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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Saint Louis University School of Law

Associate Dean for Research and Engagement	July 2021-Present
Professor of Law	July 2015-Present
Associate Professor of Law	July 2011-July 2015
Assistant Professor of Law	July 2006-July 2011
Professor of Psychology	August 2011-Present <i>(Courtesy Appointment)</i>

Courses Taught

Tort Law; Contract Law, Criminal Law; Criminal Procedure, Adjudication; Family Law; Psychology in the Courtroom; Social Science & the Criminal Justice System, Ferguson

Saint Louis University Awards & Grants

Spark Grant Recipient
October-December, 2022

Faculty Excellence Award
2020-2021

President's Research Fund Recipient (with Morgan Hazelton & Chryl Laird)
The Effect of Argumentation on Attitudes
2017-2018

EDUCATION

JD May 2004
University of Virginia School of Law, Charlottesville, Virginia
Virginia Journal of Social Policy and Law, *Editor-in-Chief*
Virginia Environmental Law Journal, *Senior Editor*

PhD January 2004
University of Virginia School of Arts and Sciences, Charlottesville, VA
Dissertation: *Objecting to Objections: The Paradoxical Consequences of Courtroom Interruptions*

Education, continued

MA May 2001

University of Virginia School of Arts and Sciences, Charlottesville, VA
Master's Thesis: *Uncovering the Lying Witness: Are Questions the Answer?*

BA May 1995

Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut
Dual Major: Psychology and English

PUBLICATIONS

Selected Articles

Innovative Approaches to On Demand Continuing Legal Education Ethics Training: A Case Study ____ J. Legal Educ. ____ (forthcoming 2024)(with Tigran Eldred).

Effective Public Health Communication in a Post-Covid-19 America: Lessons from Behavioral Science, 28 Lewis & Clark L. Rev. ____ (forthcoming 2024).

The Psychology of Science Denialism and Lessons for Public Health Authorities (with Brenna Moreno) 91 UMKC L. Rev., 545 (2023).

Motivated Reasoning and Legal Ethics PLI Legal Chronicle (June, 2021) (with Tigran Eldred).

Retribution as Ancient Artifact and Modern Scourge 24 Lewis & Clark L. Rev. 1339 (2020).

Defense Attorney Bias and the Rush to the Plea, 65 U. Kan. L. Rev. 271 (2017).

Adolescent Decision-Making at the End of Life, 110 Nw. U. L. Rev. Online 33 (2015).

The Rhetoric of Fear and Partisan Entrenchment 39 Law & Psychol. Rev. 117 (2015).

Financing Elections and "Appearance of Corruption": Attitudes and Behavior in 2012 63 Cath. U. L. Rev. 953 (2014).

The Supreme Court, Self-Persuasion, and Ideological Drift 83 Miss. L.J. 1071 (2014).

The Expansion of Criminal Registries and the Illusion of Control 73 La. L. Rev. 509 (2013).

Cultural Understandings of Risk and the Tyranny of the Experts, 90 Or. L. Rev. 113 (2011).

Too Much of a Good Thing: Campaign Speech After Citizens United, 31 CARDOZO L. REV. 2365 (2010).

Adaptive Responses to Risk and the Irrationally Emotional Public, 54 ST. LOUIS U. L.J. 1297 (2010).

Behavioral Decision Theory and Implications for the Supreme Court's Campaign Finance Jurisprudence, 31 CARDOZO L. REV. 679 (2010).

Publications, continued

The New Role of the Small Donor in Political Campaigns and the Demise of Public Funding, 2008 Election in Review, 25 J.L. & POL. 257 (2009).

Publicity, Pressure, and Environmental Legislation: The Untold Story of Availability Campaigns, with Megan P. Fuchs, 30 CARDOZO L. REV. 2147 (2009).

An Evolutionary Perspective on Male Domestic Violence: Practical and Policy Implications, in Elizabeth M. Schneider, Cheryl Hanna, Judith G. Greenberg, and Clare Dalton, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND THE LAW: THEORY AND PRACTICE (2d edition, 2007).

How Do Objections Influence Jurors' Treatment of Inadmissible Testimony? Jury Research Update OJRU Blog (2006).

An Evolutionary Perspective on Male Violence: Practical and Policy Implications, 32 AM. J. CRIM. L. 291 (2005).

Precommitment in Free-Market Procreation: Surrogacy, Commissioned Adoption, and Limits on Human Decision Making Capacity, 31 J. OF LEGIS. 329 (2005).

A Behavioral Critique of Command-and-Control Environmental Regulation, 16 FORDHAM ENVTL. L. J. 223 (2005).

Objecting to Objections: The Paradoxical Consequences of Courtroom Interruptions. DISSERTATION ABSTRACTS INTERNATIONAL: Section B: The Sciences and Engineering, 65(1-B), 483 (2004).

Verbal and Nonverbal Dynamics of Privacy, Secrecy, and Deceit, with Bella M. DePaulo, Chris Wetzel, & R. Weylin Sternglanz, J. OF SOC. ISSUES (2003).

Uncovering the Lying Witness: Are Questions the Answer? (2001) (Unpublished Master's Thesis, the University of Virginia).

BOOKS

Contributor, MISSOURI: AN ILLUSTRATED TIMELINE OF 200 YEARS OF HISTORY (2020).

INSTRUCTORS MANUAL, COGNITION: THE THINKING ANIMAL (2000).

WORKS-IN-PROGRESS

Articles

Motivated Malpractice and Physician Responses to Antiabortion Statutes

When Inertia is Deadly, Protocols Can Save Lives: Protecting Doctor's Ability to Provide Pregnant Patients Appropriate Care (with Michael Sinha)

Empirical Evidence of Physician Risk Aversion in Abortion Care (with Helen Webster)

Book

CRIMINALIZING POVERTY AND WEAPONIZING PROTEST: STORIES FROM FERGUSON (with M-J Voss).

PRESENTATIONS & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Innovative Approaches to On Demand Continuing Legal Education Ethics Training: A Case Study, Symposium on Continuing Legal Education & the Professional (October, 2023)

Self-Persuasion, Polarization, and Consistency, Annual Meeting of the Southern American Political Science Association (January, 2023) (with Morgan Hazelton and Chryl Laird).

The Evolution of Moral Outrage and Retribution, Law & Society Association Annual Meeting (June, 2021)

Delegitimizing Retribution as a Basis for Criminal Punishment, American Psychology & Law Society Workshop (June 2021)

Legal Responses to Domestic Violence, Saint Louis University (April, 2019)

Implicit Bias, Saint Louis University School of Law, Outlaw Panel Discussion (Nov. 2018)

Prosecutorial Discretion and Behavioral Biases, Presentation at the Saint Louis Public Defender's Office (Oct. 2018).

The Effect of Argumentation on Attitudes (with Morgan Hazelton & Chryl Laird) Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association in Boston, MA (Aug, 2018).

Intimate Partner Violence & the Legal Landscape Presentation to the Psychology Department, Saint Louis University (April, 2018)

Juror Bias Presentation to Saint Louis City Public Defenders, Saint Louis, MO (March 2018)

Presentations, continued

Legal Responses to Domestic Violence Presentation to the Psychology Department, Saint Louis University (March, 2017)

Psychological Antecedents of Ethical Missteps American Bar Association National Conference on Professional Responsibility Denver, CO (May 28, 2015).

From Ferguson to Ukraine: Behavioral and Cognitive Features of Power and Control Law and Society Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA (May 29, 2015).

Psychological Dimensions of Power and Oppression Missouri Psychological Association Annual Meeting, Saint Louis, Mo (June 5, 2015).

Insights from Behavioral Science and Client-Centered Criminal Defense UNLV School of Law's Annual Conference, Psychology and Lawyering: Coalescing the Fields (February, 21, 2014).

Whose Choice? Legal and Psychological Considerations in Adolescent End-of-Life Decisions Michigan State School of Law Conference on Adolescent Decision-Making at the End of Life (February 7, 2014).

Gideon v. Wainwright: How Far Have We Come in Fifty Years? Introduction to SLU Criminal Law Society's Annual Meeting (May, 2013).

Money in Elections: Why We (Might) Need to Worry. Inaugural Interdepartmental Faculty Forum, Saint Louis University School of Law (November, 2012).

Interdisciplinarity and Criminal Law Criminal Law Society Brown Bag (April, 2012). Invited Discussant, Saint Louis University School of Law's Junior Faculty Scholarship Symposium (September, 2012).

The Expressive Function of Law: Lessons from Campaign Finance and Tort Reform Center for the Interdisciplinary Study of Law Lunch Presentation, Saint Louis University School of Law (April, 2012).

Invited Discussant, Saint Louis University School of Law's Junior Faculty Scholarship Symposium (September, 2011).

Rethinking Post-Enlightenment Assumptions about Risk Policy, Panelist, Childress Memorial Lecture Saint Louis University School of Law (October, 2009).

A Behavioral Science Approach to the Supreme Court's Campaign Finance Jurisprudence, Washington University School of Law Junior Faculty Workshop (April, 2019).

Invited Discussant, Conference on Empirical Studies, Cornell University School of Law (September, 2008).

Taming the Irrational Voter: Regulating the Political Marketplace, Saint Louis University School of Law Faculty Workshop (July, 2008).

Presentations, continued

Publicity, Pressure and Environmental Legislation: The Untold Story of Availability Campaigns
Washington University School of Law Roundtable on Law and Psychology (April, 2008)

Exploring the Benefits of Public Concern over Environmental Issues University of Missouri School of Law
Workshop Series (March, 2008)

The Committed Unwed, Issues in Same-sex Adoption and Custody Determinations
Annual Meeting of the Missouri Bar Association (September, 2007)

Juror Perceptions and Decision-Making: Some Lessons from Empirical Findings Continuing Legal
Education, Cozen O'Connor (July, 2003)

Invited Speaker, *How Psychological Research Informs Law and Policy*, Psychology and Law Seminar,
University of Virginia (March, 2003)

Invited Speaker, *Applied Cognitive Psychology in Legal Contexts*, Cognitive Psychology Lecture,
University of Virginia (October, 2002)

Spotlight on Objections: The Unintended Consequences of Courtroom Interruptions
Meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Austin, Texas (March, 2002).

Objecting to Objections: How Jurors Remember and Use Forbidden Information
Second Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Antonio,
Texas (February, 2001)

AWARDS

Spark Grant

Saint Louis University, Oct. – Jan., 2023

Faculty Excellence Award

Saint Louis University
2020-2021

Gold Award, Brandon Hall Group Excellence Awards

Best Use of Video Learning for *Motivated Reasoning in Legal Ethics*
Practising Law Institute (with Tigran Eldred, New England Law)
2019

President's Research Fund Recipient (with Morgan Hazelton & Chryl Laird)

The Effect of Argumentation on Attitudes
2017-2018

MEDIA

How to Combat Vaccine Hesitancy? Take a Cue from Psychology, STLPR – NPR Saint Louis on the Air, Nov. 12, 2021.

Gina Martinex, *In Rare Move, Indiana Federal Judge Overturns Murder Conviction Due to Client's 'Ineffective' Counsel*, TIME MAGAZINE, Oct. 14, 2019.

Celia Lopis-Jepsen, KCUR, *Can Registries Cover Too Many Crimes? Kansas Legislation Suggests A Rollback*, Feb. 20, 2018.

Joe Currier and Robert Patrick, *St. Louis Judge Sets May 14 Trial Date for Greitens; Photo Not in Prosecution's Possession, Lawyer Says*, St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Feb 28, 2018.

Emmanuel Felton, *Public Crime Registries Rarely Work, So Why Do They Continue to Grow?* Pacific Standard, Mar. 6, 2017.

Catherine Martin, *Changing Times May Have Helped Philip Morris*, MO Lawyers Weekly, April 20, 2016.

Catherine Martin, *Chief Judge Questions Batson*, MO Lawyers Weekly, April 4, 2016

Mary Shapiro, *How to: Choose a Divorce Lawyer*, MO Lawyers Weekly, Dec 5, 2014.

William Freivogel, *What's Different About The Grand Jury Process In The Darren Wilson Case?* St. Louis Public Radio, Nov. 24, 2014.

Molly J. Walker Wilson, *Social Identity and Ethics in Ferguson*, SLU Law September 2, 2014

LAW BLOGS

April 2014-Present Behavioral Legal Ethics (<http://behaviorallegalethics.wordpress.com/>)

Founding Contributor

Sample Contributions: *Teaching Ferguson; A Journey from Psychology to Law to Ethics; Lessons from the Stanford Prison Experiment*

February 2012 PrawfsBlawg (prawfsblawg.blogs.com/prawfsblawg)

Guest Contributor, Book Club

Cultivating Conscience by Lynn Stout

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Bar Association

American Psychology-Law Society

Law & Society Association

SELECTED SERVICE

Saint Louis University

Scholarship Research Council, Saint Louis University (2022-Present)

Associate Research Deans Council, Saint Louis University (2022-Present)

Faculty Senate Representative to the SLU Board of Trustees, *Human Resources Committee* (2014-2016)

Saint Louis University School of Law

Associate Dean for Research and Engagement (2022-Present)

Personnel Committee (2018-Present)

Artificial Intelligence Working Group (spring, 2024)

Appointments Committee (2017-2018, 2018-2019 *clinical faculty search*, 2023-2024)

Chair, Workload Policy Group (2022-2023)

Chair, Appointments Committee (2020-2021, 2019-2021, 2014-2016)

Founding Co-director, Center for the Interdisciplinary Study of Law (2011-2015)

Organizer, Saint Louis University School of Law Faculty Workshop Series (2010-2011)

Saint Louis University School of Law Public Law Review Symposium, Faculty Advisor (2010)

Other: Faculty Development Committee, Technology Committee, Honor Code Committee, Academic Standards Committee, Scholarship Committee, Curriculum Committee, 1843 Scholars Committee, U.S. News & World Report Committee

Other Professional Committees & Service

American Psychology-Law Society, Committee on Interdisciplinary Grants (2014-Present)

Referee, *Nature Human Behaviour* (2019-2020)

Student Editor, *Journal of Law and Human Behavior* August 2003- May 2004

Graduate Student Representative, University of Virginia (1998-2001)

GRADUATE EMPIRICAL AND LEGAL RESEARCH

Legal Research Fellow, Jennifer Mnookin, University of Virginia School of Law Drafted sections for THE NEW WIGMORE ON EVIDENCE (2003-2004)

NON-ACADEMIC LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Associate, Cozen O'Connor, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (2003)

Legal Aid Society, Charlottesville, Virginia (1999-2001)