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### **EMPLOYMENT**

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#### **Duke University School of Law**

*James B. Duke and Benjamin N. Duke Dean, 2018-present*

*Distinguished Professor of Law (with tenure)*

- Oversee highly-acclaimed, global law school offering juris doctor and master's degree programs
- Identify and implement strategic vision and priorities
- Plan and implement major capital campaign
- Support and build global alumni community of over 13,000 graduates
- Build ties on behalf of school to state bars, judiciary, law firms, government agencies, and non-profit legal organizations
- Manage school-wide budget and develop new financial resources
- Collaborate with university leaders to implement presidential priorities
- Course: Family Law

#### **University of Virginia, Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost**

*Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs, 2014-2018*

- Responsible university-wide for faculty recruitment and retention, faculty policies, faculty development, and promotion and tenure process
- Directed "Leadership in Academic Matters," a semester-long leadership course for faculty
- Supported provost in board relations, communications, and policy development
- Advised deans on faculty development and disciplinary issues

#### **University of Virginia School of Law**

*Albert Clark Tate, Jr., Research Professor of Law, 2011-2014*

*Professor of Law (with tenure) 2010-2018*

*Associate Professor of Law, 2005-2010*

- McFarland Award winner, 2012 (awarded by dean for excellence in scholarly writing)
- Co-Director, Center for Children, Families and the Law, 2005-2018
- Chair, Immigration Law Program, 2009-2011
- Chair, Program in Law and Humanities, 2006-2009
- Courses: Family Law, Immigration Law, Advanced Constitutional Law, Citizenship, and Law & Humanities
- University Faculty Senate: Law School Representative, 2011-2014; Academic Affairs Committee, 2011-2014 (Chair, 2013-2014)

**Oxford University, Centre for Criminology**  
*Academic Visitor, April-July 2015*

**University of Münster Faculty of Law**  
*Visiting Professor, summer 2013*  
Course: Current Issues in U.S. Constitutional Law

**New York University School of Law**  
*Acting Assistant Professor, Lawyering Program, 2002-2005*  
Course: Lawyering (legal analysis, writing, oral advocacy, negotiation, and mediation)

**University of Pennsylvania School of Law**  
*Adjunct Professor, 2003*  
Course: Feminist Jurisprudence

**Patterson, Belknap, Webb & Tyler, LLP, New York, New York**  
*Litigation Associate, 1999-2002*  
*Summer Associate, 1997*

- Represented clients in patent, trademark, media, employment, and civil rights litigation
- Took depositions, prepared exhibits for trial, drafted complaints and discovery documents, wrote briefs, argued motions, and conducted legal research

**Hon. Stanwood R. Duval, Jr., U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana**  
*Law Clerk, 1998-1999*

**Preston, Gates & Ellis, Seattle Washington (now K&L Gates)**  
*Summer Associate, 1996*

**OTHER EXPERIENCE, SERVICE AND MEMBERSHIPS**

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**Association of American Law Schools**  
*Dean's Steering Committee, 2023-present*  
*Committee on Sections, 2022-24 (Chair, 2023-24)*

**Law School Admissions Council**  
*Board of Trustees, 2022-23*

**World Justice Project**  
*Leadership Council, 2022-present*

**American Law Institute**  
*Member, 2018-present*

**Piedmont CASA**  
*Board of Directors, 2015-18*

**Harvard Graduate School of Education**

*Institute for Management and Leadership in Education participant, June 2016*

**University of Virginia, Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost**

*Leadership in Academic Matters participant, fall 2013 (semester-long leadership program)*

**United States Supreme Court Bar**

*Member, 2010-present*

**New York State Bar**

*Member, 2000-present*

**EDUCATION**

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**Stanford Law School**

J.D. with Distinction, 1998

Moot Court Board, Co-President

**Swarthmore College**

B.A. with Highest Honors in the Humanities, 1993

Major in English Literature, Minor in Religion

**SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS**

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*Moral Economies of Family Reunification in the Trump Era* (with Daniel Pham), in TRANSNATIONAL MARRIAGE AND PARTNER MIGRATION: CONSTELLATIONS OF SECURITY, CITIZENSHIP AND RIGHTS (Rutgers University Press, 2021)

*Family, Gender, and Leadership in the Legal Profession*, in WOMEN & LAW 1-17 (2020) (joint publication of the top sixteen law reviews)

*Foreword: Gender Journals and Gender Equality: Reflections on Twenty-five Years of the Duke Journal of Gender Law and Policy*, 27 DUKE JOURNAL OF GENDER LAW & POLICY iii (2020)

*The Rights of Marriage: Obergefell, Din, and the Future of Constitutional Family Law*, 103 CORNELL LAW REVIEW 501 (2018)

*Family Reunification and the Security State*, 42 CONSTITUTIONAL COMMENTARY 247 (2017)

- reviewed in Jotwell.com by Angela Banks: <https://lex.jotwell.com/protecting-the-right-to-family-life-in-immigration-law/>

*Cumulative Constitutional Rights* (with Brandon L. Garrett), 97 BOSTON UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 1309 (2017)

- Domicile Dismantled* (with Kathryn Barber), 92 INDIANA LAW JOURNAL 387 (2017)
- (Mis)Recognizing Polygamy*, chapter in THE POLYGAMY QUESTION, ed. Janet Bennion and Lisa Fishbayn Joffe, Utah State University Press (2016)
- DNA and Distrust* (with Brandon L. Garrett), 91 NOTRE DAME LAW REVIEW 757 (2016)
- Foreword: The Future of Immigration Enforcement: A Tribute to David A. Martin*, 30 JOURNAL OF LAW & POLITICS 401 (2015)
- Structured Dialogue on Building a Sustainable, Stable Immigration Enforcement System* (editor and moderator), 30 JOURNAL OF LAW & POLITICS 555 (2015)
- Immigration's Family Values* (with R. Kent Piacenti), 100 VIRGINIA LAW REVIEW 629 (2014)
- Citizen Spouse*, 101 CALIFORNIA LAW REVIEW 407 (2013)
- What Makes the Family Special?* 80 UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO LAW REVIEW 7 (2013)
- reviewed in Jotwell.com by Shani King: <http://family.jotwell.com/a-new-and-different-way-of-looking-at-family-based-immigration-policy/>
  - quoted by Justice Scalia in *Kerry v. Din*, 135 S. Ct. 2128 (2015) (plurality opinion)
- Family History, Inside and Out*, 111 MICHIGAN LAW REVIEW 1001 (2013)
- Plenary Power Preemption*, 99 VIRGINIA LAW REVIEW 601 (2013)
- cited by Justice Sotomayor in *Mutual Pharm. v. Bartlett*, 570 U.S. 2468 (2013) (dissenting opinion)
- The End of Annulment*, 16 JOURNAL OF GENDER, RACE & JUSTICE (2013)
- Marriage Fraud*, 100 CALIFORNIA LAW REVIEW 1 (2012)
- Peaceful Penetration: Proxy Marriage, Same-Sex Marriage, and Recognition*, 2011 MICHIGAN STATE LAW REVIEW 139
- The Hidden Dimension of Nineteenth-Century Immigration Law*, 62 VANDERBILT LAW REVIEW 1353 (2009)
- Marriage as a Message: Same-Sex Couples and the Rhetoric of Accidental Procreation* (with Peter Brooks), 21 YALE JOURNAL OF LAW & HUMANITIES 1 (2009)

*Becoming a Citizen: Marriage, Immigration, and Assimilation*, chapter in GENDER EQUALITY: DIMENSIONS OF WOMEN'S EQUAL CITIZENSHIP, ed. Linda McClain & Joanna Grossman, Cambridge University Press (2009)

*Immigration Law and the Regulation of Marriage*, 91 MINNESOTA LAW REVIEW 101 (2007) (reprinted in 12 BENDER'S IMMIGRATION BULLETIN 1421 (OCT. 15, 2007))

*Mae Ngai's IMPOSSIBLE SUBJECTS: ILLEGAL ALIENS AND THE MAKING OF MODERN AMERICA*, 25 LAW & HISTORY REVIEW 428 (2007) (book review)

*Immigration Status and the Best Interests of the Child Standard*, 14 VIRGINIA JOURNAL OF SOCIAL POLICY & LAW 87 (2006)

*Polygamy, Prostitution, and the Federalization of Immigration Law*, 105 COLUMBIA LAW REVIEW 641 (2005)

#### **SELECTED AMICUS BRIEFS**

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*International Refugee Assistance Project v. Trump*, S.Ct. Nos. 16-1436 and 16-1540: Brief of *Amici Curiae* Immigration, Family, and Constitutional Law Professors in Support of Respondents (2017) (case challenging President's executive order on immigration)

*Sessions v. Morales-Santana*, S.Ct. No. 15-1191: Brief *Amici Curiae* of Professors of History, Political Science, and Law in Support of Respondent (2016) (case challenging federal law that discriminated based on sex and illegitimacy in citizenship acquisition)

*Bostic v. Rainey*, 4<sup>th</sup> Cir. Nos. 14-1167(L), 14-1169, 14-1173: Brief of *Amici Curiae* Kerry Abrams, Vivian Hamilton, Meredith Johnson Harbach, Joan Heifetz Hollinger, Courtney Joslin, and Forty-Four Other Family Law Professors in Support of Plaintiffs (2014) (case challenging Virginia's marriage equality ban)

*Hollingsworth v. Perry*, S.Ct. No. 12-144: Brief *Amici Curiae* of Edward D. Stein, Joanna L. Grossman, Kerry Abrams, Holning Lau, Katharine B. Silbaugh, and 32 Other Professors of Family Law and Constitutional Law in Support of Respondents (2013) (case challenging California's marriage equality ban)

*Flores-Villar v. United States of America*, S.Ct. No. 09-5801: Brief *Amici Curiae* of Professors of History, Political Science, and Law In Support of Petitioner (2010); (case challenging federal law that discriminated based on sex and illegitimacy in citizenship acquisition)

- reprinted in 91 BOSTON UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 1497 (2011)

## CONFERENCE AND SYMPOSIUM PLANNING

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*Managing Citizenship, Security and Rights*, University of Québec at Montreal (recipient, with seven other international scholars, of \$350,000 grant from the Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council of Canada to study comparative marriage migration) (2014-2019)

*Fifty Years of Loving*, University of Virginia School of Law (symposium host and planner) (January 2018)

*The Intimacy Lectures Series*, University of Virginia (collaborator, with faculty from Sociology, Media Studies, English, and Politics, on a series of lectures with accompanying workshops by distinguished faculty) (January 2015-May 2016)

*Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and Humanities Annual Conference*, University of Virginia School of Law (planning committee member and local host) (March 9-11, 2014)

*Mortimer Caplin Conference on the World Economy: High-Skilled Immigration: Politics, Economics, and Law*, University of Virginia Miller Center -- Washington, D.C. office (planning committee member) (December 7, 2012)

*Feminist Collaborative Research Network Annual Conference*, University of Baltimore School of Law (planning committee chair) (October 5, 2012)

*Family Law Camp*, Harvard Law School (planning committee member) (July 14-15, 2009)

*Emerging Family Law Scholars Conference*, University of Colorado at Boulder School of Law (planning committee member) (May 26-27, 2009)

*Law & Emotion: Re-Envisioning Family Law*, Center for Children, Families, and the Law, University of Virginia (co-director) (September 18-19, 2008)

*Emerging Family Law Scholars Conference*, Cardozo Law School, New York (planning committee member) (June 5-6, 2008)

*Emerging Family Law Scholars Workshop*, Vancouver, B.C. (founding committee member) (June 2007)

*Welcome to America: Immigration, Families, and the Law*, Center for Children, Families, and the Law, University of Virginia (co-director) (March 30-31, 2006)

## LECTURES, INVITED TALKS, AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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“Family, Gender, and Leadership in the Legal Profession,” Constitutional Court of South Korea Judicial Seminar (May 22, 2024)

“The Changing Landscape of American Legal Education,” University of Tokyo School of Law (May 20, 2024)

“The Changing Landscape of American Legal Education,” Hong Kong University School of Law (May 17, 2024)

“Opening Remarks,” Honoring Women's Advancement in Law Conference (commemorating the ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment and women's leadership of law journals) (February 3, 2020)

“Deans' Panel,” Conference on Women's Leadership in Academia, University of Georgia School of Law, Athens, Georgia (July 20, 2018)

“Moral Economies of Partner Migration,” Workshop on Managing Citizenship, Security and Rights, University of Quebec at Montreal (August 18, 2017)

“*The Rights of Marriage: Obergefell, Din, and the Future of Constitutional Family Law*,” International Society of Family Law World Conference, Amsterdam (July 27, 2017)

“*The Rights of Marriage: Obergefell, Din, and the Future of Constitutional Family Law*,” Family Law Scholars & Teachers Annual Conference, Fordham Law School (June 6, 2017)

“Students, Faculty, and Free Speech,” UVA Department of Psychology Colloquium (March 20, 2017)

“Constitutional Law-Making from the Middle,” Duke Law Journal Administrative Law Symposium, Durham, North Carolina (February 3, 2017)

“Family Reunification and the Security State,” Association of American Law Schools Annual Conference, San Francisco, California (January 4, 2017)

“Three Ways of Looking at a Marriage,” Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana (June 2, 2016)

“Cumulative Constitutional Rights,” Family Law Teachers and Scholars Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana (June 1, 2016)

“Three Ways of Looking at a Marriage,” University of Virginia *Intimacy Lectures* (April 21, 2016)

“Cumulative Constitutional Rights,” American University Washington College of Law Faculty Workshop (April 5, 2016)

“Imperial Histories of Marriage Policing and Citizenship: Now and Then,” Workshop on Managing Citizenship, Security and Rights, University of Quebec at Montreal (October 2, 2015)

“Supreme Court Roundup: *Obergefell v. Hodges*,” University of Virginia School of Law (September 24, 2015)

“The Status of State Citizenship,” University of Oxford Academic Visitors in Law Workshop Series (May 25, 2015)

“The Challenge of Multi-Parentage,” University of Oxford Centre for Criminology Knowledge Exchange Seminar (May 21, 2015)

“Regulating Genetic Identity,” Duke Law School Faculty Workshop (November 14, 2014)

“Family Law: 10 Years of Change,” UVA Alumni Lunch (November 7, 2014)

“Family Law: 10 Years of Change,” UVA Lambda Law Lunch (October 29, 2014)

“Regulating Genetic Identity,” University of Virginia Summer Faculty Workshop (June 12, 2014)

“Genetics Federalism,” Emerging Family Law Scholars Annual Conference, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis (May 28, 2014)

“Immigration’s Family Values,” Workshop on Regulation of Family, Sex and Gender, University of Chicago School of Law (April 16, 2014)

“Immigration’s Family Values,” Association of American Law Schools Annual Conference, New York (January 4, 2014)

“Immigration’s Family Values,” William and Mary School of Law Faculty Workshop (November 14, 2013)

“After *Windsor*,” Center for Women, Gender, and Sexuality, University of Virginia (September 11, 2013) (panelist)

“Domicile, Citizenship, and Access to Rights,” International Society of Family Law Annual Conference, Brooklyn Law School (June 7, 2013) (panelist)

“Teaching Law & Humanities,” Princeton University Center for Human Values and Program in Law and Public Affairs (March 1, 2013) (invited participant)

“Comprehensive Immigration Reform in 2013?” *Virginia Journal of Social Policy and the Law Theory and Practice Symposium* (moderator/panelist) (February 19, 2013)

“A Legal Home: Derivative Domicile and Women’s Citizenship,” Center for Law, History, and Culture, University of Southern California School of Law (October 31, 2012)

“A Legal Home: Derivative Domicile and Women’s Citizenship,” Center for the Study of Law and Society, University of California, Berkeley, School of Law (October 29, 2012)

“Plenary Power Preemption,” University of Baltimore School of Law Faculty Workshop (October 4, 2012)

“*Arizona v. United States*,” University of Virginia School of Law Supreme Court Roundup Panel (September 20, 2012)

“Plenary Power Preemption,” University of Iowa School of Law Faculty Workshop (September 13, 2012)

“The Implications of *Arizona v. United States*,” University of Virginia Immigration Law Program Panel (September 10, 2012)

“Plenary Power Preemption,” University of Virginia Summer Faculty Workshop (July 24, 2012).

“What Makes the Family Special?” University of Chicago Law Review Symposium (June 16, 2012)

“Recognizing Polygamy,” International Society of Family Law Annual Conference, University of Iowa Law School (June 15, 2012)

“Teaching Citizenship Law,” Immigration Law Teacher’s Conference, Hofstra Law School (June 1, 2012)

“Citizen Spouse,” Immigration Law Teacher’s Conference, Hofstra Law School (June 2, 2012)

“Citizen Spouse,” Emerging Family Law Scholars Annual Conference, Fordham Law School (May 21, 2012)

“Citizen Spouse” University of North Carolina Law School Faculty Workshop (March 29, 2012)

“Citizenship, Immigration, and Parentage” Association for the Study of Law, Culture and Humanities Annual Conference, Ft. Worth, TX (March 17, 2012) (with R. Kent Piacenti)

“A Legal Home: Derivative Domicile and Women’s Citizenship,” Golieb Colloquium in Legal History, NYU Law School (March 7, 2012)

“Social Scientific Studies on Same-Sex Parenting,” UVA Law School panel (February 2, 2012) (with Charlotte Patterson)

“Recognizing Polygamy,” Feminist Legal Network Conference, George Washington University (January 4, 2012)

“A Legal Home: Derivative Domicile and Women’s Citizenship,” American Society of Legal History Annual Conference (November 12, 2011)

“Recognizing Polygamy,” UVA Incubator Faculty Workshop Series (October 25, 2011)

“A Legal Home: Derivative Domicile and Women’s Citizenship,” University of Virginia School of Law Faculty Workshop (July 5, 2011)

“Teaching Immigration and Citizenship,” Emerging Immigration Law Scholars Conference (May 19, 2011)

“Immigration Power, Federalism, and Foreign Affairs,” UVA Incubator Faculty Workshop Series (March 30, 2011)

“Marriage Fraud,” Vanderbilt Law School Faculty Workshop (February 18, 2011)

“Marriage by Proxy as Proxy for Fraud,” Michigan State Law Review Symposium on “Modernizing Marriage through E-Marriage” (November 12, 2010)

“Deconstructing Labor and Love: Japanese Exclusion and the “Picture Bride” Controversy,” Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL (June 2, 2010)

“Marriage Fraud,” University of Richmond Law School Faculty Colloquy (October 23, 2009)

“Marriage, Power, and Inequality: Lessons from the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Centuries,” Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO (May 27, 2009) (panelist)

“Marriage Fraud,” Emerging Family Law Scholars Conference, University of Colorado School of Law, (May 26, 2009)

“Marriage Fraud,” University of Virginia School of Law Incubator Faculty Workshop Series (April 21, 2009)

“The “Mercer Girls” and the Hidden Dimension of Nineteenth-Century Immigration Law,” University of Virginia Feminist Legal Forum Lunch Series (April 16, 2009)

“Family Law as the New Home of Feminist Legal Theory and Queer Theory,” Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities Annual Meeting, Suffolk Law School, Boston, MA (April 3, 2009) (discussant)

“Imagining Immigration Authority: A Family Affair,” Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities Annual Meeting, Suffolk Law School, Boston, MA (April 4, 2009) (panelist)

“Marriage, Immigration, and the Mercer Girls,” Boston University Legal History Workshop (October 8, 2008)

“Marriage, Immigration, and the Mercer Girls,” UVA Women’s Work Faculty Workshop Series (October 2, 2008)

“Chain Migration,” UVA Incubator Lunch Faculty Workshop Series (September 30, 2008)

“Family, Culture, Citizenship, and the Law,” Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities Annual Meeting, University of California at Berkeley Law School (March 29, 2008) (discussant)

“The New Rhetoric of Reproductive Marriage,” International Society of Family Law —North American Chapter Biannual Conference, Vancouver, BC (June 20, 2007)

“The New Rhetoric of Reproductive Marriage,” Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities Annual Meeting, Georgetown Law School (March 23, 2007) (with Peter Brooks)

“Love Thy Neighbor? The Ethical Underpinnings and Racial Politics of Immigration Reform,” University of Virginia Conference on Public Service and the Law (February 17, 2007) (moderator)

“Immigration Law & the Regulation of Marriage,” UVA Summer Faculty Workshop (July 25, 2006)

“The Wages of Wifeness: Race & the Regulation of Female Migration,” Immigration Law Teachers Conference, University of Nevada-Las Vegas School of Law (May 5, 2006)

“Citizenship and the Family in Post-Civil War Reconstruction,” Immigration Law Teachers Conference, University of Nevada-Las Vegas School of Law (May 5, 2006)

“The Wages of Wifeness: Race & the Regulation of Female Migration,” Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities Annual Meeting, Syracuse Law School (March 17, 2006)

“Disaggregating Marriage from Sex from Reproduction,” Feminist Legal Theory Conference, Emory University School of Law (January 27, 2006)

“Polygamy, Prostitution, and the Federalization of Immigration Law,” Center for Race & Law Brown Bag Series, University of Virginia School of Law (November 16, 2005)

“Domestic Violence and Immigration Law,” Hunton & Williams Fellows Lunch Presentation, University of Virginia School of Law (October 14, 2005)

“Polygamy, Prostitution, and the Federalization of Immigration Law,” NYU Furman Scholars Workshop (April 22, 2004) (commentary by Professor Larry Kramer)

“Marriage and the Federalization of Immigration Law,” NYU Legal History Colloquium (January 21, 2004)