (October 2013).

“The ADA Amendments Act,” University of Michigan Law School (January 2010).

Clinical Education Presentations (Selected)

“Teaching for Social Change: An Inquiry through the Lens of Housing Justice,” AALS Clinical Teaching Conference (May 2025).

“Interprofessional Collaboration to Advance Client Goals,” Mid Atlantic Clinical Conference (February 2023).

“Yes, And: Applied Improvisation to Advance Clinical Teaching Goals,” AALS Clinical Conference (2020, postponed to 2021).

“Operationalizing Interprofessional Education,” AALS Clinical Conference (2020, postponed to 2021).

"From the Clinic to the Community: Leveraging Empirical Analysis to Advance Social Justice," AALS Clinical Conference (2020, postponed to 2021).

"Cross-Clinic & Community Collaborations to Enhance Student Learning & Advance Social Justice," AALS Clinical Conference (May 2018).

"Social Change without Silos: An Interprofessional Approach to Clinical Pedagogy and Preparing 21st Century Lawyers," AALS Clinical Conference: Gathering Momentum: Learning from the Past, Responding to the Now, Planning for the Future (May 2018).

"Empirical Scholarship and Community Engagement," AALS Clinical Conference: Clinics and Communities: Exploring Community Engagement through Clinical Education (May 2016).

"Community is All of Us: Interprofessional Collaboration, Law School Clinics, and our Communities," AALS Clinical Conference: Clinics and Communities: Exploring Community Engagement through Clinical Education (May 2016).

"Advancing Public Health Through Interprofessional Education: An Overview of Law School-Based MLPs," National Center for Medical Legal Partnership (August 2015).

"Interprofessional Clinics at the Forefront of Change," AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education (May 2015).

"Interprofessional Education and the Future Leaders of Medical-Legal Partnership," National Medical-Legal Partnership Summit (April 2015).

"Creating the Health Leaders of Tomorrow Through Interprofessional Education," National Medical Legal Partnership Summit (April 2014).

"Health Justice Project: A Model for Law School Medical-Legal Partnership Clinics," Southern Illinois University Health Policy Institute, Plenary (May 2013).

"Advancing Social Justice and Clinical Teaching Through Policy and Legislative Clinics," AALS Clinical Legal Education Association Annual Conference (April 2013).

"Supervising Law Students and Fellows," Public Interest Law Initiative (July 2012).

"Developing a Public Health Policy Clinic: Theory and Praxis," Johns Hopkins School of Public Health (June 2012).

"Mind the Gap: (Re)Designing Clinical Teaching to Serve Cross-Generational Student and Community Needs," AALS Clinical Legal Education Association Annual Conference (April 2012).

"Orientation and Training of Students, Interns, and Non-lawyer Volunteers," Illinois Legal Advocates Conference (October 2011).

"Engaging Students in Interdisciplinary Collaboration to Address Health Disparities," National Center for Medical-Legal Partnership Annual Conference (March 2011).

Webinars (Selected)

Housing is Health Justice: What's at Stake and What to Prioritize in 2025, American Bar Association (Jan. 2025).

Making the Case for Housing as Healthcare, American Bar Association (Jan. 2025).

Beyond the Moratoria: How States Are Preparing for an Eviction Surge, The Pew Charitable Trusts & Eviction Lab (June 2021)

Eviction Crisis Virtual Town Hall: Eliminating the Existential Threat to Recovery, National Center for Medical Legal Partnership (June 2021)

Preventing Housing Instability During COVID-19: Understanding Eviction Moratoriums and Rental Assistance, Community Solutions & National Low-Income Housing Coalition (December 2020)

The COVID-19 Eviction Crisis, Washington Council of Lawyers (December 2020)(versions of this webinar were given multiple times to diverse stakeholders)

Eviction, Health Inequity & COVID-19, Urban Institute, National Low-Income Housing Coalition, CLPHA, (December 2020)

Economic Mobility and the Legal System in 2020: Pandemic Housing Policy, Pew Charitable Trusts (November 2020)

Health Justice: Engaging Critical Perspectives in Health Law & Policy, ChangeLab Solutions & American University Washington College of Law (October 2020).

COVID-19 Housing Stability: State and Local Eviction Prevention Strategies, Federal Reserve Banks of Cleveland and Philadelphia (October 2020).

The COVID-19 Eviction Crisis, Legal Services Corporation Board of Directors and Leadership Council (October 2020).

The Eviction Crisis & Right to Counsel Movement, Connecticut Bar Association Conference (September 2020).

Displaced in America: Confronting Housing Instability in America, New America (September 2020).

Housing, Health, and COVID-19, Green & Healthy Homes Initiative Executive Leadership Institute (September 2020).

Securing Housing Justice & the Right to Counsel in Pandemic America, American Bar Association Equal Justice Conference (August 2020).

Court Proceedings in the Era of COVID-19, National League of Cities (July 2020).

Lead Poisoning & the COVID-19 Housing Crisis, Green & Healthy Homes Initiative 2020 Lead Symposium (July 2020).

COVID-19 & Housing Stability, National Governors Association (June 2020).

Preventing the COVID-19 Eviction Crisis at the State Level, National Association of State Chief Administrators (June 2020).

The Impending Eviction Crisis: Housing as Health Care and Racial Justice, American Bar Association (June 2020).

COVID-19 Eviction & Housing Policy, American Bar Association Section on Civil Rights and Social Justice (June 2020).

Preventing Eviction During COVID-19, Self-Represented Litigants Network (June 2020).

COVID-19: State and Local Government Actions to Address Housing Insecurity, American Public Health Association and Network for Public Health Law (March 2020).

Medical-Legal Partnership COVID-19 Town Hall, National Center for Medical-Legal Partnership (March 2020).

“Applying the MLP Approach to Population Health, Pain Points, and Payment Reform,” National Center for Medical-Legal Partnership Webinar (July 2016).

“Strategies for Designing or Growing a Medical-Legal Partnership in HRSA Funded Health Centers,” Health Research Services Administration Webinar (March 2016).

Posters

“Reducing the Justice Gap and Improving Health through Medical-Legal Partnerships,” Poster, National Center for Medical-Legal Partnership Summit (September 2019) (with Danya Keene, Sascha Murillo, Alice Rosenthal, Ada Fenick).

“The Medical-Legal Partnership Intervention to Improve the Quality of Care and Health Outcomes for Pediatric Patients with Lead Poisoning,” Poster, American Public Health Association (November 2017) (with Talar Markossian, Ruth Kafensztok, Allyson Gold, David Shoham).

“Addressing Social Determinants of Health: Utilization of a Medical-Legal Partnership in an Urban Setting,” Poster, American Public Health Association (November 2017) (with Ashley Hess, Talar Markossian, Ruth Kafensztok, Allyson Gold, David Shoham).

Grand Rounds (Selected)

“Health Justice: The Role of Law in Creating and Combating Health Inequity and Health Injustice,” Loyola University Chicago School of Public Health Grand Rounds (May 2017).

“Achieving Health Justice in Tumultuous Times,” Indiana University McKinney School of Law Hall Center for Law and Health Grand Round Series (March 2017).

Panel Presentations (Selected)

“Advancing Health Equity by Addressing Social Determinants of Health, Poverty, and Racial Disparities,” Association of American Law Schools Annual Conference (January 2020).

“Strategies to Create Community-wide Health Justice and Protect Children from Harm,” National Center for Medical-Legal Partnership Summit (September 2019).

Bellow Scholars Annual Meeting Workshop Presenter (September 2019).

“Reasonable Accommodations in the Legal Workplace,” Columbia Law Students for Disability Rights, Moderator (May 2019).

“The Future of Disability Rights: Where We Should Be Headed and What You Can Do to Get Us There,” Columbia Law School (with Samuel Bagentos and Haben Girma; moderated by Elizabeth Emens) (March 2019).

“Talking Across Difference,” Lawyering for Change, Columbia Law School (with Lynnis Pantin) (February 2019).

“Legacy Lead & Environmental Racism,” Legacy Lead Town Hall - New York City (October 2018).

“Health and Environmental Justice: Growing Roses in Concrete,” Yale School of Medicine (October 2018).

“Health Justice Now: A Call to Action for the Elimination of Health Inequity and Social Injustice in Low-Income Communities of Color,” Chicago Social Justice Summit (April 2018).

“Interprofessional Collaboration to Meet Latino Youth Health Needs,” Annual Latino Public Health Affairs Forum, American University (March 2018).

“Protecting Children from Lead Poisoning: Strategies and Opportunities,” National Low-Income Housing Coalition Housing Policy Forum (March 2018).

“The Legal Determinants of Poor Health & Strategies for Achieving Health Justice,” The Medicalization of Poverty Symposium (November 2017).

“Housing Law & Health Justice: Advocacy Strategies to End Lead Poisoning and Asthma in Federally Assisted and Private Market Housing,” Housing Justice Network Conference (October 2017).

“Environmental Conditions in Federally Assisted Housing,” Illinois Legal Aid Advocates Conference (September 2017).

“Achieving Health Justice through MLP Policy,” Yale Law School Medical-Legal Partnership Symposium (March 2017).

“ClassCrits in the Trenches: Lead Poisoning Prevention,” ClassCrits IX: The New Corporatocracy and the Election (October 2016).

"Achieving Social and Racial Health Justice through Impact Litigation in Housing," Norman Amaker Public Interest and Social Justice Law Retreat (March 2016).

"Community Collaboration to Address Poverty and Achieve Social Justice," Poverty Law: Academic Activism Conference at Seattle University School of Law, (February 2016).

"Achieving Health Equity and Social Justice: Next Steps for MLPs in Illinois," Chicago Bar Foundation Legal Aid Committee (June 2015).

"The Frontlines of Community Health: The Effect of the Affordable Care Act on Underserved Communities," Public Interest Law Reporter Access to Healthcare Symposium (November 2013).

"Access to Health: Public Interest Response to Social Determinants of Health," Public Interest Law Initiative (July 2013).

"Professional Self-Care and Social Justice Lawyering," SALT Norman Amaker Public Interest Law and Social Justice Retreat (February 2013).

"Issues and Solutions in Health Law: Interdisciplinary Partnership to Overcome Health Disparities," Public Interest Law Initiative (July 2011).

"Social Determinants of Health and Interdisciplinary Solutions" Southern Illinois University School of Law & School of Medicine (November 2011).

"Advancing Social Justice," American Society of Law, Medicine & Ethics Health Law Professors Conference (June 2011).

"The Health Justice Project: Preventative Lawyering to Overcome Health Disparities," Center for Urban Research & Learning (March 2011).

"Flexibility and the 21st Century Workplace," Georgetown University Law Center (2009).

"Legal Services to Respond to Homelessness," Homelessness & Poverty Law Seminar, Georgetown University Law Center (2009).

"Techniques for Change," Washington Council of Lawyers Mentoring Program (2009).

"Legislative Advocacy," Equal Justice Works Leadership Conference (2008).

BAR ADMISSIONS

New York (2006)

District of Columbia (2006)

U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia (2007)

Illinois (2012)

U.S. Supreme Court (2018)

Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals (2019)

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia (2020)