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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

**Professor of Law**, Northeastern University School of Law  
Constitutional Law; Administrative Law; Sexuality, Gender & the Law; Family Law (2006-present).

Recipient of the 2007-2008 Northeastern University Excellence in Teaching Award.

**Visiting Professor of Law**, Harvard Law School  
Women and the Law (2006).

**Associate Professor of Law**, Northeastern University School of Law  
Constitutional Law; Administrative Law; Sexuality, Gender & the Law (2003-2006).

**Visiting Professor of Law**, Johann Wolfgang Goethe-Universität, Frankfurt, Germany  
Seminar on Compensation for Slave and Forced Laborers of the Third Reich (2000).

**Assistant Professor of Law**, Northeastern University School of Law  
Constitutional Law, Administrative Law, Trusts & Estates (2000-2003).

**Visiting Professor of Law**, Northeastern University School of Law  
Constitutional Law, Administrative Law, Trusts & Estates (1999-2000).

**Adjunct Professor of Law**, Northeastern University School of Law  
Administrative Law (1998).

## PUBLICATIONS

*Of Cheerios and Sequined Heels: Response to Darren Rosenblum's Unsex Mothering: Toward a Culture of New Parenting*, Unsex Mothering on-line colloquium HARV. J. GENDER & L. (2012), available at <<http://harvardjlg.com/2012/02/unsex-mothering-responses-libby-adler/>>.

*Just the Facts: The Perils of Expert Testimony and Findings of Fact in Gay Rights Litigation*, 7 UNBOUND: HARV. J. LEGAL LEFT 1 (2011), available at <<http://www.legalleft.org/category/2011-issue/>>.

*Gay Rights and Lefts: Rights Critique and Distributive Analysis for Real Law Reform*, 46 HARV. C.R.-C.L. L. REV. 1 (Amicus) (2011), available at <<http://harvardcrl.org/discussion/cr-cl-presents-a-colloquium-%E2%80%9Cgay-rights-and-lefts-rights-critique-and-the-distributive-analysis-%E2%80%9D/>>.

*Teaching Sexuality and Gender as Distributional Issues*, in VULNERABLE POPULATIONS AND TRANSFORMATIVE LAW TEACHING: A CRITICAL READER, Aldana, Raquel, et al., eds. (Carolina Press, 2011).

***T: Appending Transgender Equal Rights to Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Equal Rights***, 19 COLUM. J. GENDER & L. 595(2010).

***The Gay Agenda***, 16 MICH. J. GENDER & L. 147 (2009).

***Prostitution, Child***, in THE CHILD: AN ENCYCLOPEDIA COMPANION, Shweder, Richard A., et al., eds. (The University of Chicago Press, 2009).

***Mary Joe Frug's Women and the Law***, (with Crooms, Greenberg, Minow and Roberts) (Foundation Press, 4<sup>th</sup> ed. 2008).

***The Dignity of Sex***, 17 UCLA WOMEN'S L.J. 1 (2008), *reprinted in* RUTHANN ROBSON, SEXUAL FREEDOM III (Ashgate Press 2011).

***Civil Unions and Civic Wars***, (reviewing JONATHAN GOLDBERG-HILLER, THE LIMITS TO UNION: SAME-SEX MARRIAGE AND THE POLITICS OF CIVIL RIGHTS (2004)), GAY & LESBIAN QUARTERLY, Vol. 11, Issue 4, p. 627 (2005).

***The Future of Sodomy***, 32 FORDHAM URB. L.J. 197 (2005).

***Rage and Critique: One Jewish Girl's Story***, 1 UNBOUND: HARV. J. LEGAL LEFT 1 (2005), *available at* < <http://www.legalleft.org/wp-content/uploads/2008/04/1unb001-adler.pdf>>.

***California's Holocaust Victim Insurance Relief Act and American Preemption Doctrine***, 4 GERMAN L.J. 1193 (2003), *available at* <<http://www.germanlawjournal.com/article.php?id=338>>.

***An Essay on the Production of Youth Prostitution***, 55 MAINE L. REV. 191 (2003).

***The Forgetfulness of Noblesse: A Critique of the Foundation to Compensate Slave and Forced Laborers of the Third Reich*** (with Peer Zumbansen), 39 HARV. J. ON LEGIS. 1 (2002); *reprinted in* NS-ZWANGSARBEIT: ERINNERUNG UND VERANTWORTUNG/NS-FORCED LABOR: REMEMBRANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY 333 (ed. P. Zumbansen., 2002).

***The Meanings of Permanence: A Critical Analysis of the Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997***, 38 HARV. J. ON LEGIS. 1 (2001).

***A Short Essay on the Baring of Breasts***, 23 HARV. WOMEN'S L.J. 219 (2000).

***Federalism and Family***, 8 COLUM. J. GENDER & L. 197 (1999).

## PRESENTATIONS

### ***Queer Theory as Legal Method***

Panel at conference entitled "Governance Without A State," Tel Aviv University (2012).

### ***Law Reform Strategies for Transgender Constituencies***

Speaker at Boston University, hosted by LGBT law student group (2012).

***Enhancing Critical Pedagogy Through Practical Encounters***

Panel on clinical education at Global Legal Education Forum, Harvard Law School (2012).

***On the Legal Left***

Panel hosted by UNBOUND: HARVARD JOURNAL OF THE LEGAL LEFT (2012).

***Discourses of Truth in Gay Rights Litigation***

Speaker in Gender, Law and Policy Colloquium hosted by Professor Linda McClain at Boston University (2012).

***Questions of Method***

Panel at conference “Reproduction and Sex in Contemporary Governmentalities: Governance Feminism and its Others,” co-sponsored by Harvard Law School and University of Florida Law School (2011).

***Teaching Against Universalism***

Co-presented with Professor Rashmi Dyal-Chand at LatCrit Conference, San Diego (2011).

***Gay Rights and Lefts***

Featured talk in colloquium sponsored by Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review (2011).

***Facts About Gay People***

Talk in “Queer Morphologies” Lecture Series, Columbia University (2011).

***Facts About Gay People***

Northeastern Law School Faculty Colloquium (2011).

***LGBT Out of Home Youth***

Moderated Roundtable Discussion at Northeastern (2011).

***From Equality Argument to Distributive Analysis***

“Law and Society” Speaker Series at Suffolk University Law School (2010).

***Toward a Distributive Pedagogy of Gender and Sexuality***

Panel on *Gender and Sexuality as Vectors of Distribution: Clinical and Non-Clinical Pedagogy* at conference co-hosted by Society of American Law Teachers (SALT) and Golden Gate University School of Law on *Vulnerable Populations and Economic Realities: An Interdisciplinary Approach to Law Teaching* (2010).

***Costs in the Pursuit of Formal Equality***

Panel at symposium “Courting Change: Legal Perspectives on Contemporary LGBT Issues,” Boston University (2009).

***Child Support and Commodification Anxiety***

Panel on the Distributive Family at “Family Law Summer Camp,” Harvard Law School (2009).

***Teaching and the Politics of Sex and Gender***

Panel on teaching gender inequality in law school at Law and Society Annual Conference (2009).

***T: Appending Transgender Equal Rights to Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Equal Rights***

Panel at symposium on “Gender on the Margins,” Columbia Law School (2009).

***From Gay Rights to a Distributive Analysis***

Panel at conference on Comparative Family Law at American University, Washington College of Law (2009).

***Child Sex Work and Legal Realism***

Guest Speaker in class on Regulation of the Household at Harvard Law School (2009).

***The Future of Gender and Sexuality Studies***

Roundtable at Northeastern University (2009).

***Rights vs. Distribution in Family Law***

Panel at workshop on Family Law at the Radcliffe Institute, Harvard University (2009).

***The Concept of Power in Imre Kertész’s Fatelessness***

Les lecteurs radicaux/Radical Readers, University of Ottawa Faculty of Law (2008).

***The Gay Agenda***

Faculty Colloquium, Northeastern University School of Law (2008).

***Beyond Coercion: Radical Voices on Sex Work, Feminism and the Law (co-moderator)***

Panel sponsored by UNBOUND: HARVARD JOURNAL OF THE LEGAL LEFT at Harvard Law School (2008).

***Integrating Queer Theory and Legal Realism***

Panel at conference on *The Economic Family*, University of Toronto Faculty of Law (2008).

***The Real ID Act (moderator)***

Panel sponsored by the Northeastern Law Forum (2007).

***Workshop on Upper-Level Teaching***

New Law Teachers Conference, Association of American Law Schools (2007).

***Conformity and Resistance in Foster Parenting and Adoption***

Panel at conference on *Resistance*, Harvard Law School (2007).

***The Sex/Family Distinction in Gay Rights Discourse***

Panel at conference on *Family Law Exceptionalism*, Harvard Law School (2007).

***The (Ir)relevance of Immutability to Gay Rights***

Panel at Harvard Lamda conference (2006).

***Child Support and Governance Feminism***

Panel at workshop on *Governance Feminism*, Harvard Law School (2006).

***Legacy of Justice O'Connor and Prospects for the Future***

Roundtable discussion of *U.S. Supreme Court*, Northeastern University School of Law (2005).

***Why Not Marry?***

Panel commemorating one-year anniversary of *Goodridge*, Northeastern University (2005).

***Constitutional Issues Related to Same-Sex Marriage***

Panel at Ropes & Gray LLP (2005).

***Overview of Don't Ask/Don't Tell***

Panel on Solomon Amendment, Northeastern University School of Law (2005).

***Dignity, Shame and the Specter of Fascism***

Panel at Conference on Dignity and Shame, Harvard Law School (2004).

***Lawyering in the Minefield After Goodridge***

Panel at Suffolk Law School (2004).

***Review of Proposed Federal and State Constitutional Amendments Banning Same-Sex Marriage***

Panel at Annual Conference of the American Association of Law Libraries (2004).

***The Future of Gay Marriage (moderator)***

Panel sponsored by the Northeastern Law Forum (2004).

***On Despair***

Faculty Commencement Address, Northeastern University School of Law (2004).

***Competing Themes of Identity and Distribution in Reparations Discourse***

Panel at conference on Injury and Distribution, Harvard Law School (2003).

***Gay Adoption, Jurisdictional Conflict and the Production of the Gay Parent***

Panel on Globalization and Sexual Politics at Progressive Lawyering Conference, Northeastern University School of Law (2003).

***The Future of Sodomy***

Plenary on *Lawrence v. Texas* at Lavender Law conference, Fordham Law School (2003).

***Implications of Lawrence v. Texas for the Future of Don't Ask, Don't Tell***

"Gay Hawks, Queer Doves" panel at Harvard Law School Lamda conference: "Solomon's Minefield: military discrimination after *Lawrence* and the coming fight over forced on-campus recruiting" (2003).

***Lawrence v. Texas: An Overview for Students, Faculty and Staff***

Panel sponsored by the Northeastern Office of Affirmative Action and Diversity (2003).

***A Good Year for Sodomy***

Featured speaker at Massachusetts Lesbian and Gay Bar Association Annual Meeting (2003).

***Youth Prostitution and Gender***

Panel at conference on Law, Labor and Gender, University of Maine Law School (2002).

***German and American Courts Deliberating on Claims Arising Out of the Nazi Labor Program***

Panel on National Reception of Legal Consciousness After 1950 at Conference on Globalization of Modern Legal Thought, Harvard Law School (2002).

***Same-Sex Parenting: Implications of the New Fatherhood***

Panel at conference sponsored by the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (2001).

***The Foundation to Compensate Slave and Forced Laborers of the Third Reich***

Featured Speaker at Yom HaShoah Event, Northeastern University (2001).

***The Constitutionality of the Violence Against Women Act***

Panel sponsored by the Women's Law Caucus, Northeastern University School of Law (2000).

***De facto Parents: A New Definition***

Panel at conference sponsored by the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (1999).

***Federalism and Family***

Graduate Student Colloquium, Harvard Law School (1998).

***The Role of Child Support in the Massachusetts Public Assistance Program***

Guest talk at Northeastern University in course entitled "Children, Parents and the State" (1996, 1997).

**EDUCATION**

**Harvard Law School**, Cambridge, Massachusetts

Visiting Researcher and Graduate Fellow, 1998-1999.

**Harvard Law School**, Cambridge, Massachusetts

LL.M., 1998.

**Northeastern University School of Law**, Boston, Massachusetts

J.D., 1994.

**University of Michigan**, Ann Arbor, Michigan

A.B. with Distinction in Political Science, 1989.

## LAW PRACTICE & CONSULTING

### **BostonGLASS**

Consult with Boston-area LGBT youth center on range of legal issues (2010-present).

### **In the Matter of Mariah**

Assisted in drafting an amicus brief to a New York appellate court deliberating on whether the state foster care agency was required to pay for sex reassignment surgery for a transsexual in state custody (2007).

### **Gay & Lesbian Advocates and Defenders (GLAD)**

Consulted on federalism issues related to the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) (2007).

### **Human Rights Campaign (HRC)**

Consulted on the proposed Federal Marriage Amendment (2003-2004).

### **Partners HealthCare System, Inc., Office of Corporate Sponsored Research,**

Boston, Massachusetts

Negotiated clinical trial agreements between pharmaceutical companies and principal investigators (p/t 1998).

### **Child Support Enforcement Division, Massachusetts Department of Revenue,**

Cambridge, Massachusetts

Counsel to the Commissioner. Drafted legislation, regulations and policy memoranda. Supervised hearing officers (1994-1997).

## OP-EDS, COLUMNS, & CLE

**Reflection, in ch. 2, SKIRTING THE BARRIERS: THE UNFINISHED STORY OF WOMEN LAWYERS AND JUDGES IN MASSACHUSETTS** \_\_ (MCLE, Inc. *forthcoming* 2012).

**Lockstep, Missteps**, (on criminal penalties for Holocaust denial in Europe), Nextbook.org, February 1, 2007.

**Defying Definitions: The Struggle for Transgender Equality**, NORTHEASTERN LAW MAGAZINE, Winter, 2006 at 3.

**Romney's bullying of criminal defenders**, BOSTON GLOBE, August 17, 2004 at A13.

**A victory for Boston's transgender population**, BOSTON GLOBE, December 21, 2002 at A19.

**I didn't call you old fashioned, Mr. Romney, I called you a homophobe**, BAY WINDOWS, Oct. 10, 2002 at 6.

**Why the Ninth Circuit was Right** (published under the newspaper's given title: *Suppose it said "under Allah"*), BOSTON SUNDAY GLOBE, June 30, 2002 at H7.

**Companies Still Avoid Responsibility** (discussing German companies' settlement with Holocaust survivors), Orlando Sun Sentinel, July 23, 2001.

## ACADEMIC SERVICE

### **Breaking into Law Teaching New England: The Pipeline to the Legal Academy**

Appeared on SALT-sponsored panel to advise and encourage persons from underrepresented groups to enter the law teaching profession (2011).

### **Stanford/Yale Junior Faculty Forum**

Served as a judge and commentator in the family law scholarship competition (2010).

### **Distributive Family**

Convened panel at "Family Law Summer Camp" at Harvard Law School (2009).

### **Producing Sex: Literary, Legal and Political Discourses**

Co-organized speaker series at Northeastern University (2008-2009).

### **Junior Faculty Exchange**

Co-founder of monthly scholarly exchange for junior law faculty around New England (2001-2006).

### **Dignity and Shame**

Co-organized international conference held at Harvard Law School (2004).

### **Injury and Distribution**

Co-organized international conference held at Harvard Law School (2003).

### **Globalization and Sexual Politics**

Organized panel at conference on globalization and law at Northeastern University School of Law (2003).

### **Civic Education Project**

Serve on the Academic Advisory Board to Northeastern-based organization that trains law students to teach a course on constitutional rights to Boston-area high school students (2003-2008).