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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

Professional Employment

Assistant Professor, Justice Studies, San Jose State University, Fall 2019-Present.

Assistant Professor, Gender Studies, University of Southern Indiana, Fall 2017-Spring 2019.

Publications

Books

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

Articles

"The Pregnancy Police: Surveillance, Regulation, and Control," in *Harvard Law and Policy Review*, Vol. 14, No. 2, 2019.

"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.

Other Publications

“Alabama’s Abortion Ban Forced the United States to Finally Wake Up,” *The Globe Post*, with Cynthia Daniels and Amanda Roberti, 2019.

“Alabama’s Total Abortion Ban and the Red Flag You Missed,” *Rewire News*, with Meghan Eagen-Torkko, 2019.

“The Future of Criminal Prosecution for Self-Induced Abortion and Pregnancy Endangerment,” Research Brief for Scholars Strategy Network, 2018.

“The Structure of Scientific Devolutions: An Open Letter from Concerned Scholars,” *Huffington Post*, Co-authored by Sarp Aksel, Lauren Broussard, Meghan Eagen-Torkko, Cynthia Greenlee, Frances E. Likis, Monica McLemore, Ghazaleh Moayedi, Ashish Premkumar, Jessica Roach, Mona Shattell, Jenna Shaw-Battista, Diane Tober, and Michelle Wright. December 2017.

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

Other Scholarly and Creative Work

Georgia Informed Consent Report, Co-Authored by Cynthia Daniels and Amanda Roberti, March 2018

Louisiana Informed Consent Report, Co-authored by Cynthia Daniels and Amanda Roberti, August 2017

Utah Informed Consent Report, Co-authored by Cynthia Daniels and Amanda Roberti, July 2017.

Alaska Informed Consent Report, Co-authored by Cynthia Daniels and Amanda Roberti, September 2016.

Michigan Informed Consent Report, Co-authored by Cynthia Daniels and Amanda Roberti, August 2016.

Texas Informed Consent Report, Co-authored by Cynthia Daniels and Amanda Roberti, April 2016.

Scholarly and Creative Works in Progress

The Pregnancy Police, forthcoming with University of California Press

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

Conference Presentations and Invited Academic Lectures

“The Pregnancy Police,” accepted for presentation at the Law and Society Association Meeting, May 2020.

“The Pregnancy Police,” presented at the annual meeting of the National Women’s Studies Association, November 2019.

“The Pregnancy Police: Healthcare Providers Policing the Pregnant Citizen,” presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, November 2019.

“Pregnancy Exceptionalism and the Law” presented at the University of Southern Indiana Movements Colloquium, February 2019.

“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.

“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.

“Bad Clinics, DIY Abortion, and Feminist Care,” presented at the Rutgers University Abortion and Feminist Care Workshop, November 2017.

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

“Abortion and Informed Consent?” presented with Cynthia Daniels 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.

“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.

“Informed or Misinformed Consent?” Presented with Cynthia Daniels and Amanda Roberti at the Annual Meeting of the National Abortion Federation, 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.

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

“Informed or Misinformed Consent? Abortion Politics in the States,” presented with Cynthia Daniels and Amanda Roberti 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.

“Abortion and the Politics of ‘Informed Consent’ In the States,” presented with Cynthia Daniels and Amanda Roberti at the biannual meeting of the mid-Atlantic Law and Society Association Meeting, 2014.

“The Limits of Pure White: Raced Reproduction and the Methamphetamine Crisis,” presented at the Northeastern Political Science Association Meeting, 2013.

“Power and Persuasion: The Politics of Abortion and Informed Consent in the States,” Presented with Cynthia Daniels and Amanda Roberti at the Rutgers Women and Health Initiative Research Colloquium Series, December 2013.

“Criminalizing Pregnancy in Alabama” Presented at the Rutgers University Center for Race and Ethnicity Graduate Student Forum, November 2013.

“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

Courses Taught at San Jose State University

Sex and Justice, Spring and Fall 2020, Spring 2021

Gender and Crime, Fall 2020

Sex, Gender, and Justice, Spring 2020

Internship, Fall 2019, Spring/Fall 2020, Fall 2021

Introduction to Justice Studies, Fall 2019 and 2021

Victimology, Fall 2019, Spring/Fall 2021

Local and Global Human Rights, Spring 2021

Courses Taught at University of Southern Indiana

Violence Against Women, Summer 2019

Seminar on Reproduction, Spring 2019

Introduction to Gender Studies, Fall 2017, Fall 2018, Spring 2019

Perspectives on Gender, Fall 2018

Violence Against Women, Fall 2018

The Body in Art and Culture, Spring 2018

Gender, Public Policy, and Law, Spring 2018

Gender and Crime, Fall 2017

Courses Taught at Rutgers University

Gender, Public Policy, and Law, Spring 2016

Law and Politics, Summer 2015 and Summer 2016

Politics of Criminal Justice, Summers 2014-2017

Service

- Human Rights Working Group, San Jose State University, Fall 2021-ongoing.
- Afghan Scholars At Risk, San Jose State University, Fall 2021.

- Graduate Committee, Department of Justice Studies, San Jose State University, Fall 2019-ongoing.
- 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.
- Co-Director of the Rutgers University Informed Consent Project, ongoing.
- University of Southern Indiana Safe Zone LGBTQ+ Training Committee, edited and updated training materials, organized and facilitated trainings, Spring 2018-Spring 2019.
- University of Southern Indiana Africana Studies Advisory Committee, member, Spring 2018-Spring 2019.
- University of Southern Indiana Gender Studies Advisory Committee, member, Fall 2017-Spring 2019.
- University of Southern Indiana Equity Diversity and Inclusion Committee, member, Spring 2018-Spring 2019.
- University of Southern Indiana Sexuality and Gender Alliance Student Organization, faculty advisor, Fall 2018-Spring 2019.
- University of Southern Indiana, Nelson Mandela Social Justice Commemoration Committee, member, Fall 2018-Spring 2019.
- University of Southern Indiana Gender Studies Major Exploratory Committee, member, Fall 2017-Spring 2019.
- “Understanding the Complexities of Gender” panel participant, hosted by University of Southern Indiana Center for Social Justice Education, April 2019.
- Research Briefing on Tennessee’s Fetal Assault Law, hosted by SisterReach, Memphis, April 2019.
- Panel Discussion: BlackKlansman, Africana Studies Day, University of Southern Indiana, March 2019.
- Performed in, provided costuming for, and helped to organize the University of Southern Indiana performance of The Vagina Monologues, February 2018 and 2019.
- “Pregnancy and the Opioid Crisis,” presented at the annual meeting of Healthy and Free Tennessee, a health advocacy organization October 2018.
- “Analysis of Georgia’s State-mandated informed consent materials,” presented at The People’s Hearing for the Georgia Whole Women’s Health Act, organized by the Feminist Women’s Health Center, the ACLU of Georgia, SPARK Reproductive Justice Now, and the National Asian Pacific American Women’s Forum, in Atlanta, Georgia, May 2018.
- “Gender Revolution,” film screening and discussion panel, University of Southern Indiana, November 2017.
- Exploratory Committee for Africana Studies Minor, member, University of Southern Indiana, 2017-2018.

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

Professional Activities

Media Mentions

“The Rising Rates of Women in Prison is an Epidemic,” *Dame Magazine*, December 2, 2019.

“How Politicians Force Doctors to Lie to Women,” *Rolling Stone*, March 21, 2017.

“Kentucky’s New Fetal Pain Law, Like Most Abortion Restrictions, Is Based on Junk Science,” *The Intercept*, January 22, 2017.

“Texas is just one of many states using ‘informed consent’ to spread lies about abortion,” *Mic.com*, December 7, 2016.

“Incomplete Victory for Evidence-Based Abortion,” *Rewire*, August 5, 2016.

“A State-by-State List of the Lies Abortion Doctors are Forced to Tell,” *Broadly*, April 18, 2016.

“Too Many American Women Are Receiving False Information About Abortions Through State-Sponsored Brochures,” *Bustle*, March 2, 2016.

“Study finds one-third of women seeking abortions get misleading info,” *AOL.com*, March 1, 2016.

“Rutgers Study: Women seeking abortions often get false information,” *Philly Voice*, March 1, 2016.

“‘Informed Consent’ states often give women considering abortions inaccurate information,” *Science Daily*, February 29, 2016.

“States Give Women Misleading Abortion Information, Study Finds,” *NBC News*, February 29, 2016.

“One-third of U.S. women seeking abortions get misleading information,” *Reuters*, February 29, 2016.

Professional Service

Reviewer for the journal *Politics and Policy*, September 2018.

Professional Development

Convening on Abortion Criminalization and Drug Use During Pregnancy, September, 2020.

West Coast Reproductive Justice Initiative, workshop at the UCSF Bixby Center, ANSIRH, November 2019.

CRRJeous Conversation: Protecting the Right to Abortion in Georgia, workshop at UC Berkeley, hosted by the Law School.

Scholars Strategy Network Abortion Research Accelerator, workshop at Scholars Strategy Network headquarters in Boston, MA, October 2018.

Scholars Strategy Network Abortion Research Incubator, workshop at the UCSF Bixby Center, ANSIRH (Advancing New Standards In Reproductive Health), May 2018.