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ACADEMIC/TEACHING APPOINTMENTS

DUKE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW 2014-Present
Professor, 2019-Present
Associate Professor, 2014-2019
Courses taught: Contracts, Consumer Bankruptcy & Debt, Poverty Law

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL 2011
Teaching Fellow, Contracts (Professor Elizabeth Warren)

HARVARD UNIVERSITY 2009-2010
Teaching Fellow, Urban Social Problems (Professor Kathryn Edin)
Teaching Fellow, Social Science Research Methods (Professor Timothy Nelson)

EDUCATION

HARVARD UNIVERSITY, Ph.D., Sociology and Social Policy, 2014
MA, Sociology, 2011
Dissertation: Essays in Access to Justice
Multidisciplinary Program on Inequality and Social Policy, *Fellow*

YALE LAW SCHOOL, J.D., 2005
Yale Law Review, Notes Editor
Yale Law & Policy Review, Articles Editor
Yale Journal of Law and the Humanities, Executive Editor
Stephen J. Massey Prize (Excellence in Legal Advocacy)

YALE UNIVERSITY, B.A., Political Science, *magna cum laude*, 2002
Phi Beta Kappa
Highest Distinction in Major
J.W. Saxe Memorial Prize; Heinz Government Service Fellowship; Pell Grant

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Consumer Law, Cybersecurity, Poverty Law, Bankruptcy, Contracts, Tax, Housing Law, Family Law, Law & Sociology, Research Methods and Design

PROFESSIONAL LEGAL EXPERIENCE

KLEIN HORNIG LLP, Boston, MA 2006-2007
Associate, Housing Development, New Market Tax Credits, Public Housing

7TH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS, JUDGE RICHARD CUDAHY, Chicago, IL 2005-2006
Judicial Clerk

COVINGTON AND BURLING, Washington, DC 2004
Summer Associate

DEPT. OF JUSTICE, CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION, HOUSING, Washington, DC 2003
Summer Intern

SCHOLARSHIP

SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

A Theory of Poverty: Legal Immobility, 96 WASH. U. L. REV. 753 (2019)

The Rainy Day Earned Income Tax Credit: A Reform to Boost Financial Security by Helping Low-Wage Workers Build Emergency Savings, 4 RSF: THE RUSSELL SAGE FOUNDATION J. OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCES 161 (2018) (with Sarah Halpern-Meekin, Ezra Levin, & Kathryn Edin)

The Bootstrap Trap, 67 DUKE L.J. 233 (2017)

Cracking the Code: An Empirical Analysis of Consumer Bankruptcy Success, 101 MINN. L. REV. 1031 (2017) (with Katherine Porter and Parina Patel)

Race, Class, and Access to Civil Justice, 101 IOWA L. REV. 1263 (2016)

The Failed Reform: Congressional Crackdown on Repeat Chapter 13 Bankruptcy Filers, 89 AM. BANKR. L. J. 241 (2015) (peer reviewed)

Robbing Peter to Pay Paul: Debt Management Strategies and the Reproduction of Inequality, 61 SOCIAL PROBLEMS 1 (2014) (with Laura Tach) (peer reviewed)

The Broken Safety Net: A Study of Earned Income Tax Credit Recipients and a Proposal for Repair, 88 NYU L. REV. 515 (2013)

SHORT ESSAYS, POPULAR PIECES, AND RESEARCH REPORTS

Working to Fail, DUKE J. OF GENDER L. & POL'Y (forthcoming 2020) (invited contribution)

Love your tax refund? Here's a bipartisan proposal to make it even better, CENTER FOR AMERICAN PROGRESS (May 5, 2016) (with Sara Halpern-Meekin and Ezra Levin)

Op-Ed: *Why African Americans don't trust the courts, and why it matters*, THE MARSHALL PROJECT (Feb. 11, 2016)

Op-Ed: *Why Don't the Poor Trust Justice?*, NEWSWEEK (Feb. 12, 2016)

Turning the EITC into an Emergency Savings Tool for Low-Wage Workers, THE HILL (July 30, 2015) (with Kathryn Edin, Sarah Halpern-Meekin, and Ezra Levin)

SNAP FOOD SECURITY IN-DEPTH INTERVIEW STUDY, FINAL REPORT. NUTRITION ASSISTANCE REPORT SERIES, OFFICE OF RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS, FOOD AND NUTRITION

SERVICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (2013) (with others)

FEDERAL POLICY PROPOSAL

The Rainy Day EITC: A Reform to Boost Financial Security by Helping Low Wage Workers Build Emergency Savings. Sen. Booker (D-NJ) and Sen. Moran (R-KS), sponsors. (with Kathryn Edin, Sarah Halpern-Meekin, and Ezra Levin)

WORKING PAPERS AND ONGOING PROJECTS

Cyber Insecurity

Research project on low SES groups vulnerabilities and harms due to data breaches.

Broken Bootstraps

Book project on poverty, law, and policy in the United States.

The Causes and Consequences of Eviction (with Barak Richman and Andrew Foster)

Mixed methods study looking broadly at the long term consequences of eviction and the potential of the Eviction Diversion Program to lead to better outcomes.

Access to Expungement (with Mathew McCubbins and Kristen Renberg)

Empirical, mixed-methods project on expungement.

Protecting our Protectors

Qualitative research project on financial strains specific to military families.

Poverty and Fraud (article in progress)

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS & WORKSHOPS

Invited Speaker, Symposium: Racial Bias, Disparities and Oppression in the 1L Curriculum: A Critical Approach to the Canonical First Year Law School Subjects, Boston University, Boston, MA (expected February 2020)

Invited Presenter, Progressing Reform of Fines & Fees: Towards a Research and Policy Agenda Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA (September 2019)

Conference Organizer, Courting Poverty: Fines, Fees, and the Judiciary, Duke Law School, Durham, NC (expected September 2019)

Guest Lecturer, Master of Judicial Studies Program at Duke Law School, Durham, NC (June 2017), *Qualitative Methods in Legal Research*

Invited Presenter, New York University School of Law Tax Policy Colloquium, New York, NY (April 2019), *A Theory of Poverty: Legal Immobility*

Invited Participant, Access to Justice Summit, Fordham Law School, New York, NY (expected October 2018)

Invited Panelist, Association of American Law Schools Conference, San Diego, CA (January 2017), *The ABI Commission on Consumer Bankruptcy: How Can Academic Research Inform the*

Commission's Deliberations?

Invited Panelist, Association of American Law Schools Conference, San Diego, CA (January 2017), *The Socio-economics of Intimate Relationships*

Invited Presenter, Columbia Law School Faculty Workshop, New York, NY (October 2017), *The Bootstrap Trap*

Invited Presenter, Columbia Law Tax Policy Colloquium, New York, NY (October 2017), *The Bootstrap Trap*

Guest Lecturer, Master of Judicial Studies Program at Duke Law School, Durham, NC (June 2017), *Qualitative Methods in Legal Research*

Invited Presenter, The Federal Judicial Center, National Workshop for Bankruptcy Judges, Panel on the Middle Class, Charleston, SC (March 2017)

Moderator and Presenter, Association of American Law Schools Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA (January 2017), *New Directions in Access to Justice Research: Measuring Outcomes*

Presenter, Conference on Law and Empirical Studies, Duke Law School, Durham, NC (November 2016), *Cracking the Code*

Invited Presenter, Consumer Credit in America Symposium, Journal of Law and Contemporary Problems, Durham, NC (September 2016), *The Bootstrap Trap*

Presenter, Duke Law Faculty Workshop, Durham, NC (August 2016), *The Bootstrap Trap*

Presenter, Law and Society Association Conference, New Orleans, LA (June 2016), *Cracking the Code*

Guest Lecturer, Master of Judicial Studies Program at Duke Law School, Durham, NC (May 2015), *Qualitative Methods in Legal Research*

Invited Panelist, U.S. Department of Justice: Civil Legal Aid Research Expert Workshop, Washington, D.C. (May 2015), *Consumer Law Panel*

Presenter, Law and Society Association Conference, Seattle, WA (May 2015), *The Failed Reform: Congressional Crackdown on Repeat Chapter 13 Bankruptcy Filers*

Presenter, Duke Law Faculty Scholarship Retreat, Durham, NC (January 2015), *Race, Class, and Access to Justice*

Invited Presenter, National Consumer Law Center, Boston, MA (July 2014), *Tax and Consumer Law – Connections*

Invited Panelist, American Bar Association Section of Taxation Meeting, Washington, D.C. (May 2014), *The Earned Income Tax Credit*

Invited Presentation, Duke Law School Tax Policy Workshop, Durham, NC (April 2013), *The Broken Safety Net*

Presenter, Eastern Sociology Society Annual Meeting, Cambridge, MA (March 2010), *The Broken Safety Net*

Presenter, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA (August 2009), *In and Out of Financial Crisis: The Role of Family Networks*

Invited Lecture, Yale Law School (with Kathryn Edin), New Haven, CA (April 2008), *Investing in Enduring Resources – The Earned Income Tax Credit*

Presenter, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA (August 2008), *Race, Class, and Access to Civil Justice*

Presenter, Harvard University Race and Inequality Workshop, Cambridge, MA (February 2008), *Race, Class, and Access to Civil Justice*

SELECT MEDIA APPEARANCES

WUNC, The State of Things, The Debate over Panhandling and the Criminalization of Poverty (September 11, 2018)

National Public Radio, Marketplace, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Arbitration Rule (July 11, 2017)

This Week in Sociological Perspective, Podcast interview on “Low-income households’ varying strategies for dealing with debt” (February 2014)

SELECT GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND HONORS

Common American Bankruptcy Institute Junior Fellow, Professor Jay Lawrence Westbrook: Bankruptcy’s Universal Pragmatist, University of Texas Law School, February 2-3, 2018

American Bar Association Litigation Research Fund Award for the project: *Race, Class, and Access to Justice*, 2009: \$10,000

Real Estate Academic Initiative Research Grant, Harvard University, 2009: \$8,700

Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Graduate Society Summer Predissertation Fellowship, Harvard University, 2009: \$3,000

Inequality & Social Policy Doctoral Fellowship, Multidisciplinary Program in Inequality & Social Policy, Harvard University, 2008-2013: \$30,000

Graduate Seed Grant, Center for American Political Studies, Harvard University, 2007: \$1000

Perry Family Fellowship, Harvard University, 2007-2009: tuition and stipend

Harry Truman Scholar, Harry Truman Scholarship Foundation, 2001: \$30,000

RESEARCH POSITIONS

Mathematica Policy Research, Inc., Washington, DC

2010-2012

Sara S. Greene, CV

Consultant.

Professor Elizabeth Warren, Harvard Law School 2008-2010
Research Assistant.

Institute for Quantitative Social Sciences, idea42, Harvard University 2010
Consultant.

The Brookings Institution, Washington, DC 2008-2009
Consultant.

Professor Robert Ellickson, Yale Law School 2003-2004
Research Assistant.

SERVICE

University and Law School Service (Duke University and Duke University School of Law)

- Entry-Level Appointments Committee (2019-2020)
- Public Interest Committee, *Chair* (2019-2020)
- Technology Committee (2019-2020)
- Immigration law Clinic Hiring Committee (2019)
- Duke Provost's Committee on Re-Imagining Doctoral Education (2017-2019)
- Duke Provost's Re-Imagining Doctoral Education Subcommittee on Focus Groups and Surveys, *Subcommittee Member* (2017-2019)
- Duke Law School Public Interest and Public Service Certificate Committee (2017-2018), *Chair* (2018-2019)
- Law Teaching Committee (2015-2016)
- Duke Law Office of Public Interest Advising, Summer Funding Committee (2019, 2015)
- Duke Law School Visiting Assistant Professor Selection Committee (2014-2016)
- Duke Law School Class of 1987 Legal Aid Fellowship Selection Committee (2018)

Service to the Profession

- American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Making Justice Accessible: Designing Legal Services for the 21st Century, Family Law Committee Member (2019-present)
- Fair Workweek Ordinance National Science Foundation Grant Proposal, Law & Social Sciences Project (PIs: Anna Gassman-Pines and Elizabeth Ananat, Duke University Sanford School of Public Policy), Expert Advisory Board Member (2018-present)
- AALS, Creditor's and Debtor's Rights Section, Executive Committee, Secretary (2019), Treasurer (2018), Committee Member (2017)
- United States Bankruptcy Court, Central District of CA, Health and Financial Literacy Project Exploration Committee (2017-present)
- Ad Hoc Peer Reviewer: New York University Law Review, Journal of Empirical Legal Studies, Cambridge University Press, Social Problems, Perspectives on Psychological Science
- Peer Reviewer and Program Committee Member, Conference on Empirical Legal Studies (2016)