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Assistant Professor

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## CURRENT POSITION

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Assistant Professor of Law  
Howard University School of Law  
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## EDUCATION

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**COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, J.D.**, May 2011

Journal: Case Law Editor, *Columbia Journal of European Law*  
Activities: Rapporteur, Columbia University Seminar on Modern Europe  
Black Law Students Association, Elections/Constitution Chair

**HARVARD UNIVERSITY, A.B.** in Government and Foreign Language Citation in French, June 2008

Awards: Real Colegio Complutense Senior Thesis Research Grant  
Dean's Summer Research Award  
Harvard College Research Program Grant for research in Europe  
Harvard University Office of International Programs Scholarship for  
Harvard Summer Study Abroad Program in Olympia, Greece

Senior Honors Thesis: *The Mavericks of Western Europe: A Study of the Absence of a  
Successful, Spanish Extreme Right*

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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**HOWARD UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, Washington, D.C.** August 2017- Present  
*Assistant Professor*

Courses: Health Law, Family Law, Bioethics and the Law

**IIT CHICAGO-KENT COLLEGE OF LAW, Chicago, I.L.** August 2015 – August 2017  
*Visiting Assistant Professor*

Courses: Legal Research & Writing I and II (Fall 2015-Spring 2017) and Family Law (Spring 2017).

**COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL, New York, N.Y.** August 2009-May 2011  
*Teaching Assistant*

Teaching Assistant for Professor Evan van Hook's International Environmental Law Seminar (Jan. 2011-May 2011). Teaching Assistant for Professor Philip Bobbitt's Legal Methods Class (Aug. 2009-Sept. 2009).

## PUBLICATIONS

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*Commentary on Whole Woman's Health v. Hellerstedt*, in FEMINIST JUDGMENTS: REWRITTEN REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE, ed. Kimberly Mutcherson (Cambridge University Press, 2018-9)

*Halted Innovation: The Expansion of Federal Jurisdiction over Medicine and the Human Body*, 2018 UTAH L. REV. (forthcoming)

*How Subterranean Regulation Hinders Innovation in Assisted Reproductive Technology*, 38 CARDOZO LAW REV. 101 (forthcoming 2018).

*Criminalizing Substance Abuse and Undermining Roe v. Wade: The Tension Between Abortion Doctrine and the Criminalization of Prenatal Substance Abuse*, 23 WILLIAM & MARY JOURNAL OF WOMEN & THE LAW 185 (2017).

*Biology, Genetics, Nurture, and the Law: The Expansion of the Legal Definition of Family to Include Three or More Legal Parents*, 16 NEVADA LAW JOURNAL 743 (2016).

*Making Sex the Same: Ending the Unfair Treatment of Males in Family Law*, 27 WISCONSIN JOURNAL OF LAW, GENDER & SOCIETY 257 (2012).

*Sex and Statutory Uniformity: Harmonizing the Legal Treatment of Semen*, 7 CHARLESTON LAW REVIEW 235 (2012-3).

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

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- “Halted Innovation: The Expansion of Federal Jurisdiction over Medicine and the Human Body,” Howard University School of Law Faculty Colloquium, Washington, D.C., April 10, 2018
- “Halted Innovation: The Expansion of Federal Jurisdiction over the Human Body and Medical Practice,” Second Annual Regional Health Law Works-in-Progress Retreat at Seton Hall Law School, Newark, New Jersey, February 9, 2018
- “Halted Innovation: The Expansion of Federal Jurisdiction over the Human Body and Medical Practice,” Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Annual Meeting, AALS Section on Law, Medicine, & Health Care Works-in-Progress, San Diego, California, January 4, 2018
- “Medicine Instead of Enhancement: Changing the Discourse on Techniques Involving Genetic Modification,” Legal Perspectives on Synthetic Biology and Gene Editing, University of Copenhagen, November 20, 2017
- “Halted Innovation: The Expansion of Federal Jurisdiction over the Human Body and Medical Practice,” Eighth Annual Constitutional Law Colloquium, Chicago, Illinois, November 3, 2017
- “Halted Innovation: The Expansion of Federal Jurisdiction over the Human Body and Medical Practice,” Wiet Life Sciences Law Scholars Conference, Chicago, Illinois, October 13, 2017
- “Halted Experimentation: The Expansion of Federal Jurisdiction over the Human Body and Medical Practice,” Lutie A. Lytle Black Women Law Faculty Writing Workshop, Ann Arbor, Michigan, July 8, 2017
- “How Subterranean Regulation Hinders Innovation in Assisted Reproductive Technology,” Poster Abstract Selected for Presentation and Inclusion in the Harvard Medical School Annual Bioethics Conference, *available at* <http://bioethics.hms.harvard.edu/sites/g/files/mcu336/f/Friday%20Poster%20Abstract%20Merge.pdf>

- “How Subterranean Regulation Hinders Innovation in Assisted Reproductive Technology,” IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law Faculty Workshop, Chicago, Illinois, September 7, 2016
- “Does the U.S. Food and Drug Administration Have Jurisdiction Over New Forms of *In Vitro* Fertilization?: The Legal Impacts of the FDA’s Unexpected Assertion of Jurisdiction Over New Forms of Assisted Reproductive Technology,” Tenth Annual Lutie A. Lytle Black Women Law Faculty Writing Workshop, Iowa City, Iowa, July 9, 2016.
- “Targeting, Searching, Seizing, & Prosecuting Pregnant Drug Addicts: An Analysis of the Constitutionality of Laws Criminalizing Prenatal Substance Abuse,” Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana, June 4, 2016.
- “Civil Commitment, Prosecution, and Pregnancy: The Consequences of State Actions that Target the Behavior of Pregnant Women,” Northern Illinois University Law School Chapter of the American Constitution Society, DeKalb, Illinois, April 12, 2016 (invited speaker).
- “Fostering and Hindering Innovation: A Comparison of the Institutional Structures that Regulate ‘Three-Parent’ *In Vitro* Fertilization,” American Society of Comparative Law’s Younger Comparativists Global Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana, March 19, 2016.
- “The New Nuclear Family: The Expansion of the Legal Definition of Family to Include Three or More Legal Parents,” 2013 Lavender Law Conference and Career Fair Junior Scholars Forum, San Francisco, California, August 23, 2013.
- “Making Sex the Same: Ending the Unfair Treatment of Males in Family Law,” *Wisconsin Journal of Law, Gender, & Society* Symposium “When Gender Norms Become Law: Recognizing and Correcting for Gender Bias,” Madison, Wisconsin, February 10, 2012.
- “Unpredictable Risks: Considering the Environmental Impacts of Terrorism in Nuclear Energy Licensing,” Seminar on Environmental Conflict at the University of the Basque Country, San Sebastián, Spain, July 1-3, 2009 (Language: Spanish).

## RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

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Health Law, Family Law, Administrative Law, Bioethics, Constitutional Law, Criminal Law

## PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

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**UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**, Rockville, MD August 2011 – August 2015  
*Attorney, New Reactors Division*

Provided legal advice to agency technical and legal staff on federal rulemakings, guidance documents, and statutes. Drafted and filed pleadings before administrative law judges. Aided expert witnesses in preparing affidavits in support of Staff pleadings. Reviewed Staff analyses of new nuclear power reactor licenses and designs. Awards: Special Act Award, Group Time-Off Award, Performance Award (3).

**UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, Washington, DC** July 2014 - February 2015  
***Special Assistant United States Attorney, Sex Offense and Domestic Violence Section***

7-month detail to the Superior Court Division. Prosecuted misdemeanors in the Domestic Violence Unit of the Sex Offense and Domestic Violence Section. Drafted and filed motions and responses to motions. Appeared in court for status hearings, detention hearings, arraignments, sentencings, and trials. Gathered evidence, interviewed law enforcement and civilian witnesses, and provided discovery to defense counsel.

**CALIFORNIA ATTORNEY GENERAL—ANTITRUST DIVISION, San Francisco, CA** Summer 2010  
***Law Clerk***

Scrutinized potential anti-competitive impacts of mergers on California markets. Investigated and examined claims of Resale Price Maintenance in collaboration with other California Attorney General's offices. Prepared memoranda on the treatment of antitrust law violations under federal and California law.

**EMI MUSIC, New York, NY** January - May 2010  
***Legal Affairs Intern***

Drafted settlement licensing agreements and trademark reports. Generated reports on potential copyright infringement litigation. Gathered information from record label and merchandising executives relating to foreign copyright infringements. Filed Digital Millennium Copyright Act infringement notices.

**INTERNATIONAL COURT OF ENVIRONMENTAL ARBITRATION & CONCILIATION, San Sebastián, Spain** Summer 2009  
***Researcher***

Wrote and presented (in Spanish) article analyzing federal statutes and nuclear power at university conference. Researched and tracked Latin American border disputes.

#### ADDITIONAL

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**Bar:** Admitted to New York Bar (2012).

**Languages:** Advanced Proficiency in French and Spanish; Beginning Proficiency in Russian.

**Memberships:** Member of the New York State Bar Association Committee on Children and the Law (2012-2014). Member of the Board of Directors of the American Constitution Society's Washington, DC Lawyer Chapter (Constitution in the Classroom Co-Vice Chair)(2012-2014).

**Peer Review:** *Journal of Law, Medicine & Ethics*.