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TEACHING & RESEARCH INTERESTS

Health Law, Poverty Law, Interprofessional Collaboration, Disability Law, and Education Law

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Loyola University Chicago School of Law, Chicago, IL
Clinical Professor of Law, Director, Health Justice Project, 2017 - Present
Clinical Professor of Family Medicine, Loyola Stritch School of Medicine, 2021 – Present
Director, Curt and Linda Rodin Center for Social Justice, 2023 - Present

- Direct the Health Justice Project, a program housed within the Beazley Institute for Health Law & Policy offering interprofessional and experiential courses addressing health justice and equity including lab courses, practica, prospective electives, and a medical-legal partnership clinic focused on interdisciplinary advocacy, upstream practice, and holistic legal care.
- Support overall health law programming and curriculum of the Beazley Institute of Health Law and Policy as part of its executive team.
- Serve as a faculty lead in the development and administration of the Community Equity Response Collaborative Loyola (CERCL), an interprofessional initiative providing community-based education and social, policy, and legal supports to residents and community members in near western Cook County.
- Direct the Rodin Center for Social Justice, overseeing student fellowship program and social justice programming including student lunch and learns and an annual Symposium.
- Teach students health law, poverty law and legal practice skills through experiential and interprofessional courses including the Health Justice Project Clinic, Health Justice Lab courses, and the Access to Health Care prospective elective.

University of Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor, MI
Clinical Teaching Fellow, Pediatric Advocacy Clinic, 2014 – 2017

- Co-taught weekly courses focused on substantive law and lawyering skills including client interviewing and counseling, client-centered lawyering, case planning, trial skills, negotiations, mindfulness and self-care, child health, EPSDT, interdisciplinary and upstream practices, and special education.
- Supervised second- and third-year law students representing clients in special education, public benefits, EPSDT & health care access, family law, and housing cases, as well as health and education policy matters. Supervision focused on developing independence and sound legal reasoning as well as fostering a holistic and upstream approach to client representation encompassing direct representation and systemic advocacy strategies.
- Engaged in systemic advocacy resulting in changes to practices and policies enhancing outcomes for parents and students filing state complaints with the Michigan Department

of Education and changes to Michigan Department of Health and Human Services policies regarding access to related therapies for Medicaid-eligible children.
- Provided training to health care providers and lawyers on topics including upstream advocacy, poverty and health, EPSDT and access to health care, and special education.

Tulane University Law School, New Orleans, LA
Kramer Fellow, The Public Law Center**,** 2006 – 2007
- Provided technical assistance to community groups and nonprofit organizations promoting housing and economic redevelopment in New Orleans post-Katrina through Community Land Trusts and Community Benefit Agreements.
- Conducted research on legislative and policy issues for nonprofit organizations and city agencies including rental rate restrictions, expropriation laws, lobbying restrictions for nonprofits, city code enforcement procedures, and landlord-tenant regulations.
- Assisted in website and resource development for The Public Law Center.

EDUCATION

Loyola University Chicago Parkinson School of Health Sciences and Public Health
Master of Public Health, in progress

Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law
Juris Doctor, Cum Laude
Honors: Dean's List
Activities: Student Funded Public Interest Fellowships, Public Interest Law Group; Feminists and Women's Coalition, Julius Minor Moot Court Competition (Top Five Brief)

Beloit College
Bachelor of Arts, *Magna Cum Laude*
Majors: Sociology and Theater Arts - Dance Concentration
Minor: Civil Rights (self-designed interdisciplinary minor)
Honors: Presidential Scholar, Dean's List, Phi Beta Kappa, Honors in Theater

BOOK CHAPTERS AND PRACTICE MANUALS

Interprofessional Practice, Learning from Practice: A Text for Experiential Education, Fourth Ed., forthcoming 2027 (with Crystal Grant, JD).

Legal and Policy Implications for Healthcare Quality in Vulnerable Populations, Legal Issues in Quality for Healthcare Institutions, forthcoming 2027 (with Amy Blair, MD).

Louisiana Juvenile Defender Trial Practice Manual, Principal Author, Published by the Juvenile Justice Project of Louisiana and the Southern Juvenile Defender Center (2007).

Principles in Practice: Promoting Accountability, Safety and Fairness in Juvenile Delinquency Proceedings, Contributing researcher and author, National Juvenile Defender Center in cooperation with the Juvenile Justice Project of Louisiana and the Southern Juvenile Defender Center, Produced by the Southern Poverty Law Center (2007).

JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

A Proposal to End Segregated Health Care Through Source of Insurance Discrimination Protections, Journal of Law, Medicine & Ethics, Special Symposium Issue, forthcoming Fall 2026.

Upstream Lawyering: A Framework for Poverty Law, 74 DEPAUL L. REV. 67, (2024): https://via.library.depaul.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=4315&context=law-review

Medical-Legal Partnerships Reinvigorate Systems Lawyering Using an Upstream Approach, Journal of Law, Medicine & Ethics, Special Symposium Issue: The Past, Present and future of Medical-Legal Partnerships, Volume 51, Issue 4, Winter 2023, pp. 810 - 816 (with Debra Chopp): https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/journal-of-law-medicine-and-ethics/article/medicallegal-partnerships-reinvigorate-systems-lawyering-using-an-upstream-approach/C13D8DEB41CA59CBCFCCDB2A256FE7C4

Filling the gaps: A community case study in using an interprofessional approach and community-academic partnerships to address COVID-19-related inequities; FRONT. PUBLIC HEALTH, 20 July 2023, Volume 11 - 2003 (With Kutchma M (primary author), Perez J, Stranges E, Steele K, Garis T, Prost A, Simbul S, Choo-Kang C, Gbikpi Benissan DG, Smith-Haney G, Mora N, Watson M, Griffith T, Booker N, Harrington A, Blair A, Luke A, Silva A**):** https://www.frontiersin.org/articles/10.3389/fpubh.2023.1208895/full.

An Interprofessional Antiracist Curriculum is Paramount to Addressing Racial Inequities in Health, Journal of Law, Medicine & Ethics, Volume 50, Issue 1: Health Law and Anti-Racism: Reckoning and Response, Spring 2022, pp. 109 – 116 (with Abigail Silva, Jessica Simpson, and Maya Watson): https://doi.org/10.1017/jme.2022.15.

The Promise and Failures of Children's Medicaid and the Role of Medical-Legal Partnerships as Monitors and Advocates, 30 HEALTH MATRIX ISS. 1 (2020): https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3367011.

Counseling Clients on Advance Directives at the End of Life: An Interprofessional Course for Social Work and Law Students, 4 J HEALTH SCI EDUC 3 (2020) (with A. Gilman (primary author), Marcia Spira & Nadia Sawicki): https://escires.com/articles/Health-1-185.pdf.

"We Can't Tolerate That Behavior in This School!" The Consequences of Excluding Children with Behavioral Health Conditions and the Limits of the Law, 41 N.Y.U. REV. L. & SOC. CHANGE 3 (2017): https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3046706#.

MEDIA

The Vicious Cycle: How lawyers can break the link between poverty and poor health, Chicago Lawyer, Dustin J. Siebert, June 2018, https://www.chicagolawyermagazine.com/cl0618_q-a-20180605.

Michigan has one of the harshest school discipline laws in the country, but not for long, Michigan Public Radio, Jennifer Guerra, June 13, 2017, http://michiganradio.org/post/michigan-has-one-harshest-school-discipline-laws-country-not-long. (Assisted with and pitched this story highlighting PAC clients facing harsh disciplinary removals.)

Doctor's Orders: Call Your Lawyer, University of Michigan Law Quadrangle, Spring 2015: *https://quadrangle.michigan.law.umich.edu/issues/spring-2015/doctors-orders-call-your-lawyer*

RECENT PRESENTATIONS

Social Justice Perspectives on a Healthy Community, keynote speaker for Loyola University Chicago School of Law Master of Law Education Immersion Weekend Conference, Advocating for Health Communities: Strengthening Social and Economic Outcomes for Families, Businesses, and Society, October 2, 2026, Chicago, IL.

A Proposal to End Segregated Health Care Through Source of Insurance Discrimination Protections, ASLME Health Law Professors Conference, June 4, 2026, Atlanta, GA.

Understanding and Responding to Medicaid Funding Cuts and Their Impact on Illinois Communities, Illinois Association of Health Lawyer's 3rd Quarterly Lecture, September 11, 2025, Webinar (with Eva Stahl)

How to get the skills you need for the job you want: experiential education and other activities in law school, July 23, 2025, LawHub Webinar, Law School Admissions Council Series: Law School in Action: Building Skills for a Legal Career (with Jim Leipold, Amy Perez, and Karl Okamoto)

Holistically Approaching End of Life: Creating a Culture of Care, Interprofessional Conference, Loyola University Chicago Schools of Education, Health Sciences and Public Health, Nursing, Medicine, Law, and Social Work, April 9, 2025, Maywood, IL (Served on event planning committee and as small group facilitator)

Upstream Lawyering, ASLME Health Law Professors Conference, June 7, 2024, Philadelphia, PA.

Meeting the Full-Range of Legal Needs of Recent Migrants in Chicago Using the Medical-Legal Partnership Model, Chicago Bar Association Immigration and National Law Committee virtual conference, May 30, 2024, Chicago, IL (with Alice Setrini).

Interdisciplinary Law Clinics: What Works and What Doesn't, Unfinished Arcs: Resistance & Resilience Amid Backlash: AALS 46th Annual Conference on Clinical Legal Education, May 3, 2024, Saint Louis, MO.

Lessons from the Past: Using History and Field Study to Inform Interdisciplinary Health Equity Advocacy, Unfinished Arcs: Resistance & Resilience Amid Backlash: AALS 46th Annual Conference on Clinical Legal Education, May 3, 2024, Saint Louis, MO (with Alice Setrini).

Advancing Health Equity Through Interprofessional Teams: A Mental Health Case Study Experience, Online Interprofessional Webinar, Loyola University Chicago Schools of Education, Health Sciences and Public Health, Nursing, Medicine, Law, and Social Work, April 10, 2024 (Served on event planning committee, as small group facilitator, and plenary panelist.)

Getting Mental Health Care Covered: Advocating for Patients, Loyola Medicine Psychiatry Department and Psychiatric Residency Program, February 19, 2024, Maywood, Illinois.

Advocacy Workshop: Culturally Responsive Care and Leadership Program, Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine, February 1, 2024, Maywood, Illinois (with Alice Setrini and Amy Blair).

Health Equity in Action, American Health Law Association Fundamentals of Health Law, Chicago, IL, November 7, 2023 (with Asha B. Sciezlo and Kimberly Ramseur).

Conversations on the Ground, Beazley Symposium on Health Law and Policy: The Impact of Fraud and Abuse Law on Health Equity, Presented by the Beazley Institute for Health Law and Policy in conjunction with Annals of Health Law and Life Sciences, Loyola University Chicago School of Law, October 27, 2023, Chicago, IL (Moderator of panel featuring Janis Anfossi, David Cade, Asha Scielzo, and Neal Shaw).

Advocating for Young People with Mental Health and Behavioral Health Challenges, Loyola Medicine Psychiatry Department and Psychiatric Residency Program, October 9, 2023, Maywood, Illinois.

Utilizing Experiential Learning Tools to Support Goals of ABA Standard 303c in Health Law Courses, ASLME Health Law Professors Conference, June 7, 2023, Baltimore, MD (with Alice Setrini).

Interdisciplinary Clinics: Ideas and Current Practices, Hope as a Discipline: AALS 45th Annual Conference on Clinical Legal Education, April 29, 2023, San Francisco, CA (with Min Jian Huang).

Teaching Upstream Lawyering, Hope as a Discipline: AALS 45th Annual Conference on Clinical Legal Education, April 28, 2023, San Francisco, CA (with Debra Chopp and Jenna Prochaska).

Moving from Individual Impacts to Policy Impacts, Medical-Legal Partnerships: Equity, Evaluation and Evolution Conference, March 3, 2023, Yale Law School, New Haven, CT (with Bethany Hamilton, Kara R. Finck, Lisa Puglisi, William Sage, and Jay Sicklick).

Health Equity in Action, American Health Law Association Fundamentals of Health Law, Chicago, IL, November 10, 2022 (with Asha B. Sciezlo and John Smith).

Interdisciplinary Approaches for Advancing Access to Justice, White House Counsel's Series on Building the Next Generation of Public Interest Lawyers, Teaching for Impact: Advancing Access to Justice Through Experiential Legal Education: Panel #2, Webinar, June 15, 2022 (with

Dana Remus – White House Counsel, Alina Ball, Katherine Garvey, Marcy L, Karin, Jeff Selbin, and Todd Wildermuth).

Anti-Racism Teaching and Practice, Health Law and Anti-Racism: Reckoning and Response Symposium, Journal of Law Medicine & Ethics, American Society of Law Medicine & Ethics, Penn Law, March 30, 2022 (with Seema Mohapatra, Jessica L. Simpson, and Medha D. Makhlouf).

Medicaid Enforcement, Rule of Law Institute Fellow Presentation, Loyola University Chicago, March 14, 2022.

Upstreaming Legal Care, Illinois MLP Task Force, March 11, 2022.

Advocating for Children's Access to Health Care: Medicaid for Children, Center for Community & Global Health Seminar Series, Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine, January 19, 2022 (with Lindsay Hill & David Faich).

A survey of state laws, rules and regulations governing fair hearings for Medicaid, SNAP, and TANF recipients, APHA 2021 Annual Meeting & Expo, October 25, 2021.

Engaging Students in Race and Health Equity Education and Practice, ASLME Health Law Professors Conference, June 10, 2021 (with Abigail Silva & Maya Watson).

Cultivating Professional Identity in the First Year of Law School, AALS Clinical Conference, May 1, 2021 (with Miranda Johnson, Jaqueline Ross, Carla Kupe, and Josie Gough).

Innovations in Integrated Care: Medical Legal Partnerships, Dominican University, April 16, 2021 (with Maya Watson).

Applying the MLP Approach to Housing Issues for Children and Communities,
Patients-to-Policy Learning Collaborative: National Center for Medical-Legal Partnership, February 19, 2021 (with Jenna Prochaska).

Innovating to Address COVID-19, Webinar Series: Beyond Crisis Management Preparing for What's Next, Loyola University Quinlan School of Business & Parkinson School of Health Sciences and Public Health, Chicago, IL, July 9, 2020 (with Seth Green, Carolyn Kmet, Amy Luke, Elaine Morrato, Elizabeth Stranges, Abigail Silva, and Zach Waickman).

Why Can't We Be Friends? Collaborating with Non-Clinical Faculty, Midwest Clinical Conference, Ann Arbor, MI, October 2019 (with Allison Bethel, Colleen Boraca, & Wendy Vaughn).

Preparing Students to be Interdisciplinary Collaborators for Change, AALS Conference on Clinical Education, San Francisco, May 2019 (with Yulanda Curtis, Crystal Grant, Samir Hanna, Rachael Kohl, & Dana Thompson).

Breaking Down Barriers: Medical-Legal Partnerships Enhance Access to Care for Youth with Cerebral Palsy, American Academy for Cerebral Palsy and Developmental Medicine 72nd Annual Meeting, Cincinnati, October 2018 (with Rita Ayyangar, MBBS, Virgina Nelson, MD, MPH, and Brittany Shupe-Sawyer, MSW).

Experiential Health Law Opportunities through the Medical-Legal Partnership Model, ASLME Health Law Professors Conference, Cleveland, June 2018 (with Debra Chopp, JD).

The Intersection Between EPSDT & the IDEA, Loyola University Chicago Community and Family Service Center, November 8, 2017.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS, SERVICE, COMMITTEES AND GRANTS

- Faculty Advisor, Public Interest Law Reporter, 2025 – Present
- Faculty Advisor, Disabled Law Students Collective, 2023 - Present
- Social Justice and Public Interest Certificate Committee, 2025 – 2026
- Externship Committee, September 2024 – 2026
- Clinic & Public Interest Committee, August 2017 – Present
- Inaugural Faculty Affiliate, Racial Justice Institute, 2023
- Inaugural Faculty Fellow, Rule of Law Institute, 2020
- Faculty Lead, Community Equity Response Collaborative Loyola (CERCL), formerly COVID Equity Response Collaborative, Loyola Chicago, April 2020 – Present
- Ambassador, Loyola University Chicago Institute for Transformative Interprofessional Education (I-TIE), 2019 – Present
- Loyola Health EQ Collaborative funding granted for interprofessional proposal titled "Strengthening collaborations among medicine, public health, nursing, social work and law at Loyola University Chicago through new cohesive interprofessional education programs" (2018 - 2019, renewed for 2019 – 2020*)*
- Appointments Committee, 2018 – 2022

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS, LEADERSHIP & AWARDS

- Distinguished Community Service Award, AALS Law, Medicine and Health Care Section, 2025
- Leonard Jay Schrager Award of Excellence, Chicago Bar Foundation, 2024
- Co-Chair, Committee on Clinical Interdisciplinary Education, AALS Clinical Section, 2021-2025
- Association of American Law Schools
- Clinical Legal Education Association
- American Bar Association
- Chicago Bar Association

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Illinois, November 2000
- Louisiana, April 2004 (inactive)
- Ohio, January 2009 (inactive)
- Michigan, October 2014 (inactive)
- United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, November 2000
- United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, June 2008

PRIOR PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Toledo Medical Legal Partnership for Children, Toledo, OH.
Advocates for Basic Legal Equality, Inc. and Legal Aid of Western Ohio, Inc.
Legal Director of MLPC and Staff Attorney, 2008 – 2014

- Collaborated with medical providers to improve the health and well-being of children and families in poverty through professional consultations and provision of legal services.
- Developed and implemented a comprehensive training curriculum for medical providers covering poverty law issues in the framework of social determinants of health and developed a website and resources for medical providers and families.
- Engaged in systemic advocacy on behalf of children with medically complex health needs and children with disabilities to support access to special education and address disproportionate and discriminatory disciplinary removals.
- Filed systemic complaints with the Ohio Department of Education, the Office of Civil Rights of the U.S. Department of Education, and the United States Department of Justice and worked collaboratively with these oversight agencies to advocate for district policy and practice changes related to child find and disciplinary removals.
- Provided testimony before the Ohio Legislature on school discipline.

Juvenile Justice Project of Louisiana, New Orleans, LA
Policy Director, Staff Attorney, Consultant, 2003 – 2006

- Completed two published projects intended to catalyze reform of the juvenile indigent defense system, including drafting a memorandum on best practices for juvenile indigent defender programs and writing a Louisiana juvenile defender trial practice manual.
- Represented young people in pre-adjudication and post-disposition proceedings in juvenile and appellate courts throughout the State of Louisiana.
- Participated in extensive legislative and policy work on juvenile justice and indigent defense reform efforts including drafting legislation and resolutions; preparing and coordinating testimony before the legislature; and participating in legislative task forces on juvenile indigent defense, juvenile competency, and juvenile prison conditions.
- Monitored Louisiana juvenile prisons for compliance with a settlement agreement reached in a federal court and worked in collaboration with the State Department of Youth Services and the United States Department of Justice to ensure implementation of juvenile prison reforms resulting in improved conditions, services, educational programming and a substantial decrease in the number of incarcerated youth.
- Supervised project staff and managed summer law student internship and volunteer program.

Legal Aid Chicago (Formerly Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago), IL
West-Side Office and Central Intake Office
Staff Attorney, 2000 – 2003

- Represented indigent clients in civil matters in administrative proceedings, state circuit court, appellate court, and federal district court in housing, family law, employment law, consumer, and public benefits matters.
- Assisted in revising a statewide utility manual for legal services providers and preparing comments on agency rules and policies regarding public housing reform in Chicago.