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University of Florida, Levin College of Law

**EDUCATION**

**University of Oxford**, Mst., International Human Rights Law (expected 2012)

**Harvard Law School**, J.D., June 1999

Activities: *Co-Chair*, Community Service Committee, Harvard Black Law Students Association (HBLSA)

*Director*, Mentoring Program Initiative, HBLSA

*Teacher's Aid/Tutor*, The Bell Foundation

*Cross-Registration at Harvard Graduate School of Education*: School Law, Informing Educational Policy in Developing Countries

*Cross-Registration at Harvard*: Spanish

Thesis: "Education as a Fundamental Constitutional Right." Thesis Advisor, Professor Martha Minow

**Brown University**, B.A., Public Policy and the Law, May 1995

Activities: Varsity Football, '91-'93

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Academic**

**University of Florida Levin College of Law**, Gainesville, FL

*Interim Director, Center on Children and Families*, 2011-2012

*Co-Director, Center on Children and Families*, 2009-Present

*Associate Professor*, 2010-Present

*Assistant Professor*, 2007-2010

Teaching and research interests include: children's rights and family law; the role of child's counsel in various contexts; family autonomy in traditionally underserved populations.

Committee Service: Appointments; Search, Assistant Dean for Admissions; Adjunct Teaching; Faculty Development

Author and co-author appellate briefs in the Florida District Courts of Appeal, the Florida Supreme Court, and the United States Supreme Court on adoption, custody, and juvenile justice

**University of Warsaw, Center for American Law Studies**, Warsaw, Poland

*Visiting Professor*, May-June 2009

Course on U.S. family law.

**Harvard University, Cambridge, MA**

***Teaching Fellow, Children and Their Social Worlds (Social Analysis 56), Spring 1999***

Teaching fellow for course offered in the social analysis section of the undergraduate core curriculum, which considered the social problems facing children in the context of contemporary cultural, historical, legal and psychological knowledge.

## **Practice**

**Legal Services for Children, Inc., San Francisco, CA**

*Staff Attorney, 2004-2007*

**Morvillo, Abramowitz, Grand, Iason & Silberberg, New York, NY**

*Litigation Associate, 2003-2004*

**Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson, New York, NY**

*Associate, White-Collar Criminal Defense, Securities Litigation, 2000-2003*

**EDUCA, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic**

*Harvard Sheldon Knox Traveling Fellow, 1999-2000*

## **Research Assistantships**

**Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA**

*Research Assistant to Professor Charles Ogletree, Summer 2000*

**Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA**

*Research Assistant to Professor Martha Minow, Summer 2000*

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Academic Articles**

“Owning Laura Silsby’s Shame: How The Haitian Child Trafficking Scheme Embodies The Western Disregard for the Integrity of Poor Families.” (25 Harvard Human Rights Journal \_\_ ) (forthcoming 2012)

“The Family Law Canon in a (Post?) Racial Era.” (72 Ohio State Law Journal 575) (2011)

“US Immigration Law and the Traditional Nuclear Conception of Family: Toward a Functional Definition of Family That Protects Children’s Fundamental Human Rights.” (41 Colum. Hum. Rts. L. Rev. 509) (2010)

“Challenging *MonoHumanism*: An Argument for Changing the Way We Think About Intercountry Adoption.” (30 Mich. J. Int’l L. 413) (2009)

“Race, Identity and Professional Responsibility: Why Legal Services Organizations Need African American Staff Attorneys.” (18 Cornell J. L. & Pub. Pol. 1) (2008)

“Alone and Unrepresented: How the United States’ Failure to Provide Legal Counsel to Unaccompanied Minors Lags Behind Developing International and Regional Human Rights Standards.” (work in progress) (selected by AALS International Human Rights Section Executive Committee for presentation at 2011 AALS Annual Meeting)

### **Book Project**

Unequal Families: How Family Law Subjugates (work in progress)

### **Other Works**

“Legal Representation of Dependent Children: A 2012 Report on Florida’s Patchwork System” (co-authored with Florida’s Children First, Inc.)

“Latinas and Domestic Violence: Barriers to Institutional Resources” in The Oxford Encyclopedia of Latino/a Politics, Law and Social Movements (Suzanne Oboler & Deena Gonzalez, eds.) (2012) (solicited)

“Competing Rights and Responsibilities in Intercountry Adoption: Understanding a Child’s Right to Grow up in the Context of her Family and Culture” in TRANSFORMING FAMILIES, REGULATING RESPONSIBILITIES (C. Lind, J. Bridgeman, H. Keating, eds., Ashgate Publishing) (2010) (solicited)

“School Discipline 101: An Overview of Students’ Due Process Rights in Expulsion Hearings.” Clearinghouse Review J. of Poverty Law and Policy 370 (September-October 2006) (co-authored with Melissa Frydman)

### **Non-profit Boards**

Youth Law Center, San Francisco, CA

Florida’s Children First, Coral Springs, FL (Advisory Board)

The Florida Association of Counsel for Children, West Palm Beach, FL

## **Academic Presentations**

**Presenter**, “A Symposium on the Work of Dorothy Roberts,” University of California Irvine (May 2012)

**Paper**, “Alone and Unrepresented: How the United States’ Failure to Provide Legal Counsel to Unaccompanied Minors Lags Behind Developing International and Regional Human Rights Standards,” University of San Francisco School of Law (December 2011)

**Paper**, “Alone and Unrepresented: How the United States’ Failure to Provide Legal Counsel to Unaccompanied Minors Lags Behind Developing International and Regional Human Rights Standards,” 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Midwest Family Law Consortium (June 2011)

**Paper**, “Alone and Unrepresented: How the United States’ Failure to Provide Legal Counsel to Unaccompanied Minors Lags Behind Developing International and Regional Human Rights Standards,” Cumberland School of Law 2010-2011 Works in Progress Series (April 2011) (invited)

**Paper**, “Owning Laura Silsby’s Shame: How The Haitian Child Trafficking Scheme Embodies The Western Disregard for the Integrity of Poor Families,” International Society of Family Law Regional Conference (March 2011)

**Paper**, “The Family Law Canon in a (Post?) Racial Era,” Third National People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, Seton Hall University School of Law (September 2010) (invited)

**Lecture**, “Recent Approaches to Defining and Regulating the Family,” The University of Warsaw Common Law Society, University of Warsaw (May 2009) (invited)

**Paper**, “Challenging *MonoHumanism*: An Argument for Changing the Way We Think About Intercountry Adoption”:

SEALS, New Scholars Workshop, Palm Beach, FL (August 2008)

Association for Cultural Studies Crossroads Conference, University of the West Indies, Kingston, Jamaica (July 2008)

Gender, Family Responsibility and Legal Change Conference, Sussex Law School, Brighton, UK (July 2008)

Law and Society Annual Meeting, Quebec, Canada (June 2008)

**Moderator**, “Shifting Family Responsibilities and Legal Change” panel, Gender, Family Responsibility and Legal Change Conference, Sussex Law School, Brighton, UK (July 2008)

## **Other Presentations**

**Presenter**, Essential Ethics for Advocates: Avoiding the Unauthorized Practice of Law, Annual COPAA (Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates) Conference (March 2012)

**Participant**, The Juvenile Justice Racial and Ethnic Disparities Vision for the Future Meeting (December 2011) (Co-sponsored by the Center on Children and Families and the W. Haywood Burns Institute)

**Presenter**, 2011 Emory Public Interest Committee Conference on Child Law (October 2011)

**Participant**, Workshop on Disproportionate Minority Contact in the Juvenile Justice System (April 2011) (Co-sponsored by the Center on Children and Families and the W. Haywood Burns Institute)

**Participant**, Invitation-Only Conference: Race and Child Welfare: Disproportionality, Disparity, Discrimination: Re-Assessing the Facts, Re-Thinking the Policy Options, Harvard Law School (January 2011)

**Presenter**, The Ethics of Representing Children, Florida Bar Foundation, Children's Legal Services Grantees Conference (October 2010)

**Presenter**, "Training Lawyers for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century," panel, The Florida Chapter of the AFCC: Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, Seventh Annual Conference (February 2009)

**Panelist**, Careers in Child Advocacy, Harvard Law School, co-sponsored by the Child Advocacy Program and the Bernard Koteen Office of Public Interest Advising at Harvard Law School (December 2007)

**Guest Lecturer**, *Child Advocacy Clinic*, University of San Francisco—School of Law, San Francisco, CA (April 2006)

Guest lecturer on the representation of students in school discipline proceedings, including a section on special education advocacy.

**Guest Lecturer**, *School Discipline Clinic*, University of California, Berkeley—Boalt Hall School of Law, Berkeley, CA (March 2006)

Guest lecturer on the representation of students in school discipline proceedings, including a section on special education advocacy.

**Presenter**, Advanced School Discipline and Special Education Training, Morrison & Foerster (January 2006)

**Presenter**, Various School Discipline and Special Education Trainings, Legal Services for Children (2005-2006)

**Presenter**, Rights of San Francisco Children in School When Confronted by the Police, San Francisco Community Assessment and Referral Center (June 2005)

## **FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

Harvard Sheldon Knox Traveling Fellowship Recipient, 1999

## **BAR MEMBERSHIPS**

Admitted to The State Bar of California (2004) and The New York State Bar (1999).