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Bio:

Ruthann Robson is a Professor of Law and University Distinguished Professor at City University of New York (CUNY) School of Law, where she has taught since 1990, in the fields of Constitutional Law and Sexuality and Law. Her books include *Dressing Constitutionally: Hierarchy, Sexuality & Democracy* (Cambridge University Press 2013); *Sappho Goes to Law School* (Columbia University Press 1999); and *Lesbian (Out)Law* (Firebrand Books 1992); as well as editing the three volume set, *Sexuality and Law* (Ashgate Publishing Ltd. 2011). She is the co-editor of the Constitutional Law Professors Blog and a frequent commentator on constitutional and sexuality issues. She is one of the 26 law professors featured in *What The Best Law Professors Do* (Harvard University Press 2013).

## **Faculty Status**

CUNY:

Faculty Member, CUNY School of Law, Fall 1990 - present (Early) Tenure & Professor awarded June 1993 Professor of the Year (voted by graduating class of 1996) Faculty Performance Excellence Award (1999) University Distinguished Professor (2007 – present)

Other Faculty Positions:

Honorary Visiting Professor of Law, City University of London, U.K. 2013-2016

West Virginia University School of Law Judge John T. Copenhaver Visiting Endowed Chair of Law (2010-2011)

Visiting Professor, Stetson University College of Law (Spring 2006)

## **Courses Taught**

Advanced Constitutional Law: First Amendment (2001, 2004, 2006(visitor), 2007-2010, 2012, 2013, 2014) (elective - 25 - 50 students) Comparative Constitutional Law (elective – 15 students) Constitutional Structures (1993-97; 2000; 2003, 2011) (required second year course – 80/160 students Constitutional Criminal Procedure (1994, 1996, 1998, 2011 (visitor)

(elective -80) Juvenile & Children's Rights (2002) (elective - 30) Liberty Equality and Due Process (1990-2, 1998, 2000-2005, 2007- 2009, 2012, 2013) (required first year constitutional law course- 80- 160) Law & Family Relations (1991-1994, 2000-3, 2005, 2008, 2010(visitor), 2013) (required first year course - 80-185) Public Institutions (Administrative Law)(1995,1997, 2001-2) (required second year course - 80/160) Feminist Legal Theory (1990, 1992, 1993) (elective seminar - 20-40) Sexuality and the Law (1991, 1993, 1995, 1997, 1998, 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006(visitor), 2008-2010, 2011 (visitor), 2012, 2013) (elective seminar- 25-40) Women & Crime (1998, 2003) (elective seminar 15-25)

## Other Honors, Awards & Activities

Constitutional Law Professors Blog, Co-Editor & Co-Founder (October 2008present) Senior Project Specialist, Supreme Decisions 2014 Calendar (published by LaGuardia and Wagner Archives and New York Times) What The Best Law Teachers Do (included in study of best 26 law professors in US by Michael Schwartz, Gerry Hess, and Sophie Sparrow, published by Harvard University Press, 2013) Constitutional Law Authoring Pod, CALI (Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction) (September 2008 - present) National Advisory Board, NCLR (National Center for Lesbian Rights) (1991-2010) Board Member, CLAGS (Center for Lesbian and Gay Studies) (1992-6) Advisory Board, Sexualis Lex (2002-present) Advisory Board, SSRN Gender Studies Advisory Board, feminist law professors blog Advisory Board, Lesbian Studies (2009-2012) Family Law Professors Blog, Contributing Editor (August 2008 - August 2009) Bram Fischer Research Chair, Witwatersrand (WITS) Law School, Johannesburg, South Africa (March - April 2007) Collaborative Research Fellowship, Law, University of (2006-7) Fellow in Nonfiction Literature, New York Foundation for the Arts (2007) Djessari Artists Fellowship Residency (2006) (essay) CALI (Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction) Family Law Fellowship (Spring 2006) Symposium in Honor of Work, 8 NEW YORK CITY LAW REVIEW 311-773 (2005) Creative Nonfiction Best Essay \$10,000 Award (2003) Judith Gold Stitzel Residency, University of West Virginia, Women Studies (1999)Parsons Fellow, University of Sydney, Faculty of Law (1996) Lansdowne Visitor, University of Victoria Faculty of Law, B.C. (1994) Visiting Scholar, Queens University, Kingston, Ontario (1992)

Beatrice Bain Women Studies Visiting Scholar, UC - Berkeley (1989-1990) Ferro Grumley Award for lesbian fiction (1991)

Florida Arts Fellowship (1985)

Peer review manuscripts:

representative journals include Canadian Journal of Women and Law; Hypatia, Frontiers, SIGNS, Feminist Studies, South African Journal of Human Rights; Journal of Homosexuality.

representative publishers include Aspen, West, Cambridge University Press, NYU Press.

Judge competitions:

including Lambda Literary Awards, Gay & Lesbian Law Association Student Writing Competition; Evergreen Chronicles novella award.

Peer review tenure, promotion, and dissertations at universities:

including Harvard, Seattle University, West Virginia University, New York University, University of Alabama, University of Nevada-Las Vegas, WITS University (SA), University of Cape Town (SA), Reading University (UK).

# PUBLICATIONS

## Books

NonFiction

DRESSING CONSTITUTIONALLY: HIERARCHY, SEXUALITY & DEMOCRACY (Cambridge University Press 2013).

INSTEAD: CREATIVE INTERVENTIONS IN LAW, GENDER & SEXUALITY (Ashgate Publishing Ltd, UK, in progress).

TEACHING ACADEMIC AND LAWYERING SKILLS IN CONSTITUTIONAL LAW (Carolina Academic Press, in progress).

FAMILY AND YOUTH, VOLUME I, IN THE SEXUALITY AND LAW SERIES CRIME AND PUNISHMENT, VOLUME II, IN THE SEXUALITY AND LAW SERIES SEXUAL FREEDOM, VOLUME III, IN THE SEXUALITY AND LAW SERIES (Editor of international three volume series of 1500 pages, and of each book in the series, with substantial introductions, Ashgate Publishing Ltd, UK, May 2011)

SAPPHO GOES TO LAW SCHOOL (Columbia University Press, 1998)

GAY MEN, LESBIANS, AND THE LAW (Issues in Gay and Lesbian Life Series, Chelsea House, 1996) LESBIAN (OUT)LAW: SURVIVAL UNDER THE RULE OF LAW (Firebrand Books 1992)

### Fiction

THE STRUGGLE FOR HAPPINESS (St. Martin's Press, 2000) (short fiction)

MASKS (introduction by Marge Piercy, 1999) (poetry)

A/K/A (St. Martin's Press, 1997) (novel)

ANOTHER MOTHER (St. Martin's Press, 1995) (a novel centering on a lesbian attorney who represents lesbian mothers in high profile custody litigation as well as lesbian mothers indicted for murdering their children)

CECILE (Firebrand Books, 1991) (fiction) (assigned in many women's literature courses)

EYE OF A HURRICANE (Firebrand Books, 1989) (short stories) (winner of the Ferro-Grumley Award for outstanding fiction on lesbian life)

## Articles, Essays & Selected Works

### **PUBLICATIONS IN LAW REVIEWS:**

Beyond Sumptuary: Constitutionalism, Clothes, and Bodies in Anglo-American Law, 1215-1789, 2:2 BRITISH JOURNAL OF AMERICAN LEGAL STUDIES 477-509 (2013).

*Thirteen False Blackbirds*, 37 NYU REV. LAW & SOC. CHANGE 315- 329 (2013) (on same-sex marriage, constitutional interpretation, and Wallace Stevens).

Lesbians & Abortions, 35 NYU Rev. LAW & Soc. CHANGE 247-280 (2011).

Sexual Justice, Student Scholarship & the So-Called Seven Sins, 19 LAW & SEXUALITY 31-65 (2010).

Demokratia and Antigone, Before and After Sappho, 38 STETSON LAW REVIEW 3- 46 (2009) (lead article, solicited for a special issue on Law and Literature).

*Public Conversation on Sexuality and Law*, 43 SUFFOLK UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 89-115 (2009) (edited transcript of conversation with Justice Michael Kirby of the Australia High Court).

*Before & After Sappho: Eudaemonia,* 22 LAW & LITERATURE 354-370 (2009) (solicited for a Symposium issue on Paul Rabinow).

A Servant of One's Own: Virginia Woolf and the Continuing Class Struggles of Feminism, 23 BERKELEY JOURNAL OF GENDER, LAW AND JUSTICE 392 – 423 (2008) (essay-review).

Unsettling Sexual Citizenship, 58 MCGILL LAW JOURNAL 535 - 571 (2008) (essay-review; co-authored).

Judicial Review and Sexual Freedom, 29 U. HAW. L. REV. 1-47 (2007) (lead article).

*Sexual Democracy*, 23 SOUTH AFRICA JOURNAL ON HUMAN RIGHTS 409- 431 (2007) (lead article in South Africa's premier law journal; solicited for special issue on sexuality and the law).

The Satisfactions of Kimberly Bascomb: An Intervention into the World of Lowell Komie's Fictional Women Lawyers, 31 LEGAL STUDIES FORUM 835-849 (2007) (solicited for a special issue on the work of Lowell Komie).

*Footnotes: A Story of Seduction*, 75 UMKC LAW REVIEW 1181-1186 (2007) (short narrative piece solicited for a special section on law and literature).

Lawyers and Poetry, 29 LEGAL STUDIES FORUM 95-144 (2005) (selection of poetry).

A Conversation (with James R. Elkins), 29 LEGAL STUDIES FORUM 145-171 (2005) (conversation with the editor of Legal Studies Forum on law and literature).

*Law Students as Legal Scholars*, 7 NYC LAW REVIEW 195-211 (2004) (an essay/review of SCHOLARLY WRITING FOR LAW STUDENTS and ACADEMIC LEGAL WRITING).

The Missing Word in Lawrence v. Texas, 10 CARDOZO WOMEN'S LAW JOURNAL 397-409 (2004) (short essay solicited for special issue on Lawrence v. Texas).

Correspondence (for Marlee Kline), 16 CANADIAN J. OF WOMEN AND LAW 1-13 (2004) (essay in memorial issue for Marlee Kline).

*O P E N*, 28 LEGAL STUDIES FORUM 815-823 (2004) (fictional treatment of Oregon's open adoption statute).

*Critical Challenges: A Conversation on Complicity and Civility in Legal Academia*, 1 SEATTLE J. OF SOCIAL JUSTICE 601-629 (2003) (co-authored) (an analysis in dialogue form of a havoc a tenure dispute can wreak in a law school environment).

Assimilation and/or Resistance, 1 SEATTLE J. OF SOCIAL JUSTICE 631-635 (2003) (brief introduction to other articles in the issue).

The Zen of Grading, 36 AKRON LAW REVIEW 303-323 (2003) (essay reflecting on the interrelationships between Zen and grading exams).

Assimilation, Marriage, and Lesbian Liberation, 75 TEMPLE LAW REVIEW 709-819 (2002) (substantial law review article examining assimilation, same-sex marriage, polygamy, incest, and motherhood).

*Our Children: Kids of Queer Parents & Kids Who are Queer - - - Looking at Sexual Minority Rights from a Different Perspective*, 64 ALBANY LAW REV. 915 - 948 (2001) (article discussing the rights of the children of lesbian and gay parents and contrasting the rights of minors who are sexual minorities);

**reprinted in** Leslie J. Moran, SEXUALITY AND IDENTITY 467-500 (Ashgate Publishing Ltd, UK 2006).

Mostly Monogamous Moms? An Essay on the Future of Lesbian Legal Theories and Reforms, 17 N.Y. L. SCH. J. HUM RTS. 703 - 709 (2000) (brief essay in symposium issue commemorating twentieth anniversary of Lesbian/Gay Law Notes).

Making Mothers: Lesbian Legal Theory & the Judicial Construction of Lesbian Mothers, 22 WOMEN'S RTS. L. RPTR. 15 - 35 (2000) (article considering the rights of non legal parents).

*The Politics of the Possible: Reflections on a Decade at CUNY School of Law*, 4 NYC LAW REV. 245 - 257 (2000) (reflective essay).

Beginning From (My) Experience: The Paradoxes of Lesbian/Queer Narrativities, 48 HASTINGS LAW JOURNAL 1387 - 1428 (1997) (article examining narrative theory in the context of lesbian legal theory).

Sexual Minorities & "The" State, 2 FLINDERS JOURNAL OF LAW REFORM 68 - 74 (1997) (proceedings of the 1996 Australian Law Teachers Conference) (article considering both U.S. and Australian conceptions of the state as affecting sexual minorities).

*Codifications: The Regulation of Lesbian Relationships*, 9 THE AUSTRALIAN FEMINIST LAW JOURNAL 3 - 23 (1997)(article comparing the treatment of lesbian relationships in law and literature).

*The State of Marriage*, 1 YEARBOOK OF NEW ZEALAND JURISPRUDENCE 1 - 16 (1997) (article comparing New Zealand and U.S. decisions relating to same-sex marriage).

To Market, To Market: Considering Class in the Context of Lesbian Legal Theories and Reforms, 5 U.S.C. J. LAW & WOMEN'S STUD. 173 - 184 (1995) (theoretical article examining conceptions of class in the context of lesbian legal theory and litigation); **reprinted** as revised in QUEERLY CLASSED: GAY MEN AND LESBIANS WRITE ABOUT CLASS (ed. Susan Raffo) (South End Press 1997).

Third Parties and the Third Sex: Child Custody and Lesbian Legal Theory, 26 CONN. L. REV. 1377 - 1414 (1994) (solicited for special issue: "Solomon's Dilemma: Children and the Law" exploring third party custody).

The Specter of a Lesbian Supreme Court Justice: Problems of Identity in Lesbian Legal Theorizing, 5 ST. THOMAS LAW REVIEW 433 - 458 (1993) (solicited for special issue: "The 1990's: A New Jurisprudence Emerges").

*Posner's Lesbians: Neither Sexy Nor Reasonable,* 25 CONNECTICUT LAW REVIEW 491 - 502 (1993) (solicited for a symposium on Richard Posner's SEX AND REASON).

Incendiary Categories: Lesbian/Violence/Law, 2 TEXAS JOURNAL OF WOMEN AND THE LAW 1 - 40 (1993) (solicited for special issue on women and violence, cited as one of the nine most "notable works" in the tenth anniversary issue of the journal, 10 TEXAS JOURNAL OF WOMEN AND THE LAW 231, 232 (2001) ).

Embodiments: The Possibilities of Lesbian Legal Theory in Bodies Problematized by Postmodernisms and Feminisms, 2 LAW & SEXUALITY 37 - 80 (1992) (theoretical treatment of postmodernism and feminism).

*Gender* & *Other Disadvantages* (review of Deborah Rhode's JUSTICE AND GENDER), 18 FLORIDA STATE LAW REVIEW 883 - 895 (1991).

Lesbianism in Anglo-American Legal History, 5 WISCONSIN WOMEN'S LAW JOURNAL 1 - 42 (1990) (article examining the historical treatment of lesbians in legal texts and acts).

Lesbian Jurisprudence?, 8 LAW & INEQUALITY 443 - 468 (1990) (article postulating a lesbian legal theory);

**excerpted & reprinted in** Margaret Davies, ASKING THE LAW QUESTION (The Law Book Co. of Australia, 1994);

#### translated and reprinted as

*Lesbische Rechtswissenschaft,* in STREIT (The Feminist Legal Theory Journal of Germany) (translated into German by Annette Keinhorst) (1994).

Lavender Bruises: Intra-Lesbian Violence, Law & Lesbian Legal Theory, 20 GOLDEN GATE LAW REVIEW 567 - 591 (1990) (article examining lesbian domestic violence); **excerpted & reprinted** in APPLICATIONS OF FEMINIST THEORY TO WOMEN'S LIVES: SEX, VIOLENCE, WORK & REPRODUCTION (ed. D. Kelly Weisberg) (Temple University Press, 1996); **excerpted & reprinted** in MODERN FAMILY LAW: CASES AND MATERIALS (ed. Weisberg & Appleton) (Aspen 1998);

**excerpted & reprinted** in DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LAW (ed. Nancy Lemon) (West Publications, 2000);

**excerpted & reprinted** in DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND THE LAW: THEORY AND PRACTICE (ed. Elizabeth Schneider, et. al., 2d ed. 2008) (Foundation Press 2008).

*Lifting Belly: Privacy, Sexuality & Lesbianism,* 12 WOMEN'S RIGHTS LAW REPORTER 177 - 203 (1990) (article considering the constitutional doctrine of privacy as its critiques as applicable to lesbians).

*Lov(h)ers: Lesbians as Intimate Partners*, 63 TEMPLE LAW REVIEW 511 - 541 (1990) (co-authored) (article exploring the legal and ethical parameters of same-sex partners).

*Lake Hudson's Daughter*, 13 HARV. WOMEN'S L. J. 367 (1990) (fictional treatment of lesbian custody dispute from the perspective of the child).

Ariadne's Provisions: A "Clue of Thread" to the Intricacies of Procedural Default, Adequate and Independent State Grounds, and Florida's Death Penalty, 76 CALIFORNIA LAW REVIEW 87 - 147 (1988) (co-authored).

*Judge Over Jury: Florida's Practice of Imposing Death Over Life in Capital Cases*, 13 FLORIDA STATE LAW REVIEW 31 - 75 (1985) (co-authored).

*Tired of Civil Rights: The Fifth Circuit Imposes an Exhaustion of Administrative Remedies Requirement in Section 1983 Actions, 12 CUMBERLAND LAW REVIEW 391 - 429 (1981).* 

The Fourth Amendment Behind Bars: Search and Seizure in Prison, 5 NATIONAL JOURNAL OF CRIMINAL DEFENSE 259 - 277 (1979).

Comment, Shark Infested Waters: Extraterritorial Application of Federal Controlled Substance Laws, 9 STETSON LAW REVIEW 145 - 165 (1979).

Note, *Criminal Law: Federal Escape Statute - Jury's Discretion or Judge's Law?*, 8 STETSON LAW REVIEW 428 - 443 (1979) (discussion of "homosexual panic" defense to escape from federal prison).

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Refusing Safety?: The Feminist Struggle to be Revolutionary, 39 WOMEN'S STUDIES QUARTERLY 260- 267 (2011) (solicited essay-review)

A Mere Switch or a Fundamental Change?: Theorizing Transgender Marriage,

22 HYPATIA: A Journal of Feminist Philosophy 58 (2007)(special issue on heterosexism).

Lesbianism and the death penalty: a "hard core" case, 32 WOMEN'S STUDIES QUARTERLY 181-191 (2004) (special issue on women and crime).

*Resisting the Family: Repositioning Lesbians in Legal Theory,* in SIGNS Vol.19 No.4: 975-996 (Summer 1994) (special issue on feminist legal theory).

Discourses of Discrimination in RADICAL AMERICA (Vol.24 No.4: 39) (1993).

Mother: The Legal Domestication of Lesbian Existence, 7:4 HYPATIA: A Journal of Feminist Philosophy 172 (1992);

**reprinted in** MOTHERHOOD (ed. Martha Fineman, Columbia University Press) (1995); **reprinted in** ADVENTURES IN LESBIAN PHILOSOPHY (ed. Claudia Card, University of Indiana Press) (1994).

#### **ARTICLES IN ANTHOLOGIES:**

UnSettled, in QUEER THEORY: LAW, CULTURE AND EMPIRE, 191-207 (eds. Kim Brooks & Robert Leckey) (Routledge, 2010).

*Compulsory Matrimony*, in LEGAL FRICTION: AN UNCOMFORTABLE CONVERSATION IN FEMINIST AND QUEER LEGAL THEORY 313- 328 (eds. Martha Albertson Fineman et al.) (Ashgate Press, 2009);

reprinted in GENDER AND EQUALITY LAW (ed. Julie Goldscheid) (Ashgate Press, 2013).

Achieving Sexual Freedom through Constitutional Structures: The Problem of Judicial Review, in LAW AND RIGHTS: GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES ON CONSTITUTIONALISM AND GOVERNANCE (eds. Penelope Andrews and Susan Bazilli) 101-113 (Vandeplas 2008).

On Rupture and Rhyme: Perspectives on the Past, Present, and Future of Same-Sex Marriage, in TO HAVE AND TO HOLD: THE MAKING OF SAME-SEX MARRIAGE IN SOUTH AFRICA (eds. Anthony Manion, et. al) (Jacana Media-Fanele Imprint, South Africa) (2008) **excerpted and reprinted as** Unraveling the politics of same-sex marriage, in THE SUNDAY INDEPENDENT [South Africa] at 16 (July 20, 2008), also available at: http://www.sundayindependent.co.za/index.php?fArticleId=4515956

*Reinscribing Heterosexuality?* in TRANSGENDER RIGHTS: HISTORY, POLITICS AND LAW (eds. Paisley Currah, Shannon Minter, and Richard Juang) 299-309 (U. Minn. 2006); **reprinted in** THE TRANSGENDER STUDIES READER 2 (eds. Susan Stryker and Aren Z. Aizura) 623-629 (Routledge 2013).

Legal Scholarship on Lesbianism & Other Minority Sexualities - Part of Feminist Jurisprudence?, in FEMINIST JURISPRUDENCE, WOMEN AND THE LAW: CRITICAL ESSAYS, RESEARCH AGENDA, AND A BIBLIOGRAPHY (eds. Betty Taylor, Robert Munro, Sharon Rush) (B. Rothman, 1997).

*Convictions: Theorizing Lesbians and Criminal Justice*, in LEGAL INVERSIONS (eds. Didi Herman & Carl Stychin) (Temple University Press) (1995); **reprinted in** A QUEER WORLD: The Center for Gay and Lesbian Studies Reader (ed. Martin Duberman) (NYU Press, 1997).

Crimes of Lesbian Sex [chapter, LESBIAN (OUT)LAW)]

**excerpted and reprinted in** LESBIANS, GAY MEN AND THE LAW: American Casebook Series (ed. Wm. Rubenstein) (WEST 1<sup>st</sup> ed. 1993)(2nd ed. 1997); **excerpted and reprinted in** COLUMBIA READER ON LESBIANS & GAY MEN IN MEDIA, SOCIETY & POLITICS (ed. Larry Gross & James D. Woods) (Columbia U. Press 1999).

Our Relationships & Their Laws, in DYKELIFE (ed. Karla Jay) (Basic Books/Harper Collins) (1995).

Pedagogy, Jurisprudence and Lesbian Sex in a Law School Classroom, in LESBIAN EROTICS (ed. Karla Jay) (New York University Press) (1995).

*Violence Against Lesbians*, in THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM AND WOMEN (eds. Barbara Raffel Price & Natalie Sokoloff 2d ed.) (1995).

Lesbicide in FEMICIDE: THE POLITICS OF WOMEN KILLING (ed. Diana Russell, 1992).

#### SELECTED\* REVIEWS, OCCASIONAL PIECES, AND CREATIVE WORK RELEVANT TO LAW

*Hijab Hysteria*, WOMEN'S REVIEW OF BOOKS BLOG (December 2013), available at: http://www.wcwonline.org/Women-=-Books-Blog/hijab

27 Words, 13 MEMOIR 85-102 (2013) (essay on the Second Amendment) (Honorable Mention, Penny Pether Award for Law and Language Scholarship)

Confederate cotton creates modern issues, as the right to wear the Confederate flag is contested in contemporary U.S. schools, THE LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE BLOG, available at: http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/usappblog/2013/11/12/confederate-flag-contested/

*Puzzling Corporations: The Affordable Care Act and Contraception Mandate*, JURIST – FORUM (Nov. 5, 2013) available at: http://jurist.org/forum/2013/11/ruthann-robson-puzzling-corporations.php

High Fashion or Religious Fervor? Headwear Laws Fraught With Trouble, Commentary, THE NATIONAL LAW JOURNAL (October 14, 2013) available at: http://www.nationallawjournal.com/ id=1202623118431

School dress codes: Miniskirt madness, Op-Ed, LOS ANGELES TIMES (September 5, 2013) available at: http://www.latimes.com/opinion/commentary/la-oe-robson-dress-codes-school-20130905,0,1447566.story#axzz2qrMHv2mV **reprinted in** DENVER POST; AKRON, OHIO BEACON; BRADENTON HERALD; THE MODESTO BEE;

Albany Times-Union; Burlington (NC) Times-News; Milwaukee-Wisconsin Journal Sentinel; The Hawk Eye.

*Nude? Consider yourself busted*, Commentary, (ALBANY) TIMES- UNION, July 23, 2013, available at: http://www.timesunion.com/opinion/article/Nude-Consider-yourself-busted-4682256.php

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The Global Problem of Women's Equality (July 2013) JOTWELL: EQUALITY (review of Penelope Andrews, From Cape Town To Kabul: Rethinking Strategies for Pursuing Women's Human Rights), available at: http://equality.jotwell.com/the-global-problem-of-womens-equality.

Mandating Sweat-Free Garment Labels: Feasible Under the First Amendment, JURIST - Forum, June 10, 2013, available at: http://jurist.org/forum/2013/06/ruthann-robson-clothing-constitution.php.

*First Amendment Institutions*, 23:5 LAW & POLITICS BOOK REVIEW 202-204 (May 2013), available at: http://www.lpbr.net/2013/05/first-amendment-institutions.html#more.

Sweat-free labels to change the garment trade, Op-Ed, THE LOS ANGELES TIMES (May 15, 2013), available at: http://www.latimes.com/news/opinion/opinion-la/la-ol-bangladesh-sweat-shops-clothes-20130515,0,7670944.story.

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Toward a more perfect analysis, SCOTUSBLOG, same-sex marriage symposium (September 19, 2012), available at: http://www.scotusblog.com/2012/09/online-same-sex-marriage-symposium-toward-a-more-perfect-analysis/.

*Equality v. Fairness*, JOTWELL: EQUALITY (June 2012), available at: http://equality.jotwell.com/equality-vs-fairness/ (review of Nina W. Chernoff, Wrong About the Right: How Courts Undermine the Fair Cross-Section Guarantee by Imposing Equal Protection Standards).

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*Battle of Hastings*, JOTWELL: EQUALITY (September 2011), available at: http://equality.jotwell.com/battle-of-hastings/ (review of Julie Nice, How Equality Constitutes Liberty: The Alignment of CLS v. Martinez, 38 Hastings Const. L.Q. 631 (2011).

A federal case? Op-Ed, THE LOS ANGELES TIMES A21 (July 30, 2010) [published on line as Answers Found in Tenth Amendment, available at: http://www.latimes.com/news/opinion/commentary/la-oe-robson-10th-amendment-20100730,0,513893.story (discussion of Tenth Amendment in the context of immigration debate and same-sex marriage).

*Before and After Sappho: Logos*, 10 TRIVIA: A JOURNAL OF IDEAS (February 2010) (available at: http://www.triviavoices.net/current/robson.html).

A Couple of Questions Concerning Class Mobility, 36 HARVARD REVIEW 165 - 179 (2009) (essay interweaving theories of poverty and meritocracy with personal narrative).

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*Review,* WRESTLING WITH THE ANGEL OF DEMOCRACY by Susan Griffin, LAMBDA BOOK REVIEW 7 (Spring/Summer 2008).

*Review*, BEYOND STRAIGHT AND GAY MARRIAGE by Nancy Polikoff, 25:4 WOMEN'S REVIEW OF BOOKS 12-13 (July/August 2008).

any reason, 1:1 J JOURNAL ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE 9 - 23 (Spring 2008) (fictional story about jury deliberations).

*Review,* GOD ON TRIAL: DISPATCHES FROM AMERICA'S RELIGIOUS BATTLEFIELDS by Peter Irons, 17:11 LAW AND POLITICS BOOK REVIEW 827-830 (November 2007).

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Wedding Bell Blues (Transgender Marriage) OUT 117:50 (August 2003).

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**reprinted in** Lee Gutkind, editor, RAGE AND RECONCILIATION (SMU Press 2005); **included in** "17 Essays by Female Writers that Everyone Should Read" from Flavorwire (February 2013), available at: http://flavorwire.com/370347/15-essays-by-femalewriters-that-everyone-should-read/13/

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American Medical News (on First Amendment implications of commercial speech case regarding prescription drugs, February 2011);

amNewYork (on Governor Paterson's "legal woes," March 2010);

AP (on DNA and privacy, July 2013); (over 250 reprints; on municipal proposal to ban "saggy pants," barefeet, and shirtlessness, June 2013); (internationally and widely disseminated; on Florida pastors constitutional right to burn Q'ran, September 2010); (internationally and widely disseminated; on relevance of gay identity of defendant charged with hate crime, October 2007);

Ars Technica (on President's speech regarding NSA surveillance, January 2014); (on report regarding NSA surveillance, January 2014); (on proposed Congressional bill regarding NSA surveillance, October 2013); (on FISA court as "rubber stamp," October 2013); (on FISA court and surveillance, July 2013);

BBC (extensive article on Dressing Constitutionally, January 2014);

Bloomberg BNA (on Supreme Court decision regarding equal protection and taxpayers, June 2012); (on Supreme Court decision regarding Secret Service arrest of man for voicing disagreement with Vice President, June 2012);

Boston Globe (on federal-state constitutional powers, March 2010);

CBC News [Canada] (on constitutionality of secession movement, November 2012);

CBS News, CBS.com (on affirmative action case before Supreme Court, October 2012); (on same-sex marriage cases, December 2012);

Christian Science Monitor (on the constitutionality of Arizona's ethnic studies law, May 2010);

Crain's New York Business (on constitutionality of Obama's recess appointments to NLRB, February 2012);

Huffington Post (on Supreme Court's denial to hear NSA case, November 2013); Inter-Press Service (international news service, on hate speech in US, October

2012);

Irish Radio ("News Talk" with Mocrieff, interview on Dressing Constitutionally, August 2013);

Law 360 (on federal courts dockets, October 2009);

Lawyers.com (on health care mandate for corporations asserting freedom of religion, August 2013); (on First Amendment aspects of defamation, June 2013); (on proposed assault weapons ban, January 2013); (on affirmative action law in Michigan, November 2012); (on federal judge's stop and frisk decision, November 2012);

Military Times (Air Force Times, Army Times, Marine Corps Times, Navy Times) (on constitutionality of Stolen Valor Act, October 2011);

Modern Health Care Magazine (on the constitutionality of health care reform, March 2010);

New Jersey Star Ledger (on the constitutionality of proposed violent video game statute) (April 2013);

New York Times (front page; on federal-state constitutional powers, March 2010); (on new California sex-offender internet provision, November 2012);

Newsweek (on federal-state constitutional powers regarding marijuana laws, October 2010);

NPR

national broadcasts:

"All Things Considered" (on same-sex marriage developments in states after Windsor opinion, July 2013); (on Dressing Constitutionally, August 2013);

The Diane Rehm Show (60 minute interview on Dressing Constitutionally, August 2013) local affiliates:

KCUR (broadcast & print, on Kansas abortion law and First Amendment, July 2013); KPCC (LA's "Air Talk" on school dress codes, September 2013);

WNYC (NY's Brian Lehrer Show, 20 minute interview on Dressing Constitutionally, August 2013);

Wisconsin Public Radio ("The Joy Cardin Show" on Dressing Constitutionally, September 2013);

Politico (on the constitutionality of health care reform, June 2010);

Refinery 29 (interview on Dressing Constitutionally, September 2013);

Reuters (widely disseminated; on "same-sex divorce," June 2011);

Rue 89 (in French; on secession movement, November 2012);

Salon.com (on First Amendment implications of banning sex offenders from social networking sites, April 2012);

San Francisco Chronicle (AP; on bill regarding sex offenders and social media, January 2013);

San Francisco Weekly (on public nudity ban, October 2013);

San Jose Mercury News (on First Amendment and Occupy Wall Street, November 2011);

SiriusXM radio (interview on constitutionality of Alabama Immigration law, September 2011);

South Carolina Lawyers Weekly (on secession movement, November 2012);

USA Today (front page; on the constitutionality of Arizona immigration law, July 2010);

Washington Independent (on qualified immunity of government officials in lawsuit by Jose Padilla, June 2009).

#### SELECTED ORAL PRESENTATIONS

### 2013:

"Dressing Like a Feminist" Human Rights, Gender& the Law Stoneman Conference Albany Law School April

"Rethinking the First Amendment" 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Roe v. Wade NYC Bar Association January

The First Amendment in Roe v. Wade" Cardozo Public Interest Conference Cardozo School of Law January

## 2012:

"Dressing Down: Symbolic Speech Against Sexual Violence and Class Inequality," Law & Society Annual Meeting June

"Sexual Minorities" Minority Section Panel Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Annual Conference (Washington, DC) January

### 2011:

Marlee Kline Lecture in Social Justice University of British Columbia Faculty of Law

"Boundaries & Enemies" Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities Annual Conference (Las Vegas)

#### 2010:

"Theorizing Proposition 8" Center for the Humanities, Andrew Mellon Foundation Program Graduate Center, CUNY

"Theorizing Proposition 8" Constitution Day Lecture West Virginia University College of Law

"UnSettled" & Feminist Performance Workshop Exploring the Boundaries: An International Feminist Dialogue on Socio-Legal feminisms Bellairs Institute, Barbados

"Lesbians & Abortions" NYU Review of Law & Social Change Symposium From Page to Practice: Broadening the Lens for Reproductive and Sexual Rights New York University School of Law, NY

"UnSettled" All in The Family? Interdisciplinary Conference CUNY Graduate Center, NY

"Cutting Edge Queer Pedagogy" Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity Panel AALS Annual Conference (New Orleans)

## 2009:

"UnSettled" uBuntu Project, University of Cape Town Faculty of Law

"In Conversation" with Justice Michael Kirby, High Court of Australia Suffolk University School of Law

"Sorry Foreigners" Queer Empire, McGill University College of Law

"Teaching Marbury v. Madison" Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Annual Meeting (San Diego) Section on Teaching Methods

### 2008:

"(Their) Sex & (Our) Money: Vulnerability and the Failure of the Courts" Feminist Legal Theory Conference Workshop University of Colorado at Boulder

"Sex and Judicial Review" Eastern District of New York, Federal Courts Colloquium

"Health and Healing" Association of Writers & Writing Programs (AWP) Annual Conference New York

"Sexual Justice & Student Scholarship" Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Annual Meeting Section on Legal Writing, Reasoning and Research New York

#### 2007:

"Sexual Freedom in Global Perspective" Keynote Speech Standard Margins: Contemporary Issues in Canadian Law & Sexuality Conference held at University of British Columbia

"What is Sexual Freedom and Who Decides?" Bram Fischer Visiting Professor Public Lecture University of Witwatersrand; Olive Schreiner School of Law Johannesburg, South Africa

"Is There Anything Left to Say about Judicial Review? South African Institute for Advanced Constitutional, Public, Human Rights and International Law, Constitution Hill, Johannesburg, South Africa

"Judicial Review in Comparative Perspective: US and South Africa" University of Witwatersrand; Olive Schreiner School of Law Johannesburg, South Africa

#### 2006:

"Writing Judicial Opinions" Presentation to Federal Courts, Melbourne, Australia

"Persuasive Submissions: Some Perspectives from the United States Experience" Bar Association of Victoria (Australia)

"Beginning a Legal Research and Writing Program" Monash University, Melbourne, Australia

"Combating Homophobia: The Problem of Standing" Stetson University College of Law "Sexual Freedom and Judicial Review"

Contemporary Issues in Gender Jurisprudence Colloquium, Hofstra University School of Law

#### 2005:

"Sex and the Courts" Comparative Constitutionalism and Rights: Global Perspectives, University of KwaZulu-Natal, Durban, South Africa

"Sexual Freedom and the Judiciary" Reflections on Rights Enforcement : Comparative Perspectives University of Saskatchewan, Canada

"Questions of Judicial Review and Sexual Freedom in the Old and New Constitutions" The Fifth Annual Women and the Law Conference: The Global Impact of Feminist Legal Theory

### 2004:

"Sexual Minorities and the Death Penalty" Lavender Law: The National Conference of the Gay and Lesbian Law Ass'n

"Whither *Lawrence*?" Lesbian and Gay Law Conference, New York City

"What's At Stake in the 2004 Election: The Courts" Lesbian and Gay Community Center Public Forum, New York City

"Whose Diversity?" Faculty Forum, CUNY School of Law

#### 2003:

"The Supreme Court's version of diversity: a comparison of *Lawrence v. Texas* and *Grutter v. University of Michigan*" Lavender Law: The National Conference of the Gay and Lesbian Law Ass'n

Moderator and convener: "The Death Penalty and LGBT Rights" Lavender Law: The National Conference of the Gay and Lesbian Law Ass'n

Panel: "Legal Considerations" Ten Years of the Military's Policy of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" at Hofstra Law School

"Compulsory Matrimony in the United States and Canada" U. Toronto Faculty of Law, Faculty Forum

Panel: "Common Cause: LGBT and Reproductive Rights" NYC LGBT Community Center

Panel: "A Public Interest Curriculum" Public Interest Lawyering Conference, Stanford University "Queer Youth (& the American Ass'n of Libraries Case)" American Association of Law Librarians (AALL) Annual Conference in Seattle Panel: "Reproductive Rights and Wrongs" Brooklyn College, CUNY

Moderator, Transgender Rights CUNY School of Law

## 2002:

"Lesbians and the Death Penalty" National Coalition to End the Death Penalty Annual Conference

"Assimilating Marriage?" Faculty Forum, DePaul University School of Law

"Assimilation or Liberty?" University of Chicago Center for Gender Studies

Assimilation and Resistance Conference: Assimilation or Resistance? University of Seattle School of Law

#### 2001:

"The Problems with Assimilation & Sexuality" Albany Law School Faculty Forum

"Women & Crime" SUNY Albany University

"Women's History, Women's Crimes" Kingsborough College, Brooklun, NY

## 2000:

"Assimilation?" Chronicling a Movement: Gay and Lesbian Legal Reform, New York Law School.

#### 1999:

"Women's Studies, Women's Stories, and Women's Bodies," Public Lecture for Women's Studies Scholar Judith Gold Stitzel Residency, University of West Virginia (week long residency also included talks at law school, social work and literature classes). "Are You My Mother?" Talk at Rutgers Law School sponsored by Women's Rights Law Reporter

### 1998:

Keynote Address: Law, Gender, & Sexuality Conference, Keele University, Great Britain

## 1997:

"Beginning from (my) Experience: Paradoxes of Lesbian/Queer Narrativities" Intersexions Symposium, sponsored by Hastings College of Law at the San Francisco Public Library

"Sappho Goes to Law School,"

Lesbian and Gay Law 1997, Queer Culture & Law: A Dialogue, New York

"Class & Sexuality," Faculty-Student Symposium, SUNY at Buffalo School of Law "Gay and Lesbian Marriage: Progress Toward Equality?,"

Keynote Speaker, A Work in Progess: Justice for Lesbians & Gay Men, co-sponsored by the Bar Ass'n for Human Rights of Western New York & OUTLAW

## 1996:

"Sex & State," Plenary Speaker, 1996 Annual Conference of Australiasian Law Teachers Ass'n

"The Codification of Lesbian Relations," University of Melbourne

"The Prosecutorial Uses of Lesbianism," University of Melbourne, Faculty of Law "Lesbians, Law & Literature," Parsons Fellow, University of Sydney, Faculty of Law "Codifications: Examples from Law & Literature," Feminist Scholarship Seminar, Massey Uni.,Aotearoa/NZ

"Law, Literature & Lesbians: A US Perspective," Waikato Uni., Faculty of Law, Aotearoa/NZ

"Equal Notions of Property/ Property Notions of Equality," Logan Property Lecture, Washburn University, Topeka, Kansas

"Our Relationships" & "Criminal Justice System: Impacts," Featured Speaker, Constructing Change, Topeka, Kansas

"The Prosecutorial Uses of Lesbianism," Faculty Seminar, Law School, California Western Uni., San Diego, California

"Writing Lesbian Sex," Conference for 10th Anniversary of *Bowers v. Hardwick*, John Marshall Law School, Chicago

## 1995:

"Sex and Other Legal Problems" (Lafayette College, Easton, PA)

"Lesbians and Crime," Conference on Women, Sexuality & Violence, U. Pennsylvania "Convictions: Theorizing Crime," The University of Chicago -The Law School "Interrogating Class in the Context of Lesbian Legal Theory," Critical Legal Studies Conference Georgetown & American Universities

"After the Year of the Queer: Lesbian Legal Theories & Realities," U. Penn. Law School "Questions of Class," Symposium on Lesbian Issues and the Law, Univ. Southern Cal. "Sappho Goes to Jail: The Prosecutorial Uses of Lesbianism," Law Faculty Forum, UCLA "After the Year of the Queer: Lesbian Legal Theories & Realities," Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Studies/Women's Studies, UCLA

"Lesbians as Criminals," InQueery: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Studies Conference, U.Iowa

## 1994:

"Violence & Lesbians," Yale Law School

"Criminal Justice & Lesbian Legal Theory," Lavender Law IV: Conference of the NLGA (National Lesbian/Gay Law Ass'n)

"Lesbian Legal Theory": Panel on "Emerging Jurisprudence," AALL (American Association of Law Librarians) Annual Conference, Seattle

"impossible bodies/lesbian possibilities," Plenary Speaker, NWSA Conf., Iowa State U. "Lesbian Identities," Alice Belton Memorial Lecture, Radcliffe/Harvard Colleges

Various Lectures as Lansdowne Visitor, University of Victoria Faculty of Law, B.C. "Resurrecting Lesbian/Feminisms? Lesbian and Feminist Legal Theory," Canadian Bar Ass'n, Section on Lesbian and Gay Rights "Lesbian Identities in Law and Literature," Faculty of Law & Women's Studies, U. B.C. "The tyrannies of respectability: lesbian legal theories & challenges," U. Puget Sound Law School

"The Third Sex and Third Party Custody," Symposium on Third Parties and Child Custody, University of Connecticut School of Law

"Repositioning Lesbians in Feminist Legal Theory," U. Toronto School of Law "Lesbians in Life, Law & Literature," University of Oklahoma

"The consequences of lesbian legal theorizing," LeGal:Lesbian and Gay Law Ass'n of NY

## 1993:

"The Lesbian as Criminal: Some Political, Methodological and Ethical Problems," CLAGS (Center for Gay and Lesbian Studies)

"The Lesbian as Criminal," CLAGS Conf. on Sexual Orientation and the Social Sciences "Lesbians as (Out)Laws: lesbian theories and legal reforms," American Studies Ass'n Annual Conf.

"Problems of Identity and Identity Politics in Legal Theory," Faculty Forum, CUNY "The Lesbian as Criminal: preliminary research," CUSH (Columbia Univ. Seminar on Homosexualities)

"Resisting the Family: Repositioning Lesbians in Feminist Legal Theory," SIGNS Symposium /Roundtable Discussions, Univ. of Minnesota

"Legal Deconstruction of Lesbian Identities in Bodies," Feminism and Legal Theory Conf.Columbia Univ. School of Law

"Lesbian Legal Theorizing: Legal Reform and the Tyranny of the Perfect Victim," Law & Society Ass'n

"Law & Literature," NCLR Reception, National Museum for Women in the Arts, D.C. "Lesbian Survival: Law, Literature & Life in a World of Amendment 2 and Boycotts," University of Colorado School of Law

"Domestication," Keynote Address, "Women Shaping Law, Law Shaping Women" Conference at Tulane Law School

"Lesbian Survival: Law, Literature & Life" & other presentations as Visiting Scholar, Queens University, Kingston, Ontario

"Lesbians and Gay Men in Legal Education," LeGal: Lesbian and Gay Law Ass'n of NY "Sexual Orientation and the Changing Law," Pace University School of Law

## 1992:

"Incendiary Categories: Lesbian/Violence/Law," MLA Meeting (Modern Language Ass'n) "Mother: The Domestication of Lesbian Existence,"Feminist Legal Theory Conf. Columbia Univ. Law

"Lesbian (Out)Law," Cornell University College of Law

"New Trends in Lesbian and Gay Legal Scholarship" & "Strategies for Families" at Lavender Law: National Lesbian and Gay Law Association Bi-Annual Conference Featured Speaker, New York Lesbian and Gay Pride Rally

"Lesbians and Violence," Law & Society Annual Meeting

"Incendiary Categories: Lesbian/Violence/Law," Violence& Women, Univ. of Texas

1991 & previous: available upon request

# Legal and Educational Background

# Degrees:

L1. M.	University of California at Berkeley (Boalt Hall)	1990
J.D.	Stetson University College of Law	1979

# **Admitted to Practice**

Florida, 1980 United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit and Eleventh Circuit United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida and Southern District

# **Previous Positions**

Affiliated Scholar Beatrice M. Bain Research Group Feminist Studies University of California at Berkeley Berkeley, CA 94720 August 1989 - July 1990

Instructor of Law Florida State University College of Law Tallahassee, Florida August 1986 - May 1989

Attorney/Managing Attorney Florida Rural Legal Services West Palm Beach, Florida 33402 September 1983 - June 1986

Law Clerk to the Honorable Peter T. Fay United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit Miami, Florida 33132 August 1982 - August 1983

Law Clerk to the Honorable William J. Castagna United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida Tampa, Florida 33601 July 1980 - August 1982