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EMPLOYMENT/APPOINTMENTS

University of Illinois Springfield **2010-present**

Associate Professor. Chair, Department of Legal Studies (2015-present)

Staff Attorney, Illinois Innocence Project, Center for State Policy and Leadership (2012-present)

Northern Illinois University College of Law **2010-2015**

Adjunct Professor, "Illinois Innocence Project" Externship 2012-2015

Adjunct Professor, "Domestic Abuse" Externship 2010

Northern Illinois University **2008-2010**

Visiting Assistant Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice, Department of Sociology

University of Wisconsin Law School **2005-2008**

J. Willard Hurst Fellow in Legal History, Institute for Legal Studies

Adjunct Professor, US Women's Legal History

Berkowitz, Brady & Backus, P.C. (Denver, Colorado) **1990**

Associate and Prosecuting Attorney, City of Littleton, Colorado

Arapahoe District Attorney's Office (Englewood, Colorado) **1986-1990**

Deputy District Attorney

Supervisor, Aurora Office, County Court, 1987

Englewood, Juvenile Court, 1988

Douglas and Elbert County, County and District Court, 1989

Englewood, District Court, 1990

EDUCATION

University of Illinois Chicago

Ph.D., History, 2004

M.A., Criminal Justice, 1993

Graduate Concentration in Women Studies, 1993

University of Denver College of Law

J.D., 1986

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

B.A., English and Political Science, 1983

LICENSURE

Admitted to practice law in Colorado, 1986

Admitted to practice law in Illinois, 1991

FELLOWSHIPS

Visiting Fellow, Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, University of London, U.K., January-April, 2017

Interdisciplinary Summer Workshop for Junior Faculty, “Assessing the US Constitution: Twenty-first-Century Responses to Eighteenth-Century Assumptions,” Institute for Constitutional History and the Stanford Constitutional Law Center, July 2012

Dean’s Scholar Award, University of Illinois Chicago, 2000-2002

J. Willard Hurst Legal History Institute, American Society for Legal History, June 2001

American Dissertation Fellowship, American Association of University Women Educational Foundation, 2000-2001

University Fellowship, University of Illinois Chicago, 1995-1996

PUBLICATIONS

Book Chapters/Articles

“‘After Mature Deliberation’: Women Lawyers’ Infiltration of the 1893 World Columbian Exposition,” in *WOMAN IN INTERNATIONAL AND UNIVERSAL EXHIBITIONS 1876-1937*, Myriam Boussahba-Bravard and Rebecca Rogers, eds. (London: Routledge, *forthcoming 2018*).

“A Woman of Strange, Unfathomable Presence”: Ida Platt’s Lived Experience of Race, Gender, and Law, 1863-1939,” in *CULTURE – IDENTITY – LEGAL INSTRUMENTALISM*, Anna Klimaszewska and Michal Galedek, eds. (Gdansk, Poland: Gdansk University Press, *forthcoming 2018*).

“‘Trying to bail the ocean with a sieve’: Women Lawyers and the Fight between the ERA and the Sex Disqualification Removal Amendment, 1939-1957,” *Frontiers: A Journal of Women’s Studies*, *forthcoming 2017*.

“Contemporary Perspectives on Wrongful Conviction: An Introduction to the 2016 Innocence Network Conference, San Antonio, Texas,” *Hofstra Law Review* 45, no. 2 (Winter 2016): 365 (co-authored with Aliza B. Kaplan, Valena Beety, and Keith A. Findley).

“How the Feminine Mystique Played in Peoria: Who is Betty Friedan?” *History of Women in the Americas* 3 (2015) <http://journals.sas.ac.uk/hwa/issue/>.

“Radical Women and the Development of Legal Aid Societies in Chicago and Los Angeles, 1886-1914,” *The Journal of Gender, Race and Justice* 18, no. 1 (March, 2015): 65.

“How 30 Women Changed the Course of the Nation’s Legal and Social History: Commemorating the First National Meeting of Women Lawyers in America,” *The Circuit Rider* (November, 2013): 23.

“Engendering the History of Race and International Relations: The Career of Edith Sampson, 1927-1978,” *Chicago-Kent Law Review* 87, no. 2 (2012): 521.

“‘Them Law Wimmin’: Grassroots Lawyering and the Protective Agency for Women and Children,” in *FEMINIST LEGAL HISTORY: RECOVERING THE PAST, RECLAIMING THE FUTURE*, Tracy Thomas and TJ Boisseau, eds. (New York: New York University Press, 2011).

“‘Horror of a Woman’: Myra Bradwell, the Fourteenth Amendment, and the Gendered Origins of Sociological Jurisprudence” in *INFINITE HOPE AND FINITE DISAPPOINTMENT: THE STORY OF THE FIRST INTERPRETERS OF THE FOURTEENTH AMENDMENT*, Elizabeth Reilly, ed. (Akron: University of Akron Press, 2011).

First published in *Akron Law Review* 42, no. 4 (2009): 1201.

“Agents of Incremental Change: From Myra Bradwell to Hillary Clinton” *Nevada Law Journal* 9, no. 3 (Spring 2009): 580.

“No One May Complain: Experiences, Perceptions and Responses of Prosecutors to Sexism in the Legal System,” *Texas Journal of Women and the Law* 4 (Summer 1995): 189.

Edited Books

A Noble Social Experiment? The First 100 Years of the Cook County Juvenile Court, 1899-1999, (Chicago: The Chicago Bar Association, 1999) 106 pp.

Bar None: 125 Year of Women Lawyers in Illinois, (Chicago: The Chicago Bar Association Alliance for Women, 1998) 74 pp.

Book Reviews

Jill Norgen, *Rebels at the Bar: The Fascinating, Forgotten Stories of America’s First Women Lawyers* (New York: New York University Press, 2013) in *Women’s History Review*, published online 24 June 2014.

Cheryl D. Hicks, *Talk with You like a Woman: African American Women, Justice, and Reform in New York, 1890-1935* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2010) *Law and History Review* 30, no. 1 (February 2012): 285.

Virginia G. Drachman, *Sisters in Law: Women Lawyers in Modern American History* (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1998) in *The American Journal of Legal History* 44 (2000): 298.

Encyclopedia Entries

“Bradwell v. Illinois” in *Encyclopedia of the Supreme Court of the United States*, David S. Tanenhaus, editor (New York: Macmillan Reference, 2008).

“Adair v. United States,” “Clayton Anti-Trust Act,” “Commonwealth v. Hunt,” “Hitchman Coal and Coke v. Mitchell,” “Kelley, Florence,” “Kenney, Mary,” “Morgan, Elizabeth,” “National Consumers’ League,” “O’Reilly, Lenora,” “Rodgers, Elizabeth,” and “Working Girl’s Club,” in *Encyclopedia of U. S. Labor and Working-Class History*, Eric Arnesen, editor (New York: Routledge, 2007).

“Ellen Martin,” “Alta Hulett,” “Ida Platt,” and “Mary Bartelme” in *Women Building Chicago 1790-1990: A Biographical Dictionary*, Rima Lunin Schultz and Adele Haste, editors (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2001) 537-538, 412-414, 699-702, 66-70.

Other Publications

“Women Break Out,” *Cobblestone* 27, no. 4 (April 2006): 11.

Report, *Women Students’ Experiences of Gender Bias in Chicago Area Law Schools: A Step toward a Gender Bias Free Jurisprudence*, (Chicago: Chicago Bar Association, 1995).

Writing in Progress

Dignity and Rights: Women Lawyers Cross-Race Transnational Activism, 1888-1958 (book manuscript in progress).

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Speaker/Panelist

Speaker, "Women Activists in Illinois History," Advanced Judicial Academy *Illinois Law: Past, Present, and Future*, Springfield, Illinois, June 6, 2017.

Panelist, "Critical Theory: An Examination of Inequities in the Law," Advanced Judicial Academy *Illinois Law: Past, Present, and Future*, Springfield, Illinois, June 6, 2017. Co-Panelists: Steven J. Macias, Southern Illinois University School of Law; Jay Tidmarsh, Judge James J. Clynes, Jr., Professor of Law, Notre Dame Law School. Moderator: Dr. Kennan Ferguson, Associate Professor, University of Wisconsin Milwaukee.

Panelist, "'30 Female Blackstones Gather in Chicago': 120th Anniversary," for Joint Meeting of the Seventh Circuit Bar Association and the Illinois State Bar Association, Chicago, Illinois, August 22, 2013. Co-Panelists: Hon. Ann Claire Williams, United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit; Hon. Rita Garmon, Chief Justice, Illinois Supreme Court; Dean Nina Appel, Dean Emerita, Loyola University School of Law. Moderators: Julie A. Bauer, 7th Circuit Bar Association President and Paula Holderman, Illinois State Bar Association President.

Panelist, (Reprise), "'30 Female Blackstones Gather in Chicago': Commemorating the First National Meeting of Women Lawyers in 1893," for The Chicago Inn of Court, November 21, 2013.

Speaker, "Civil Liberties and the Constitution," Teacher Workshop, Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, Springfield, Illinois, October, 2013.

Speaker, "Legal History of Women in the United States," Teacher Workshop, Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, Springfield, Illinois, October, 2012.

Speaker, "'Horror of a Woman': Myra Bradwell, the Fourteenth Amendment, and the Gendered Origins of Sociological Jurisprudence," Fourteenth Amendment 140th Anniversary Conference, Constitutional Law Center, University of Akron Law School, October 23-24, 2008.

Seminar Papers

"A Comparative Analysis of the History of Race, Gender and the Legal Profession," Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, London, England, February 2, 2017.

"Race, Gender and the Legal Profession: The Life and Career of Ida Platt, Illinois' First African-American Women Lawyer," American Bar Foundation Legal History Seminar, Chicago, Illinois, March 10, 2014.

"Race, Gender and the Legal Profession: The Life and Career of Ida Platt, Illinois' First African-American Women Lawyer," Newberry Library Seminar on Women and Gender, Chicago, Illinois, March 14, 2014.

Selected Conference Papers

"Federación Internacional de Abogadas: Fighting for the Rights of All Women in the New World Order, 1944-1959," International Federation for Research in Women's History Conference, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, Canada, *forthcoming* August 9-12, 2018.

- “To the governments of all countries in which women are not granted equal civil and political rights with men...’: Global Coalitions of Women Lawyers, 1920-1960,” Social Science History Association Conference, Montreal, Canada, *forthcoming* November 3, 2017.
- “Transnational Coalitions of Women Lawyers of Colour During the Mid-Twentieth Century,” Socio-Legal Studies Association Conference, Newcastle University Law School, UK, April 5, 2017.
- “A Woman of Strange, Unfathomable Presence’: Ida Platt’s Lived Experience of Race, Gender, and Law, 1863-1939,” European Society for Comparative Legal History Conference, University of Gdansk, Poland, June 28-July 1, 2016.
- “Engendering International Civil Rights Advocacy During the Cold War: The Transnational Activism of Women of Color for Rights and Dignity, 1949-1958,” Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana, June 2-5, 2016.
- “Building Our World’: Edith Sampson and The Power of Transnational Coalitions of Women of Colour During the Cold War,” International Federation for Research in Women’s History Conference, Jinan, China, August 27-29, 2015.
- “Building Transnational Coalitions of Women of Color During the Cold War: The Work of Edith Sampson and the National Council of Negro Women,” American Society for Legal History, Denver, Colorado, November 6-8, 2014.
- “After Mature Deliberation’: Women Lawyers’ Infiltration of the 1893 World Columbian Exposition,” Women in International and Universal Exhibitions (1878-1937) as Actors and Objects of Knowledge, Universite Paris, Descartes, France, October 23-24, 2014
- “How the Feminine Mystique Played in Peoria: Who is Betty Friedan?” Women as Wives and Workers: Marking Fifty Years of The Feminine Mystique Conference, Royal Holloway University of London, November 30, 2013.
- “Radical Women and the Development of Legal Aid Societies in Chicago and Los Angeles, 1886-1914,” Social Science History Association Conference, Chicago, November 21, 2013.
- “Trying to bail the ocean with a sieve’: What Women’s Rights Legislation in the 1940s Might Teach Us in the 21st Century,” The ERA in the 21st Century Conference, Roger Williams University, November 15-16, 2013.
- “Law, Social Change, and Diversity with the Nineteenth-Century Woman Movement: The Story of Charlotte Holt, Esquire,” Law and Society Association Conference, Boston, Massachusetts, May 30, 2013.
- “Transnational Coalitions of Women of Color during the Cold War,” Freedom, Rights, and Power: Recasting Women’s Struggles across the Americas since 1900, St Mary’s University College, Twickenham, London, U.K., April 26-27, 2013.
- “Only a Woman of Color”: Edith Sampson and the Centennial of the Emancipation Proclamation,” Wepner Symposium on the Lincoln Legacy and Contemporary Scholarship, University of Illinois Springfield, October 19-20, 2012.

“Teaching Law and Society Online: A Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) Experiment on the Sesquicentennial of the Emancipation Proclamation,” Midwest Law and Society Retreat, University of Wisconsin Law School Institute for Legal Studies, September 21-22, 2012.

“‘Courage, Persistence and Faith’: The Career of Edith Sampson, 1927-1978,” American Society for Legal History Annual Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, November 10-13, 2011.

“‘And the World Does Move’: Black Women Lawyers in the Long Civil Rights Movement,” Women’s Legal History: A Global Perspective, Chicago-Kent Institute for Law and the Humanities, Chicago, Illinois October 14, 2011.

“Strategies of Transcendence at the Intersection of Racial and Sexist Oppression” Law and Society Association Conference, San Francisco, California, June 4, 2011.

“Reconsidering Passing at the Intersection of Racial and Sexist Oppression: The Story of Ida Platt, Esquire 1863-1928,” at “We Must First Take Account”: A Conference On Race, Law, And History In The Americas, University of Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor, Michigan, April 1-2, 2011.

“‘At the Intersection of Racist and Sexist Oppression’: Black Women Lawyers’ Strategies for Justice in the Pre-Civil Rights Era,” Historical Inquiry in the New Century, The Historical Society, George Washington University, June 3-5, 2010.

“Why Breaking Racial Barriers Does Not Make Us Post-Racial: The Case of Black Women Lawyers in Illinois,” Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, May 27-30, 2010.

“‘At the Intersection of Racial and Sexist Oppression’: Black Women Lawyers’ Strategies for Justice in the Pre-Civil Rights Era,” Fourth Annual Critical Race Studies Symposium, University of California Los Angeles, March 11-13, 2010.

“‘Them Law Wimmin’: The Protective Agency for Women and Children, 1886-1905,” American Society for Legal History, Tempe, Arizona, October 25-28, 2007.

“Myra Bradwell and the Gendered Origins of Sociological Jurisprudence,” New Legal Realism Meets Feminism & Legal Theory II: Empirical Perspectives on the Place of Law in Women’s Work and Family Lives, University of Wisconsin Law School, October 5-6, 2007.

Chair/Discussant for Conference Panels

Chair, “Marriage in Different Cultures,” European Society for Comparative Legal History Conference, University of Gdansk, Poland, June 30, 2016.

Chair/Discussant, “Private Detectives, Conscientious Objectors, and Child Detainees: Regulating Liberties in the Turn of the Century United States,” Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana, June 3, 2016.

Chair/Discussant, Graduate Student Panel, Conference on Illinois History, Springfield, Illinois, October 2012.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Illinois Springfield, 2010 - present

Department of Legal Studies

“Policy Reforms for Wrongful Convictions”

“Conviction of the Innocent”

“History of American Law”

“Graduate Seminar in Legal Studies”

“Introduction to Graduate Legal Studies”

“The American Constitution and Civil Liberties”

“Law and Society”

“Law and Inequality”

“Seminar in Law and Politics”

“So, You Want to be a Lawyer”

Center for Online Learning, Research and Service

Massive Open Online Course (MOOC): “The Innocence Movement,” launched, Spring 2015, available at uis.coursesites.com

MOOC: “The Emancipation Proclamation: What Came Before, How It Worked, And What Followed,” Co-Instructor with Dr. Matthew Holden, launched 2013, available at uis.coursesites.com

University of Illinois Police Training Institute, 2016 - present

Police Academy Training, Guest Speaker

“Wrongful Convictions”

Northern Illinois University, 2008 - 2015

College of Law, Adjunct Professor

“Illinois Innocence Project” Externship 2012 - 2015

“Domestic Abuse” Externship 2010

Department of Sociology, Visiting Assistant Professor, 2008-2010

“Gender and Crime”

“Women and the Law”

“Criminology”

“Criminal Justice Systems”

“Police in a Democratic Society”

University of Wisconsin Law School, 2005-2008

Adjunct Professor

“Women’s Legal History” 2005-2008

Independent study, “Women and the Law” 2007

HONORS/AWARDS

National Award Certificate of Commendation for the exhibition *Bar None: 125 Years of Women Lawyers in Illinois*, American Association for State and Local History, 1999

University of Illinois Chicago Women’s Studies Graduate Prize, for outstanding achievements in Women’s Studies, 1999

Superior Achievement Award for the exhibition *Bar None: 125 Years of Women Lawyers in*

Illinois, Illinois Association of Museums, 1998

Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, 1993

GRANTS

Summer Competitive Scholarly Research Grant, University of Illinois Springfield, 2015

Summer Competitive Scholarly Research Grant, University of Illinois Springfield, 2011

EXHIBITIONS

Curator, *Bar None: 125 Year of Women Lawyers in Illinois*

Featured exhibit, Harold Washington Library Center, Chicago Public Library, March-June, 1998

Traveling exhibit, Illinois Association of Museums, September 1999 to present

MEDIA APPEARANCES

“Innocence Project Tackles Bloomington Murder Case,” NPR affiliate, Normal, IL – WGLT Radio, April 22, 2015

“The Nilon Report,” Susan Nilon, WSRQ Talk Radio, Sarasota, Florida, March 26, 2015

“Chicago Matters,” Series on Justice, Lex Gillespie Producer, WBEZ National Public Radio, May 7, 2000

“Women and Business,” Host Linda Marshall, WCIU-TV Chicago, September 27, 1999

“You and the Law,” Chicago Bar Association Television Committee Producer, Chicago Access Television, June 1998

PUBLIC PROGRAMS

Co-Speaker, “Making a Murderer Forum,” Illinois Innocence Project, UIS, February 24, 2016 (with Lauren Kaeseberg, Legal Director, IIP Chicago Office)

Featured Speaker, “Exonerating the Innocent and Reforming the Law: How You Can Help the Illinois Innocence Project,” Central Illinois Women’s Bar Association Meeting, Springfield, Illinois, November 17, 2015

Featured Speaker, “In Prison Until Proven Innocent,” Annual Meeting of the American Civil Liberties Union, Sarasota/Manatee Chapter, Sarasota, Florida, March 28, 2015

Co-Speaker, “The Illinois Innocence Project,” McLean County League of Women Voters Meeting, Bloomington, Illinois, April 22, 2015 (with John Hanlon, Executive Director, IIP)

Featured Speaker, Teach-In, “The Legal System’s Perpetuation of Inequality,” Occupy Springfield, December 2011

Discussant, Book Talk, *City of Courts: Socializing Justice in Progressive Era Chicago* by Michael Willrich, Newberry Library, Chicago, Illinois, June 5, 2003

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Scholarship Committee, “Innocence Scholarship,” Innocence Network Conference, San Antonio, Texas, April 2016

Manuscript Reviewer: *Law & History Review*, *Journal of American History*, Oxford University Press

Chicago Bar Association Alliance for Women, 1992-present

Advisory Council, 2005 to present

Co-Chair, 1999-2000

Co-Vice Chair, 1998-1999

Executive Committee, 1994 to 2002

Co-Chair, 125th Anniversary Project, 1995-1998

Co-Chair, Gender Bias Free Jurisprudence Subcommittee, 1994-1995

Chair, Law School Outreach Subcommittee, 1992-1994

Organizer, "Law, Crime and Social Justice Brownbag Series," Northern Illinois University, 2009-2010

Conference Steering Committee, New Legal Realism Meets Feminism & Legal Theory II: Empirical Perspectives on the Place of Law in Women's Work and Family Lives, University of Wisconsin Law School, October 5-6, 2007

Planning Committee, "Women Everywhere: Partners in Service Project," Chicago Bar Association Alliance for Women, Women's Bar Association of Illinois, Black Women Lawyer's Association, and the Illinois State Bar Association Women and the Law Committee, 1999-2000

Chair, "Juvenile Justice Pioneers: A Celebration of Women of the Juvenile Justice System," Sponsored by Chicago-Kent College of Law, DePaul University College of Law, John Marshall Law School, Loyola University Chicago School of Law, Northwestern University School of Law, and University of Chicago Law School, March 2, 2000

Illinois Innocence Project Service

Policy Coordinator, 2016- present

Innocence Project Policy Conference, Excelsior Springs, Missouri, June 26-28, 2017

Innocence Project Policy Conference, Excelsior Springs, Missouri, June 20-22, 2016

Police Training Coordinator, 2016-present

Chair, IIP Attorney Search Committee, 2013, 2011-2012, member 2016

University of Illinois Springfield Faculty Service

Leadership Academy for Department Chairs, American Council on Education, Skokie, Illinois, October 18-19, 2017.

Chair, College Level Personnel Committee, College of Public Affairs and Administration, Fall 2016,
Member, Spring 2016-present

Cabinet, CPAA, 2015-present

Dean's Search Committee, CPAA, 2015-2016

Panelist, "Dialogues and Discourse: Liberal Education Today," UIS Spring Faculty Forum, March 2016

Faculty Search Committee, Co-Chair, 2017-2018; Chair, 2015-2016; Co-chair 2014-2015; member 2013-2014, 2015

Chair, Executive Committee, CPAA, 2013-2015

Doctorate of Public Administration Committee, 2013-2015

Master's Thesis Committee, Department of History, CLAS (Spring 2016), Political
Science Department (Spring 2015, 2013), Legal Studies (2012-2013)

Advisor, Doctoral Public Affairs Student, 2012-2016

Faculty Sponsor, Innocence Club, 2012-2015