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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

UNIVERSITY OF DENVER
STURM COLLEGE OF LAW
Professor of Law, 2016 – present
Associate Professor of Law (with tenure), 2010 – 2015
Assistant Professor of Law, 2004 – 2009
Ronald V. Yegge Clinical Director, July 2018 – July 2020
Courses: Civil Litigation Clinic; Advanced Civil Litigation Clinic (J.D. program)
Clinical Pedagogy; Scholarship; Supervision (LL.M. program)

Denver, Colorado

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CLINIC
Teaching Fellow, Women's Law and Public Policy Fellow
August 2002-July 2004
Course: Domestic Violence Clinic

Washington, D.C.

EDUCATION

Georgetown University Law Center, LL.M., Advocacy, May 2004

Northeastern University School of Law, J.D., May 1996

Occidental College, B.A., Psychology, *cum laude*, Honors Thesis, June 1991

PUBLICATIONS

The History of the Power and Control Wheel, SAGE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF CRIMINAL AND GENDER VIOLENCE (2026)

Uncharted Violence: Reclaiming Structural Causes in the Power and Control Wheel, 55 AZ. ST. L. J. 561 (2023)

Turning the Tables: How the Accused Deny, Attack, and Reverse, 38 WIS. J. L. GENDER & SOC'Y 64 (2023) (with Ailyn Aguilar Quinonez)

Direct Action versus Legal Action, in LOOKING FOR JUSTICE, THE FIGHT AGAINST WAGE THEFT IN AN AMERICAN CITY, REBECCA GALEMBA, ED. (STANFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS, 2023)

Criminalization as a Solution to Abuse, in CARCERAL LOGICS, LORI GRUEN & JUSTIN MARCEAU, EDS. (CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY PRESS, 2022)

Reviving “Part Two” of the Power & Control Wheel, 27 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REP. 17 (2022) (with Jennifer Eyl)

Intimate Partner Violence Through the Eyes of the “Dependent” Military Spouse, 100 OREGON L. REV. 1 (2021) (with Alexander Franklin)

Not All Violence in Relationships is “Domestic Violence,” 86 BROOK. L. REV. 43 (2020)

Intimate Partner Violence & Men’s Professional Sports: Advancing the Ball, 21 D.U. SPORTS & ENT. L.J. 27 (2018) (with Chelsea Augelli)

Missing the Value of Clinical Legal Education, 92 DENV. U.L. REV. Online 189 (2015)

Love Matters, 56 AZ. L. REV. 977 (2014)

The “M” Word, 43 HOFSTRA L. REV. 325 (2014)

“Stuck” on Love, 91 DENV. U. L. REV. 171 (2013)

Recognizing the Right to Petition for Victims of Domestic Violence, 81 FORDHAM L. REV. 837 (2012)

Public Problems and Private Lives: Applying Relational Contract Theory to Domestic Violence Cases, 2010 B.Y.U. L. REV. 515

Analyzing the Impact of Coercion on Domestic Violence Victims: How Much Is Too Much?, 22 BERKELEY J. GENDER L. & JUST. 2 (2007)

“No-Drop” Civil Protection Orders: Exploring the Bounds of Judicial Intervention in the Lives of Domestic Violence Victims, 16 U.C.L.A. WOMEN’S LAW J. 39 (2007)

Civil Legal Options for Victims of Stalking, in STALKING: PSYCHOLOGY, RISK FACTORS, INTERVENTIONS, AND LAW, MARY P. BREWSTER, ED. (2003)

Custody and Visitation: Considerations for Every Attorney Retained by a Survivor of Domestic Violence, 36 CLEARINGHOUSE REV. 529 (2003)

Protecting Victims of Violence through Housing Legislation, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REP. 17 (2003) (with Erica Smock)

Addressing Stalking at Work: What Women and Advocates Can Do, 7 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REP. 33 (2002)

Federal Laws on Domestic Violence and Stalking Affect Oregon Practice, OREGON STATE BAR J. (Winter 1998) (with Hon. Maureen McKnight)

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

LEGAL AID SERVICES OF OREGON Hillsboro, Oregon
Staff Attorney. Represented victims of domestic violence in contested domestic relations, immigration, welfare, civil rights and protective order cases. Testified at state legislature. Trained judges and attorneys on domestic violence issues. Created video and written resources for *pro se* litigants. Member of statewide advisory committee to disseminate state and federal funds to domestic violence programs. (March 1996-November 2001)

OREGON COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE Portland, Oregon
Legal Intern. Directly represented victims of domestic violence in contested protective order cases; updated materials to be distributed statewide regarding protective order process. (September 1995-November 1995)

NORTHWEST WOMEN'S LAW CENTER Seattle, Washington
Law Clerk. Drafted memoranda on behalf of women prisoners in Alaska. Drafted affidavits for sex industry workers who were abused by police. Researched and wrote about domestic violence and legal strategies for battered women. Coordinated lobbying network for political activists in Pacific Northwest. (March 1995-May 1995)

CENTER FOR REPRODUCTIVE LAW & POLICY New York, New York
Law Clerk. Researched state statutes regarding the use of experimental drugs as abortifacients; drafted a reply brief in a clinic access case. (September 1994-November 1994)

REPRESENTATIONAL ACADEMIC SERVICE

Appointments Committee *Co-chair* 2020-21; *Chair* 2018-19 and 2012-13
Evaluation and Compensation Committee, *Co-chair* 2019-20
Promotion and Tenure Committee, *Chair* 2016-17, 2012-13, 2011-12
Faculty Senate, *Member* 2010-2012

AWARDS

Nomination for Task Force of the Year, Children's Task Force, Colorado Lawyers Committee, 2026

Excellence in Civil Legal Representation, Rocky Mountain Victim Law Center, 2022

Pro Bono All-Star 2021, Denver Bar Association, 2021

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Shaping Students' Critical Thinking: Integrating Frames for Critical Inquiry into Clinical Spaces, AALS Annual Clinical Law Conference (with Rachel Camp) (May 3, 2026 Portland, Oregon)

Uncharted Violence: Reclaiming Structural Causes in the Power and Control Wheel, Paper Presentation, Denver Domestic Violence Collaborative (November 20, 2025)

Uncharted Violence: Reclaiming Structural Causes in the Power and Control Wheel, Paper Presentation, XX ISA World Conference of Sociology (July 1, 2024 Melbourne, Australia)

A Pandemic "Black Box" on Abuse in Later Life and the Courts, National Judicial Institute on Domestic Violence (presentation with Hon. Marshall Murray) (December 12, 2022)

What is Domestic Violence Really? Rocky Mountain Children's Law Center Training for Pro Bono Guardians Ad Litem (with Amy Pohl, Project Safeguard) (November 8, 2022 Denver CO)

Reclaiming Structural Causes of Battering in the Power and Control Wheel, Paper Presentation, U.C. Irvine School of Law (October 14, 2022 Irvine CA) [Video Recording Here](#)

Reclaiming Structural Causes of Battering in the Power and Control Wheel, NYU Clinical Legal Writers' Workshop (October 8, 2022 New York NY)

Credibility Discounting and Family Courts, Morning Presentation/Afternoon Panel, 2022 Colorado Judicial Conference (September 11, 2022 Vail CO)

Institutional and Cultural Power and Control, Work in Progress, Law and Society Global Conference (with Leigh Goodmark) (July 14, 2022 Lisbon Portugal)

Beyond the Paper: Enhancing Access to the Civil Protection Order System, National Council for Juvenile and Family Court Judges (presentation for advocates and attorneys in North Dakota, with Jennifer Arsenian and Hon. Rosemary Collins) (June 23, 2022)

Comings and Goings: An Exercise in Understanding Victim Decision-making, Rocky Mountain Children's Law Center Training for Pro Bono Guardians Ad Litem (with Amy Pohl, Legal Director of Project Safeguard) (June 16, 2022 Denver CO)

Re-instilling Wonder: Developing Our Students' Capacity for Curiosity, AALS Annual Clinical Law Conference (with Laurie Kohn and Rachel Camp) (May 11, 2022)

Structural Facets of Intimate Partner Violence, Guest Lecturer for Prof. Linda McClain Family Law (March 22, 2022 Boston University School of Law)

Intimate Partner Violence Through the Eyes of the "Dependent" Military Spouse, U.C. Irvine School of Law (with Alexander Franklin, co-author) (March 9, 2022 Irvine CA)

What is Domestic Violence Really? Rocky Mountain Children's Law Center Training for Pro Bono Guardians Ad Litem (with Amy Pohl, Legal Director of Project Safeguard) (October 28, 2021 Denver CO)

Expanding Renters' Rights in Colorado Under SB-173, Lunchtime Panel (with Rep. Gonzales-Gutierrez and Colorado's Covid19 Eviction Defense Project) (October 25, 2021 Denver, CO)

Economic Justice and Intimate Partner Violence: Providing Representation in Replevin to Advance Safety (CLE for Faculty of Federal Advocates) (September 29, 2021 Denver CO)

Colorado Rules of Evidence and Civil Procedure, Guest-lecturer Civil Litigation Practice Seminar, Colorado Law (September 1, 2021 Boulder CO)

Inclusiveness and Professionalism Case Study, Co-panelist, First Year Orientation, Sturm College of Law (August 8, 2021 Denver CO)

The #FreeBritneyMovement: When Conservatorships Turn Toxic, University of Denver RadioEd [Podcast](#) (July 6, 2021)

Rocky Mountain Children's Law Center, *Intimate Partner Violence in the Context of GAL Cases* (March 30, 2021 Denver CO)

Project Safeguard Advocates' Meeting, *The Role of the Civil Litigation Clinic in the Community* (December 1, 2020 Denver CO)

New York University Clinical Writers' Workshop, *The Value of Vulnerability* (October 3, 2020 New York City)

Continuing Legal Education for Guardians ad Litem, *Understanding the Effects of Intimate Partner Violence on Children* (September 11, 2020 Denver CO)

Rocky Mountain Children's Law Center, *Intimate Partner Violence in the Context of GAL Cases* (June 13, 2020 Denver CO)

Colorado Women's Bar Association, *Intimate Partner Violence* (February 14, 2020 Denver CO)

DU Law, Workshop Panelist, *Against Cages and Carceral Logics* (November 21, 2019)

Colorado Trial Lawyers' Association, *Civil Justice for Victims of Sexual Harassment and Assault in the #MeToo Era* (September 13, 2019 Denver CO)

National Judicial Institute on Domestic Violence, Faculty, *Continuing Judicial Skills in Civil Protection Order Cases* (August 22-23, 2019 Denver CO)

Domestic Violence and Sex Offender Management Boards' Annual Conference, *Roundtable: Civil Court Domestic Violence Offender Evaluation and Treatment Orders* (July 10, 2019 Breckenridge CO)

En Banc with Denver County Court Judges, *Domestic Violence Training*, co-presenter Judge Chelsea Malone (June 14, 2019 Denver CO)

American Association of Law Schools, Clinical Legal Education Annual Conference,

“Lying” Clients and the Students Who Represent Them, Helping Students Understand Why Clients May Mislead, Provide Mistruths or Otherwise Fabricate, co-presenters Rachel Camp and Laurie Kohn (May 6, 2019 San Francisco CA)

Pedagogy Workshop for DU and CU Clinicians, *Clinical Supervision Rounds*, with Prof. Deborah Epstein (April 9, 2019 Denver CO)

DU Sturm College of Law, Work in Progress, *Social Constructions of Domestic Violence and Domestic Violence Victimhood* (January 31, 2019 Denver CO)

Domestic Violence Offender Management Board Meeting, Work in Progress, *Social Constructions of Domestic Violence* (January 11, 2019 Lakewood CO)

New York University Clinical Writers’ Workshop, *Domestic Violence Victimhood* (September 16, 2018 New York City)

DU Sturm College of Law, Informal Work in Progress, *Social Constructions of Domestic Violence and Domestic Violence Victimhood* (July 17, 2018 Denver CO)

Colorado Action in Advocacy Conference, *Confronting Tensions Between State Involvement in Domestic Violence Cases & Survivor Autonomy*, co-presenters Amy Miller, Executive Director, Colorado Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Jennifer Eyl, Domestic Violence Program Director, Rocky Mountain Children’s Law Center (June 4, 2018 Vail CO)

DU Grand Challenges Forum, *Addressing Violence* (May 14, 2018 Denver CO)

Continuing Legal Education for Guardians ad Litem, *Understanding the Effects of Intimate Partner Violence on Children*, (May 10, 2018 Denver CO)

AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education, *Pursuing Accountability for Perpetrators of Intimate Partner Violence*, Discussant (May 2, 2018 Chicago IL)

Colorado Women’s Bar Association, *Intimate Partner Violence* (February 16, 2018 Denver CO)

National Judicial Institute on Domestic Violence, Faculty, *Continuing Judicial Skills in Family Law Cases* (January 26-27, 2018 Denver CO)

Colorado Organization for Victim Assistance, *Confronting Tensions Between State Involvement in Domestic Violence Cases & Survivor Autonomy*, co-presenter Amy Miller, Executive Director, Colorado Coalition Against Domestic Violence (October 23, 2017 Keystone CO)

National Judicial Institute on Domestic Violence, Faculty, *Continuing Judicial Skills in Civil Protection Order Cases* (September 28-29, 2017 Boise ID)

Colorado Action in Advocacy Conference, *Jurisdictional Issues in Domestic Violence Cases*, co-presenter Jennifer Eyl, Domestic Violence Program Director, Rocky Mountain Children's Law Center (June 27, 2017 Vail CO)

8th Annual Southern Colorado Domestic Violence Symposium, *Avoiding Re-Victimization in the Courtroom*, co-presenters Honorable Theresa Spahn, Chief Judge, Denver County Court and Jennifer Eyl, Rocky Mountain Children's Law Center (October 6, 2016 Pueblo CO)

Colorado Organization for Victim Assistance, *Economic Justice for Survivors of Domestic Violence*, co-presenter Jennifer Wadhwa, Clinical Teaching Fellow University of Denver Sturm College of Law (October 2016 Keystone CO)

New York University Clinical Writers' Workshop, *Domestic Violence in Men's Professional Sports* (September 5, 2016 New York City)

National Judicial Institute on Domestic Violence, Faculty: *Enhancing Judicial Skills in Domestic Violence Cases* (August 21-26, 2015 Atlanta GA)

Center for Survivor Agency and Justice Webinar, *Building Partnerships for Economic Justice* (June 25, 2015)

Colorado Action in Advocacy Conference, *Victim, Parent, Protector: The Three Worlds of Civil Legal Services* (June 15, 2015 Vail CO)

AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education, *Collaboration: Unpacking the "old Normal" in Light of the New Normal* (May 6, 2015 Palm Desert CA)

BOARD MEMBERSHIPS

Project Safeguard, Denver CO (May 2019 – April 2020)

Center for Survivor Agency and Justice, Washington D.C. (2012 – 2016)

BAR MEMBERSHIPS

Colorado, 2004

Oregon, 1996 (Inactive Status)