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Academic Positions

1999 – Present

SOUTHWESTERN LAW SCHOOL, Los Angeles, CA

The Honorable Arleigh M. Woods and William T. Woods Chair
(2024-present)

Professor of Law (2004-current)

Irwin R. Buchalter Professor of Law (2005-2006)

Associate Professor of Law (1999-2004)

Courses Taught: Contracts I & II, Sales, Secured Transactions,
Law & Social Change, Law & Sexual Orientation, Critical Race
Theory

Significant Committee Service

Ad Hoc Committee on Faculty Best Practices (2011-2012)
(Chair)

Ad Hoc Committee on Site Evaluation/Self Study (2013-2014)

Appointments Committee (2005-2021)

Faculty Development Committee (2012-2018; 2020-2022)

Academic Standards Committee (2018-2022)

Laterals Hiring Committee (2022-2023)

Status & Equity Committee (Start: 2022—End: 2024)

Subcommittee on Drafting New Tenure Standards (2006-2009)

Task Force on Equity, Inclusion & Belonging (2021-present; Co-
Chair 2024)

Tenure, Promotion & Retention Committee (2005-2021)

Faculty Adviser

Southwestern Law Review (2005-2010; 2020-present)

OUTLaw (2022-2025)

Fall 2023

UC IRVINE SCHOOL OF LAW, Irvine, CA

Visiting Professor of Law

Course Taught: The Common Law of Contracts

1998 – 1999

WILLIAM S. RICHARDSON SCHOOL OF LAW, Honolulu, HI

Visiting Assistant Professor of Law

Courses Taught: Civil Procedure I & II, Second Year Seminar

Education

LL.M. **HARVARD LAW SCHOOL, Cambridge, MA**

J.D. **WILLIAM S. RICHARDSON SCHOOL OF LAW, Honolulu, HI**
Member, University of Hawaii Law Review

B.A. **WHITMAN COLLEGE, Walla Walla, WA**
History and Economics
Honors in History

Publications (Articles)

Foreword: ClassCrits XIV—Demanding Justice in the Face of Retrenchment: Finding Common Ground and Building Coalition Across Borders (forthcoming Southwestern Law Review Spring, 2025)

In This Moment (forthcoming Southwestern Law Review Spring, 2025)

If Past is Prologue, Then the Future is Bleak: Contracts, Covid-19 and the Changed Circumstances Doctrines, 9 Tex. A&M L. Rev. 347 (2022).

Contract Law & Racial Inequality: A Primer, 95 St. John's L. R. 449 (2021).

In and Out—Contract Doctrines in Action 66 Hastings L. J. 1661 (2015).

Form & Substance in Nancy Kim's Wrap Contracts, 44 Sw. L. Rev. (2014).

Revealing Privilege—Why Bother? 42 Wash. U. J. of Law & Pol'y 131 (2013).

Cross-Purposes & Unintended Consequences—Karl Llewellyn, Article 2 and the Limits of Social Transformation, 1 The Theory & Practice of Legislation 91 (2013)

In A Word, 41 Sw. L. Rev. 215 (2012).

Cross-Purposes & Unintended Consequences—Karl Llewellyn, Article 2 and the Limits of Social Transformation, 12 Nev. L.J. 54 (2011).

Contract Law Now—Reality Meets Legal Fictions, 41 U. Balt. L. Rev. 1 (2011).

Contract Formation and the Entrenchment of Power, 41 Loy. U. Chi. L.J. 175 (2009).

And The Chill Goes On—Federal Civil Rights Plaintiffs Beware: Rule 11 Vis-a-Vis 28 U.S.C. §1927 and the Court's Inherent Power, 37 Loyola L.A. L. Rev. 645 (2004).

Still Chilling After All These Years: Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 11 and its Impact on Federal Civil Rights Plaintiffs After the 1993 Amendments, 37 Val. U. L. Rev. 1 (2002).

Same-Sex Marriage Revisited—Taking a Critical Look at Baehr v. Lewin, 9 Geo. Mason U. Civ. Rts. L. J. 1 (1998/1999).

Striking A Balance: Procedural Reform Under The Lum Court, 14 U. Haw. L. Rev. 223 (1992) (with Karla Winter).

Rule 11 And State Courts: Panacea Or Pandora's Box?, 13 U. Haw. L. Rev. 57 (1991) (with Eric K. Yamamoto).

Publications (Books)

Knapp, Crystal, Prince, Hart, & Silverstein, Problems in Contract Law—Cases and Materials (10th edition 2023)

Knapp, Crystal, Prince, Hart, & Silverstein, Problems in Contract Law—Cases and Materials, Concise First Edition (2025)

Works in Progress

From Contract to Status: The Story of Contract Law & Inequality (book under contract with Routledge)

What Bankruptcy Can Tell Us About U.C.C. Article 9

Contracts, Contract Law, & Race—An Unexpected Synergy

Panels/Presentations

Joint Western Law Teachers of Color and Conference of Asian Pacific American Law Faculty Conference—Transformative Justice In A World On Fire

June 26-29, 2025

William S. Richardson School of Law, University of Hawaii at Manoa

Panelist: Confronting Erasure and Power: Racial Identity, History and Justice

17th Annual International Conference on Contracts

June 20-21, 2024 at the University of Bristol Law School

Moderator: Contract Law and Social Justice

Panelist: Change of Circumstances and Consent

Demanding Justice in the Face of Retrenchment: Finding Common Ground and Building Coalitions Across Borders

ClassCrits XIV at Southwestern Law School

February 9-10, 2024

Panelist: Wealth & Power

Hemispheric Justice: Cultivating Solidarity Across the South-North Divide of the Americas.

LatCrit 2023 Biennial Conference

October 6-7, 2023

Panelist: Teaching Critical Justice Throughout the Curriculum

2022 Annual Meeting of Law & Society

Lisbon, Portugal, July 13-16, 2022.

Panelist: Market Failure Redefined and Resisted

Mapping Critical Geographies and Alternative Possibilities in Legal Scholarship and Praxis for the Next Twenty-Five Years

LatCrit XXI

October 9, 2021

Panelist: Critical Perspectives on Theory and Jurisprudence

Queering Class

ClassCrits Workshop Series: Workshop #7

April 16, 2021

Roundtable Participant

Widening the Lens of Justice—Unmasking the Layers of Racial and Social Inequality

Southwestern Law Review Symposium

February 5, 2021

Panelist: Economic (In)Justice—Past Present Future

15th International Conference on Contracts

University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law, February 21-22, 2020

Panelist—New Approaches to Contract Law

Moderator—Nancy Kim's Consentability: Consent & Its Limits

ClassCrits XII: Facing Our Challenges, Rescuing Democracy and Ensuring Wellbeing

Western New England School of Law, November 15-16, 2019

Panelist—Unmasking Power in Private Law

14th International Conference on Contracts

Tulane Law School, March 8-9, 2019

Panelist—Consent, Autonomy, and Other Values of Contract Law

ClassCrits XI: Rising Together for Economic Hope, Power and Justice

West Virginia College of Law, November 2-3, 2018

Panelist--Unequal Exchanges: Consent, Trust, and Economic Power

2018 Annual Meeting of Law & Society

Toronto, Canada, June 7 -10, 2018

Panelist—Law, Class & Inequality

ClassCrits at Ten: Mobilizing for Resistance, Solidarity, and Justice

Tulane University School of Law, November 10-11, 2017

Panelist—Inequality—How We Got Here & Why We Stay

Poverty Law Conference

Seattle University School of Law, February 19-20, 2016

Panelist—Big Picture

2016 International Conference on Contracts

St. Mary's School of Law, February 26-27, 2016

Panelist—Contract Law and Ideology

2015 International Conference on Contracts

William S. Boyd School of Law, UNLV, February 27-28, 2015

Panelist—Whose Contract Law Is It Anyway?

SALT/LatCrit Faculty Development Workshop

William S. Boyd School of Law, University of Las Vegas, Nevada

October 9, 2014

Panelist/Mentor

Symposium Honoring Charles Knapp's 50 Years of Law Teaching

Hastings College of the Law

October 24, 2014

Panelist—The State of Contract Law

Tulane Forum—"The Future of Law & Inequality"

Tulane University Law School

November 7, 2014

Panelist

2014 International Conference on Law & Society

Minneapolis, Minnesota, May 29-June 1, 2014

Reader—Author Meets Reader: Nancy Kim, Wrap Contracts: Foundations and Ramifications)

Panelist—A Critical Perspective on Rights

2014 International Conference on Contracts

St. Thomas University School of Law, February 21-22, 2014

Co-Chair/Panelist—Contract Law and Social Justice: An Oxymoron?

ClassCrits VI Stuck in Forward? Debt, Austerity and the Possibilities of the Political

Southwestern Law School

November 15-16, 2013

Panelist—Public Law, Private Law and the Common Good

2013 International Conference on Law & Society

Boston, MA, May 30-June 2, 2013

Co-Chair/Panelist—Gender in the Market

Contracts as “Public Law” at the Intersection of Globalization and Privatization

(A Vulnerability and the Human Condition Initiative Workshop)

Emory School of Law March 1-2, 2013

Panelist—Contract and Intimacy

13th Annual International Conference on Contracts

Texas Wesleyan School of Law, February 22-23, 2013

Co-Chair/Panelist—Contractual Blindness

2012 International Conference on Law & Society

Honolulu, Hawaii, June 5-8, 2012

Chair/Panelist—Stephanie Wildman’s Privilege Revealed—Past, Present, and Future

11th Annual International Conference on Contracts

Thomas Jefferson School of Law, March 2-3, 2013

Panelist—Contractual Fairness

ClassCrits IV Criminalizing Economic Inequality

American University Washington College of Law, September 23-24, 2011

Chair/Panelist—Brick by Brick: Understanding Systems of Domination in the Core Curriculum

2011 International Conference on Law & Society

San Francisco, CA, June 2-5, 2011

Chair/Panelist—Exploring Power, Agency & Action in a World of Moving Frontiers

10th Annual International Conference on Contracts

Stetson University College of Law, February 18-19, 2011

Chair/Panelist—(Un)Conscious Bias in Contract Law

West Coast Law & Society Retreat

Southwestern Law School, February 11-12, 2011

Panelist—Rethinking Equality

Spring Conference on Contracts

William S. Boyd School of Law (UNLV), February 26-27, 2010

Chair/Panelist—The Contract Law System and Power—Past Present & Future

Injuries Without Remedies

Loyola L.A. Law School, March 26, 2010

Commentator—Marc Galanter's "The Dialective of Injury & Remedy"

Joint Western Law Teachers of Color and Conference of Asian Pacific American Law Faculty Conference

University of Denver Sturm College of Law, April 24-26, 2008

Presenting Paper

International Contracts Law Conference

McGeorge School of Law, February 8-9, 2008

Chair/Panelist—Contract as Power

Conference of Asian Pacific American Law Faculty Conference

William Mitchell College of Law, April 27-28, 2007

Presenting Paper

AALS Mid-Year Meeting: Exploring the Boundaries of Contract Law

Montreal, Canada, June 14-17, 2005

Panelist—Implications of Limited Rationality for Contract and Commercial Law

LatCrit VII

Portland, OR, May 2-5, 2002

Panelist-- Middleman Minority" Status: From Affirmative Action to Terrorism Profiling

Law, Culture & the Humanities Conference

University of Pennsylvania, March 7-9, 2002

Panelist—Critical Race Theory and Cultural Studies

Conferences & Symposia

Andrea Freeman's Ruin Their Crops On The Ground: The Politics of Food in the United States, from the Trail of Tears to School Lunch

- Southwestern Law Review & Lunch Panel Event
- Spring 2026 (forthcoming)
- Organizer

Immigration Amidst the Upheaval

- Southwestern Law Review
- Spring 2026 (forthcoming)
- *Co-Organizer*

Resistance! Now

- Southwestern Law Review
- Fall 2026 (forthcoming)
- *Organizer*

Law & Political Economy Collective Workshop Series: 2024-2025

- *Queering the Right-Wing Constitution? Trans Litigation & Parents' Rights*
 - October 2024 (*co-organizer*)
- *Fair Shake: Women & The Fight to Build a Just Economy*
 - December 2024 (*co-organizer*)
- *Teaching In a Time of Retrenchment: Structures of Government*
 - Upcoming 2025 (*co-organizer*)

Michael B. Dorff's *Becoming a Public Benefit Corporation*

- Southwestern Law Review
- Fall 2024
- *Organizer*

LGBTQIA+ Rights

- Southwestern Law Review
- Spring 2025
- *Co-Organizer*

Symposium Honoring Catherine Carpenter

- Southwestern Law Review (forthcoming Fall 2025)
- On-campus event at Southwestern Law School—February 7, 2025
- *Organizer*

ClassCrits XIV: *Demanding Justice in the Face of Retrenchment: Finding Common Ground and Building Coalitions Across Borders*

- In-Person Conference
 - Southwestern Law School
 - February 9-10, 2024
 - *Primary Organizer*, Member Organizing Committee
- Southwestern Law Review—The ClassCrits XIV Symposium Issue
 - To be published Fall 2024
 - *Organizer*
- Southwestern Journal of International Law—The ClassCrits XIV Symposium Issue
 - To be published Fall 2024

- *Organizer*

Wendy Bach's *Prosecuting Poverty, Criminalizing Care*

- Southwestern Law Review
- Published, Spring 2024
- *Organizer*

ClassCrits XIII: *Unlocking Race & Class For Just Transitions*

- Thurgood Marshall School of Law
- October 21-22, 2022
- *Member Organizing Committee*

Eric Yamamoto's *Healing the Persistent Wounds of Historic Injustice: United States, South Korea and the Jeju 4.3 Tragedy*

- Southwestern Law Review
- Published Fall, 2022
- *Organizer*

Ezra Rosser's *A Nation Within: Navajo Land and Economic Development*

- Southwestern Law Review
- Published Spring 2023
- *Organizer*

Teri McMurtry-Chubb's *Race Unequals: Overseer Contracts, White Masculinities, and the Formation of Managerial Identity in the Plantation Economy*

- Creighton Law Review
- Published Spring 2023
- *Co-Organizer*

Meera Deo's *Unequal Profession*

- Southwestern Law Review
- Published Spring 2022
- *Organizer*

Widening the Lens of Justice—Unmasking the Layers of Racial and Social Inequality

- Southwestern Law Review—Issue 3, Fall, 2021
- On campus event—Friday, February 5, 2021
- *Co-Organizer*

Andrea Freeman's *Skimmed*

- Cal Western Law Review

- Published Fall 2021
- *Organizer*

Beth Caldwell's *Deported Americans*

- Southwestern Law Review
- Published Spring 2021
- *Organizer*

ClassCrits Workshop Series: 2020-2021

- *The Journal of Law & Political Economy and Its "Constituencies"*
 - October 26, 2020 (*co-organizer*)
- *Online Junior Scholar Workshop*
 - January 22, 2021 (*co-organizer*)
- *Presumed Incompetent*
 - February 19, 2021 (*co-organizer*)
- *Racial Capitalism*
 - March 10, 2021 (*co-organizer*)

ClassCrits XII: Facing Our Challenges, Rescuing Democracy and Ensuring Wellbeing

- Western New England School of Law
- November 15-16, 2019
- *Member Organizing Committee*

Nancy Kim's *Consentability*

- Loyola (New Orleans) Law Review
- Published Spring 2020
- *Organizer*

ClassCrits XI: Rising Together for Economic Hope, Power and Justice

- West Virginia College of Law
- November 2-3, 2018
- *Member Organizing Committee*

ClassCrits at Ten: Mobilizing for Resistance, Solidarity, and Justice

- Tulane University Law School
- November 10-11, 2017
- *Member Organizing Committee*

12th Annual International Conference on Contracts

- In-Person Conference at Southwestern Law School

- February 24-25, 2017
- *Co-Organizer*

Sex Offenses: Lessons from the Front Lines

- Southwestern Law Review—Issue 3, Spring, 2016
- On campus event—Friday, November 6, 2015
- *Co-Organizer*

ClassCrits VIII: Emerging Coalitions: Challenging the Structures of Inequality

- Southwestern Law Review—Issue 4, Spring, 2016
- *Co-Organizer*

ClassCrits VII: Poverty, Precarity, and Work: Struggle and Solidarity in an Era of Permanent(?) Crisis

- Southwestern Law Review—Issue 4, Spring, 2015
- *Co-Organizer*

Locking Up Females, Failing to Protect Them, and Punishing Their Children and Families: Can A Human Rights Approach Eliminate Gender Bias That Is Currently Treated as Gender Neutral?

- Southwestern Law Review—Issue 3, Spring, 2015
- On-campus event at Southwestern Law School—November 14, 2014
- *Co-Organizer*

Nancy Kim's *Wrap Contracts*

- Southwestern Law Review—Issue 2, Fall, 2014
- *Organizer*

ClassCrits VI: Stuck in Forward? Debt, Austerity and the Possibilities of the Political

- Southwestern Law Review—Issue 4, Spring, 2014
- On-campus event at Southwestern Law School--November 15-16, 2013
- *Co-Organizer*

40 Years of LGBT Legal Activism - Taking Stock and Looking Ahead

- Southwestern Law Review—Issue 4. Spring, 2013
- On-campus event at Southwestern Law School—February 8, 2013
- *Co-Organizer*

Privilege Revealed: Past, Present, & Future

- Washington University Journal of Law & Policy—Volume 42, Fall, 2013

- Panel at Law & Society Annual Meeting—June, 2012
- *Organizer*

Exploring Power, Agency & Action in a World of Moving Frontiers

- Southwestern Law Review—Issue 2, Fall, 2012
- Panel at Law & Society Annual Meeting—June, 2011
- *Organizer*

Law/Community Service

AALS Section on Contracts

- Executive Committee Member: Elected to Serve January, 2012
- Secretary of the Section: Effective January, 2014
- Chair of the Section: January 2016 – January, 2017

AALS Section on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Issues

- Executive Committee Member: Elected to Serve January, 2002
- President: January 2007-January 2008 Term

ABA Business Law Section

- Uniform Commercial Code Committee: Member, 2014—Present
- Sale of Goods Subcommittee: Member, 2014—Present
- Pro Bono Committee: Member, 2014—Present

ClassCrits

- Organizing Committee: Member, 2011—Present
- Executive Committee: Member, 2012—2013
 - Co-Chair 2013—2018
- Co-Founder/Editorial Board Member: Journal of Law & Political Economy
- President of ClassCrits, Inc., 2017-2019
- At Large Executive Board Member, 2019-Present

The Law & Political Economy Collective (LPE-C)

- Co-Founder of LPE-C
- Strategic Planning Committee (2022-2024)
- Steering Committee (2022-present)
- Interim Board of Directors (2024-2025)
- At Large Board Member (2024-2025)

Commercial Law Amicus Initiative (CLAI)

- Member, Board of Directors, 2019--present

Honors and Awards

2023: Excellence in Teaching Award—First Year Professor

2012: Excellence in Teaching Award—First Year Professor

2010: Excellence in Teaching Award—First Year Professor

2008: Excellence in Teaching Award—First Year Professor

Bar Admission

Hawaii

Other Legal Experience

Legal Aid Society of Hawaii
Staff Attorney

Paul Johnson Park & Niles
Associate Attorney—Commercial Litigation

Hawaii Supreme Court
Law Clerk for Chief Justice Herman T. F. Lum and Associate Justice Mario Ramil