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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA SCHOOL OF LAW

Feb. 2020–present

Clinical Associate Professor & Director, First Amendment Clinic

- Supervise 8 law students per semester, 2 full-time legal fellows, and a full-time project attorney in trial and appellate-level litigation, direct client advocacy, and state-wide education on issues of First Amendment expressive freedoms, media law & government transparency. Teach weekly clinic seminar. Manage \$314,000 annual budget.
- Co-recipient of 2021 Clinical Legal Education Association (CLEA) *Award for Excellence in Public Interest Case or Project*.
- 2022 recipient of \$375,000 grant from The Legal Clinic Fund for Local News to support Georgia journalism.
- 2024 recipient of \$10,000 grant from the Impact Fund to support challenge to jail censorship.
- 2024 recipient of \$5 million endowment gift for the First Amendment Clinic from The Stanton Foundation

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA - CHAPEL HILL, J.D./M.S.W., May 2003

Class Rank: Top 3% (9 of 318)

Honors: Order of the Coif

Chancellors Scholar – 3-year, full merit-based scholarship

Awards: 2003 Carolina Law Pro Bono Student of the Year

Activities: Symposium Director for the Conference on Race, Class, Gender & Ethnicity (2L, 3L)
Co-chair of the Feminist Action Initiative (1L, 2L, 3L)

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA - CHAPEL HILL, B.A. Communications/ Art History (minor), May 1997

Honors: Highest Distinction, Phi Beta Kappa

Year Abroad: Université de Paul Valérie, Montpellier, France, 1995-96

PUBLICATIONS

Law Review Articles

Stitch Incoming: Lindke v. Freed's Impact on Social Media Blocking Litigation, 82 WASHINGTON & LEE L. REV. ONLINE 172 (2024) (with M. Bailey).

Campbell v. Reisch: *The Dangers of the Campaign Loophole in Social-Media-Blocking Litigation*, 25 UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA JOURNAL OF CONSTITUTIONAL LAW 146 (2023) (with M. Bailey)

Restoring Student Press Freedoms: Why Every State Needs a "New Voices" Law, 32 GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY CIVIL RIGHTS LAW JOURNAL 63 (2021) (with T. Harmon-Walker & N. Tharani)

Appellate Briefs

Sullivan v. Prospero, No. 24-10086-D, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit (2024) (with A. Veile)
Appellee brief defending denial of qualified immunity

Baker v. City of Atlanta, No. 23-12469, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit (2023) (with S. Hamilton & A. Fox)
Amicus curiae brief in support of plaintiffs-appellees

The Augusta Press, Inc. v. Richard Roundtree, No. S23C1071, Georgia Supreme Court (2023) (with A. Veile)
Amicus curiae brief in support of plaintiff-petitioner

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Camden County v. Sweatt and Goodman & Harris, No. S22A0837, Georgia Supreme Court (2022)
Amicus curiae brief in support of intervenors-appellees

ACLU v. Zeb, No. S20C1473, Georgia Supreme Court (2021) (with M. Sloman)
Amicus curiae brief in support of defendant-petitioner

PETA v. Stein, NC Farm Bureau, No. 20-1776 (L), U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit (2021)
Legal scholar amicus curiae brief in support of plaintiffs-appellees
Signatories from 14 law schools included Erwin Chemerinsky and Rodney A. Smolla

Love v. Atlanta Falcons Stadium Co., Case No. A21A0287, Georgia Court of Appeals (2020) (with N. Ewulonu)
Amicus curiae brief in support of plaintiffs-appellants

Op-Eds

Judges should protect Georgians' open records rights by awarding legal fees to victorious plaintiffs, DAILY REPORT (2025)

Campuses must support First Amendment rights of students, ATLANTA JOURNAL-CONSTITUTION (2022)

Public schools can still wrongly punish off-campus student speech, ATLANTA JOURNAL-CONSTITUTION (2021)

Another viewpoint: After Supreme Court win, student free speech rights still in danger, SUN SENTINEL (2021)

Recalibrating the balance: Increasing transparency around COVID-19 while still respecting privacy,
ATLANTA JOURNAL-CONSTITUTION (2020)

Continuing Legal Education

Nieves v. Bartlett: Little breathing space for retaliatory arrest claims (2023)
CLE paper for State Bar of Georgia conference on litigation under 42 U.S.C. § 1983

Sticks and Stones: Ethical Limits on Judicial Responses to Public Criticism (2021) (with A. Morgia & D. Juleus)
CLE paper for the National College of Probate Judges' annual conference

Viewpoint Discrimination in a Virtual Public Forum: When Government Official Block Citizens on Social Media (2020) (with M. Bailey)
CLE paper for Georgia Municipal Association attorneys and Georgia public officials

PRESENTATIONS & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Co-presenter (invited), "Teaching Justice and the First Amendment," Clinical Legal Education Association's Teaching Justice Webinar Series (Apr. 10, 2025)

Moderator, "Freedom of Information 101: Requests that Get Results," 34th annual Georgia Bar, Media & Judiciary Conference (Feb. 21, 2025)

Faculty facilitator (invited), ABA Forum on Communications Law, Media Advocacy Workshop, Austin, Texas (Feb. 6, 2025)

Presenter (invited), "Supreme Court Updates on Civil Rights & First Amendment Law," Georgia State Bar Conference on Litigation Under 42 U.S.C. Section 1983 (Jan. 24, 2025)

Discussant (invited), "The Press Clause: The Forgotten First Amendment," Atlanta Workshop, hosted by the Floyd Abrams Institute for Freedom of Expression (Jan. 24, 2025)

Moderator, "Identifying and Addressing Current Threats to Journalism," Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting (Jan. 8, 2025)

Co-Presenter (invited), "First Amendment Audits," Georgia Judicial Qualifications Commission (Dec. 11, 2024)

Panelist (invited), “Academic Freedom & Clinical Education,” Yale Law School’s 2024 Access & Accountability Conference (Nov. 2, 2024)

Co-Presenter (invited), “The Georgia Open Records & Open Meetings Act,” U.S. Department of State’s International Visitor Leadership Program (June 5, 2024)

Co-Presenter, “The Privacy Paradox: Balancing Transparency and Privacy in the Quest for Justice,” American Association of Law School’s Clinical Conference (May 4, 2024)

Co-Presenter, “Wide Ranging Litigation and Advocacy as Resistance and Resilience in a Law School Clinic,” American Association of Law School’s Clinical Conference (May 3, 2024)

Co-presenter (invited), “First Amendment Audits,” Chamblee, Georgia Police Department In-Service Training (Mar. 27, 2024)

Moderator, “What’s the Intel on Artificial Intelligence?” 33rd annual Georgia Bar, Media & Judiciary Conference (Feb. 23, 2024)

Co-Presenter (invited), “Online Speech, Government Social Media Suits,” State Bar of Georgia Conference on Litigation under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 (Jan. 10, 2024)

Presenter (invited), “First Amendment Audits” & “Social Media Essentials,” Atlanta Police Department Command Staff In-Service Training (Dec. 15, 2023).

Co-presenter (invited), “Social Media Do’s and Don’ts for Government Officials, Elected Officials, and Candidates,” Georgia Association of Black County Officials (Oct. 17, 2023).

Moderator, “Black box platforms: Challenges of social media regulation,” Yale Law School’s 2023 Access & Accountability Conference (Oct. 13, 2023)

Co-moderator (invited), conversation with U.S. Associate Attorney General Vanita Gupta, 2023 Judge Horace J. Johnson, Jr. Lecture on Race, Law and Policy (Sept. 19, 2023)

Presenter (invited), “Transparent Justice: Facilitating Public Access to Court Records & Proceedings,” Institute of Continuing Judicial Education (July 17, 2023)

Presenter (invited), “Sunshine Week” panel hosted by University of Georgia Libraries (Mar. 17, 2023)

Commentator (invited) on Georgia Public Broadcasting’s “Political Rewind” news podcast (Mar. 2, 2023)

Presenter (invited), “Social Media Essentials” & “First Amendment Audits,” Georgia Municipal Association’s Government Communicators Conference (Feb. 27, 2023)

Moderator, “Public Access and Transparency: New Opportunities and Obstacles in a Post-Pandemic Georgia,” 32nd annual Georgia Bar, Media & Judiciary Conference (Feb. 24, 2023)

Co-presenter (invited), “Open Government & Social Media Essentials,” Georgia First Amendment Foundation webinar (Feb. 7, 2023)

Faculty facilitator (invited), ABA Forum on Communications Law, Media Advocacy Workshop, New Orleans, LA (Feb. 2, 2023)

Co-presenter (invited), “Respecting the Right to Record: Best Practices for Responding to First Amendment Audits,” Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council (Jan. 23, 2023)

Presenter (invited), “*Nieves v. Bartlett*: Little breathing space for retaliatory arrest claims,” State Bar of Georgia Conference on Litigating Under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 (Jan. 13, 2023)

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Co-presenter (invited), “Court Access in Georgia: Records, Proceedings & Gag Orders,” Georgia First Amendment Foundation webinar (Oct. 21, 2022)

Presented article, “*Campbell v. Reisch*: The Dangers of the Campaign Loophole in Social Media Blocking Litigation,” Clinical Law Review Workshop, New York University Law School (Oct. 8, 2022)

Presenter (invited), “Social Media Essentials for Public Officials,” City of Pooler, Georgia Planning Retreat (Aug. 19, 2022)

Co-presenter (invited), “Sunshine Laws: A Guide to Open Government in Georgia,” Reporter Newspapers (Aug. 8, 2022)

Co-presenter, “First Amendment Rights on Campus: Navigating Free Speech Issues for Students, Employees & Visitors,” UGA Learning & Development Center (July 12, 2022)

Presenter (invited), “Open Records – Part II – Best Practices for Communicating with Citizens via Social Media,” Georgia Municipal Association’s Small Cities Conference, Dublin Georgia (Apr. 28, 2022)

Presenter (invited), “Immigrants and the First Amendment: Defining the Borders of Noncitizen Free Speech and Free Exercise Claims,” Georgia Law Review Symposium, University of Georgia School of Law (March 18, 2022)

Co-moderator, “Disinformation and Polarization: Is Libel Law a Cause and/or a Curse?” 31st annual Georgia Bar, Media & Judiciary Conference (Feb. 25, 2022)

Co-presenter (invited), “Open Government & Social Media Essentials for Public Officials,” Newnan, Georgia Police Department (Feb. 3, 2022); Avondale Estates Georgia Police Department (Apr. 12, 2022); Sandersville, Georgia (Apr. 19, 2022); and Georgia Municipal Association Webinar (May 11, 2022)

Presenter (invited), “Media Law Training,” Newsource, UGA Grady College of Journalism & Mass Communication (Jan. 24, 2022; Aug. 29, 2022 & Jan. 25, 2023)

Presenter (invited), “Sticks & Stones: Ethical Limits on Judicial Responses to Public Criticism,” National College of Probate Judges’ 2021 Annual Conference (Nov. 10, 2021)

Co-presenter (invited), “Open Government & Social Media Essentials for Public Officials,” Georgia Municipal Association’s 6th Annual Georgia Government Communicators Conference (Oct. 7, 2021) & City of Hiawassee and Towns County, Georgia Training (Dec. 17, 2021)

Presenter (invited), “Answers about Open Government in Georgia,” Georgia First Amendment Foundation webinar (Sept. 30, 2021)

Co-presenter (invited), “Partnering with a University: Georgia First Amendment Foundation & UGA Law School’s First Amendment Clinic,” National Freedom of Information Coalition webinar (May 26, 2021)

Panelist (invited), “Police & the Press: News Coverage of Protests,” Georgia First Amendment Foundation (May 6, 2021)

Co-presenter, “First Amendment Rights on Campus: Navigating Free Speech Issues for Students, Employees & Visitors,” UGA Learning & Development Center (March & July 2021)

Presenter (invited), “Is Social Media Blocking Online Censorship?” UGA Law Expert Insights (Mar. 23, 2021)

Presenter (invited), “Viewpoint Discrimination in a Virtual Public Forum: When Government Officials Block Citizens on Social Media,” Association of County Commissioners of Georgia & Georgia Municipal Association (Dec. 2, 2020)

Presenter (invited), “Law enforcement and the First Amendment: What you need to know,” Georgia First Amendment Foundation webinar (Oct. 9, 2020)

Presenter (invited), “Social Media: Blocking Culture,” Association of County Commissioners of Georgia & Georgia Municipal Association, Online CLE (Sept. 17, 2020)

Panel Member, UGA Law's Ask an Expert webinar "Facebook and Freedom", discussing the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on First Amendment freedoms (April 29, 2020)

Panel Member (invited), "Model Rule 8.4(g): Over-Lawyered, Over-Inclusive, or Overdue? Discrimination, Harassment, and the Free Speech Rights of Lawyers," Atlanta Bar Association/Women in the Profession (Feb. 27, 2020)

Panel Member (invited), "Under Attack: Assault on the First Amendment and an Open, Free and Unfettered Press," Georgia Press Institute's Training for Collegiate Print Journalists, Athens, GA (Feb. 14, 2020)

Co-presenter, "First Amendment Rights on Campus: Navigating Free Speech Issues for Students, Employees & Visitors," UGA Learning & Development Center (Jan., June & Oct. 2020)

OTHER LEGAL EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA EQUAL OPPORTUNITY OFFICE Athens, GA 2013-2020
Assistant Director

Investigated and resolved civil rights complaints asserted by members of the University community, including employment discrimination and Title IX grievances. Conducted trainings and workshops for students, faculty, and staff on non-discrimination/anti-harassment legal and compliance issues.

NEW YORK STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE New York, NY 2011-2013
CIVIL RIGHTS BUREAU

Assistant Attorney General

Enforced federal, state, and local civil rights laws with focus on employment discrimination, national origin discrimination/language access, and access to public accommodations.

Recipient of 2012 Louis J. Lefkowitz Award for outstanding performance.

BELDOCK LEVINE & HOFFMAN LLP New York, NY 2005-2011
Civil Rights Associate

Litigated individual and class actions in federal and state court, including all aspects of discovery, trial, and appellate practice; focus on First Amendment, police misconduct, employment discrimination, and whistleblower protections.

PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN'S RIGHTS New York, NY 2004-2005
 (formerly Legal Services for Children, Inc.)

Staff Attorney

Represented low-income children in proceedings for special education services and disability benefits.

THE HONORABLE MICHAEL H. DOLINGER
U.S. DISTRICT COURT MAGISTRATE, SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK 2003-2004

Law Clerk

NORTH CAROLINA AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION Raleigh, NC 2002-2003
2002-2003 Daniel H. Pollitt Fellow

Conducted legal analysis and case evaluation focused on First and Fourth Amendments claims.

UNC CRIMINAL LEGAL CLINIC Durham, NC Fall 2002
Student Attorney

Defended juveniles referred to the Durham Public Defender; obtained acquittal in misdemeanor bench trial.

PUBLIC JUSTICE Washington, DC Summer 2002
 (formerly Trial Lawyers for Public Justice)

Legal Intern

Conducted legal research, analysis, and case evaluation involving civil rights, contract, criminal, and tort law.

TEXAS ADVOCACY PROJECT

Austin, TX

Summer 2001

(formerly Women's Advocacy Project, Inc.)

Legal Intern

Assisted with representation of domestic violence survivors in family court.

BAR ADMISSIONS & PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Admissions: Southern, Middle and Northern Districts of Georgia, 2020; First, Fourth, and Eleventh Circuit Courts of Appeal, 2020; Georgia, 2013; Second Circuit Court of Appeals, 2009; New York, 2004 (resigned); Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, 2005 (inactive)

Affiliations: AALS Section on Communication, Media & Information Law (treasurer, 2025-present, secretary, 2024-2025); Saxapahaw Prison Books (board member, 2024-present); Co-chair Georgia Bar, Media & Judiciary Conference (2023-present); Georgia First Amendment Foundation (board member, 2020-present); Free Expression Legal Network (2020-present); Yale Law School Access & Accountability Conference Planning Committee (2023); National Association of College and University Attorneys (2013-2020); National Lawyers Guild (2004-2012, executive committee member of NYC Chapter, 2004-2005); New York County Lawyers Association (2006-2011; vice-chair of Labor & Employment Law Committee, 2008- 2010); National Employment Lawyers Association (2007-2011)