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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY, Boston, MA.

<i>Professor of Law</i>	2015-
<i>Associate Dean of Research and Interdisciplinary Education</i>	2021-23
<i>Associate Professor of Law</i>	2010-15
<i>Affiliate Professor of History</i>	2019-
<i>Courses: Property, Intellectual Property, Patents, Copyright, Bioproperty, IP & Restorative Justice, IP & Social Justice</i>	

INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY, Princeton, NJ.

<i>Member, School of Historical Studies</i>	2023-24
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BOSTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, Boston, MA.

<i>Visiting Professor</i>	Spring 2023
<i>Course: Intellectual Property</i>	

DREXEL UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, Philadelphia, PA.

<i>Associate Professor</i>	2009-10
<i>Courses: Patents, Property I and II, Bioproperty</i>	

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL, Cambridge, MA.

<i>Berger-Howe Fellow in Legal History</i>	2008-09
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EDUCATION

HARVARD UNIVERSITY, Cambridge, MA. Ph.D., History of Science. 2009

<i>Dissertation:</i>	Body Banks: A History of Milk Banks, Blood Banks, and Sperm Banks in the United States
<i>Committee:</i>	Allan Brandt (advisor), Nancy Cott, Steven Shapin
<i>Honors & Fellowships:</i>	Finalist, Kroos Prize for Best Dissertation in Business History Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Graduate Writing Fellow Harvard University Certificate of Distinction in Teaching

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA - BERKELEY SCHOOL OF LAW, Berkeley, CA. J.D. 1992

<i>Honors & Activities:</i>	Order of the Coif (top 10% of class) Moot Court Board Articles Editor, <i>California Law Review</i>
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UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA – BERKELEY, Berkeley, CA. M.A., biochemistry. 1988

YALE UNIVERSITY, New Haven, CT. B.S. *cum laude*, molecular biology & biophysics. 1987

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS

THE HONORABLE CECIL F. POOLE 1993-94
UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT, San Francisco, CA.

THE HONORABLE WILLIAM H. ORRICK, JR. 1992-93
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, San Francisco, CA.

ACADEMIC BOOKS, BOOK CHAPTERS, AND ARTICLES

BANKING ON THE BODY: THE MARKET IN BLOOD, MILK AND SPERM IN MODERN AMERICA, (Harvard University Press, 2014). www.hup.harvard.edu/catalog.php?isbn=9780674281431 (reviewed in NATURE, HARVARD LAW REVIEW, LAW & HISTORY REVIEW, TEXAS LAW REVIEW, ISIS, JOURNAL OF AMERICAN HISTORY, JOURNAL OF HISTORY OF MEDICINE AND ALLIED SCIENCES, among other venues).

The Border Politics of Patents and the Immigrant Inventor, TEXAS LAW REVIEW (in publication).

Minding the Gaps: Race, Gender, and Intellectual Property, Jessica C. Lai and Kathy Bowrey, eds., A RESEARCH AGENDA FOR IP AND GENDER 47-71(Edward Elgar, 2024).

They Knew It All Along: Patents, Social Justice and Fights for Civil Rights, Steven D. Jamar and Lateef Mtima, eds., THE CAMBRIDGE HANDBOOK OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE 208-21 (Cambridge University Press, 2024).

Patents, Politics and Abortion, William T. Gallagher and Debora J. Halbert, eds., INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW IN CONTEXT: LAW AND SOCIETY PERSPECTIVES ON IP (forthcoming, Cambridge University Press).

Centering Black Women: Passing and the Patent Archive, 25 STANFORD TECHNOLOGY LAW REVIEW 305 (2022) – reprinted in Jamie Abrams and Anibal Rosario-Lebron, eds., GENDER AND THE LAW, 2023-2024 ed. (Thomson Reuters, 2023).

Beyond the Progress of the Useful Arts: The Inventor as Useful Citizen, 60 HOUSTON LAW REVIEW 363 (2022)(symposium issue).

The Tulsa Race Massacre of 1921: A Lesson in the Law of Trespass, 45 CONNECTICUT LAW REVIEW 1005 (2022)(symposium issue) – included in Vernellia Randall, ed., *Race, Racism and Law*, an on-line resource at www.racism.org.

Race and Selective Legal Memory: Reflections on “Invention of a Slave,” 120 COLUMBIA LAW REVIEW 1077 (2020) – Winner, John Hope Franklin Prize, Law & Society Association (2021).

Inventing the Woman Voter: Suffrage, Ability, and Patents, 19 JOURNAL OF THE GILDED AGE AND PROGRESSIVE ERA 559 (2020)(peer reviewed). Winner, Martha Trescott Prize, Society for the History of Technology (2022).

Making Patents: Patent Administration, 1790-1860, 71 CASE WESTERN RESERVE LAW REVIEW 777 (2020)(symposium issue).

“Great Men,” *Law, and the Social Construction of Technology*, 43 LAW AND SOCIAL INQUIRY 1093 (2018)(book review essay).

- Rubbing Elbows and Blowing Smoke: Gender, Class, and Science in the Nineteenth-Century Patent Office*, 108 *ISIS: A JOURNAL OF THE HISTORY OF SCIENCE* 40 (2017)(peer reviewed) – Winner, Rossiter History of Women in Science Prize, History of Science Society (2018).
- Rethinking Body Property*, 44 *FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW* 193 (2016).
- The Doctor's Dilemma: Paternalisms in the Medicolegal History of Assisted Reproduction and Abortion*, 43 *JOURNAL OF LAW, MEDICINE & ETHICS* 312 (2015) (peer reviewed).
- Intellectual Property and Gender: Reflections on Accomplishments and Methodology*, 24 *AMERICAN UNIVERSITY JOURNAL OF GENDER, SOCIAL POLICY AND THE LAW* 175 (2015).
- Intellectual Property and Public Health – A White Paper*, (co-authored with Ryan Vacca (Reporter), Jim Chen, Jay Dratler, Tom Folsom, Timothy Hall, Yaniv Heled, Frank Pasquale, Elizabeth Reilly, Jeff Samuels, Kathy Strandburg, Andrew Torrance, Katharine Van Tassel), 7 *AKRON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY JOURNAL* 39 (2014).
- The End of Men, Again*, 93 *BOSTON UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW ANNEX* 26 (2013)(invited contribution).
- The Birth of the Sperm Bank*, 71 *THE ANNALS OF IOWA* 241 (2012) (peer reviewed) – Winner, Mildred Throne – Charles Aldritch Award, Iowa State Historical Society (2013).
- Adultery by Doctor: Artificial Insemination, 1890-1945*, 87 *CHICAGO-KENT LAW REVIEW* 591 (2012)(symposium issue).
- Getting a Grip on the Corset: Gender, Sexuality and Patent Law*, 23 *YALE JOURNAL LAW & FEMINISM* 57 (2011) - Winner, Association of American Law Schools New Voices in Gender Studies Paper Competition (2010).
- Food and Drug Law as Intellectual Property Law: Historical Reflections*, 2011 *WISCONSIN LAW REVIEW* 331 (2011)(symposium issue) – reprinted in Brad Sherman and Susannah Chapman, eds., *INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND AGRICULTURE* (Edward Elgar Publishing, 2020).
- Authoring an Invention: Patent Production in the Nineteenth-Century United States*, in Mario Biagioli, Peter Jaszi, and Martha Woodmansee, eds., *MAKING AND UNMAKING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY: CREATIVE PRODUCTION IN LEGAL AND CULTURAL PERSPECTIVE* (University of Chicago Press, 2011)(peer reviewed).
- Body Banks: A History of Milk Banks, Blood Banks, and Sperm Banks in the United States*, 12 *ENTERPRISE & SOCIETY* 749 (2011).
- The Emergence of the Professional Patent Practitioner*, 50 *TECHNOLOGY & CULTURE* 519 (2009)(peer reviewed).
- Human Milk as Technology and Technologies of Human Milk: Medical Imaginings in the Early 20th Century United States*, 37 *WOMEN'S STUDIES QUARTERLY* 21 (2009)(peer reviewed) – Winner, Robinson Prize, Society for the History of Technology (2008).
- Biotech in Court: A Legal Lesson on the Unity of Science*, 37 *SOCIAL STUDIES OF SCIENCE* 357 (2007)(peer reviewed).

POPULAR WRITING AND BOOK REVIEWS

- Review of THE BIOPOLITICS OF FEELING: RACE, SEX, AND SCIENCE IN THE NINETEENTH CENTURY* (by Kyla Schuller), 46 *SIGNS: JOURNAL OF WOMEN IN CULTURE AND SOCIETY* 769 (2021).

- The Corset*, in Dan Hunter and Claudy Op den Kamp, eds., *A HISTORY OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY IN 50 OBJECTS* (Cambridge University Press, 2019).
- Review of *REINVENTING HOODIA: PEOPLES, PLANTS, AND PATENTS IN SOUTH AFRICA* (by Laura Foster), 5 *CATALYST: FEMINISM, THEORY, TECHNOSCIENCE* 1-5 (2019).
- Review of *LIFE ON ICE: A HISTORY OF NEW USES FOR COLD BLOOD* (by Joanna Radin), 92 *BULLETIN OF THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE* 219 (2018).
- Cat Ladies, Quilters, and Creativity*, *LANDSLIDE MAGAZINE*, vol. 10, no. 4 (March/April 2018).
- Patents, Politics, Abortion*, *COSMOLOGICS: A MAGAZINE OF SCIENCE, RELIGION, AND CULTURE*, May 21, 2017, <http://cosmologicsmagazine.com/kara-w-swanson-patents-politics-abortion/>
- Review of *MEDICAL MONOPOLY: INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS AND THE ORIGINS OF THE MODERN PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY* (by Joseph Gabriel), 34 *LAW & HISTORY REVIEW* 535 (2016).
- Sherman, Jerome Kalman*, entry in *Encyclopedia of Arkansas History and Culture*, a public history project of the Butler Center for Arkansas Studies at the Central Arkansas Library System (CALs), Little Rock, Arkansas, last updated April 24, 2015.
- Egg-Freezing Shindigs Aren't Like Tupperware Parties*, *SLATE*, Nov. 18, 2014, http://www.slate.com/articles/technology/future_tense/2014/11/egg_freezing_parties_aren_t_like_tupperware_parties.html
- The Surprisingly Engrossing History of Patent Examiners*, *SLATE*, May 7, 2014, http://www.slate.com/articles/technology/history_of_innovation/2014/05/patent_examiners_have_a_fascinating_history.html
- Review of *WORKING KNOWLEDGE: EMPLOYEE INNOVATION AND THE RISE OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, 1800-1830* (by CATHERINE FISK), 1 *IP LAW BOOK REV.* 1 (2010).
- A Secret Path to Modernity*, review of *THE MODERN PERIOD: MENSTRUATION IN TWENTIETH-CENTURY AMERICA* (by Lara Freidenfelds), 34 *ENDEAVOR* 81 (2010).

AWARDS AND PRIZES

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| Martha Trescott Prize, Society for the History of Technology, for “Inventing the Woman Voter: Suffrage, Ability, and Patents,” 19 <i>JOURNAL OF THE GILDED AGE AND PROGRESSIVE ERA</i> 559 (2020). | 2022 |
| John Hope Franklin Prize, Law & Society Association, for “Race and Selective Legal Memory: Reflections on <i>Invention of a Slave</i> ,” 120 <i>COLUMBIA LAW REVIEW</i> 1077 (2020). | 2021 |
| Margaret W. Rossiter History of Women in Science Prize, History of Science Society, for “Rubbing Elbows and Blowing Smoke: Gender, Class, and Science in the Nineteenth-Century Patent Office,” 108 <i>ISIS: A JOURNAL OF THE HISTORY OF SCIENCE</i> 40 (2017). | 2018 |

Robert D. Klein University Medal & Lectureship, Northeastern University, awarded by Faculty Senate for excellence in scholarly achievement and creative classroom activity.	2015
Winner, Law & Humanities Junior Scholar paper competition, for work-in-progress later published as “Making Patents: Patent Administration, 1790-1860,” 71 CASE WESTERN RESERVE LAW REVIEW 777 (2020).	2013
Mildred Throne – Charles Aldritch Award, Iowa State Historical Society, for “The Birth of the Sperm Bank,” 71 THE ANNALS OF IOWA 241 (2012).	2013
Finalist, Kroos Prize for Best Dissertation in Business History, Business History Conference	2011
Winner, Association of America Law Schools Section on Women in Legal Education New Voices in Gender Studies Paper Competition, for paper published as “Getting a Grip on the Corset: Gender, Sexuality and Patent Law,” 23 YALE JOURNAL LAW & FEMINISM 57 (2011).	2010
Robinson Prize, Society for the History of Technology, for conference presentation published as “Human Milk as Technology and Technologies of Human Milk: Medical Imaginings in the Early 20 th Century United States,” 37 WOMEN’S STUDIES QUARTERLY 21 (2009).	2008
Harvard University Certificate of Distinction in Teaching	2005

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND SELECTIVE WORKSHOPS

Member, School of Historical Studies, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, NJ	2023-2024
Don Trow Visiting Fellow, Victoria University of Wellington, Wellington, New Zealand	Jan. 2024
Research Fellow, Linda Hall Library, Kansas City, MO (one month residency)	2023-2024
Raquel and Arthur Seidel Senior Fellowship in the History of Intellectual Property and Patents, Berkman Center for the History of Chemistry, Science History Institute, Philadelphia, PA (declined)	2023-2024
Arthur Molella Distinguished Fellowship, Lemelson Center for the Study of Invention and Innovation, Smithsonian Museum of American History (awarded 2020-21, postponed due to COVID19)	2022-2023
Northeastern University Humanities Center Faculty Fellowship	2021-2022
Faculty Fellow, Center for Law, Information and Creativity, Northeastern University School of Law	2020-21, 2021-22
2d Book Writers Workshop, Society for the History of the Early American Republic	2018, 2019, 2020
Massachusetts Historical Society/National Endowment for Humanities Fellowship	2016-17
Lemelson Center for the Study of Invention and Innovation Travel Award	2016
Center for the History of Business, Technology & Society, Hagley Museum & Library Exploratory Research Grant	2016

Law & Humanities Junior Scholar Workshop	2013
Junior Scholars Workshop, Law and Society Association	2010
Iowa State Historical Society Research Grant	2010
Berger-Howe Legal History Fellow, Harvard Law School	2008-2009
Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship	2008-2009
National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellow	2005-2008
Graduate Writing Fellow, Harvard University	2005

SELECTED INVITED PAPERS, TALKS, AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2025:

“Patents and the Border, or, No One Ever Called Alexander Graham Bell an ‘Immigrant Inventor’,” The Politics of IP, University of Texas Law Review Symposium, Austin, TX (invited speaker).

“Teaching IP and Social Justice – Reflections,” 22nd Annual IP and Social Justice CLE Program, US Patent and Trademark Office, Alexandria, VA (invited speaker).

“Native Inventiveness”

- Legal History Colloquium, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA (invited speaker)(planned).
- Legal History Workshop, University of Minnesota Law School, Minneapolis, MN (invited speaker)(planned).

“Constituting the World: Simon Greenleaf and Harvard Law School in Liberia and Hawai’i, 1846-1852”

- Law and Society Association annual meeting, Chicago, IL (planned).
- Legal Histories of Empire, biannual conference, Toronto, ONT (planned).

“Histories of Law and Science, Technology, and Medicine Roundtable,” American Society of Legal History annual meeting, Detroit, MI (planned)(chair and moderator).

2024:

“Minding the Gaps: Race, Gender, and Intellectual Property,” Legal Theory Workshop, University of Miami School of Law, Coral Gables, FL (invited speaker).

“Constituting the World: Simon Greenleaf and Harvard Law School in Liberia and Hawai’i, 1846-1852,” American Society for Legal History annual meeting, San Francisco, CA.

“History, Social Justice, and the Stakes of Diversity in Technological Development,” Race, Rights, and Innovation: Cultivating Equity in the Digital World, Berkeley Technology Law Journal Symposium, Berkeley, CA (invited speaker).

Commentator, “Patents, Gender Narratives and the Female Body: A Case Study on Contraceptives,” (paper by Jessica C. Lai), International Society for the History and Theory of Intellectual Property annual meeting, Boston University School of Law, Boston, MA (invited commentator).

“Inventing Borders,” Works-in-Progress Seminar, Linda Hall Library of Science, Engineering, and Technology, Kansas City, MO (virtual).

“Minding the Gaps: Race, Gender, and Intellectual Property,” Faculty Workshop, Loyola LA School of Law, Los Angeles, CA (invited speaker).

“Other Shores, Other Visions: Patent Laws in 19th Century Liberia and Hawai’i,” History of Science Workshop, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, NJ.

“IP/Gender: Mapping the Connections Since 2004,” Celebration of Professor Dan Burk, UC-Irvine School of Law, Irvine, CA (invited speaker).

“Votes for Inventors! The Surprising History of Patents in US Civil Rights Movements and What It Teaches Us about the Politics of Intellectual Property,” AJ Park, Wellington, New Zealand (co-sponsored by School of Business and Government, Victoria University of Wellington)(invited public lecture).

“Mind the Gaps: Race, Gender, and Intellectual Property,” A Research Agenda for Intellectual Property Law and Gender Workshop, Victoria University of Wellington School of Business and Government, Wellington, New Zealand (invited speaker).

2023:

“Inventing Citizens: Race, Gender, and Patents,” History of Science Workshop, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, NJ.

Commentator, Women’s Rights Beyond the 19th Amendment: An Analysis of Federal and State Legal Reforms for Bodily and Political Autonomy panel, American Society for Legal History annual meeting, Philadelphia, PA.

“Reading Archives: Methodological Innovations in Antiracist IP,” 4th Race + IP Conference, University of Pittsburgh School of Law, Pittsburgh, PA (invited speaker).

“The Tulsa Race Massacre of 1921 as a Forgotten Lesson in the Law of Trespass,” 3rd Annual 1L Perspectives Lecture Series, University of Washington Law School, Seattle, WA (invited speaker)(virtual).

“The Inventor as Useful Citizen”

- Works-In-Progress Intellectual Property Conference, Suffolk University School of Law, Boston, MA.
- Innovation Law Workshop, University of Toronto Faculty of Law, Toronto, ONT (invited speaker)(virtual).
- Intellectual Property Workshop, Boston University School of Law, Boston, MA (invited speaker).

2022:

“Race, Archival Resistance, and All That She Carried: Intersectionality in the History of Technology,” Society for the History of Technology annual meeting, New Orleans, LA.

“Heroic Inventors and Voting Rights – The Surprising Ways in which American Ingenuity Has Defined American Identity,” Annual Trimble Lecture, Center for History of Physics, College Park, MD (invited public lecture)(virtual).

“Inventing Citizens: Race, Gender and the US Patent System,” Wake Forest School of Law Faculty Colloquium, Wake Forest, NC.

“From ‘African Astronomer’ to ‘First African American Inventor’: Benjamin Banneker, Race, and Citizenship,” Society for the History of the Early American Republic annual meeting, New Orleans, LA.

“Race, Inventors, and Citizens along the Republic of Texas Border, 1836-46,” Legal Histories of Empire, Maynooth University, County Kildare, Ireland (virtual).

“Beyond the Progress of the Useful Arts: The Inventor as Useful Citizen,” Institute for Intellectual Property & Information Law National Conference, University of Houston Law Center, Santa Fe, NM (invited speaker).

Invited commentator, Book release roundtable for *Negotiating Copyright in the American Theatre: 1856-1951*, Stanford Center for Law and History, Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA (virtual).

“Black Capitalism and Black Inventors in the 1960s & 1970s,” Business History Conference Sponsored Panel, Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, Boston, MA.

“Patents, Black Lives Matter, and Democracy,” IP in Tumultuous Times panel, American Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting (invited speaker)(virtual).

2021:

“True and False Inventors in the Early US Republic: Race, Gender, and Appropriation,” Cardozo IP Colloquium, Yeshiva University, NYC (virtual).

“Race and Selective Legal Memory: Reflections on Invention of a Slave,” IP & Technology Law Lecture Series, Notre Dame School of Law, Notre Dame, Indiana (invited speaker)(virtual).

“Inventing While a Black Woman: False Inventors, Passing and the Patent Archive,” Working with Intellectual Property: Legal Histories of Innovation, Labor, and Creativity, Stanford Center for Law and History, Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA (invited speaker)(virtual).

Invited commentator, Roundtable on SOFTWARE RIGHTS: HOW PATENT LAW TRANSFORMED SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT IN AMERICA, Stanford Center for Law and History, Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA (virtual).

“The Ned Project: Connecting IP History to Restorative Justice,” Law & Society Association annual meeting, Chicago, IL (virtual).

“Reading the Patent Office Building as a Landmark of Invention,” International Society for the History and Theory of Intellectual Property annual meeting, University of Bournemouth, UK (virtual).

“The Tulsa Race Massacre of 1921 as a Forgotten Lesson in the Law of Trespass,” History and the Tulsa Race Massacre: What's Law Got to Do with It?, Connecticut Law Review symposium (virtual).

“Invention of a Slave’: An Example from the Difficult History of Race, Technology and Slavery,” Difficult Histories Roundtable, Society for History of Technology/History of Science Society Joint Meeting, New Orleans, LA (virtual).

“Inventing While a Black Woman: Passing, False Inventors, and the Patent Archive,” Society for History of Technology/History of Science Society Joint Meeting, New Orleans, LA (virtual).

2020:

“Inventing the Woman Voter: Ability, Patents, and Woman Suffrage,” Legal History Panel, American Association of Law Schools annual meeting, Washington, D.C.

“The IP Gap in Historical Perspective, or, Why Suffragists Cared about Patents,” Texas Intellectual Property Law Journal Annual Symposium, University of Texas School of Law, Austin, TX (invited speaker).

“Remembering *Invention of a Slave*: Patents and the Struggle for Civil Rights,” lunchtime keynote, Annual IP & Social Justice Seminar, Institute for Intellectual Property & Social Justice, Howard University School of Law, Washington, D.C. (invited speaker).

“Race, and Selective Legal Memory: Reflections on *Invention of a Slave*,” Center for the Protection of Intellectual Property, Antonin Scalia Law School, George Mason University, Washington, D.C. (invited colloquium speaker).

Commentator, “Governing Time in Nineteenth Century America,” Association of Law, Culture and Humanities annual meeting, Quinnipiac School of Law, North Haven, CT.

“Inventor Stories, Race, and Civil Rights in Post-Reconstruction United States,” Association of Law, Culture and Humanities annual meeting, Quinnipiac School of Law, North Haven, CT (panel cancelled due to COVID19).

“Making Patents: Patent Administration, 1790-1860,” The Rise of Intellectual Property in the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Centuries, Classical Liberal Institute, New York University School of Law, New York (virtual).

Roundtable speaker, New Research on Women’s Suffrage at the Centennial, Organization of American Historians annual meeting, Washington, D.C. (conference cancelled due to COVID19).

“Inventing Citizens,” 2d Book Writers’ Workshop, Society for the Early American Republic (virtual).

“True and False Inventors: Race, Gender, and Appropriation by Patent”

- Intellectual Property Scholars Conference, Stanford Law School (virtual).
- 6th Annual IP Mosaic Conference, Marquette Law School, Milwaukee WI (virtual).

“Inventing Voters: Ability, Patents, and Civil Rights, 1870-1920,” “Shall Not Be Denied”: The 15th and 19th Amendments at the Sesquicentennial and Centennial of Their Ratifications, Massachusetts Historical Society 2020 Research Conference, Boston, MA (virtual).

“Votes for Inventive Women! Why Suffragists Cared About Patents,” Suffrage and Intellectual Empowerment Conference, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI (invited keynote speaker)(virtual).

Invited participant, InnoVoting: How Democracy is Being Reshaped by Women’s Innovative Voting Activism On-Air Roundtable, Suffrage and Intellectual Empowerment Conference, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI (virtual)(panel published as *Innovoting: How Democracy is Being Reshaped by Women’s Innovative Voting Activism & Candidacy*, 25 MARQ. INTELL. PROP. & INNOVATION L. REV. 71 (2021))

2019:

“Remembering ‘Invention of a Slave’: Race, Patents and Citizenship,” Chicago IP Colloquium, Chicago-Kent School of Law, Chicago, IL (invited speaker).

Roundtable speaker, It’s a Barbie World: Intellectual Property, Rights of Publicity, and the Gender Wars, Silicon Flatirons’ Fifth Annual Content Conference, University of Colorado School of Law, Boulder, CO (invited participant).

“Patents, Civil Rights, and the Racial Politics of the History of Technology in the 19th Century United States,” Johns Hopkins Colloquium in the History of Science, Medicine, and Technology, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD (invited speaker).

“Inventive Ability and Citizenship in the Early American Republic,” Law & Society Ass’n, annual meeting, Washington, D.C.

“Temple of Invention,” 2d Book Writers Workshop, Society for History of the Early American Republic, annual meeting, Cambridge, MA.

“The Racial Politics of US Patents: Exploring the History of Un-discipline(d) Intellectual Property,” Intellectual Property for the Un-Discipline(d) Workshop, Linköping University, Norrköping, Sweden (invited presenter).

“Patent Law’s Hidden Figures: Race, Memory and *Invention of a Slave*,” American Bar Foundation/Northwestern Legal History Colloquium, Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law, Chicago, IL (invited speaker).

“How the Hidden Figures of the Nineteenth Century Used the Patent System to Fight for Civil Rights,” One Book One Northwestern Student Lunch Conversation, Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law, Chicago, IL.

“Inventing a Black Republic: Patents and Race in Early Liberia,” African Legal History Symposium, American Society for Legal History/African Studies Association, Boston, MA.

Panel chair and commentator, “Disrupting the Cause Lawyering Narrative in the Nineteenth to Twentieth Century United States,” American Society for Legal History annual meeting, Boston, MA.

2018:

“Beyond Industrial Policy: Patents, Invention and Citizenship in the Early Republic,” American Historical Association annual meeting, Washington, D.C. (given in absentia).

“The ‘Woman Inventor’ as a Political Tool of Female Suffragists,” Women, Gender, and Sexuality Seminar, Massachusetts Historical Society/Schlesinger Library, Boston, MA.

“The ‘Woman Inventor’ as a Political Tool: Patents, Invention, and Civil Rights in the 19th Century United States,” IP and Information Law Colloquium, Cardozo School of Law, Yeshiva University, New York, NY (invited speaker).

“Inventing Citizens: Suffragists, Patents, Invention, and Civil Rights,” Faculty Workshop, University of Connecticut School of Law, Hartford, CT (invited speaker).

Invited commentator, Gender History Workshop, Brown University, Providence, RI.

“Patents, Race, and Nation-building in the Early Republics of the United States and Liberia,” Legal History and Empires, University of West Indies, Barbados.

“Forgotten by Whom? Race, Patents, and Memory,” 4th Annual IP Mosaic Conference, University of New Hampshire School of Law, Concord, NH.

"Race, Gender, and Patents: How Suffragists and Civil Rights Activists Used the Patent System as a Political Resource," IP Law Society, Washington University – St. Louis School of Law.

“The Black Inventor in the History of Race, Politics, and Technology,” Society for the History of Technology, annual meeting, St. Louis, MO.

“Proving Inventive Power: Ability, Patents, and the Vote in Suffrage Activism,” American Society for Legal History, annual meeting, Houston, TX.

2017:

“Test Tube Babies During America’s Baby Boom: Artificial Insemination in Law and Medicine,” History of Medicine Society, University of Iowa Medical School, Iowa City, Iowa (invited lecture).

"Race, Gender, and Patents: How Suffragists and Civil Rights Activists Used the Patent System as a Political Resource," IP Law Society, University of Iowa School of Law (invited speaker).

“Beyond Industrial Policy: Patents, Invention, and Citizenship in the Early Republic,” Society for the History of Technology annual meeting, Philadelphia, PA.

Roundtable Discussant, “Hidden Figures” in the History of Technology: Inclusive Research Methodologies & Innovative Storytelling Technologies, Society for the History of Technology annual meeting, Philadelphia, PA.

Invited Participant, IP History Roundtable, University of Washington School of Law, Seattle, WA.

Commentator on “Monopolizing Tryparsamide: Intellectual Property, International Public Health, and Drug Development at the Rockefeller Institute, 1917-1941” (by Joseph Gabriel), International

Society for the History and Theory of Intellectual Property annual meeting, University of Toronto School of Law, Toronto, Canada.

Organizer and Chair, Vaccine Development – IP & Liability Panel, Between Complacency and Panic: Legal, Ethical and Policy Responses to Emerging Infectious Diseases, Health Law and Policy Conference, Northeastern University, Boston, MA.

“Counting Black Inventors: The Historical Role of the US Patent System as a Political Resource,” Science, Technology & Society Roundtable, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA (invited speaker).

“Patents and African American Civil Rights,” Race + IP Workshop, Boston University, Boston, MA.

“Historicizing the Black Inventor as a Political Resource,” African American Intellectual History Society annual meeting, Nashville, TN.

“Inventing Citizens: Patents, Inventors and Civil Rights,” Brown Bag Lunch, Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston, MA.

“Beyond the Promotion of Useful Arts: How the Patent System Supported Female Suffrage,” Works-In-Progress Intellectual Property Conference, Boston University School of Law, Boston, MA.

“The ‘Woman Inventor’ as Political Tool – Patents, Invention and Civil Rights,” Center for Law, Culture & Society/Center for Intellectual Property Colloquium, Indiana University Maurer School of Law, Bloomington, IN (invited speaker).

2016:

“Therapeutic Adultery – Putting Sex Back into Assisted Reproduction,” Reproductive Rights Roundtable: Frontiers of Reproductive Technology, Southeastern Association of Law Schools annual meeting, Amelia Island, FL.

“Counting Patents as a Path to Full Citizenship: The Case of American Suffragists,” International Society for the History and Theory of Intellectual Property annual meeting, University of Glasgow, Scotland.

Commentator, PatCon6, Boston College School of Law, Boston, MA.

“Ghost Fathers and Adultery by Doctor: The Medical and Legal Origins of Assisted Reproductive Technologies. 1920-1978,” History of Science Department Colloquium, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA (invited lecture).

Commentator, “Progressive Invention: Reading The Eureka Myth Through the Lens of Progressive Intellectual Property,” 2d Annual Mosaic Conference on IP, Marquette Law School, Milwaukee, WI.

2015:

“The Possibilities and Responsibilities of Historians of IP,” Roundtable on the Historiography of IP and Science, History of Science Society annual meeting, San Francisco, CA.

- “Knowing the Body in Law and Science,” History of Science Society annual meeting, San Francisco, CA.
- “Making Fathers in the Clinic: Legal Paternity and Donor Insemination,” American Society for Legal History annual meeting, Washington, D.C.
- “IP and Gender,” Gender and Law Colloquium, Boston University School of Law, Boston, MA (invited speaker).
- “Buying and Selling Body Products,” Law and Markets Workshop, Duke University School of Law, Raleigh-Durham, NC (invited speaker).
- “The Body as Slippery Object, 1900-2015,” International Society for the History and Theory of Intellectual Property annual meeting, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA.
- “Author Meets Reader: Banking on the Body,” Law & Society Association annual meeting, Seattle, WA. Participant, Symposium: Everything for Sale? The Ethics and Economics of Compensation for Body Parts, Johns Hopkins University Berman Institute of Bioethics & Carey Business School, Baltimore, MD (invited participant).
- “Banking on the Body Book Panel,” Association for Law, Property and Society annual meeting, University of Georgia School of Law, Athens, GA.
- “Banking on the Body,” Health and Society Series, Institute for Humanities, University of Illinois – Chicago, Chicago, IL (invited speaker).
- “Buying and Selling Organs and Tissues: Historical Reflections,” Traub Bioethics Series, University of Illinois College of Medicine, Chicago, IL (invited speaker).
- “For Sale: Markets in Milk and Gametes,” Gender Studies Series, Lawrence University, Appleton, WI (invited speaker).
- “Banking on the Body: The Market in Blood, Milk and Sperm in Modern America,” 51st Annual Robert D. Klein University Lecture, Northeastern University, Boston, MA (invited speaker).
- “Posthumous Parents,” Families Matter: Ethically, Legally and Clinically, Harvard Center for Bioethics Conference, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA (invited speaker).
- “Banking on the Body,” Law and Society Seminar Series, University of Wisconsin School of Law, Madison, WI (invited speaker).
- “IP and Gender: Reflections on Methodology and Accomplishments,” Reimagining IP/Gender: The Next Ten Years of Feminist Engagement with Intellectual Property Law, American University School of Law, Washington, D.C.
- “Banking on the Body: The Market in Blood, Milk and Sperm in Modern America,” MCPHS University, Boston, MA (invited lecture).

2014:

- “Banking on the Body,” Biobanking Eggs and Embryos for Research Workshop, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada (invited speaker).
- Invited participant, Roundtable on THE EUREKA MYTH: CREATORS, INNOVATORS, AND EVERYDAY INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, University of Notre Dame School of Law, Notre Dame, IN.

“Uncomfortable Thinking about IP and Gender,” First Annual Mosaic Conference: Diverse Voices in Intellectual Property Scholarship, Marquette University School of Law, Milwaukee, WI (invited speaker).

“IP and Gender from the Legal Perspective,” European Policy for Intellectual Property Association, 9th Annual Conference, Brussels, Belgium (invited presentation).

“Patents as Ontological Markers,” Innovation Law & Policy Workshop, Faculty of Law, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario (invited paper).

“Intellectual Property Where Invention Meets the Body, or, Myriad Genetics in Historical Perspective,” IPBio Network Workshop, Griffith University, South Brisbane, Australia, (invited paper).

“Uncomfortable Thinking about IP and Gender,” What is the Place of Intellectual Property?: An Interdisciplinary Symposium, Montreal, Quebec (invited paper).

“Alternative Insemination and Adoption: Historical Perspectives,” Law & Society Association annual meeting, Minneapolis, MN.

“Bodies, Property and Markets,” presented at:

- Association for Law, Property & Society annual meeting, University of British Columbia.
- Progressive Property Workshop, Northeastern University School of Law.

“The Doctor’s Dilemma: Paternalism in the Medicolegal History of Assisted Reproduction and Abortion,” Intersections in Reproduction: Perspectives on Abortion, Assisted Reproductive Technologies, and Judicial Review, Program for the Study of Reproductive Justice, Yale Law School, New Haven, CT.

“Patents, Politics, and Abortion,” Ideas Luncheon, Information Society Project, Yale Law School, New Haven, CT (invited speaker).

2013:

“Intellectual Property Where Invention Meets the Body, or, Myriad Genetics in Historical Perspective,” IP Scholars’ Roundtable: Intellectual Property Where Function Meets Style, University of New Hampshire School of Law, Concord, NH (invited paper).

“The Administration of Genius: Expertise and the Patent Bargain,” Law & Humanities Junior Scholar Workshop, Georgetown University School of Law, Washington, D.C. (paper selected through blind peer review competition).

“Body Products as Technology: A Comparative Analysis of Human Blood and Milk in the 20th Century United States,” Emerging Technologies: Past and Future, Center for Nanotechnology, University of California – Santa Barbara (invited paper).

“Alternative Insemination: When Medical Gatekeeping Ended,” American Association of the History of Medicine annual meeting, Atlanta, GA.

Commentator, Biotechnology, Bioethics, and the Law Panel, co-sponsored by Feminist Legal Theory Collaborative Research Network, Law & Society Association annual meeting, Boston, MA.

2012:

“Like Money in the Bank: Courts, Regulation and Body Products,” History of Science Society annual meeting, San Diego, CA.

“How Americans Learned to Love the Sperm Bank: Artificial Insemination in Law and Medicine, 1945-2000,” Feminist Legal Theory Collaborative Research Network Conference, University of Baltimore School of Law.

Invited roundtable participant, The Impact of IP on Public Health: 6th Annual IP Scholars Forum, University of Akron School of Law.

“The United States Patent Office and the Politics of Life: A Historical View,” Joint meeting of Society for the Social Study of Science and European Association for the Study of Science and Technology, Copenhagen, Denmark.

“Blood and Guts: Historical Reflections on Flynn v. Holder,” Chilled to the Marrow: Compensating Tissue & Organ Donors after Flynn v. Holder, Drexel University School of Law, Philadelphia, PA (invited speaker).

“Patents, Politics and Abortion,” Innovation Workshop, New York University Law School (invited paper).

“Adultery by Doctor: Artificial Insemination, 1890-1945,” Legal History Workshop, University of Virginia School of Law, Charlottesville, VA (invited paper).

“Patents and Abortion,” Intellectual Property Workshop, University of Michigan School of Law (invited paper).

“Patent Law and Abortion Politics: A Historical Analysis,” Feminist Legal Theory Collaborative Research Network Conference, George Washington School of Law, Washington, D.C.

2011:

“Reproductive Medicine in the Legal Shadows: Artificial Insemination, 1890-1945,” Legal History Workshop, Boston University School of Law, Boston, MA (invited paper).

“Patents and Abortion Politics,” Conference on Law and Society Perspectives on IP Law and Policy, Golden Gate University School of Law, San Francisco, CA (invited paper).

“Reproductive Medicine in the Legal Shadows: Artificial Insemination, 1890-1945,” Women’s Legal History: A Global Perspective, Chicago-Kent Institute for Law and the Humanities, Chicago, IL (invited paper).

Invited comments, Cultural Commons Workshop, New York University Law School, New York, NY.

“‘Adultery by Doctor’: Law and the Treatment of Infertility in the Twentieth Century United States,” American Association for the History of Medicine annual meeting, Philadelphia, PA.

“A History of Milk Banks, Blood Banks and Sperm Banks in the Twentieth-Century United States,” Kroos Prize Panel, Business History Conference, St. Louis, MO.

“From ‘Adultery by Doctor’ to the Assisted Reproductive Technology Industry: Law and the Regulation of Fertility,” work-in-progress presented at New England Junior Faculty Workshop, Boston College School of Law.

“Bottled Milk: A History of Milk Banking in the United States,” Epidemiology Conference, Dept of Neonatology, Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital, Boston, MA (invited speaker).

“A Merry Widow: Egbert v. Lippman and the Corset as Patented Technology,” New Voices in Gender Scholarship panel, American Association of Law Schools annual meeting, San Francisco, CA (selected by blind peer review).

2010:

“Patenting the Female Form: Gender, Inventor Identity and Authority in the Nineteenth-Century United States,” Managing Knowledge in the Techno-Sciences, 1850-2000, University of Leeds, U.K.

“A Merry Widow: Egbert v. Lippman & the Corset as Patented Technology,” presented at:

- American Society for Legal History annual meeting, Philadelphia, PA.
- IP/Gender 7th Annual Symposium, American University School of Law (invited paper).
- New England Intellectual Property Law Colloquium, Suffolk University Law School (invited paper).

Plenary speaker, “A History of Milk Banking in the United States,” Third International Congress on Donor Human Milk Banking, Cambridge, MA.

Invited speaker, “Making Motherhood: The New Politics of Reproductive Technologies.” D3 Roundtable, Women’s Studies, College of Arts & Sciences, Drexel University.

2009 - 2004:

“Human Milk as Technology and Technologies of Human Milk,” Technologies, a workshop co-sponsored by Center for the Study of Women and Society, CUNY-Manhattan, CUNY Graduate Center, and Feminist Press, New York, NY (invited speaker).

Invited comments, Tangibles of Intangibles: Patent Models and the Making of Intellectual Property Law, workshop at Collection for Historical Scientific Instruments, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.

“Mother’s Milk without Mother’s Body: A History of the Late 20th Century Milk Bank,” 14th Berkshire Conference on Women’s History, Twin Cities, Minnesota.

“The Bureaucracy of Genius: The Role of the Clerk in the American Patent System,” presented at:

- Legal History Colloquium, Harvard Law School.
- Workshop on Science and Technology Studies and Intellectual Property Law, sponsored by Stanford Law School and University of California, Berkeley Law School, Napa Valley, CA.
- Techniques of Ownership Conference, London School of Economics, U.K.

“Human Milk as Technology and Technologies of Human Milk: Milk Banking in the Twentieth Century United States,” Society for the History of Technology annual meeting, Washington, D.C. (awarded Robinson Prize).

“Milking Mothers for Medicine: Doctors and the Dairy Industry,” American Association for the History of Medicine annual meeting, Montreal, Quebec.

“Scientific Men, Working Ladies, and the Inventive Community in the Antebellum Patent Office,” History of Science Society annual meeting, Vancouver, B.C.

“Professionalizing Ghostwriting: Patents and the Authorship of Invention in the Nineteenth Century United States,” Con/Texts of Invention, Case Western Reserve University School of Law, Cleveland, OH.

“Courtroom Views of Academic Science: A Biotech Patent Trial,” History of Science Society annual meeting, Minneapolis, MN.

“All Scientists are Knaves’: Transforming a Scientific Result into a Commercial Invention through Patent Law,” presented at:

- Institute of Biology, University of Iceland.
- Symposium on Science and the Creation of Value, Uppsala University.

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

DECHERT, LLP, Boston, MA and Princeton, NJ 1994 - 2003
Associate: Experience in multiple aspects of intellectual property law, including drafting and prosecuting patents, and preparing patent non-infringement and invalidity opinions; drafting and negotiating technology licenses and development, research, manufacturing, and distribution agreements; advising biotech and computer services and software start-ups on protection of intellectual property; and drafting and negotiating software and internet-related agreements and licenses; as well as experience in general commercial and mass tort litigation.

BAR ADMISSIONS, PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS, RESEARCH GROUPS

Bar Admissions:

Massachusetts (inactive), New Jersey (retired), Patent

Affiliations:

American Bar Association
 Law and Society Association
 American Association of Law Schools
 American Society for Legal History
 History of Science Society
 International Society for the History and Theory of Intellectual Property
 Massachusetts Historical Society, Elected Fellow
 Society for the History of Technology
 Society for the History of the Early American Republic
 Organization of American Historians
 American Historical Association

Research Groups:

Interdisciplinary Feminist Reading Group, Northeastern University	2020-
Feminist Theory Research Cluster, Northeastern University	2014-15
Feminist Legal Theory Collaborative Research Network, sponsored by Law & Society Association	2012-
Legal History Collaborative Research Network, sponsored by Law & Society Association	2014-

Bodies/Embodiment Research Cluster Co-sponsored by Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies Program, Northeastern University and the Centre for Gender Research, Uppsala University	2010-14
IPBio International Research Network	2010-

SERVICE

Profession:

Organizing Committee, Annual Mosaic IP Conference	2015-16, 2020-
American Society for Legal History	
Chair, Cromwell Fellowship Committee	2025
Cromwell Fellowship Committee	2024
Archives Committee	2017-18
Annual Meeting Organizing Committee	2010-11
Board Member, International Society for the Theory & History of Intellectual Property	2016-
Associate Editor, <i>Signs: Journal of Women in Culture & Society</i>	2015-
Peer reviewer, Fellowship applications, School of Historical Studies, Institute for Advanced Study	2024
Fellowships Committee, Massachusetts Historical Society	2019
Chair, Archives Subcommittee, Section on Women in Legal Education, American Association of Law Schools	2014
Peer reviewer:	2007-
<i>Routledge</i>	
<i>American Journal of Legal History</i>	
<i>Enterprise & Society</i>	
<i>GLQ: A Journal of Gay and Lesbian Studies</i>	
<i>Journal of Women's History</i>	
<i>Science, Technology and Human Values</i>	
<i>Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society</i>	
<i>Social Studies of Science</i>	
<i>Technology & Culture</i>	
<i>Women's Studies Quarterly</i>	

University:

Member, Executive Committee, Northeastern University Program in Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies	2015-
Founding Faculty Advisor, JD/MS in creative practice leadership joint degree	2011-23

Chair Evaluation Subcommittee, Faculty Senate	2015-16
Klein Lecture Selection Committee, Faculty Senate	2015-16
Co-founder, Working Group on Commodification, Technology and Gender, Drexel University	2009-10

Law School:

Chair, Appointments Committee	2025
Associate Dean for Research and Interdisciplinary Education	2021-23
Chair, Research Committee	2021-23
Faculty Advisor to Law Review	2019-21
Merit Committee	2021
Faculty Advisor, IP and Technology Concentration	2020-23
Faculty Advisor, Intellectual Property Student Society	2020-23
Appointments Committee	2014-15, 2017-18, 2024-25
Faculty Workload Taskforce	2019-20
Curriculum Committee	2013-14, 2015-16, 2018-19
Workload Policy Committee	2017-18
Research Committee	2015-16
Legal Scholarship 4.0 Organizing Committee	2013-14
Judicial Clerkship Committee	2010-11, Fall 2012, 2018-19, 2024-25
Coordinator, Junior Faculty Working Group	2010-2015
Faculty Mentor, Transfer Students	2012-13, 2014-16
1L Advisor	2018-2022, 2024-

Community:

Mothers' Milk Bank Northeast, Advisory Board	2016-
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