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## **EDUCATION**

*UCLA School of Law, Los Angeles, California*

**Program in Public Interest Law and Policy**

**J.D., May, 2001, Rank: 10**

Order of the Coif

UCLA Law Review

Emil J. Stache Public Interest Law Fellowship (Full three-year tuition and living expenses awarded to single program student)

*Barnard College, Columbia University, New York, New York*

**Political Science/Women's Studies B.A. *summa cum laude* December, 1997**

*Honors:* Phi Beta Kappa, Alpha Zeta Scholarship, Jane Gould Award for Best Women's Studies Senior Essay, Student Government Grant, Tow Public Service Grant, Outstanding Transfer Scholarship

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Law Review and Peer-Reviewed Articles**

*Be Professional!*, forthcoming in HARVARD JOURNAL OF LAW AND GENDER (2010).

*Trans Law Reform Strategies, Co-Optation, and the Potential for Transformative Change*, 30 WOMEN'S RIGHTS L. R. 288 (2009).

*Trans Politics on a Neoliberal Landscape*, 18 TEMP. POL. & CIV. RTS. L. REV. 353 (2009).

*Documenting Gender: Incoherence and Rulemaking*, 59 HASTINGS L. J. 731 (2008), awarded the 2008 Dukeminier Award and reprinted in UCLA Journal of Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Law [forthcoming].

*The Non-Profit Industrial Complex and Trans Resistance*, SEXUALITY RESEARCH AND SOCIAL POLICY: JOURNAL OF NSRC (December 2007) (co-authored with Rickke Mananzala).

*The Identity Victim*, Symposium: Sex, Gender and Crime: The Politics of the State as Protector and Punisher, 7 GEO. J. GENDER & L. (2006).

*Compliance is Gendered: Transgender Survival and Social Welfare*, in TRANSGENDER RIGHTS: HISTORY, POLITICS AND LAW, eds. Paisley Currah, Shannon Minter, Richard Juang, (2006).

*Freedom in a Regulatory State?: Lawrence, Marriage and Biopolitics*, 11 Widener L. Rev. 309 (2005) (co-authored with Craig Willse).

*Transecting the Academy*, GLQ 10. 2 (2004): 240-53 (co-authored with Sel Wahng).

*Resisting Medicine/Remodeling Gender*, 18 BERKELEY WOMEN'S LAW JOURNAL 15 (2003) reprinted in SEXUALITY, GENDER, AND THE LAW, (2004) eds. William Eskridge and Nan Hunter.

*Undeserving Addicts: SSI/SSD and the Penalties of Poverty*, HOW. SCROLL SOC. JUST. L. REV. 89 (2001).

*Confronting the Limits of Gay Hate Crimes Activism: A Radical Critique*, 21 CHICANO-LATINO L. REV. 38 (2000) (co-authored with Craig Willse).

### **Chapters in Books**

*Building an Abolitionist Trans & Queer Movement with Everything We've Got*, forthcoming in CAPTIVE GENDERS (ed. Eric Stanley and Nat Smith) (AK Press), (co-authored with Morgan Bassichis and Alex Lee).

*Notes Toward Racial and Gender Justice Ally Practice in Legal Academia*, forthcoming in PRESUMED INCOMPETENT (eds. Gabriella Gutierrez y Muhs, Angela P. Harris, Carmen Gonzalez and Yolanda Niemann) (2011).

*Afterword*, EXILE AND PRIDE by Eli Clare, 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition (2009).

*Methodologies of Trans Resistance*, in BLACKWELL COMPANION TO LGBT/Q STUDIES (2007).

*For Lovers and Fighters*, in WE DON'T NEED ANOTHER WAVE: DISPATCHES FROM THE NEXT GENERATION OF

FEMINISTS, ed. Melody Berger (2006).

*Mutilating Gender*, in THE TRANSGENDER STUDIES READER, eds. Susan Stryker and Stephen Whittle (2006).

*Fighting to Win*, in THAT'S REVOLTING! QUEER STRATEGIES FOR RESISTING ASSIMILATION, ed. Matt Bernstein Sycamore, (2004).

*Once More . . . with Feeling*, in INSIDE OUT: FTM AND BEYOND, ed. Morty Diamond, (2004).

*My Memory and My Witness*, in WITHOUT A NET: THE FEMALE EXPERIENCE OF GROWING UP WORKING CLASS, ed. Michelle Tea, (2004) (co-authored with Elisabeth Goldschmidt).

### **Policy Papers**

*Outing Age: A Working Paper on Policy Issues Facing GLBT Old People*, NATIONAL GAY AND LESBIAN TASK FORCE POLICY INSTITUTE (2000).

### **Other Articles**

*Transpolitik är inte anti-diskriminering (Trans Politics Beyond Anti-Discrimination)*, ARENA MAGAZINE (Sweden) (2009).

*White Knight*, LEFT TURN MAGAZINE (2009) (co-authored with Craig Willse).

*Transformations*, 31 LOS ANGELES LAWYER 34 (2008).

*Dress to Kill, Fight to Win*, LTTR 1. (2002).

*Street Smart Column*, IMAGES: A JOURNAL OF THE GAY & LESBIAN ALLIANCE AGAINST DEFAMATION, Vol. 1 (2000).

*SexPanic!—Make the Connections*, 5 Harvard Gay & Lesbian REVIEW 3 (1998) (co-authored with Eva Pendleton).

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

#### ***Seattle University School of Law***

*Assistant Professor, July 2008-present*

Teaching Poverty Law, Administrative Law and Critical Perspectives in Transgender Law; Faculty Advisor for Rural Legal Externship Program; Faculty Advisor to Trans and Allies Club; Chair, Working Group on Poverty and Inequality Course Track; Faculty Fellow, Fred T. Korematsu Center for Law and Equality.

#### ***UCLA Law School Williams Institute and Harvard Law School, Los Angeles, CA and Cambridge, MA*** *Law Teaching Fellow, 2006-2008*

Awarded Law Teaching Fellowship to develop research and writing. Teaching Seminars at UCLA Law and Harvard.

#### ***Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA***

*Lecturer, Spring 2006*

Co-taught Harvard's first Transgender Law seminar with Prof. Janet Halley.

#### ***Columbia University School of Law, New York, NY***

*Lecturer, 2004-2005*

Taught Sexuality and Law Seminar Fall 2004, Fall 2005 (2004 co-taught with Prof. Kendall Thomas).

### **LEGAL EXPERIENCE**

#### ***Social Science Research Council, Sexuality and Policy Fellowship Program, New York, NY***

*Fellow, 2005-2006*

Awarded fellowship to create model policies focused on transgender rights in three areas: prison conditions, health care access, identity documentation. Fellowship co-hosted by Columbia University Center for Law and Culture, the Center for Lesbian and Gay Studies at the City University of New York, and the Sylvia Rivera Law Project.

#### ***The Sylvia Rivera Law Project, New York, NY***

*Founder, Staff Attorney, 2002-2006*

Founded civil rights organization focusing on equality for gender non-conforming people. Built organization from initial fellowship project to eight staff in four years, won several precedent-setting lawsuits, represented hundreds of clients, and performed dozens of training seminars for government organizations, community

service providers, schools, and local organizations.

***The Honorable Deborah A. Batts, U.S. District Judge, Southern District of New York***  
*Judicial Law Clerk, 2001-2002*

Researched and drafted judicial opinions in a diverse set of substantive areas, including contract, discrimination, securities, bankruptcy, prisoners' rights, and criminal law.

***Urban Justice Center, Mental Health Project, New York, New York***  
*Full-Time Fall Extern, Part-Time Spring Intern, September 2000-May 2001*

Represented psychiatrically disabled clients in hearings and through written and phone advocacy regarding welfare, workfare, Social Security, New York City Housing, bankruptcy, and eviction defense.

***Drug Policy Alliance, New York, New York***  
*Legal Intern, Summer 2000*

Researched and wrote memoranda and public education materials on the development of drug treatment courts in New York City. Drafted model legislation establishing methadone maintenance programs.

***Housing Works, Inc., New York, New York***  
*Legal Intern, Summer 1999*

Assisted in research and writing on impact litigation concerning the delivery of public benefits to people with HIV and AIDS.

***National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Policy Institute, New York, New York***  
*Student Intern, 1997-1998*

Researched and wrote the second edition of "GLBT Civil Rights in the US" and "Outing Age: A Working Paper on Policy Issues Facing GLBT Old People."

***Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, New York, New York***  
*Student Intern, 1997*

Update Lambda's "State-by-State Status Report" regarding anti-same-sex marriage legislation.

***Barnard Center for Research on Women, New York, New York***  
*Office and Collection Assistant, 1996-1997*

Assisted with various scholarly conferences, maintained library collection.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

University of Washington School of Law, *Criminalization and Co-optation: Rethinking the Relationship Between Law and Social Movements*, November 2009.

University of Alberta, Edmonton, *Trans Politics Beyond Law and Order*, October 2009.

Whitman College Annual Matthew Shepard Lecture, *Beyond Legal Equality*, September 2009.

Brooklyn Law School, Lavender Law Conference, *Centering Race and Poverty in Law Classes about Sexuality and Gender*, September 2009.

City University of New York Law School, *Criminalization and Co-optation: Rethinking the Relationship Between Law and Social Movements*, September 2009.

University of Washington, Department of English, *Administrative Governance and Distribution*, May 2009.

Seattle University, Seattle, WA, *Gay Is Not the New Black*, April 2009.

Racial Knowledge Project, University of Washington, Seattle, WA, *Does Seattle Need a New Jail? Prison Abolition and Queer/Trans Politics*, April 2009.

University of Washington School of Law, Seattle, WA, *Critical Perspectives on Law and Social Movements*, April 2009.

Columbia Journal of Law and Gender Symposium, Columbia School of Law, New York, NY, *Law Reform and Co-optation*, April 2009 (keynote address).

Gender Futures Conference, Westminster School of Law, London, *Beyond Recognition*, April 2009 (plenary).

University of North Carolina, Asheville, Annual Queer Conference, *Trans Politics and the Limits of Law Reform*, March 2009 (keynote address).

Rethinking Sex Conference, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, *A Politics of Impossibility*, March 2009.

University of Washington Department of Social Work, Seattle, WA, *Social Service or Social Change?* February 2009.

Barnard College, New York, NY, *A Politics of Impossibility*, February 2009.

American Association of Law Scholars Annual Conference, San Diego, CA, *Transgender Issues in Legal Education*, January 2009.

Northeastern University School of Law, Boston, MA, *Trans Politics on a Neoliberal Landscape*, January 2009.

St. Mary's College, Moraga, CA, *Proposition 8 and the Limits of Formal Legal Equality*, November 2008.

Temple Political and Civil Rights Law Review Annual Symposium, Philadelphia, PA, *Trans Politics on a Neoliberal Landscape*, November 2008, (keynote address).

American Studies Association Annual Conference, Albuquerque, NM, *Empirically Queer?*, October 2008.

LatCrit Conference, Seattle, WA, *Critical Legal Perspectives on Trans Law Reform*, October 2008.

Critical Resistance 10 Conference, Oakland, CA, *Transgender Imprisonment: Key Issues*, September 2008.

Lavender Law Conference, San Francisco, CA, *Empirically Queer?*, New Scholarship Panel, September 2008.

Europride, Stockholm, Sweden *Impossible Politics*, July 2008

Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, Canada, *Deferred Death, Ascendant Whiteness and the Classification of Gender*, Transsomatechnics Conference, May 2008.

University of California, Los Angeles, *Revolutionary Queer Politics?* Western Regional LGBT Conference, May 2008, (keynote address).

University of California, Los Angeles, *Gender Politics in the Context of Mass Imprisonment*, Critical Race Studies Symposium: Race and Sexuality, April 2008.

Rutgers University School of Law, Newark, New Jersey, Annual Women's Rights Law Reporter Symposium, April, 2008, (keynote address).

Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts, Lambda Law Symposium: Transgender Law, April, 2008.

Hampshire College, Massachusetts, *Trans Reproductive Justice Politics*, Annual Reproductive Justice Conference, March 2008.

University of California, Los Angeles, *Transgender Awareness for Legal Service Providers*, Williams Institute Annual LGBT Law Update, March 2008.

Harvard School of Public Health, *Trans Issues in Public Health*, March 2008.

University of California, Los Angeles, *Documenting Gender*, LA Queer Studies Conference, October 2007.

Law and Society Conference, Berlin, *Consolidating the Gendered Citizen: Gender Reclassification Policies and the War on Terror*, July 2007.

Research Centre for Law, Gender and Sexuality, United Kingdom, *Consolidating the Gendered Citizen: Gender Reclassification Policies and the War on Terror*, presented at Kent Law School, May 2007 and Keele Law School, June 2007.

University of Brighton, *US Perspectives on Transgender Law Reform*, June 2007.

University of California, San Diego, *Consolidating the Gendered Citizen: Gender Reclassification Policies and the War on Terror*, May 2007.

University of Southern California, *Bureaucracy and Transgender Survival*, February 2007.

University of Minnesota, *Bureaucracy and Transgender Survival*, January, 2007, *Gender and Social Welfare*, Annual Alan Spear Lecture in Public Policy, September 2004, (keynote address).

University of Michigan, *Transgender Prisoners and the Limits of Reform*, November 2006.

University of Colorado, *State-Level Policy Reform on Trans Issues*, November 2006, *Key Issues in Transgender Law*, April 2006, *Resisting Medicine/Remodeling Gender*, October 2003.

Columbia Law School, *Trans Law and Sex-Segregation*, December 2005.

*Transgender Rights: Understanding a Broad Social Justice Agenda*, Mid-West Regional Lavender Law Conference, October 2005 (keynote address).

New York City Bar Association, *Transgender Employment Law Issues*, September 2005.

City University of New York, Center for Lesbian and Gay Studies, *Trans Rights, Privacy, and the War on Terror*, Trans Politics and Social Change Conference, May 2005, Guest Lecturer at Seminar in the City, April 2005, *Queer Resistance and Multi-Racial Organizing*, August 2004, *Transgender Disability Law Claims: A Community Controversy*, October 2003, *Resisting Medicalization, Achieving Access*, November 2002.

New York University Law School, *Transgender Rights in New York City*, March 2005, *Transgender Legal Issues: An Overview*, April 2004.

University of Texas, Austin, *Compliance is Gendered: Transgender Survival in a Hostile Economy*, March 2005.

Georgetown Law School, Georgetown Journal of Gender and Law Symposium, *Redefining Violence*, March 2005.

University of California, Berkeley, *Transgender Liberation: A Feminist Agenda*, Berkeley Women's Rights Conference, February 2005 (keynote address).

Hampshire College, *Transgender Activism*, February 2005, *Gender Justice and Sex-Segregation*, October 2003, *Framing Transgender Justice Claims*, April 2003.

Williams College, *Freedom in a Regulatory State?: Lawrence, Marriage and Biopolitics*, February 2005.

New York University Wagner School, *Queer Politics: Forming a Post-Election Strategy*, December 2004.

University of Maryland, College Park Provost's Lecture, "*Compliance*" is Gendered: *Struggling for Gender Self-Determination in Hostile Economy*, November 2004, *Bathrooms and other Sex Segregated Facilities: The Final Frontier of Trans Justice*, April 2003.

Cornell University, *Understanding Trans Law as Poverty Law*, October 2004.

State University of New York, Albany, *Economic Justice Perspectives on the Struggle for Trans Justice*, How Class Works Conference, June 2004.

Kings College, London. *Compliance is Gendered: Transgender Survival and Social Welfare*, and participated in Plenary Panel entitled *Intersections of Queer Race and Class*, Queer Matters Conference, May 2004.

Smith College, *Economic Justice Issues in Trans Law*, April 2004.

Connecticut College, *Transgender Awareness Issues in Higher Education*, March 2004.

University of Vermont, "*Compliance*" is Gendered: *Struggling for Gender Self-Determination in Hostile Economy*, Translating Identity Conference, February 2004 (keynote address).

Barnard College, *Transgender Populations and Social Welfare Systems*, February 2004.

Sara Lawrence College, *Gender Justice and Sex-Segregation*, February 2004.

University of Connecticut School of Social Work, *Gender Justice and Sex-Segregation*, February 2004.

Columbia School of Public Health, *Transgender Populations and Public Health Law*, January 2004.

The New School, *Transgender Legal Issues and Sex-Segregated Facilities*, December 2003.

Brooklyn Law School, *Legal Issues for Transgender Clients*, November 2003.

University of Colorado School of Law, *Public Interest Law in the Context of Broader Social Justice Strategies*, October 2003.

Open Society Institute, Debut Screening of final cut of "Toilet Training: Law and Order in the Bathroom" and lecture, August 2003.

University of Massachusetts, *Framing a Trans Social Justice Agenda*, April 2003.

Wesleyan University, *Economic Justice Issues in LGBT Politics*, April 2003, November 2002.

Brown University, *Addressing Racial and Economic Justice in LGBT Politics and Law*, April 2003, *Where Does Poverty Fit in the Struggle for Trans Rights?*, February 2003.

Temple University, *Resisting Medicine/Remodeling Gender*, April 2003.

Hunter School of Social Work, *Transliberation: How Gender Identity Discrimination Impacts Us All*, February,

2003.  
Vassar College, *Mutilating Gender*, March 2002.  
University of California, Los Angeles, *Confronting the Limits of Gay Hate Crimes Activism: A Radical Critique*,  
Symposium of the UCLA Chicano-Latino Law Review, Spring 2000.

## **ASSOCIATIONS**

*New York Bar, Member*  
2002-present

*Queers For Economic Justice, Board Member*  
June 2003-December 2004

*Center For Lesbian and Gay Studies, Board Member, Board Development Chair*  
September 2003-January 2008

*Sylvia Rivera Law Project, Collective Member*  
2003-present

## **AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

*Haywood Burns Chair, CUNY Law School*  
2009-2010

*James A. Thomas Lectureship, Yale Law School*  
2009-2010

*Dukeminier Award (for one of the best legal articles in the field of sexual orientation and gender identity)*  
2008-2009

*Justice in the Classroom Award, Seattle University School of Law*  
2008-2009

*Law Teaching Fellowship, Williams Institute and Harvard Law School (co-sponsored)*  
September 2006-August 2008

*Research Centre for Law, Gender and Sexuality, Kent Law School, Visitorship*  
April 2007

*Blue Mountain Center, Writer in Residence*  
October 2004, October 2006

*City University of New York Law School, Public Interest Distinguished Service Award*  
May 2006

*Social Science Research Council, Sexuality and Policy Fellowship*  
2005-2006

*Union Square Award*  
2005

*Open Society Institute Community Fellows Program Fellowship*  
2002-2004

*Berkeley Law Foundation Fellowship*  
2002-2003