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Education

Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey

Dissertation entitled: "The Criminalization of Pregnancy: Rights, Discretion, and the Law"

Ph.D. in Political Science, October 2017

Major: Women and Politics, Minor: Public Law

Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, Virginia

B.A. Political Science, December 2009

Minors in Women's Studies, Anthropology, and Spanish

Publications

Books

The Gender of Crime, 2nd ed. with Dana Britton and Shannon Jacobsen, Rowman & Littlefield, 2017.

Articles

"Informed or Misinformed Consent?: Abortion Policy in the States," co-authored with Cynthia Daniels, Janna Ferguson, and Amanda Roberti in *Journal of Health Politics Policy and Law*, Vol. 41, No. 2, 2016.

"The Limits of Pure White: Raced Reproduction in the Methamphetamine Crisis," in *Women's Rights Law Reporter*, Vol. 35, No. 3, 2015.

Book Chapters

"Illegitimate Appetites: Michelle Obama's Anti-Obesity Campaign as Sexual Regulation," in *Black Women in Politics*, edited by Nikol Alexander-Floyd and Julia Jordan-Zachery, SUNY Press, 2018.

"Joann Heffernan Heisen: Enabling Women's Leadership at Johnson & Johnson" with Dana Britton in *Women's Leadership in Business*, Rutgers University Press, 2016.

“Subha Barry: Changing the Cultural DNA at Merrill Lynch,” with Dana Britton in *Women’s Leadership in Business*, Rutgers University Press, 2016.

Book Reviews

Giving Up Baby: Safe Haven Laws, Motherhood, and Reproductive Justice by Laury Oaks in *Journal of Women, Politics & Policy*, 2016.

Honors and Awards

- **Council of Graduate Schools/ProQuest Distinguished Dissertation Award**, Rutgers University Social Sciences Nominee, 2018
- **American Association of University Women American Fellowship**, 2016-2017
- **Excellence Fellowship**, Political Science, Rutgers University, Academic Years 2011-2013

Grants and Assistantships

- Travel Grant, Scholars Strategy Network, Abortion Research Accelerator Workshop, September 2018
- Travel Grant, Scholars Strategy Network, Abortion Research Incubator Workshop, June 2018
- College of Liberal Arts Faculty Development Grant, Spring 2018
- Liberal Arts Research Grant, University of Southern Indiana, Fall 2017, Spring 2018
- Travel Grant, Reproductive Care Workshop, Rutgers University, November 2017
- Research and Professionalization Grant, Rutgers University, School of Arts and Sciences, August 2017, June 2016, August 2015
- Stanley H. and Claire A. Friedelbaum Graduate Student Dissertation Fund Award, 2015, 2016
- Travel Grant, Rutgers University, School of Arts and Sciences, August 2015, January 2015, August 2016, January 2017
- Rutgers Center for Race and Ethnicity, Graduate Assistantship, Academic Years 2014-2016
- Rutgers Teaching Assistantship, 2013-2014
- Travel Grant, University of Edinburgh, November 2013

Select Conference Presentations and Invited Lectures

“**Of and Above the Law: Discretion in Testing and Reporting Pregnant Drug Users,**” presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, November 2018.

“Pregnancy and the Opioid Crisis,” presented at the annual meeting of Healthy and Free Tennessee, October 2018.

“Of and Above the Law,” presented at the Law and Society Association Meeting, June 2018.

“Criminalization of Pregnancy,” presented at the University of Kentucky Sexual and Reproductive Health Symposium, February 2018.

“A Problem that Needs a Scalpel, and all I’ve got is a machete: Pregnancy, Drugs, and the Limits of Law,” presented at the USI Liberal Arts Colloquium Series, January 2018.

“Rights Subtracted When the Pregnancy Test Reads Plus: Pregnancy Exceptionalism and the Law,” presented at the Law and Society Association Meeting, June 2017.

“‘A Problem that Needs a Scalpel, and all I’ve got is a Machete’: Prosecutorial Innovation and the Criminalization of Pregnancy,” presented at the Biannual European Conference on Politics and Gender, June 2017.

“Reproductive Crimes and the Relevance of Law,” presented at the American Political Science Association Meeting, September 2016.

“Abortion and Informed Consent?” presented for the Texas State Legislature Women’s Health Caucus, April 2016.

“Abortion and Informed Consent?” presented at the University of Texas-- Austin, April 2016.

“A National Survey of Pregnancy-Related Crime Law in the States,” presented at the Mid-Atlantic Law and Society Meeting, October 2015.

“The Prosecution of Pregnant Women: Protectionism, Personhood, and the Good Birth,” presented at the Biannual European Conference on Politics and Gender, June 2015.

“Not Just A Southern Thing: Race, Criminalization of Pregnancy and the Constitution,” presented at the annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association Meeting, April 2015.

“Marrying Hoggan and Finch: Longing for an Intersectional Approach to Reproduction at the First Universal Races Congress,” Presented at the

Conference on the Universal Races Congress of 1911, Utopian Internationalism at the Dawn of a Bloody Century, April 2015.

“Who Is Fit to Breed? Criminalized Gestation and Racialized Drug Panic,”
Presented at the 4th Biennial Interdisciplinary conference on Race, the Criminalization of Race in History and Global Societies: Social Activism and Equal Justice, April 2015.

“Informed or Misinformed Consent? Abortion Politics in the States,” presented at the annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association Meeting, April 2015.

“Not Just A Southern Thing: Racialized Criminalization of Pregnancy,” presented at the Southern Political Science Association Meeting, January 2015.

“The Limits of Pure White: Raced Reproduction and the Methamphetamine Crisis,” presented at the Moral Panic and the State conference, Cardiff University, November 2013.

“When the Crime is Birth: Meth Babies and the Limits of Pure White,” presented at the Beyond Roe: Reproductive Justice in a Changing World conference, October 2013.

Teaching Experience

- Law and Politics
- Gender, Public Policy, and Law
- Gender and Crime
- Politics of Criminal Justice
- Perspectives on Gender
- Violence Against Women
- The Body in Art and Culture
- Introduction to Gender Studies
- Politics of Reproduction

Service

- Co-Director of the Rutgers University Informed Consent Project, ongoing
- Safe Zone LGBTQ+ Training Committee, edited and updated training materials, organized and facilitated trainings, ongoing
- Africana Studies Advisory Committee, member, ongoing
- Gender Studies Advisory Committee, member, ongoing
- Equity Diversity and Inclusion Committee, member, ongoing

- Sexuality and Gender Alliance Student Organization, faculty advisor, ongoing
- Nelson Mandela Social Justice Commemoration Committee, member
- Gender Studies Major Exploratory Committee, member
- Exploratory Committee for Africana Studies Minor, 2017-2018
- Performed in, provided costuming for, and helped to organize the University of Southern Indiana Vagina Monologues, 2018
- Consulting for the Center for Reproductive Rights, a reproductive law advocacy organization, on the results of evaluation of state-mandated informed consent materials. Ongoing
- Consulting for The Lawyering Project, a reproductive law advocacy organization, on the results of evaluation of state-mandated informed consent materials. Ongoing.