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LAW TEACHING

Villanova University School of Law (Villanova, Pennsylvania, USA)

2009 - Present

Associate Professor of Law, teaching Criminal Law, Evidence, Jurisprudence, Feminist Legal Theory
Tenure Awarded, April 2012

University of Oxford Faculty of Law (Oxford, England)

2005-2009

University (CUF) Lecturer in Law (2006-2009), Criminal Law and Jurisprudence
Tutorial Fellow in Law, Worcester College (2006-2009)
College Lecturer in Law, Worcester and Brasenose Colleges (2005-2009)
College Lecturer in Law, St. Catherine's College (2005-2006)

University College London (London, England)

2003

Tutor in Law, Criminal Law

DePaul University College of Law (Chicago, Illinois, USA)

2001

Adjunct Professor of Law, Domestic Violence and the Law

EDUCATION

University of Oxford (Oxford, England)

2003-2007

D.Phil. (Ph.D.), 2007: Prosecution, Reason and Value: Considering Domestic Violence
Supervisors: Professor John Gardner, Dr. Carolyn Hoyle, Professor Andrew Ashworth
Associate Editor, Oxford Commonwealth Law Journal (2003-2004)
Co-convener, University of Oxford Jurisprudence Discussion Group (2005-2006)

London School of Economics (London, England)

2002-2003

LL.M., 2003 (Distinction, Highest Honors)
Completed two dissertations in areas of criminal law theory and moral philosophy: (1) "Buying Sex: Wrongdoing, Justification and the (Ir)relevance of Consent," supervised by Professor Nicola Lacey, and (2) "Organ Harvesting: Redemptive Justification and the Relevance of Altruism," supervised by Professor Katherine O'Donovan

University of Michigan Law School (Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA)

1993-1996

J.D., 1996

University of Illinois (Urbana-Champaign, Illinois, USA)

1990-1993

B.A., Philosophy, 1994 (Dean's List, All Semesters)

PUBLICATIONS – BOOKS

PROSECUTING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: A PHILOSOPHICAL ANALYSIS

Oxford University Press, Monographs in Criminal Law and Justice Series (March 2009)

Awarded UK Society of Legal Scholars' Peter Birks Prize for Outstanding Legal Scholarship (2nd Prize)

SEX AND JUSTIFICATION (working title)

Co-authored with Jonathan Herring, forthcoming, Oxford University Press

PUBLICATIONS – ARTICLES AND ESSAYS

Victimless Crimes and the Volenti Maxim

Criminal Law and Philosophy (forthcoming, 2012)

On Finnis' Way In

Villanova Law Review (forthcoming, 2012)

Defining Sex Trafficking in International and Domestic Law: Mind the Gaps

26 Emory International Law Review 137 (2012) (co-authored with Carolyn Hoyle and Mary Bosworth)

How to Argue About Prostitution

6 Criminal Law & Philosophy 65 (2012)

Sex Trafficking and Worker Justice

9 (1) Journal of Catholic Social Thought 71 (2012)

Labeling the Victims of Sex Trafficking: Exploring the Borderland between Rhetoric and Reality

20 (3) Social and Legal Studies 313 (2011) (co-authored with Carolyn Hoyle and Mary Bosworth)

Researching Trafficked Women: On Institutional Resistance and the Limits to Feminist Reflexivity

17 Qualitative Inquiry 769 (2011) (co-authored with Mary Bosworth and Carolyn Hoyle)

Public Wrongs and the "Criminal Law's Business": When Victims Won't Share

Book chapter in CRIME, PUNISHMENT AND RESPONSIBILITY: THE JURISPRUDENCE OF ANTONY DUFF, Rowan Cruft, Matthew Kramer, and Mark Reiff, eds. (Oxford University Press 2011)

Sex Trafficking and Criminalization: In Defense of Feminist Abolitionism

158 University of Pennsylvania Law Review 1729 (2010)

Reprinted (as edited) in FEMINIST JURISPRUDENCE: CASES AND MATERIALS, Cynthia Bowman, Laura Rosenbury, Deborah Tuerkheimer and Kimberly Yuracko (eds.) (West 2010)

Rethinking the Law's Response to Sexual Penetration: On Theory and Context

Book chapter in RETHINKING RAPE LAW: NATIONAL, INTERNATIONAL AND EUROPEAN PERSPECTIVES, Clare McGlynn and Vanessa Munro, eds. (Routledge 2010) (co-authored with Jonathan Herring)

Sharing Reasons for Criminalization? No Thanks... Already Got 'Em!

Comment to Sandra Marshall and R.A. Duff's "Criminalization and Sharing Wrongs", in CRIMINAL LAW CONVERSATIONS, Paul Robinson, Kimberley Ferzan and Stephen Garvey, eds. (Oxford University Press 2009)

The Object of Criminalization

Comment to Larry Alexander and Kimberley Ferzan's "Against Negligence Liability", in CRIMINAL LAW CONVERSATIONS, Paul Robinson, Kimberley Ferzan and Stephen Garvey, eds. (Oxford University Press 2009)

Toward a Feminist State: What Does 'Effective' Prosecution of Domestic Violence Mean?

70 (6) Modern Law Review 908 (2007)

Why Sexual Penetration Requires Justification

27 (3) Oxford Journal of Legal Studies 467 (2007) (co-authored with Jonathan Herring)

U.S. Department of Justice Model State Anti-Trafficking Law: Critique and Revision

Book chapter in PORNOGRAPHY: DRIVING THE DEMAND IN INTERNATIONAL SEX TRAFFICKING (David Guinn (ed.) Captive Daughters Media 2007)

What Counts as Domestic Violence? A Conceptual Analysis

12 (2) William & Mary Journal of Women and the Law 301 (2006)

Rethinking Wolfenden: Prostitute-Use, Criminal Law and Remote Harm

[2005] Criminal Law Review 444-455 (2005)

PUBLICATIONS – REVIEWS AND SERVICE PUBLICATIONS

Review of Michael Zimmerman's THE IMMORALITY OF PUNISHMENT

Law & Philosophy (forthcoming, 2012)

Review of OXFORD HANDBOOK OF THE PHILOSOPHY OF CRIMINAL LAW

[Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews, 30 July 2012](#)

The Boundaries of Criminal Law (Duff, Farmer, Marshall, Tadros eds.) (OUP 2011)

[Criminal Law & Criminal Justice Books, September 2011](#)

Breaking New Ground in International Criminal Law: Book Review of Larry May and Zachery Hoskin's INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL LAW AND PHILOSOPHY

1 (3) Transnational Legal Theory 453 (2010)

Teaching Rape Law: Some Pedagogical Reflections

Verdict (University of Oxford Student Magazine) (July 2008)

Book Review of Victor Tadros' CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY

11 (1) Theoretical Criminology 129 (2007)

The Use of Expert Witness Testimony in the Prosecution of Domestic Violence

(Crown Prosecution Service 2004)

WORKS IN PROGRESS

SEX AND JUSTIFICATION (working title) (Oxford University Press, forthcoming)

Book-in-progress, co-authored with Jonathan Herring.

Response to Commentators

Article-in-progress, replying to comments of scholars regarding my book, PROSECUTING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: A PHILOSOPHICAL ANALYSIS (OUP 2009), to be published in a special volume of Criminal Law & Philosophy (forthcoming, 2012)

The Role of the Public Criminal Prosecutor: A Comparative Analysis

Working paper, analyzing the normative role of the criminal public prosecutor

The Problem(s) of Authority: Diagnosing the Moral Patient

Working paper, arguing that justified authority directives do not entail obligations to obey

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS, CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

Robina Institute of Criminal Law and Criminal Justice (Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA)

Conference on The Presumption of Innocence (May 2012)

Commentator: JaneAnne Murray's "The Presumption of Guilt and its Obligations"

Yale Law School (New Haven, Connecticut, USA)

Invited Participant: U.S. Analytic Legal Philosophy Conference (April 2012)

Rutgers-Camden School of Law (Camden, New Jersey, USA)

Conference on Tadros' THE ENDS OF HARM: THE MORAL FOUNDATIONS OF CRIMINAL LAW (March 2012)

Presenter: "Criminal Law Philosophy: Three Questions"

New York University (New York, New York, USA)

Criminal Law Theory Colloquium (February 2012)

Presenter: "Practical Reason and the Prosecutor's Role"

American Association of Law Schools (Washington, DC, USA)

Presenter: Roundtable on Scott Shapiro's LEGALITY (Harvard 2011) (January 2012)

Rutgers-Camden School of Law (Camden, New Jersey, USA)

Faculty workshop (November 2011)

Presenter: "Vice, Victimless Crimes and the Volenti Maxim"

Villanova University School of Law (Villanova, Pennsylvania, USA)

Conference on the work of John Finnis (September 2011)

Presenter: "On Finnis' Way In"

Rutgers-Newark School of Law (Rutgers, New Jersey, USA)

Conference on Vice Crimes (September 2011)

Presenter: "Vice, Victimless Crimes and the Volenti Maxim"

University of Oxford, Centre for Criminology (Oxford, England)

Faculty workshop (July 2011)

Presenter: "Vice, Victimless Crimes and the Volenti Maxim"

University of San Diego School of Law (San Diego, California, USA)

Invited Participant: U.S. Analytic Legal Philosophy Conference (April 2011)

American Philosophical Association (Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA)

Chair: Section on Law and Philosophy workshop on Scott Shapiro's LEGALITY (April 2011)

University of Minnesota School of Law (Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA)

Invited Participant: Workshop on Criminalization (March 2011)

Northwestern University School of Law (Chicago, Illinois, USA)

Faculty Workshop (January 2011)

Presenter: "Sex Trafficking and Criminalization: In Defense of Feminist Abolitionism"

Matthew J. Ryan Center (Villanova, Pennsylvania, USA)

Ethics and Politics Forum (October 2010)

Presenter: “The Problem(s) of Authority: Diagnosing the Moral Patient”

Queen’s University Faculty of Law (Kingston, Ontario, Canada)

Conference on Criminalization (September 2010)

Presenter: “New Themes and Connections in Criminalization”

Chair: Debate on Criminal Responsibility between Antony Duff and Victor Tadros

New York University School of Law (New York, New York, USA)

Invited Participant: U.S. Analytic Legal Philosophy Conference (April 2010)

Villanova University (Villanova, Pennsylvania, USA)

Catholic Social Teaching and Worker Justice Conference (March 2010)

Keynote Speaker: “Worker Justice and Sex Trafficking: Some Intersections and Tensions”

Loyola University College of Law (Chicago, Illinois, USA)

Faculty Workshop Presenter: “Sex Trafficking and Criminalization: In Defense of Feminist Abolitionism” (March 2010)

University of Pennsylvania Law School (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA)

Law Review Symposium: Trafficking in Sex and Labor: Domestic and International Responses (November 2009)

Presenter: “Sex Trafficking and Criminalization: In Defense of Feminist Abolitionism”

University of Michigan Law School (Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA)

Law & Philosophy Workshop (November 2009)

Presenter: “The Problem(s) of Authority: Diagnosing the Moral Patient”

Rutgers-Newark University School of Law (Newark, New Jersey, USA)

Philosophical Foundations of Criminal Law Workshop (September 2009)

Commentator: Larry Alexander and Kimberley Ferzan’s, “Beyond the Special Part”

Commentator: Victor Tadros’, “Wrongdoing and Motivation”

University of Oxford, Centre for Ethics and Philosophy of Law (Oxford, England)

Markets & Responsibilities Workshop (July 2009)

Convener and Presenter: “Buying Sex vs. Buying Shoes: Demand Dynamics in Trafficking Markets”

King’s College London (London, England)

Invited Participant: U.S. Analytic Legal Philosophy Conference (May 2009)

University of Oxford (Oxford, England)

Law & Philosophy Faculty Workshop (May 2009)

Presenter: “The Problem(s) of Authority: Diagnosing the Moral Patient”

Georgetown University Law Center (Washington DC, USA)

Faculty Workshop (January 2009)

Presenter: “How Consent Works”

University of Oxford (Oxford, England)

Invited Participant: U.K. Analytic Legal Philosophy Conference (September 2008)

University of Warwick (Coventry, England)

Arts & Humanities Research Council Project on Criminalization (July 2008)

Presenter: “The Typical Justification of Criminalization” co-presented with Jonathan Herring

University of Durham, Faculty of Law (Durham, England)

Invited Participant: “Rethinking Rape Law Conference” (July 2008)

U.S. Law and Society Association Conference (Montreal, Canada)

Presenter: “Practical Reason and the Prosecutor’s Role” (May 2008)

Presenter: “Victims and Prosecutions” (June 2008)

Session Chair: “Drugs and Crime” (June 2008)

University of Manchester, Faculty of Philosophy (Manchester, England)

Invited Participant: “Value, Respect, and Wellbeing: Themes from the Work of Joseph Raz” (May 2008)

University of Swansea, Faculty of Law (Swansea, Wales)

Faculty Workshop (November 2007)

Presenter: “What Justifies Sexual Penetration?” co-presented with Jonathan Herring

University of Oxford, Faculty of Law (Oxford, England)

Jurisprudence Discussion Group

Presenter: “Reasons for Prosecutors” (January 2007)

British Academy (London, England)

Session Chair: Doug Husak’s “Why Criminal Law? A Question of Content” (January 2007)

University of Kent and Westminster University (London, England)

Presenter: “Toward a Feminist State: Effective Prosecution of Domestic Violence” (January 2007)

University of Warsaw (Warsaw, Poland)

Workshop Member: “Democratic Criminal Justice” (October 2006)

University of Oxford, Centre for Ethics and Philosophy of Law Workshop (Oxford, England)

Terrorism Workshop (June 2006)

Discussant: Tony Coady’s “Justifying Terrorism”

University College London, Faculty of Law and Faculty of Philosophy (London, England)

Legal and Political Philosophy Seminar (April 2006)

Presenter: “Prosecutorial Discretion and Value” (April 2006)

University of Edinburgh Rape Reform Workshop (Edinburgh, Scotland)

Commentator: Jenny McEwen’s “Defeat of the Rape Shield” (April 2006)

U.S. Law and Society Annual Conference (Las Vegas, Nevada, USA)

Presenter: “What Counts as Domestic Violence? A Conceptual Analysis” (June 2005)

OTHER SELECTED PRESENTATIONS AND TESTIMONY

Philadelphia Bar Association’s Chancellor’s Forum (Philadelphia, PA, USA)

Presenter: “The Arrest of Dominique Strauss-Kahn: A Comparative Study of French and U.S. Law and the Media” (March 2012)

United States Senate (Washington, DC, USA)

Witness: Hearing convened by the Senate Sub-Committee on Crime and Drugs on “The Chronic Failure to Report and Investigate Rape in the U.S.” (September 2010)

Pornography and Demand in International Sex Trafficking (Chicago, Illinois, USA)

Presenter: "U.S. Department of Justice Model State Anti-Trafficking Statute: Critique and Revision" (March 2005)

Domestic Violence: New Initiatives in the Criminal Justice System (London, England)

Presenter: "The Use of Expert Witness Testimony in the Prosecution of Domestic Violence" (March 2004)

Co-presenters included, inter alia, Lord Falconer (Secretary of State for Constitutional Affairs and Lord Chancellor), Ken MacDonald (Director of Public Prosecutions), and Harriet Harman (Solicitor General). Conference was co-sponsored by the Crown Prosecution Service, the Department for Constitutional Affairs, and the Criminal Justice System's Race Unit.

ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATION SERVICE

Villanova University School of Law (Villanova, Pennsylvania, USA)

Faculty Appointments Committee (2010-Present)

Curriculum Committee (2009-Present) - Co-Chair (2011-Present)

Library Director Search Committee (2011)

Self-Study Accreditation Committee (2010-2011)

University of Oxford Faculty of Law (Oxford, England)

Governing Body Member, Worcester College (2005-2009)

Scholarships and Grants Committee, Worcester College (2006-2009) – Chair (2008-2009)

Admissions Committee, Worcester College (2005-2009)

Moral Tutor Committee, Worcester College (2005-2009)

PEER REVIEWS

Oxford University Press

Routledge Press

Oxford Journal of Legal Studies

Criminal Law & Philosophy

Modern Law Review

International Journal of Human Rights

Law and Social Inquiry

Global Crime

Criminal Justice: The International Journal of Policy and Practice

Res Publica

Law and Philosophy

Theoretical Criminology

International Journal of Law, Policy and the Family

Australian and New Zealand Journal of Criminology

Feminist Criminology

Law Text Culture

Journal of Social Welfare and Family Law

EDITORIAL BOARD MEMBERSHIPS

Criminal Law & Philosophy (Springer Publications) (2009-Present)

Oxford Dictionary of Law - Contributing Editor (2006)

University of Oxford Commonwealth Law Journal (2003-2004)

DOCTORAL EXAMINATIONS

University of Melbourne, External Examiner of Natasha Ann Rave, “Prostitution in the Community: The Challenge of Legalised Prostitution in Australia” (Ph.D., 2012)

University of Oxford, External Examiner of Sarah Steele, “Securitization and Construction of Masculinities in US Anti-Trafficking Policy 1999-2011” (D.Phil/Ph.D., 2011)

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

Law Offices of Paul B. Episcopo, Ltd. (Chicago, Illinois, USA)

1999-2002

Civil Trial Lawyer

Specialized in medical negligence and wrongful death litigation in one of Chicago’s premiere personal injury law firms. Obtained record-setting jury verdict of \$10.62 million in medical malpractice trial and \$3.5 million jury verdict in wrongful death case involving shooting death of victim by Chicago Police officers. Managed trials and settlement awards in excess of \$35 million.

First Health Group Corp. (Downers Grove, Illinois, USA)

1998-1999

In-House Litigation Attorney

Managed federal and state litigation as in-house assistant litigation counsel, on behalf of multi-national managed health care and employee benefit corporation. Responsibilities included supervision of outside counsel in on-going litigation and internal policy and procedure development/implementation for purpose of risk avoidance and management. Areas of responsibility included employment discrimination prevention and response, FMLA compliance, vendor and real estate contract disputes, managed health care plan document interpretation, stop-loss umbrella insurance reporting systems, ERISA compliance, and state managed-care statutory requirement compliance.

Champaign County State’s Attorney’s Office (Urbana, Illinois, USA)

1996-1998

Supervising Prosecutor, Domestic Violence Unit

Served as lead prosecutor in hundreds of domestic violence prosecutions. First-chaired approximately thirty domestic battery jury trials and hundreds of bench trials and hearings. Developed and established venue’s first policies and procedures for the specialized management of domestic violence cases, enabling prosecutions to proceed without reliance upon victims’ testimony or cooperation at trial. Increased conviction rate in domestic violence cases by over 200%. Trained one-hundred-thirty law enforcement officers in the collection of evidence in domestic violence cases.

SELECTED EXTERNAL PROJECTS

Robina Institute of Criminal Law & Criminal Justice (Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA)

2011-Present

Co-coordinator of Criminal Law Theory Programs

United Nations Special Rapporteur on Trafficking (London, England)

2004-2006

Legal Consultant to Special Rapporteur

Coalition Against Trafficking in Women (Washington DC, USA) Legal and Policy Consultant	2003-2006
Crown Prosecution Service Headquarters (London and York, England) Legal and Policy Consultant – Expert Witness	2003-2004
United Nations Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime (Vienna, Austria) Lobbyist, Policy Attorney	2000
Governor’s Commission on the Status of Women in Illinois (Chicago, Illinois) Violence Reduction Working Group Member	1999-2002
Domestic Violence and Sex Assault Prosecution Training Committee (Illinois, USA) Coordinator	2000 – 2002

GRANTS

Hulme University Fund £5000 grant awarded for pilot research project entitled, “Government Responses to Trafficked Women: Punishing the Victim?” Funded empirical research consisting of interviews with sex trafficking victims in London and Birmingham regarding their experiences with government intervention in trafficking cases. Project team includes Dr. Mary Bosworth and Dr. Carolyn Hoyle of the University of Oxford Centre for Criminology.	2008
US Department of Justice Violence Against Women Act \$200,000 grant awarded for establishment of Champaign County, Illinois Domestic Violence Prosecution Unit, training of local police and probation officers and 911 emergency response operators, and equipment for the documentation of evidence in domestic violence cases. Implemented and managed grant program which enabled successful prosecution of such cases despite victims’ recantation and/or refusal to testify.	1997

HONORARY DEGREES AND AWARDS

University of Oxford Master of Arts, 2005	
UK Society of Legal Scholars Peter Birks’ Prize for Outstanding Legal Scholarship (2 nd Place), 2009 Awarded for PROSECUTING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: A PHILOSOPHICAL ANALYSIS (OUP 2009)	
Soroptomist International of the Americas (Chicago Chapter, USA) Woman of Distinction Award, 2003	

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Robina Institute of Criminal Law & Criminal Justice	2011-Present
Criminal Law & Criminal Justice Books, Advisory Board	2011-Present
AALS Jurisprudence Section Executive Committee	2011-Present
AALS Scholarship Section Executive Committee	2010-Present; Secretary 2011-Present
American Philosophical Association	(2004-2006) 2010-Present
American Bar Association	2009-Present

US Law and Society Association	2005- 2010
UK Society of Legal Scholars	2006-2010
Legal Theory UK: IVR-UK (Executive Committee Member)	2005-2008
British Institute of International and Comparative Law	2003
American Trial Lawyers' Association	2001–2002
Illinois Trial Lawyers' Association	2000–2002

BAR ADMISSIONS

State of Illinois	1996-Present
United States District Court of Northern Illinois	1996-Present
Trial Bar of the United States District Court Northern District of Illinois	2000-Present

MEDIA COMMENTARY

“Jaycee Dugard Lawsuit Seen as a Longshot: What Can it Accomplish?” Christian Science Monitor (September 23, 2011)

“Justice for Rape Victims is Hard to Find” Corpus Christi Caller (July 16, 2011)

“Jaycee Dugard Case: Surprise 'Not Guilty' Plea Hints at Delay Tactics Ahead” Christian Science Monitor (April 8, 2011)

“Defending Jared Lee Loughner: Will An Insanity Plea Work?” Christian Science Monitor (January 21, 2011)

“Decision Not to Charge Former DA is Backed by Legal Scholars” Bucks County Courier Times (December 26, 2010)

“Is Rape a Crime without Consequence?” www.thecrimereport.com (November 9, 2010)

“Victims' Testimony at Congressional Hearing Show ‘Chronic Failure’ in Rape Investigations” Philadelphia Inquirer (September 15, 2010)

“Rape Remains Underprosecuted in the US” Financial Express (September 15, 2010)

“Rape Remains Underreported, Underprosecuted in US” Agence France-Presse (AFP) (September 14, 2010) (also reported by www.expressindia.com and www.indiareport.com)

“Testimony before Senate Panel calls for More Oversight of Crime Stats, Broader Definition of Rape” Baltimore Sun (Justin Fenton, Sept. 14, 2010)

“Rape Reports, Investigations Subject of Senate Hearing” at www.womenspolicy.org (Sept, 14, 2010)