

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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#### EDUCATION

University of Pennsylvania Law School, Philadelphia, PA

J.D., graduated in May 2000

James Wilson Fellow  
University of Pennsylvania Law Review, Associate Editor  
Center for Children's Policy, Practice and Research, Intern  
Black Law Student Association, Community Service Committee, Chair  
Custody and Support Assistance Clinic, Student Advocate

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

Ph.D., graduated in December 1997

Psychology; Major Area: Clinical Psychology  
Thesis: Cognitive Appraisals and Family Dynamics as Predictors of  
Adjustment and Well-Being in Elderly Black Kinship Caregivers

NIA-NIH Minority Research Dissertation Grant (1 R03 AG014923-01)

M.A., awarded in May 1994

Psychology; Major Area: Clinical Psychology  
Thesis: Paternal Absence and Perceptions of Paternal Presence in Low-  
Income Housed and Homeless Children

Washington University, St. Louis, MO

A.B., graduated in May 1991

Majors: Psychology and French

#### ACADEMIC POSITIONS

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO SCHOOL OF LAW. CHICAGO, IL

Assistant Professor of Law

July 2004 to Present

Director of Research Civitas ChildLaw Center

Courses: Family Law; Child, Parent & State; Social Science in the Law;

Alternative Dispute Resolution; International and  
Comparative Family Law; ChildLaw Trial Practice

Research: Child Welfare; Child and Family Well-Being; Kinship  
Caregiving; Family Law; Juvenile Justice; Children's Rights;  
Therapeutic Jurisprudence

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN LAW SCHOOL. ANN ARBOR, MI  
*Dean's Fellow and Clinical Assistant Professor of Law* August 2002 to July 2004

## PUBLICATIONS

### Legal Publications

#### Articles/Essays:

Does Conjuality Matter? Negotiating Parenthood in Kinship Caregiving Families  
(in progress).

The Subtlety of State Action in Privatized Child Welfare Services, 11 CHAPMAN L.  
REV. 85 (2007).

Neither Dyad, nor Triad: Children's Relationship Rights within Kinship Caregiving  
Families, 41 UNIV. MICH. J. L. REFORM 77 (2007).

Swimming Upstream Against the Great Adoption Tide: Making the Case for  
"Impermanence," 34 CAPITAL UNIV. L. REV. 405 (2005).

Troxel v. Granville: Implications for At Risk Children and the Amicus Curiae Role  
of University-Based Interdisciplinary Centers for Children, 32 RUTGERS L.J. 857 (2001)  
(co-authored with Barbara Bennett Woodhouse).

Comment, *What To Do With the Sheep in Wolf's Clothing: The Role of Rhetoric  
and Reality About Youth Offenders in the Constructive Dismantling of the  
Juvenile Justice System*, 148 U. PA. L. REV. 1303 (2000).

Exploring Kinship Care, 1 MICH. CHILD WELFARE L.J. 24 (1996).

#### Book chapters:

Girl Offenders: Special Issues, in CHILD VICTIMS, CHILD OFFENDERS: PSYCHOLOGY AND  
LAW, Bette L. Bottoms, Gail S. Goodman and Cynthia J. Najdowski (Eds.) Guilford  
Press, (2008) (co-authored).

Grandparent Rights, in 28 ILLINOIS JURISPRUDENCE, ELDER LAW (2006) (invited author).

#### Non-Legal Publications:

Book Review, Multiple Lenses, Multiple Images: Perspectives on the Child Across Time, Space and Discipline, *Children and Youth Services Review* (2006) Vol 28, No. 10, 1267-1271.

A Deaf Girl in a Hearing World and All in the Family, 2 *J. CLINICAL ACTIVITIES, ASSIGNMENTS & HANDOUTS IN PSYCHOTHERAPY PRACTICE* 3 (2001).

Cognitive Appraisals and Family Dynamics as Predictors of Adjustment and Well-Being in Elderly Kinship Caregivers (1997) (unpublished Ph.D. dissertation, University of Michigan).

Sandra Graham-Bermann, Victoria Banyard, Sacha Coupet, Lesley Egler, & Jacqueline Mattis, Interpersonal Relationships and Adjustment of Children in Homeless and Economically Distressed Families, 25 *J. CLINICAL CHILD PSYCHOLOGY* 250 (1996).

### PRESENTATIONS

Critical Race Theory and Family Law, Invited Speaker, Panel Presentation, CRT 20: Honoring Our Past, Charting Our Future, University of Iowa College of Law, Iowa City, Iowa. (2009, April).

*Integrating Children's Voices into Children's Representation*, Invited Speaker, Youth Empowerment Initiative Training, Cook County Office of the Public Guardian, Chicago, Illinois (2009, February).

Children, Sex and the Law, Panel Moderator, Section on Children and the Law, Association of American Law Schools 2009 Annual Meeting, San Diego, California. (2009, January).

Does Conjuality Matter? Negotiating Parenthood in Kinship Caregiving Families, Invited Speaker, Faculty Colloquia, Washington University School of Law, St. Louis, Missouri. (2008, November).

Special Considerations: Understanding the Influence of Linguistic and Cognitive Development when Interviewing Children in Legal Settings, Panel Presentation at the Illinois State Bar Association, Section on Children and the Law, Chicago, Illinois. (2008, November).

Breaking Open the Rule of Two: Exploring the Centrality of Conjuality in the Multiple Parentage Debate, Invited Speaker, Faculty Enrichment Speaker Series, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University College of Law, Orlando, Florida. (2008, October).

Multiple Parentage in the Context of Kinship Caregiving, Panel Presentation at the Inaugural Annual Midwest Family Law Conference, Indiana University School of Law, Indianapolis, Indiana. (2008, June).

Legal and Societal Barriers to Adoption in South Asia. Panel Moderator at the 5th Annual meeting of the North American South Asian Bar Association, Chicago, Illinois. (2008, June).

*Beyond the Dyad: Exploring Children's Relationship Rights.* Works-In-Progress Presentation at the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Midwestern People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, Washington University School of Law, St. Louis, Missouri. (2007, April).

*Beyond the Dyad: Exploring Children's Relationship Rights.* Panel Presentation at the University of Michigan Child Advocacy Law Symposium, Ann Arbor, Michigan. (2007, March).

Applying Facts to Family Law: Implications of Empirical Research on Kinship Caregivers for Family Law and Policy. Panel Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Law Schools, Washington, D.C. (2006, January).

Applying Therapeutic Jurisprudence to Child Welfare: Examining the Relationship between Kinship Care Policy and Kinship Caregiver Mental Health. Presentation at the 29<sup>th</sup> International Congress on Law and Mental Health, Université René Descartes and Sorbonne, Paris, France. (2005, July).

Finding Freud in Law. Presentation at the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Psychology Graduate Career Panel, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan. (2005, February).

Problems of Legal Recognition for Kinship Caregivers in the U.S.. Presentation at the International Society of Family Law, North American Conference, Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, Canada. (2001, June).

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren: Legal and Policy Issues. Facilitated presentation at the Kinship Care National Satellite Video Conference, Regional Roundtable Discussion. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. (2001, February).

New Voices: Listening to Children. Presentation at the Family Law Symposium 2000: The American Family in the 21st Century, Family Law Section of the Philadelphia Bar Association. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. (2000, November).

Applications of Social Science Research to Kinship Caregiving Policy and Legal Reform. Presentation to the Philadelphia Kinship Care Task Force. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. (1998, September).

Family Style, Appraisal and Adjustment in Kinship Foster Care. Presentation at the 50<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America. Cincinnati, Ohio. (1997, November).

Facilitating Attachment Through Kinship Foster Care. Presentation at the 74<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the American Orthopsychiatric Association. Toronto, Ontario, Canada. (1997, March).

Meeting the Health Needs of Foster Care Children. Presentation at the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Medstart Conference, University of Michigan. Ann Arbor, Michigan. (1997, January).

*Who Hurt the Baby? The System's Choices When No One Knows How the Injuries Occurred.* Presentation at the 14<sup>th</sup> annual Michigan Statewide Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect. Ypsilanti, Michigan. (1995, October).

Father Absence and Paternal Support in Homeless and Low Income Housed Families. Poster presentation at the 101<sup>st</sup> convention of the American Psychological Association. Toronto, Ontario, Canada. (1993, August).

### LEGAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Law Clerk to District Judge Joseph A. Greenaway, Jr.  
United States District Court for the District of New Jersey  
Newark, New Jersey

Researched questions of law and assisted in drafting of memoranda and opinions of law. Dates of employment: October 2001 to August 2002.

Law Clerk to Circuit Judge Theodore A. McKee  
United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Researched questions of law and assisted in drafting of memoranda and opinions of law. Dates of employment: September 2000 to September 2001.

Summer Law Associate

Schnader, Harrison, Segal & Lewis, LLP, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Researched questions of law and prepared memoranda in the area of civil litigation, including product liability, domestic relations, and civil rights matters. Participated in pro bono representation of an infant in child protection proceedings. Dates of employment: July 1999 to August 1999.

Summer Law Associate

Steptoe & Johnson, LLP, Washington, D.C.

Researched questions of law and prepared memoranda in the area of criminal and civil litigation, including R.I.C.O. defense, employee benefits, and employment discrimination matters. Drafted briefing memo for United Nations C.E.R.D. committee. Participated in pro bono representation of kinship caregiver in custody litigation. Dates of employment: May 1999 to July 1999.

Summer Legal Intern

Juvenile Law Center, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Researched questions of law and prepared memoranda regarding provision of medical services to foster children, juvenile justice legislative reform, and minors' capacity to consent to mental health treatment. Drafted advisory letters to

Pennsylvania state government agencies regarding implementation of juvenile justice policy. Dates of employment: May 1998 to August 1998.

Pro Se Advisor

Custody and Support Assistance Clinic

Philadelphia Legal Assistance, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Provided legal advice and assistance to low-income pro se litigants concerning custody and support matters. Dates of participation: September 1997 to May 1998.

### PSYCHOLOGICAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Psychological Consultant and Clinical Supervisor

Children Service Incorporated

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Evaluated and assessed mental health status of children receiving wraparound behavioral services. Provided clinical supervision for three mobile therapists. Dates of employment: February 1999 to August 2000.

Psychological Consultant

The Consortium Children's Growth and Development Program

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Evaluated and assessed children and adolescents in partial hospitalization program for individual treatment needs and program efficacy. Dates of employment: September 1998 to August 2000.

Psychological Consultant

The Michigan Child Welfare Law Resource Center

University of Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor, Michigan

Assisted in research and preparation of psychological reference materials for child welfare lawyers in the state of Michigan. Dates of employment: May 1996 to September 1996.

Clinical Psychology Intern

University Center for the Child and the Family

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan

Trained in areas of psychological evaluation; individual, family and conjoint therapy; psychological testing. Participated in Community Mental Health Deaf Services treatment. Conducted Ann Arbor Headstart, Department of Social Services and Washtenaw County Juvenile Court assessments. Provided psychological consultation to the University of Michigan Law School Child Advocacy Law Clinic. Dates of full-time employment: July 1993 to September 1995; Dates of part-time employment: September 1995 to August 1996.

### UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Loyola University, Gender Equity Commission (2007-present)  
Loyola University, University Women's Commission, Survey Task Force (2005-2006)  
Loyola University Chicago School of Law, Faculty Appointments Committee  
(2005-2006)

### PROFESSIONAL ACADEMIC SERVICE

Peer reviewer, Psychology, Public Policy and Law journal, American  
Psychological Association (2003-present)

American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, Section on Special Concerns of  
Children, Standards for Custody Evaluations Committee, Reporter (2008-2009)

Association of American Law Schools, Section on Children and the Law, Chair,  
(2009-2010); Chair-Elect (2008-2009); Executive Committee member (2007-2008)

### PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE

Admitted to practice in Michigan, January 2003  
Admitted to practice in Pennsylvania, April 2001

### PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Bar Association  
Pennsylvania Bar Association  
Michigan Bar Association  
American Psychological Association  
Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues