

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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## **Education**

Ph.D., Jurisprudence and Social Policy Program, University of California, Berkeley. December 2003.

Dissertation Title: "Personhood and Identity in American Law"

J.D., University of California, Berkeley (Boalt Hall School of Law). May 2001.

M.A., Department of Government and Foreign Affairs, University of Virginia. January 1997.

B.A. in Philosophy, Davidson College. May 1995. Phi Beta Kappa.

## **Academic Appointments**

Assistant Professor of Women's Studies and Political Science, University of Michigan.  
September 2004 to present.

Disability Studies Initiative (UMInDS) Steering Committee Member.  
Affiliated Faculty, Science, Technology & Society Program.

Visiting Assistant Professor of Law, University of Michigan School of Law. Winter 2006 term.

Lecturer, Women's Studies Program, University of Michigan. Winter 2004 term.

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Michigan. Winter 2004 term.

## **Book**

Fat Rights: Dilemmas of Difference and Personhood (New York University Press, forthcoming March 2008)

## **Articles**

“Obesity, Health, and Antidiscrimination: Revisiting What Rights Do,” *Studies in Law, Politics and Society* (forthcoming 2008).

“Think of the Hippopotamus: Rights Consciousness in the Fat Acceptance Movement,” *Law & Society Review*, Volume 42, No. 2 (forthcoming June 2008).

“What’s at Stake in Transgender Discrimination as Sex Discrimination?” *Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society*, Volume 32, No. 1 (Autumn 2006): 83-111.

“What’s at Stake in Fatness as a Disability?,” *Disability Studies Quarterly*, Volume 26, No. 1 (Winter 2006).

“Victorious Transsexuals in the Courtroom: A Challenge for Feminist Legal Theory,” *Law & Social Inquiry*, Volume 28, No. 1 (March 2003): 1-37.

“Representations of Fatness and Personhood: Pro-Fat Advocacy and the Limits and Uses of Law,” *Representations*, No. 82 (Spring 2003): 24-51.

## **Book Chapter**

“When Transgendered People Sue and Win: Feminist Reflections on Strategy, Activism, and the Legal Process,” in Vivien Labaton and Dawn Lundy Martin, eds., The Fire This Time: Young Feminists and the New Activism (Anchor Books, 2004).

## **Work in Progress**

“Obesity in the Time of Neoliberalism” (working paper).

“Representing Identity in an Application Essay: Undergraduates’ Conceptions of Diversity after *Gratz v. Bollinger*” (mixed methodology project in data analysis stage).

Co-editor with Jonathan Metzl, Against Health: Has Health Become the New Morality?

## **Other Publications**

“Fat” entry in *Encyclopedia of American Disability History* (forthcoming 2008).

Book review of Disability Harassment by Mark C. Weber (New York University Press, 2007) in *The Review of Disability Studies* (forthcoming 2008).

## **Honors and Awards**

University of Michigan Institute for Research on Women and Gender Faculty Research Award, 2005, 2006.

University of California President's Dissertation Year Fellowship, 2002-2003.

2001-2002 Kadish Fellow at the Kadish Center for Morality, Law, and Public Affairs, Boalt Hall School of Law.

2002 Abigail Hodgen Publication Grant for women writing in the social sciences from the University of California, Berkeley.

Pass, July 2001 California Bar Examination and Multistate Professional Responsibility Exam.

Fall 2000 American Jurisprudence Award in Federal Courts (top grade), Boalt Hall School of Law.

*California Law Review*, Boalt Hall School of Law. 1999-2001.

Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award from the Legal Studies Department, University of California, Berkeley. May 2000.

1997 Zora Neale Hurston Writing Prize for the best graduate essay relating to feminism, awarded by the Women's Studies Program at the University of Virginia for my Master's Thesis, "Rights and the Representation of Social Conflict: A Feminist Critique."

## **Invited Talks**

"Contesting the 'Obesity Epidemic': Where is Feminism?," September 25, 2007 at the Centre for Law, Gender, and Sexuality, University of Kent (UK) and October 2, 2007 at Keele University (UK).

"Feminism and Fat Rights: Gendering the Obesity Epidemic?," September 10, 2007 at the Feminist Legal Theory Project, Emory University School of Law.

"Ideologies of the Fat Rights Movement," April 5, 2007, Columbia University Institute for Research on Women and Gender (Gender and Politics Colloquium Series).

Invited participant, 2007 Transgender Roundtable, March 16-17, 2007 in New York, sponsored by Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders (GLAD).

"What Can Antidiscrimination Law Do for Fat Women?," October 5, 2007, Institute for Research on Women and Gender, University of Michigan.

“What Do Fat Rights Activists Want from Law?,” April 19, 2006, University of Michigan School of Law.

“Gender in the Study of Law and Society,” February 14, 2006, University of Michigan Women’s Studies Department and Institute for Research on Women and Gender.

“What Do UM Undergraduate Applicants Think Diversity Means?: From Racial Preferences to Building Model Boats,” January 17, 2006, University of Michigan School of Law.

“Identity and the Properly Functioning Individual: Imagining the Confluence of Fat Rights and Disability Law,” October 6, 2004, University of Southern California Center for Law, History, and Culture.

### **Visiting Scholar Appointments**

Feminist Legal Theory Project, Emory University School of Law. September 10-14, 2007.

Centre for Law, Gender and Sexuality, University of Kent School of Law, Keele University School of Law, and University of Westminster School of Law (UK). September 24-October 10, 2007.

### **Conference Presentations**

Roundtable organizer and speaker: “Culture Clash over Fat: History, Politics, and Law,” upcoming at the 2007 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting in Chicago. August 30-September 2, 2007.

“Ideologies of Fat Rights Claims in the United States,” paper presented at the 2007 Law and Society Annual Meeting in Berlin. July 24-28, 2007.

“Examining Ideologies of Legal Protection: The Case of the Fat Acceptance Movement,” paper presented at the 2007 Law, Culture, and Humanities Meeting in Washington, D.C. March 23-24, 2007.

“What Do Fat Rights Activists Want from Law?,” paper presented at the 2006 Law and Society Annual Meeting in Baltimore. July 6-9, 2006.

“What’s at Stake in Fatness as a Disability?,” paper presented at the 2005 Law and Society Annual Meeting in Las Vegas. June 2-5, 2005.

“Why Do Antidiscrimination Laws Fail?,” paper presented at the 2005 Meeting for the Working Group on Law, Culture, and the Humanities in Austin. March 11-13, 2005.

Discussant, “Cultures of Censorship,” American Studies Association Annual Meeting in Atlanta. November 11-14, 2004.

“The Nexus of Legal Personhood and Group Identity: A Comparative View,” paper presented at the 2003 the Law and Society Annual Meeting in Pittsburgh. June 5-8, 2003.

“Legal Categories of Personhood Meet Group Identities: Law’s Choices as Politics,” paper presented at the 2003 Meeting for the Working Group on Law, Culture, and the Humanities in New York. March 7-9, 2003.

“Four Models of Personhood: Fatness in U.S. Law,” paper presented at the 2002 Meeting for the Working Group on Law, Culture, and the Humanities in Philadelphia. March 8-9, 2002.

“Equality and Liberty in Antisubordination Theory,” paper presented at the 2001 Law and Society Association Annual Meeting in Budapest, Hungary. July 2001.

“What Subordinates?: The Problem of Law and Social Meanings,” paper presented at the *Thinking Gender* Feminist Graduate Student Conference, University of California, Los Angeles. March 2001.

“Gender Cosmetics: Sex Change Law and the Hope of Transgression,” paper presented at the *Boundaries in Question* Feminist Graduate Student Conference, University of California, Berkeley. March 1998.

### **Teaching at the University of Michigan**

WS 111: Gender and Sexuality in U.S. Law (undergraduate seminar)

WS 151: Theories of Rights (freshman seminar)

WS 270: Gender and the Law (undergraduate lecture course)

WS 308/PS 308: Law and Politics of Sexuality (undergraduate lecture course)

PS 317: Courts, Politics, and Society (undergraduate lecture course)

WS 440: Senior Capstone Seminar on Gender Discrimination (required seminar for majors)

WS 698: Law and Politics of Identity (graduate seminar, also SOC 595, PS 688)

LAW 840: Law and Politics of Identity (law school seminar)

### **Service at the University of Michigan**

Women’s Studies Program Undergraduate Committee, Winter 2008.

Women’s Studies Program Executive Committee, 2006-2007.

2005 Constitution Day Committee (university-wide).

Graduate Certificate Committee, Women’s Studies Program, 2005-2006.

Law and Politics Search Committee, Department of Political Science, 2005-2006.

Graduate Student Hiring Committee Member, Women's Studies Program, 2004-2005, 2006.  
MacGuigan Essay Award Committee Member, Women's Studies Program, 2004-2005.  
Conference organizer: *The New Politics of Gay Marriage* (October 21, 2004) and *Against Health: Resisting the Invisible Morality* (October 12 and 13, 2006).

### **Professional Memberships and Service**

Law and Society Association (since 1998).

Diversity Committee, 2006-2008.

Faculty Workshop Leader, Graduate Student Activities. Berlin, Germany. July 2007.

Summer Institute selected participant. Berkeley, California. July 2003.

Graduate Student Workshop participant. Budapest, Hungary. July 2001.

American Political Science Association (since 1998).

Section memberships: Law and Courts, Women and Politics, Sexuality and Politics,  
Public Policy.

### **Manuscript Reviews**

*Law & Social Inquiry*

*Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society*

*Politics & Gender*

*National Women's Studies Association Journal*

*Studies in Law, Politics, and Society*

Routledge (UK)