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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

St. John's University School of Law, Queens, New York

<i>Associate Professor</i>	Fall 2025 – Present
<i>Assistant Professor</i>	2023 – Spring 2025
Courses:	Evidence; Criminal Law; Child, Parent, State

New York University School of Law, New York, New York

<i>Impact Project Director, Family Defense Clinic</i>	2022 – Present
<i>Affiliate, Family Defense Clinic</i>	2020 – 2022
<i>Associate Director, Lawyering Program</i>	2022 – 2023
<i>Acting Assistant Professor, Lawyering Program</i>	2020 – 2023

EDUCATION

Yale Law School, J.D., 2015

Honors:	C. LaRue Munson Prize for excellence in clinical representation
Activities:	Criminal Justice Clinic, Member and Co-Director
	Ethics Bureau at Yale, Member
	Clinical Student Board, Member
	Capital Assistance Project, Member and Co-Director
	Research Assistant to Professors James Forman, Jr., and Judith Resnik
Internships:	Bronx Defenders – Criminal Defense Practice, Bronx, New York
	Office of Capital Writs, Austin, Texas

Barnard College, B.A., *summa cum laude*, Urban Studies with minor in Spanish, 2010

Honors:	Phi Beta Kappa
	Departmental Honors, Urban Studies
	Pels Loan Forgiveness Scholarship (awarded to four seniors annually)

PUBLICATIONS

Academic Publications:

Private Prosecution as State Failure, 100 N.Y.U. L. Rev. (forthcoming 2026).

[*Family Regulation's Consent Problem*](#), 125 COLUM. L. REV. 769 (2025).

[*Prosecuting Families*](#), 173 U. PENN. L. REV. 1029 (2025).

[*The Empty Promise of the Fourth Amendment in the Family Regulation System*](#), 100 WASH. U. L. REV. 1057 (2023).

Discussed in publications including [THE WASHINGTON POST](#) and [PRO PUBLICA](#).

[Thompson v. Clark and the 'Reasonable' Policing of Marginalized Families](#), 47 N.Y.U. REV. L. & SOC. CHANGE 221 (2023).

[An Unintended Abolition: Family Regulation During the Covid-19 Crisis](#), 12 COLUM. J. RACE & L. F. 1 (2022).

Discussed on MSNBC and in publications including [THE NEW YORK TIMES](#), [THE NATION](#), [TIME](#), [THE NEW REPUBLIC](#), [USA TODAY](#), and [MOTHER JONES](#).

Dislocation and Relocation: Women in the Federal Prison System, Report of the Arthur Liman Public Interest Program, Aug. 29, 2014 (with Katherine Culver, Emma Kaufman, Jennifer Yun, Hope Metcalf, Megan Quattlebaum, and Judith Resnik).

Mapping Placements in the Federal Prison System, in ISOLATION AND REINTEGRATION: PUNISHMENT CIRCA 2014 (2014) (with Katherine Culver, Sinead Hunt, and Emma Kaufman).

Selected Shorter Publications:

[Reducing Family Surveillance to Improve Child Well-Being](#), 3 FAM. JUST. J. 38 (2024) (invited).

[Book Review: Wendy A. Bach, Prosecuting Poverty, Criminalizing Care](#), 3 J. L. & POL. ECON. 419 (2022) (invited).

[Re-Imagining Lanyering: Bringing Abolition Into the 1L Curriculum](#), HUMAN RIGHTS AT HOME BLOG (May 12, 2021).

[Jenny Mollen, Jason Biggs, and How Race and Class Shape the Aftermath of Childhood Accidents](#), PASTE MAGAZINE (May 3, 2019).

Selected Media Appearances:

[Torn Apart: Abolition](#), MS. MAGAZINE (podcast) (Dec. 3, 2023) (with Dorothy Roberts and Joyce McMillan).

[CRT and Family Regulation: Toward Abolition](#), COLUMBIA RACE TALKS: CRITICAL RACE THEORY (podcast) (July 11, 2022).

[A Pandemic of Child Abuse?](#), EPPIC BROADCAST (podcast) (Sept. 14, 2021).

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

“Private Prosecution as State Failure”

Care and Carcerality Conference, University of Wisconsin, Sept. 2025 (invited) (anticipated).
CrimFest!, July 15, 2025.
Family Law Scholars and Teachers Conference, June 17, 2025.
Richmond Junior Scholars Forum, May 29, 2025.

“Family Regulation’s Consent Problem”

Northeastern Junior Scholars Conference, February 28, 2025.
Markelloquium, January 24, 2025.
Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University Faculty Colloquium, Nov. 18, 2024.
Cardozo/Fordham Metropolitan Junior Scholars' Workshop, Sept. 20, 2024.
CrimFest!, July 16, 2024.
Family Law Scholars and Teachers Conference, June 17, 2024.

“Fourth Amendment Constraints on CPS and DSS Investigations,” Nassau County Bar Association, February 3, 2025 (invited).

“Ethical Constraints on Agency Attorneys,” Children’s Law Center, Joseph F. Rice School of Law, University of South Carolina, Oct. 18, 2024 (invited).

“Exploring Abolition in the Family Regulation System,” Cardozo Law School Colloquium on Abolition, Sept. 17, 2024 (with Prof. Kate Levine) (invited).

“Prosecuting Families”

Junior Scholars Conference for the AALS Section on Criminal Procedure, Sept. 13, 2024.
Clinical Law Review Workshop, NYU School of Law, Oct. 14, 2023.
New York Family Law Scholars Workshop, Oct. 6, 2023.
CrimFest!, July 18, 2023.
Family Law Scholars and Teachers Conference, June 14, 2023.

“The Fourth Amendment in the Child Welfare System,” Lawyers in the Library Series, Delaware County (New York) Family Court, April 19, 2024 (invited).

“Lessons for Community Prevention: A Conversation,” Keeping Families Together Summit, REDLICH HORWITZ FOUNDATION, May 4, 2023 (with New York City Administration for Children’s Services Commissioner Jess Dannhauser and Joyce McMillan) (invited).

“Author Meets Reader: Commentary on WENDY BACH, PROSECUTING POVERTY, CRIMINALIZING CARE,” ClassCrits XIII: Unlocking Race & Class for Just Transitions, Thurgood Marshall School of Law, Oct. 21-22, 2022 (with Wendy Bach, Angela Harris, and Lucy Jewel) (invited).

“*Thompson v. Clark* and the ‘Reasonable’ Policing of Marginalized Families”

ClassCrits XIII: Unlocking Race & Class for Just Transitions, Oct. 21, 2022.
Clinical Law Review Workshop, NYU School of Law, Oct. 8, 2022.
Family Law Scholars and Teachers Conference, June 23, 2022.

“Family Court Doesn’t Solve Problems,” 2022 International Virtual Conference: A Call to Action to Change Child Welfare, Kempe Center for the Prevention and Treatment of Child Abuse and Neglect, Oct. 6, 2022 (with Jane Spinak and Robbyne Wiley) (invited).

“Lessons Learned from COVID: What the Community Is Offering,” Reunification Celebration Month Presentation, Bronx County Family Court, June 16, 2022 (invited).

“The Empty Promise of the Fourth Amendment in the Family Regulation System”

New York Family Law Scholars Workshop, April 23, 2022.

Clinical Law Review Workshop, NYU School of Law, Oct. 2, 2021.

Family Law Scholars and Teachers Conference, June 21, 2021.

“A Discussion of Key Data & Lessons Learned from the Pandemic-Related Reduction in Family Surveillance,” Narrowing the Front Door to NYC’s Child Welfare System, Fordham University Graduate School of Social Service James R. Dumpson Children and Families Summit, Dec. 8, 2021 (invited).

“The Intersection of Family Regulation and Reproduction During the Covid-19 Crisis,” Reproducing Injustice: COVID-19, Reproduction, and the Law, DREXEL LAW REVIEW, Oct. 15, 2021 (invited).

“An Unintended Abolition: Family Regulation During the Covid-19 Crisis,” Strengthened Bonds: Abolishing the Child Welfare System and Re-Envisioning Child Well-Being, COLUMBIA JOURNAL OF RACE AND LAW, June 18, 2021.

SELECTED LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY

Testimony before the Committee on Children and Families, N.Y. State Assembly, Oct. 21, 2021.

Presentation to the New York State Citizen Review Panel for Child Protective Services on family regulation operations in New York City during COVID-19, Oct. 15, 2021 (invited).

Testimony before the Committee on General Welfare, N.Y.C. Council, Oversight Hearing on the Child Welfare System During COVID-19, June 14, 2021.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Family Justice Law Center, New York, New York

Of Counsel

2024 – Present

Neighborhood Defender Service of Harlem, New York, New York

Staff Attorney, Family Defense Practice

2016 – 2020

The Honorable Andrew L. Carter, Jr., Southern District of New York, New York, New York

Law Clerk

2015 – 2016

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

American Association of Law Schools, Criminal Procedure Section

Executive Committee Member

2025 – Present

Family Law Scholars and Teachers Conference

Co-Chair, Planning Committee

2025 – Present

Planning Committee Member

2024 – 2025

ADMISSIONS AND LANGUAGES

Admitted to the New York State Bar (active) and the Texas State Bar (inactive).

Proficient in Spanish (legal representation level).