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## **ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

**Seton Hall University School of Law**, Newark, New Jersey  
Eleanor Bontecou Professor of Law, 2017-present  
Joseph M. Lynch Professor of Law, 2015-2017  
Professor of Law & Joseph M. Lynch Research Fellow, 2007-2015  
Professor of Law & Dean's Scholar, 2006-2007  
Associate Professor of Law, 2003-2006  
Assistant Professor of Law, 2001-2003

**Columbia University School of Law**, New York, New York  
James S. Carpentier Visiting Professor of Law, Spring 2017  
Visiting Scholar, Center for the Study of Law and Culture, 2015-2016

**Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law**, New York, New York  
Adjunct Professor, Spring 2012

**University of Illinois, College of Law**, Urbana, Illinois  
Visiting Professor, March 2009

*Courses:* Torts; Estates and Trusts; Family Law; Children, Family, and the State; International and Comparative Family Law; International Human Rights and the Family; Race, Ethnicity, and the Law; Gender and the Law; Gender, Race, and the Law

*Online course development:* Children's Health and the Law

## **CLERKSHIP**

**Judge Joseph A. Greenaway, Jr., United States District Court**, Newark, NJ  
*Law Clerk* (1998-1999)

## **LEGAL EMPLOYMENT**

**Sidley & Austin**, New York, NY  
*Litigation Associate* (1999-2000)

**Kaye, Scholer, Fierman, Hays & Handler, LLP**, New York, NY  
*Litigation Associate* (1996-1998), *Summer Associate* (Summer 1995)

**Vera Institute of Justice**, New York, NY  
*Legal Intern* (Summer 1996)

**Legal Aid Society, Juvenile Rights Division, Bronx, NY**  
*Legal Intern* (Summer 1994)

## **PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENT**

American Law Institute, Associate Reporter, *Restatement of the Law, Children and the Law*

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### ***Casebooks***

FAMILY LAW: CASES AND MATERIALS (Foundation Press, 7<sup>th</sup> ed. forthcoming 2019) (with Judith Areen, Marc Spindelman, and Philomila Tsoukala)

FAMILY LAW IN THE WORLD COMMUNITY: CASES, MATERIALS, AND PROBLEMS IN COMPARATIVE AND INTERNATIONAL FAMILY LAW (Carolina Academic Press, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. 2015) (with D. Marianne Blair, Merle H. Weiner, and Barbara Stark)

### ***Book Chapters***

*Deadbroke Fathers and Reproductive Justice: Reimagining Wisconsin v. Oakley from a Justice Perspective*, in REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE REWRITTEN (Kimberly Mutcherson, ed., Cambridge University Press forthcoming 2019)

*MALDEF's Champion*, in LAW PROFESSOR AND ACCIDENTAL HISTORIAN: THE SCHOLARSHIP OF MICHAEL OLIVAS (Ediberto Roman ed., 2017)

*The Story of the Holyfield Twins: Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians v. Holyfield*, in FAMILY LAW STORIES 113 (Carol Sanger ed., 2007)

### ***Articles and Essays***

*Reproducing Gender and Race Inequality in the Blawgosphere*, 41 HARV. J. L. & GENDER 239 (2018) (with Jane C. Murphy)

*Sharing a House But Not a Household: Extended Families and Exclusionary Zoning Forty Years After Moore* 85 FORDHAM L. REV. 2641 (2017) (invited symposium)

*Romantic Discrimination and Children*, 92 CHI.-KENT L. REV. 105 (2017) (invited symposium)

*Bias in the Family: Race and Culture in Custody Disputes*, 55 FAM. CT. REV. 213 (2017) (peer-reviewed)

*Shared Parenting and Never Married Families*, 52 FAM. CT. REV. 632 (2014) (invited symposium)

*Facilitating Forgiveness and Reconciliation in “Good Enough” Marriages*, 13 PEPPERDINE DISPUTE RESOLUTION L.J. 105 (2013) (invited symposium)

*Illegitimate Harm: Law, Stigma, and Discrimination Against Nonmarital Children*, 63 FLORIDA L. REV. 345 (2011)

*Taking Account of Children’s Emotions: Love, Anger and Forgiveness in “Renegotiated Families,”* 16 VA. J. SOC. POL’Y & L. 443 (2009) (invited symposium)

*Permanency v. Biology: Making the Case for Post-Adoption Contact*, 37 CAPITAL L. REV. 321 (2008) (invited symposium)

*Cultivating Forgiveness: Reducing Hostility and Conflict After Divorce*, 43 WAKE FOREST L. REV. 441 (2008)

*Race, Culture, and Adoption: Lessons from Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians v. Holyfield*, 17 COLUM. J. GENDER & L. 1 (2008)

*Discouraging Racial Preferences in Adoptions*, 39 U.C. DAVIS L. REV. 1415 (2006), *abridged version reprinted in FAMILY LAW: BALANCING INTERESTS AND PURSUING PRIORITIES* 260 (Lynn D. Wardle & Camille S. Williams eds., 2007)

*Recidivism and Paternal Engagement*, 40 FAM. L.Q. 191 (2006) (invited symposium)

*Deadbeat or Deadbroke: Redefining Child Support for Poor Fathers*, 39 U.C. DAVIS L. REV. 991 (2006) (invited symposium)

*Beyond Economic Fatherhood: Encouraging Divorced Fathers to Parent*, 153 U. PA. L. REV. 921 (2005)

*When Father (or Mother) Doesn’t Know Best: Quasi-Parents and Parental Deference After Troxel v. Granville*, 88 IOWA L. REV. 865 (2003)

#### **Online Commentaries and Short Essays**

*“Renegotiated Families” and Donative Intent*, JOTWELL (forthcoming May 2019) (reviewing Naomi Cahn, *Revisiting Revocation Upon Divorce?*, 103 IOWA L. REV. 1879 (2018))

*Punishing DREAMers for the “Sins” of the Fathers (and Mothers)*, 56 FAM. CT. REV. 353 (2018)

[\*On the Way To and From Marriage\*](#), JOTWELL (May 10, 2018) (reviewing Adam J. Hirsch, *Inheritance on the Fringes of Marriage*, 2018 U. ILL. L. REV. 235)

[\*Parentage by Presumed Consent\*](#) (June 2017) (reviewing Paula A. Monopoli, *Inheritance Law and the Marital Presumption After Obergefell*, 8 ESTATE PLANNING & COMM’Y PROP. L.J. 437 (2016))

[Honoring Decedents' Wishes—Non-Probate Devices Included](#), JOTWELL (May 9, 2016) (reviewing Melanie B. Leslie and Stewart E. Sterk, *Revisiting the Revolution: Reintegrating the Wealth Transmission System*, 56 BOSTON COLLEGE L. REV. 61 (2015))

[Just Like Everyone Else](#), 96 B.U. L. REV. ANNEX 49 (2016) (reviewing KATHERINE FRANKE, WEDLOCKED: THE PERILS OF MARRIAGE EQUALITY (2015))

[Mushy Language and the Limits of Intimate Agreements: Reflections on Love's Promises](#), (June 24, 2015), CONCURRING OPINIONS (reviewing MARTHA ERTMAN, LOVE'S PROMISES: HOW FORMAL AND INFORMAL CONTRACTS SHAPE ALL KINDS OF FAMILIES (2015))

[Too Young for a Will?](#), JOTWELL (June 23, 2015) (reviewing Mark Glover, *Rethinking the Testamentary Capacity of Minors*, 79 MISSOURI L. REV. 69 (2014))

[Helping Families Flourish: Committing to Children, Mothers \(and Fathers\)](#) (Oct. 28, 2014), BALKINIZATION (reviewing CLARE HUNTINGTON, FAILURE TO FLOURISH: HOW FAMILY LAW UNDERMINES FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS (2014))

[Baby Veronica's Latino/a Heritage](#), HBA-NJ ABOGADOS (2014)

[Expanding Surrogate Decisionmaking](#), JOTWELL (Mar. 12, 2014) (reviewing Alexander A. Boni-Saenz, *Personal Delegations*, 78 BROOK. L. REV. 1231 (2013)),

[The Problem with Allowing the Courts to Decide Who Is Indian](#), Room for Debate, N.Y. TIMES, Jan. 24, 2013

[Tort Law Meets Inheritance Law](#), JOTWELL (Mar. 4, 2013) (reviewing John C.P. Goldberg & Robert H. Sitkoff, *Torts and Estates: Remediating Wrongful Interference with Inheritance*, 65 STAN. L. REV. 335 (2013))

[Protecting the True Objects of Decedent's Bounty—Pets Included](#), JOTWELL (Mar. 28, 2012) (reviewing Frances Foster, *Should Pets Inherit?*, 63 FLA. L. REV. 802 (2011))

[Wills, Slavery, and Wealth](#), JOTWELL (Jan. 10, 2011) (reviewing BERNIE D. JONES, FATHERS OF CONSCIENCE: MIXED RACE INHERITANCE IN THE ANTEBELLUM SOUTH (2009))

### ***Other Publications***

RESTATEMENT OF THE LAW, CHILDREN AND THE LAW (AM. LAW. INST., Tentative Draft No. 1, 2018) (with Elizabeth Scott, Richard Bonnie, Emily Buss, Clare Huntington, and David Meyer)

*Report of the Hispanic National Bar Association in Support of the Confirmation of the Honorable Sonia Sotomayor as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States* (2009) (with Jenny Rivera, Elizabeth Iglesias, Laura Gomez, Lauren Gilbert, and Catherine Sandoval)

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

*Racial Hierarchy and Desire: How the Law's Influence on Interracial Intimacies Perpetuates Inequality* (NYU Press forthcoming 2020)

## PRESENTATIONS

- *Diversity & Inclusion in Law Schools in 2019: Successes and Challenges*, Fourth National People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, Washington, D.C. (Mar. 2019)
- *How to Write and Publish Excellent Law Review Articles*, Fourth National People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, Washington, D.C. (Mar. 2019)
- Facilitator, Section on Women in Legal Education Building Bridges Session, *The Aftermath of the Kavanaugh Hearings & Confirmation*, AALS, New Orleans (Jan. 2019)
- *Restatement of the Law, Children and the Law, Decisions About a Child's Associations*, ALI Council Meeting, New York (Oct. 2018)
- *Psychological Neglect*, Joint Meeting of the ALI Advisers and Members Consultative Group Restatement of the Law, Children and the Law, Philadelphia (Oct. 2018)
- *Physician Liability, Informed Consent, and Nontherapeutic Surgeries on Intersex Children*, American Society of Law, Medicine, and Ethics Health Law Professors Conference, Cleveland (June 2018)
- *Restatement of the Law, Children and the Law, Parental Authority and Responsibility for Medical Care; Medical Neglect*, ALI Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C. (May 2018)
- *Early Childhood Workshop: Critical Legal Issues and Strategies*, University of Florida Levin College of Law (Apr. 2018)
- *"Deadbroke" Fathers and Reproductive Justice*, Faculty Colloquium, Syracuse University College of Law (Feb. 2018)
- *Decisions About a Child's Associations*, Joint Meeting of the ALI Advisers and Members Consultative Group Restatement of the Law, Children and the Law, Philadelphia (Dec. 2017)
- *Fifty Years of Loving v. Virginia and the Continued Pursuit of Racial Equality*, Fordham Law School (Nov. 2017)
- *Restatement of the Law, Children and the Law, Parental Authority and Responsibility for Medical Care; Medical Neglect*, ALI Council Meeting, New York (Oct. 2017)
- *Bias in the Family: Race, Ethnicity, and Culture in Custody Decisions*, Interdisciplinary Forum for Mental Health and Family Law, New York, NY (Oct. 2017)
- *"Deadbroke" Fathers and Reproductive Justice: Reimagining Wisconsin v. Oakley from a Justice Perspective*, Rutgers Center for Gender, Sexuality, Law, and Policy, Rutgers Law School-Newark (Sept. 2017)
- *"Deadbroke" Fathers and Reproductive Justice*, Seton Hall Law School Faculty Colloquium (July 2017)
- *Parental Authority and Responsibility for Medical Care; Medical Neglect*, Joint Meeting of the ALI Advisers and Members Consultative Group Restatement of the Law, Children and the Law (June 2017)
- *Racial Hierarchy and Desire*, Critical Race Theory Workshop, Cardozo Law School (Mar. 2017)
- Panelist, *Legal Education and Social Movements*, Third Annual Women of Color Conference, Columbia Law School (Mar. 2017)
- *Early Childhood Summit*, University of Florida Levin College of Law (Feb. 2017)
- Panelist, *Evaluating the Trump Administration*, Columbia Law School (Jan. 2017)

- *Parental Authority and Responsibility for Medical Care*, Joint Meeting of the ALI Advisers and Members Consultative Group Restatement of the Law, Children and the Law (Oct. 2016)
- *The Extended Family in a Multi-Family Home*, Moore Kinship Symposium, Fordham Law School (Oct. 2016)
- *Bias in the Family: Race, Ethnicity, and Culture in Custody Decisions*, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, Seattle, WA (June 2016)
- *Law's Defense of Intimate Association*, Northeast People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, St. John's University (May 2016)
- *Law, Race, and Intimacy*, Faculty Workshop, University of Houston Law Center (April 2016)
- *The Fate of Scholarship in American Law Schools*, University of Baltimore School of Law (Mar. 2016)
- *Racial Hierarchy in the Dating and Marriage Market*, Faculty Colloquium, Columbia Law School (Mar. 2016)
- *A Gendered Racial Hierarchy in the Dating and Marriage Market*, Critical Race Theory Workshop, Columbia Law School (Mar. 2016)
- *Diversity in Law Teaching*, Columbia Law School (Feb. 2016)
- *The Residual Effects of Anti-Miscegenation Laws*, Faculty Colloquium, Notre Dame Law School (Feb. 2016)
- *Law, Race, and Intimacy*, Faculty Colloquium, Cardozo Law School (Nov. 2015)
- *Because all Families Matter: Enhancing Parental Defense in New York*, Albany, New York (Nov. 2015)
- *Racial Hierarchy in the Dating and Marriage Market*, Boston University School of Law (Nov. 2015)
- *The Role of Clinics in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Law School*, Columbia Law School (Nov. 2015)
- *Racial Hierarchy in the Dating and Marriage Market*, Faculty Colloquium, Fordham Law School (Sept. 2015)
- *Blended Families: Smoothies or Oil and Water*, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, New York, NY (June 2015)
- *Marriage Equality and Inequality*, 2015 AALS Midyear Meeting Joint Plenary of the Workshop on Shifting Foundations in Family Law and the Workshop on Next Generation Issues of Sex, Gender, and the Law, Orlando, FL (June 2015)
- *Legislative Day*, HNBA Commission on the Status of Latinas, Washington, DC (May 2015)
- *The Future of Marriage*, AALS Annual Meeting, Washington, DC (Jan. 2015)
- *Bias in the Family: Race and Culture in Custody Disputes*, Seton Hall Law School Faculty Colloquium (July 2014)
- *AALS Workshop for Pretenured Law School Teacher of Colors*, Washington, DC (June 2014)
- *Legislative Day*, HNBA Commission on the Status of Latinas, Washington, DC (May 2014)
- *Implicit (and Explicit) Bias in the Family: Race and Culture in Custody Disputes*, Family Law Scholars of Greater New York Workshop, Cardozo School of Law (Mar. 2014)
- *Adoptive Couple v. Baby Girl: At the Intersection of Family Law, Indian Law and Civil Rights*, AALS Annual Meeting, New York (Jan. 2014)
- *NJ LEEP: A Model Pipeline Program*, Society of American Law Teachers B.A. to J.D. PIPELINE PROGRAM, University of Puerto Rico School of Law (Dec. 2013)
- *Glass Ceilings, Sticky Floors, The Intersections of Race and Gender*, NEW JERSEY JUDICIAL COLLEGE (Nov. 2013)
- *Exam Preparation and Test Taking Techniques*, LatinoJustice PRLDEF Orientation (Aug. 2013)

- *Law's Influence on Interracial Intimacies*, Family Law Scholars Conference, Brooklyn Law School (June 2013)
- *Adoptive Couple v. Baby Girl*, Radiolab Podcast (May 30, 2013)
- *Making the Case for Post-Adoption Contact*, Child and Family Advocacy Conference, Columbia Law School (April 2013)
- *Law's Influence on Interracial Intimacies*, Seton Hall Law School Faculty Colloquium (April 2013)
- *Law's Influence on Interracial Intimacies*, Modern Families: Changing Families, Challenging Laws, University of Iowa College of Law (Mar. 2013)
- *Law's Influence on Interracial Intimacies*, Rutgers School of Law-Camden Faculty Colloquium (Nov. 2012)
- *Law's Influence on Interracial Intimacies*, Northeast People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, Suffolk University Law School (Oct. 2012)
- *From Implicit Bias to Broader Inclusion in the Legal Profession*, New Jersey Supreme Court Committee on Women in the Courts, New Jersey Law Center (Feb. 2012)
- *Putting a Price on Diversity: An Open Discussion on the Economy's Impact on Diversity in the Legal Profession*, NJSBA Section Minorities in the Profession, New Jersey Law Center (Dec. 2011)
- *Strategies for Reaching Students of Color*, Opening Doors: Making Diversity Matter in Law School Admissions, St. John's University School of Law (Nov. 2011)
- *Protecting the Rights of Children*, Exploring the American Family Conference, Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University (Nov. 2011)
- *Illegitimate Harm: Law, Stigma, and Discrimination Against Nonmarital Children*, AALS Mid-Year Conference, Women Rethinking Equality, Washington, DC (June 2011)
- *Mass Incarceration through the Generations: The Costs of Excising Incarcerated Fathers from their Families*, Access to Equal Justice Symposium, Washington University Law School (March 2011)
- *The Old Illegitimacy: Law, Stigma, and Discrimination Against Nonmarital Children*, The New "Illegitimacy": Revisiting Why Parentage Should Not Depend on Marriage Conference, American University, Washington College of Law (March 2011)
- *Sins of their Fathers: The Impact of Race, Poverty, and Illegitimate Status on Nonmarital Children*, Advanced Critical Race Studies Seminar, UCLA School of Law (Feb. 2011)
- *Race and the Marriage Market*, Family Law Scholars of Greater New York Workshop, Cardozo School of Law (Feb. 2011)
- *Illegitimate Harm: Law, Stigma, and Discrimination Against Nonmarital Children*, Third National People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, Seton Hall Law School (Sept. 2010)
- *Biggest Triumphs and Mistakes: Junior Faculty Perspectives*, AALS New Law Teachers Conference, Washington, DC (June 2010)
- *Illegitimate Harm: Law, Stigma, and Discrimination Against Nonmarital Children*, International Society of Family Law and Midwest Family Law Consortium Conference, UMKC School of Law (June 2010)
- *Race & the Marriage Market*, Emerging Family Law Scholars and Teachers Conference, UMKC School of Law (June 2010)
- *The Indian Child Welfare Act and the Best Interests of the Child*, New York University School of Law (Feb. 2010)
- *Facilitating Forgiveness and Reconciliation in "Good Enough" Marriages*, Seton Hall Law School Faculty Retreat (Jan. 2010)

- *Illegitimate Harm: Law, Stigma, and Discrimination Against Nonmarital Children*, Pace Distinguished Speaker Series, Pace Law School (Jan. 2010)
- *In Search of a Wise Latina*, Fourteenth Annual LatCrit Conference, American University, Washington College of Law (Oct. 2009)
- *Illegitimate Harm: Law, Stigma, and Discrimination Against Nonmarital Children*, Fourteenth Annual LatCrit Conference, American University, Washington College of Law (Oct. 2009)
- *Madame Justice Sotomayor*, DUE PROCESS, NJN (Aug. 2009)
- *On Becoming a Law Professor: A Workshop for Prospective Law Faculty of Color*, CUNY Law School (June 2009)
- *Illegitimate Harm: Law, Stigma, and Discrimination Against Nonmarital Children*, Emerging Family Law Scholars and Teachers Conference, University of Colorado Law School (May 2009)
- *Cultivating Forgiveness in "Renegotiated Families,"* Forgiveness and Reconciliation Symposium, Case Western Reserve Law School (April 2009)
- *Permanency v. Biology: Making the Case for Post-Adoption Contact in Transracial and Transcultural Adoptions*, University of Illinois, College of Law Faculty Workshop (March 2009)
- *Taking Account of Children's Emotions: Love, Anger and Forgiveness in "Renegotiated Families*, Law and Emotion: Re-Envisioning Family Law Conference, University of Virginia School of Law (Sept. 2008)
- *The New and Improved Family Law*, Emerging Family Law Scholars and Teachers Conference, Cardozo School of Law (June 2008)
- *Taking Account of Children's Emotions: Love, Anger and Nurture After Divorce*, Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada (May 2008)
- *Race, Culture and Ethnicity in Assessment of Parenting and Parent-Child Interactions*, Joint Conference of the American Bar Association and American Psychological Association, Chicago, Illinois (April 2008)
- *Permanency Decisions: Balancing Children's Best Interests and Biology*, Wells Conference on Adoption Law, Capital University Law School (March 2008)
- *Facilitating Paternal Involvement After Separation: What The U.S. Can Learn From Quebec*, McGill University, Faculty of Law (Nov. 2007)
- *New Horizons—The Future of Family Law: Nurturing Children Across All Family Forms*, New Zealand Family Law Conference, Christchurch, New Zealand (Nov. 2007)
- *The Intersection of Race and Gender in the Adoption Market*, Second International Conference on Adoption and Culture, University of Pittsburgh (Oct. 2007)
- *Race, Gender, and Adoption*, LatCrit XII Conference, Florida International University, College of Law (Oct. 2007)
- *Using Social Science to Rethink Child Support Policies*, American Association of Law Schools Mid-Year Meeting: Workshop on Family Law, Vancouver, B.C. (June 2007)
- *Cultivating Forgiveness in Divorce Actions*, International Society of Family Law North America Regional Conference, Vancouver, B.C. (June 2007)
- *Noncustodial Fatherhood: How Law and Policy Influence Men's Connections to Their Children*, University of Wisconsin (April 2007)
- *Racial Preferences in Adoption*, University of Wisconsin Law School (April 2007)
- *Love and Vengeance: Law and the Role of Emotion in Divorce and Paramour Actions*, Faculty Colloquium, Seton Hall University School of Law (April 2007)
- *China Tightens Foreign Adoption Regulations*, PAULA ZAHN NOW, CNN (Jan. 2007)



- *Strategies to Reduce Disproportionality in the Foster Care System*, Franklin H. Williams Judicial Commission on Minorities and New York State Family Court Judges Association Conference on The Disproportionate Number of Minority Youth in the Family and Criminal Court Systems, White Plains, NY (Sept. 2006)
- *Foreign Born Children and the U.S. Adoption Market*, LatCrit X Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico (Oct. 2005)
- *On Professionalism: Constructing Academic Success*, Junior Faculty Development Workshop, LatCrit X Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico (Oct. 2005)
- *Careers in Law Teaching*, Columbia Law School (2005)
- *On Becoming a Lawyer*, Seton Hall University School of Law Orientation (Aug. 2005)
- *Racial Hierarchy and the Quest for Foreign Born Children*, International Society of Family Law 12<sup>th</sup> World Conference, Salt Lake City, UT (July 2005)
- *A College Education: The Difference It Makes*, Roberto Clemente, Intermediate School 195, New York, NY (June 2005)
- *Lazos Permanentes (Permanent Bonds)*, AQUI Y AHORA, Univision (2005)
- *Looking Beyond the Dollar: Can Deadbroke Dads Be Good Parents?*, University of California, Davis School of Law (2005)
- *How Race is Lived on College Campuses*, New Jersey Educational Opportunity Fund Conference, Rutherford, NJ (2005)
- *Encouraging Divorced Fathers to Parent*, University of Pennsylvania Law School (2004)
- *Discouraging Racial Preferences in Adoptions*, Second National People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, George Washington Law School (2004)
- *Becoming a Law Professor*, Second National People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, George Washington Law School (2004)
- *Engaging Fathers*, Second National People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, George Washington Law School (2004)
- *Encouraging Divorced Fathers to Parent*, Northeast People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, University of Connecticut School of Law (2004)
- *The Impact of Non-Traditional Families and Identities on the Law*, Rutgers-Newark Law School (2004)
- *Classroom Incivilities*, American Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting Atlanta, GA (2004)
- *The Role of Social Workers in Child Custody, Abuse and Neglect Proceedings*, Columbia University School of Social Work (2003)
- *Third Party Visitation in the United States*, XII International Congress on Family Law, Havana, Cuba (2002)
- *Succeeding in Law School*, Puerto Rican Legal Defense & Education Fund Student Orientation, New York, NY (2002)
- *Latinas and Higher Education: Social, Cultural, and Economic Challenges*, College of Saint Elizabeth, Morristown, NJ (2002)

## **BAR ADMISSIONS**

United States District Court, District of New Jersey, 1997  
 United States District Court, Southern District of New York, 1997  
 New York, Second Department, 1997  
 New Jersey, 1997

## **HONORS**

Seton Hall University School of Law, Faculty Researcher of the Year (2019)  
Seton Hall University School of Law, Eleanor Bontecou Chair (2017)  
Seton Hall University School of Law, Joseph M. Lynch Chair (2015)  
American Law Institute, *Restatement of the Law, Children and the Law*, Appointed Associate Reporter (2015)  
American Law Institute, Elected Member (2011)  
Hispanic Bar Association of New Jersey Honoree (2010)  
Seton Hall University School of Law, Joseph M. Lynch Research Fellowship (2007-2015)  
Seton Hall University School of Law, Dean's Scholar (2006-2007)  
Seton Hall University School of Law, Student Bar Association Professor of the Year Nominee (2004-2005)  
Extraordinary Service Award, Second National People of Color Scholarship Conference (2004)  
Dominican Bar Association Honoree (2003)  
Trenton City Council Leadership Award (2003)

## **EDUCATION**

Columbia University School of Law, New York, NY  
*Juris Doctor*, 1996  
Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar  
*Columbia Journal of Gender & Law*, Managing Editor  
Human Rights Fellow

Columbia College, New York, NY  
*Bachelor of Arts in Political Science*, 1993

## **SELECTED BOARD MEMBERSHIPS, ACTIVITIES, AND SERVICE**

National Advisory Board, Fourth National People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference (2018-2019)  
Editorial Board and Peer Reviewer, FAMILY COURT REVIEW (2015-present)  
Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (2015-present)  
Chair, Seton Hall Law Dean's Diversity Council (2008-2012, 2014-2015)  
Planning Committee, 2015 AALS Midyear Meeting—Family Law  
Pipeline Committee Chair, Hispanic National Bar Association Commission on Latinas in the Profession (2013-2015)  
New Jersey State Bar Association Judicial Independence Task Force (2014-2015)  
Executive Committee, AALS Family and Juvenile Law Section (2011-2015)  
Board of Governors, Society of American Law Teachers (2011-2013)  
Board of Trustees, New Jersey Law and Education Empowerment Project (NJ LEEP) (2009-present)  
New Jersey Supreme Court Committee on Women in the Courts (2010-2012)  
National Chair, Third National People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference (2009-2010)  
Contributing editor, Trusts & Estates Section, JOTWELL (The Journal of Things We Like (Lots)) (2010-present)

Co-founder & co-chair, Family Law Scholars of Greater New York (2008-present)  
Contributing editor and staff, CONCURRING OPINIONS (2009-2014)  
Columbia College Alumni Representative Committee (1998-2016)  
International Society of Family Law (2005-present)  
Hispanic National Bar Association (2001-present)  
Hispanic Bar Association of New Jersey (2009-present)  
Planning Committee, National Emerging Family Law Scholars Conference (2009-2010)  
Guest Blogger, BLACK PROF (2006)  
Selection Committee, LatCrit XI Student Scholar (2006)  
Commissioner, New Jersey Commission on Higher Education (2004-2005)  
Budget & Finance Committee Chair, Second National People of Color Legal Scholarship  
Conference (2003-04)  
Planning Committee, Northeast People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference (2002-04)  
Board of Directors, Dominican Bar Association (1998-2002)  
New York Supreme Court Judicial Screening Panel (2001)