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LAW TEACHING AND RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE

Areas of Expertise: Criminal Law; Comparative Criminal Law; Comparative Law; Multiculturalism, Race & the Law; Critical Race Theory, Domestic Violence, Restorative Justice, Neuroscience in the Law; Dementia and criminal responsibility; Competency to stand trial; Police use of excessive force.

2024-present Professor

Sturm College of Law, University of Denver

Criminal Law

Comparative Law

Upper Year Seminar – Multiculturalism, Race, and the Law

2009- 2024 Associate Professor

Sturm College of Law, University of Denver

Criminal Law

Comparative Law

Upper Year Seminar - Multiculturalism, Race & the Law

2002-2009

Assistant Professor

College of Law, University of Denver

Criminal Law

Comparative Law

Upper Year Seminar - Multiculturalism, Race & the Law

2000-2002

Visiting Associate Professor

College of Law, University of Tulsa

Torts

Criminal Law

Upper Year Seminar- Multiculturalism, Race & the Law

Spring 2000

Visiting Assistant Professor

College of Law, Syracuse University

Comparative Law

Upper Year Seminar - Multiculturalism Race & the Law

1998-1999

Distinguished Scholar in Residence

California Western School of Law

International Criminal Law

Upper Year Seminar - Multiculturalism Race & the Law

1997-1998

Visiting Assistant Professor

Faculty of Law, University of New Brunswick

Criminal Law

Upper Year Seminar - Multiculturalism Race & the Law

- 1996-1997 **International Boulton Fellow**
Faculty of Law, McGill University
Guest Lectures in Multiculturalism and in Sentencing
- 1993-1994 **Judicial Clerk**
Court of Appeal of the Province of Saskatchewan
Responsible for research in Aboriginal tribal courts and self-determination which resulted in appellate endorsement of Native Sentencing Circles

EDUCATION

- 1996 **Master of Juridical Science (J.S.M.)**
Stanford Law School, Stanford University
- 1992 **Bachelor of Laws, With Distinction (LL.B. *cum laude*)**
College of Law, University of Saskatchewan
National Champions (Gale Cup, 1992)
Merit Scholarship (1991)
Orest & Marie Bendas Prize (Jurisprudence Feminist Legal Theory, 1991)
MacIsaac, Sinclair, McNeil Prize (Moot Ct, 1990)
- 1992 **Bachelor of Arts, With High Honors (English Literature)**
College of Arts and Science, University of Saskatchewan

PUBLICATIONS AND WORKS IN PROGRESS

SCHOLARLY

Dementia and the Insanity Defense – in progress

Not Demented Enough: Dementia and Competency to Stand Trial 25 NEVADA L.J. 203 (2025).

Grandma Got Arrested – Police, Excessive Force, and People with Dementia 57 (2) UNIV. RICHMOND L. REV. 335 (2023).

Women Who Kill Women, 22 WM. & MARY J. WOMEN & L. 549 (2016),

Coaxing Culture: India's Legislative Response to Dowry Deaths in COMPARATIVE APPROACHES TO GENDER VIOLENCE: LESSONS FROM EFFORTS WORLDWIDE, Oxford University Press (Rashmi Goel and Leigh Goodmark, eds) 2015.

COMPARATIVE APPROACHES TO GENDER VIOLENCE: LESSONS FROM EFFORTS WORLDWIDE Oxford University Press. (Rashmi Goel and Leigh Goodmark eds.) 2015.

Problematizing Assumptions about Gender Violence (transcript), 5 U. MIAMI RACE & SOC. JUST. L. REV. 347 (2015)

Delinquent or Distracted?: Attention Deficit Disorder and the Construction of the Juvenile Offender, Vol 27:1, JOURNAL OF LAW AND INEQUALITY 1 (WINTER 2009). (lead article)

At Crossroads or Cross purposes?: Aboriginal Women and Political Pursuit in Canadian Sentencing Circles, in DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND RESTORATIVE JUSTICE, Oxford University Press (James Ptacek, ed.) 2009.

From Tainted to Sainted: the Interracial Marriage as Cultural Evangelism, 2 WISCONSIN L. REV. 489, (2007).

Sita's Trousseau: Domestic Violence and Restorative Justice in South Asian Communities, VOL. 11:5 VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN, 639 (2005).

Can I Call Kimura Crazy?: Ethical Tensions in the Cultural Defense, VOL 3:1, SEATTLE J. SOCIAL JUSTICE 443 (2004).

No Women at the Center: The Use of the Canadian Sentencing Circle in Domestic Violence Cases, 15 WISC. WOMEN'S L. J. 293 (2000).

Indigenous Women's Rights, in ROUTLEDGE INTERNATIONAL ENCYCLOPEDIA OF WOMEN: GLOBAL WOMEN'S ISSUES AND KNOWLEDGE (Chris Kramarae et al eds., 2000).

Culture and the Courts, LAW AND POWER IN THE MARGINS: VOICES FROM BEYOND THE CENTERS CONFERENCE PAPERS, UBC (1997).

Reasonable Rape: a comparative analysis of the mistaken belief in consent defense in the UK, Canada and the United States – in progress.

India has a Rape Problem: legislative reform in the age of India's gang rapes – in progress

LITERARY

“Juhu”, GRAIN, Vol. XVII, n.2, p.50.

“Grandfather”, “Wanna Make Ya”, untitled, WINDSCRIPT, Vol. V, n.2, p.21.

PRESENTATIONS

2025:

Dementia and Competency to Stand Trial
Columbia Medical School – Law and Medical Ethics (October)

An Introduction to the American Legal System and Mental Health
Forensic Psychiatry Fellows Seminar, Anschutz Health Sciences Denver CO (August)

Cultural Considerations in Law and Mental Illness
Forensic Psychiatry Fellows Seminar, Anschutz Health Sciences Denver CO (February)

Comparative Approaches to Mental Health in the Criminal Justice System
Forensic Psychiatry Fellows Seminar, Anschutz Health Sciences Denver CO (January)

2024:

Cultural Considerations in Law and Mental Illness
Forensic Psychiatry Fellows Seminar, Anschutz Health Sciences Denver CO (February)

Comparative Approaches to Mental Health in the Criminal Justice System
Forensic Psychiatry Fellows Seminar, Anschutz Health Sciences Denver CO (January)

Dementia and Competency to Stand Trial: 38th Congress International Academy of Law and Mental Health, Barcelona, Spain (July)

2023:

An Introduction to the American Legal System and Mental Health
Forensic Psychiatry Fellows Seminar, Anschutz Health Sciences Denver CO (September)

2022:

Dementia and Insanity Law: 37th Congress International Academy of Law and Mental Health Lyon, France (July)

A Primer on Rape Law: University of Denver Sturm College of Law (April)

Semiotics and Stereotype: Critical Race Reading Seminar (February)

2021:

The Model Minority Myth (keynote) – Webinar Series of Diversity and Justice in our Courts hosted by SABA (June)

2020:

Progress in combatting domestic violence – 20 years after Beijing International Law Symposium – hosted by the Nanda Center, University of Denver (October)

Allyship and the Model Minority Myth –South Asian Bar Association (September)

2019:

Dementia and Criminal Responsibility: The Indian Perspective –National Law University, Mumbai (August)

Dementia and Criminal Responsibility – 36th International Congress on Law and Mental Health, Rome (July)

Dementia and Criminal Responsibility – Athens Institute for Education and Research, Athens (July)

Teaching in the Age of Trump – Law & Society Assn Annual Meeting, Washington, DC (June)

Semiotics and Stereotype – Critical Race Reading Seminar, Sturm College of Law (February)

2018:

Racial and Ethnic Identity Development: Asian Identity formation and Culture –Dept. of Psychology, University of Denver (Oct.)

Semiotics and Stereotypes –Critical Race Reading Seminar, Sturm College of Law

2017:

Inclusivity, Equity, and Social Justice in the Classroom: A Workshop on Best Practices Inclusivity and Equity in course design – Sturm College of Law

Rape reform - being the only woman in the room - LatCrit XXI

Rape, Revolution, and Reform - Forensic Medicine 2017 XXXVIII Annual National Conference of Indian Academy of Forensic Medicine– Mumbai, INDIA

Racial Identity formation - Critical Race Reading Seminar, Sturm College of Law

2016:

India has a Rape Problem - South Asian Womenhood & Girlhood Conference, Loyola University, Chicago

Racial Identity Formation – Dept. of Psychology, University of Denver

Panelist- professional opportunities for South Asian Bar Association Members, representing academia - South Asian Bar Association

“The Pledge for the Public Good” - SALT teaching conference

9/11 15 years later Race relations then and now - Thursdays at noon – RPL Speaker Series

9/11 Fifteen years later a look back - Thursdays at noon - RPL speaker series

How a Collective on Race, Place, & Law Can Improve a Law School Environment & Support Scholarship and Activism - Critical Race Studies In Education Annual Meeting - University of

Denver

2015:

Racial Identity formation - Critical Race Reading Seminar, Sturm College of Law, University of Denver

Panelist - Critical Race Theory Seminar Education (Guest of Frank Tuitt)

Cultural Sensitivity in the Classroom – Lawyering Process Teaching Workshop, University of Denver

India has a Rape Problem - LatCrit Bi Annual Meeting, Miami FL

How a Collective on Race, Place, & Law Can Improve a Law School Environment & Support Scholarship and Activism - Lat Crit Biannual Conference Synergies, Sustainability, & Institutional Change, MIAMI FL

2014:

Not just a Ripple but a Rising Tide: Improving Legal Education through the Creation of a Law School Collective Focused on Race, Place, and Law – Society of American Law Teachers

Dowry deaths and India's legislative response – Political Science Dept., University of Denver

Women and the Politics of Violence in South Asia – Political Science Dept., University of Denver

Law vs ADR in conflict resolution – Conflict Resolution Institute

The Woman with the Match: Female Complicity in Dowry Deaths - Converge: Reimagining the Movement to End Gender Violence – Miami, Florida

2013:

Culture and Asian American Identity - Dept. of Psychology, University of Denver

Reimagining Gender Violence: Female complicity in Dowry Deaths in India - LatCrit 2013

Feminist Influence on Criminal Law – CU Boulder
 Gang rape and the role of Feminism in modern India - Ann Scales Symposium, University of Denver
 Rape reform efforts in South Africa - Access to Justice – Durban, South Africa
 Client-Centered Representation through Cross-Cultural Competence – University of Denver
 Comparative approaches to domestic violence in Canada, US and Aboriginal Communities -
 Comparative approaches to Domestic Violence, Conflict Resolution Institute
 Use of RJ in DV in Canada Restorative Justice Conference – University of Denver

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE

Rocky Mountain Collective on Race, Place, and Law - Chair 2012 - present

coordinated events, tasks, budget, annual reports, social and academic events for faculty and for students, including monthly meetings, publicity for events and engagement with students and academy members outside of the SCOL.

- 2024 – 2025 Committee member – Faculty Executive Committee
 Chair – Advisory Committee, review of Oladeji Tihamiyu
 Committee member – Diversity Equity and Inclusion Committee
- 2023-2024 Committee member – Faculty Executive Committee
 Committee member – Admissions Committee
 Faculty Advisor – South Asian Law Students Association
- 2022-2023 Committee member – Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion committee
 Faculty Advisor – South Asian Law Students Association
- 2021-2022 Modern Learning Committee
- 2019-2020 Committee member – Review Committee for LTCGR faculty
- 2018-2019 Committee Member - Review committee for LTCGR Faculty,
 lead on report for Scott Johns, August 15, 2018 - April 30, 2019
 Committee Member - Advisory committee for tenure of Prof. Lindsey Webb
 September 2017 - January 2018
 Faculty Advisor - Muslim Law Students Association, Aug 2014 - Aug 2017
 Committee Member- Appointments Committee, May 2016 -June 22,2017
 Committee Member - Faculty Executive Committee, May 2016 - May 2017
 Committee Member - Advisory committee for tenure of Prof. Garcia Hernandez,
 September 2016 - January 15, 2017
- 2015-2016 Committee Member - LTC review committee, review of Alexi Freeman September 1, 2015
 - June 30, 2016
 Committee Member - Advisory Committee for promotion of Prof. Tom Romero,
 September 1, 2015 - April 30, 2016
- 2014-2015 Committee Member Advisory Committee for Promotion of Prof. Lindsey Webb,
 August 15, 2014 - April 30, 2015

- 2013-2014 Scholar in Residence – Conflict Resolution Institute - May 14, 2014 - May 15, 2014
Committee Chair Advisory committee for promotion of Kevin Lynch,
September 1, 2013 - February 28, 2014
Committee Member – Committee on Diversity and Hiring Processes
- 2012-2013 Committee Member – Committee on Diversity and Hiring Processes
- 2011-2012 Committee Member – Advisory Committee for Ian Farrell (2nd year review)
Committee Member - Committee on Diversity and Hiring Processes
Appointments Coordinator
- 2010-2011 Committee member – Advisory Committee for Raja Raghunath (2nd yr review)
- 2009-2010 Committee Chair – Advisory Committee for promotion of KK DuVivier
- 2008-2009 Committee Member - Appointments Committee