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TEACHING & RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of Houston Law Center, Houston, TX

Assistant Professor of Law, June 2021 – Present

Courses taught:

- Property Law
- Alternative Dispute Resolution Survey
- Criminal Procedure

Indiana University Maurer School of Law, Bloomington, IN

Jerome Hall Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for Law, Society, and Culture, Aug. 2018-May 2021

Courses taught:

- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Criminal Procedure: Investigations
- Psychology for Law Practice (seminar)
- Negotiations

Cornell University Law School, Ithaca, NY

Visiting Scholar, Fall 2017

University of Chicago, Department of Psychology

Instructor & Graduate Teaching Assistant, Sep. 2015 – June 2021

Courses taught:

- Developmental Psychology (discussion)
- Psychology & Law

University of Chicago, Graham School of Continuing Liberal and Professional Studies

Instructor, Summer Seminar (Law & Economics Program), Summers 2014 & 2015

Courses taught:

- Valuation & Compensation
- Negotiation & Contract

University of Illinois College of Law, Champaign, IL

Research Fellow, Illinois Program on Law, Behavior, and Social Science, Aug. 2011-Aug. 2013

EDUCATION

University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Ph.D., Business and Psychology, 2018

- Booth School of Business, Center for Decision Research (Behavioral Science Area)
- Department of Psychology (Developmental Area)
- *Dissertation*: “The Intuitive Jurisprudence of Punishment”
 - Committee Co-Chairs: Eugene Caruso & Alex Shaw
- Katherine Dusak Miller Endowed Ph.D. Fellowship

M.A., Psychology, 2017

University of Illinois College of Law, Champaign, IL

J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2009

- Order of the Coif
- *University of Illinois Law Review*, Lectures Editor
- Admitted to Practice Law, Illinois, 2009 (license retired as of Jan. 1, 2019)

University of Illinois, Champaign, IL
B.S., Psychology & Political Science

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIP

Illinois Supreme Court, Springfield, IL

- Clerk for Justice Rita B. Garman, Aug. 2009-Aug. 2011

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Crime Because Punishment: The Inferential Psychology of Morality and Punishment, 2020 U. ILL. L. REV. 1177 (with Alex Shaw & Eugene Caruso)

Crime, But Not Punishment? Children are More Lenient When the ‘Spirit of the Law’ is Unbroken, 178 J. EXPERIMENTAL CHILD PSYCH. 266 (2019) (with Isabel Welberry & Alex Shaw) ([SSRN](#))

Beyond Retribution: Intuitive Jurisprudence and Early Reasoning About the Functions of Punishment, 13 J. EMPIRICAL LEGAL STUD. 693 (2016) (with Katherine D. Kinzler & Alex Shaw) ([PDF](#))

Unskilled and Don't Want to Be Aware of It: The Effect of Self-Relevance on the Unskilled and Unaware Phenomenon, PLOS ONE 10(6) (2015) (with Young H. Kim & C-Y Chiu)

Numeracy and Legal Decisionmaking, 46 ARIZ. L.J. 13 (2014) (with Arden Rowell) ([SSRN](#))

Cybercrime and Computer Crime, Encyclopedia of Criminology and Criminal Justice (Blackwell, 2014) (with Robert Bregant II)

Neither Admit Nor Deny, Monitor on Psychology, Sep. 2013 (with Jennifer K. Robbennolt) ([link](#))

Intellectual Property Law and the Psychology of Creativity, Monitor on Psychology, Jan. 2013 (with Jennifer K. Robbennolt) ([link](#))

Public Trials, Private Lives, and Jury Questionnaires, Monitor on Psychology, June 2012, at 23 (with Jennifer K. Robbennolt) ([link](#))

Statistical Significance in Court, Monitor on Psychology, Jan. 2012 (with Jennifer K. Robbennolt) ([link](#))

Note, *Let's Give Them Something to Talk About: An Empirical Evaluation of Predeliberation Discussions*, 2009 U. ILL. L. REV. 1213 ([SSRN](#))

INVITED TALKS

AP-LS Webinar, Virtual, August 2020

- *Policing, Qualified Immunity, and Psychology Research*

Law and Society Association: Law, Society, and Psychological Science CRN, Virtual, June 2020

- Discussant, *Bullying, Rule-Breaking, and the Punitive Impulse*

Loyola University Chicago, Department of Psychology, Chicago, IL, November 2019

- Colloquium, *The Intuitive Jurisprudence of Punishment: Research at the Intersection of Developmental Psychology & Law*
- Guest lecture (Law and Psychology), *Juvenile Justice & Moral Development*

Cornell Law School, Ithaca, NY, September 2016

- Guest lecture (Psychology, Law, and Culture), *Psychological Issues in Eyewitness Testimony*

University of Chicago, Department of Psychology, Chicago, IL, May 2015, May 2018 & May 2019

- Guest lecture (Introduction to Developmental Psychology), *Moral Development*

University of Chicago, Biological Sciences Division, Chicago, IL, July 2016

- Language & Concepts of Business (myCHOICE Series): *Negotiations*

ADDITIONAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Chicago Law School

Teaching Assistant, Fall 2014, Winters 2016 & 2017

- Processes & Strategies of Negotiation, Prof. George Wu

University of Chicago Booth School of Business

Teaching Assistant

- Processes & Strategies of Negotiation, Prof. Thomas Talhelm, Spring 2016
- Processes & Strategies of Negotiation, Prof. Eugene Caruso, Summer 2014
- Advanced Negotiations, Prof. George Wu, Spring 2014

University of Illinois College of Law, Champaign, IL

Teaching Assistant, Spring 2013

- The American Jury, Prof. Rebecca Szyna

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Law and Society Association: Law, Society, and Psychological Science CRN, Virtual, 2020

- Discussant, *Bullying, Rule-Breaking, and the Punitive Impulse*

Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., 2019

- *Guilt in the Age of Innocence*

Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, 2017

- *Crime, But Not Punishment? Children are More Lenient When the 'Spirit of the Law' is Unbroken* (paper with Isabel Welberry & Alex Shaw)

AP-LS Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA, 2016

- *Beyond Retribution: Intuitive Jurisprudence and Early Reasoning About the Functions of Punishment* (paper with Katherine Kinzler & Alex Shaw)

Social Psychology and Law Preconference, Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, 2016

- *Beyond Retribution: Intuitive Jurisprudence and Early Reasoning About the Functions of Punishment* (paper with Katherine Kinzler & Alex Shaw) (Data Blitz Talk)

Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, Washington Univ. in St. Louis, St. Louis, MO, 2015

- *Beyond Retribution: Intuitive Jurisprudence and Early Reasoning About the Functions of Punishment* (paper with Katherine Kinzler & Alex Shaw)

American Law and Economics Association meeting, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, 2014

- *Numeracy and Legal Decisionmaking* (paper with Arden Rowell)

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

Champaign County Public Defender, Champaign, IL

Legal Intern, Fall 2008

National Transportation Safety Board, Office of General Counsel, Washington, D.C.

Law Clerk, Summer 2008

Illinois Appellate Court, Fourth District, Honorable Justice Sue Myerscough, Springfield, IL

Judicial Extern, Summer 2007

Illinois Office of the State Fire Marshal, Springfield, IL

Executive Intern, Summer 2006

House of Commons, London, United Kingdom

Parliamentary Intern, Summer 2005