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Education

J.D., University of Virginia School of Law, 1990.

Ph.D. (Religion), University of Iowa, 1986.



Employment

Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, 1990-present, Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, Professor.

Adjunct Professor of Biomedical Ethics, Department of Biomedical Ethics, School of Medicine, Case Western Reserve University, 2003-

SmithKline Beecham Distinguished Research Fellow, Center for the Study of Law, Science, and Technology, Arizona State University, 2000-2001.

Visiting Scholar, National Human Genome Research Institute (NIH), November 1998 – May 1999 (Visiting Investigator Program grant).

Bioethics Fellow, The Cleveland Clinic, 1989.

Central Michigan University, Assistant Professor, Religious Studies, 1983-87.



Grant Activity

Fulbright Alumni Initiative Award. I secured this grant for \$25,000 to organize two seminars for graduate students in biomedical ethics, held in Cleveland and in Israel 2004-06.

NIH Conference Grant. I was the Principal Investigator for a \$24,000 grant that funded a workshop at the American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, on teaching genetic ethics. 2004.



Related Experience

Director, Population Issues Group, Center for Genetics Research, Ethics and the Law (CGREAL), Case Western Reserve University, 2004-07. Deputy Director for Normative Analysis: Religion and Culture, 2007- . This is a long-term grant from the National Human Genome Research Institute (NIH), part of its CEER (Centers for Excellence in ELSI Research) initiative.

Senior Editor, *Encyclopedia of Bioethics*, 3rd ed. (2004).

Legal Consultant, Committee on Bioethics, Am. Academy of Pediatrics, 1998-2007.

Ethical, Legal, and Social Implications Study Section, Center for Scientific Review, NIH, 2001-2007.

American Association for the Advancement of Science Working Group, "International Jewish Discourse on Genetic Ethics," 2001-2004.

Hastings Center Working Group, "Surgically Shaping Children," 2002-2004.

Inst'l Review Board for the Protection of Human Subjects, Cleveland State U., 1995-2003

Board of Directors, American Academy of Religion, 2000-6.

Board of Directors, American Society of Bioethics and Humanities, 2003-4, 2007-2010.

Board of Directors, Cleveland Chapter, Ohio Civil Liberties Union, 2000-04.

Chair, Comm. on the Public Understanding of Religion, Am. Academy of Religion, 2000-06.

Co-Chair, Program Planning Committee, Am. Society for Bioethics & Humanities, 2002-03.

Co-Chair, Church-State Studies Group, Am. Academy of Religion, 1993-2000.

SmithKline Beecham Conference on Genetic Research with Indigenous Populations, April 2001. As co-coordinator I invited speakers, organized panels, and edited the symposium issue of *Jurimetrics* based on the conference.

The University of Colorado's Working Group on the Ethical, Legal and Social Implications of Genetic Research on Medical Conditions Affecting Indian and Native People, 2001-

American Indian/Alaskan Native Genetic Research Policy Formulation Group, 2001.

The goal is to formulate a standardized approach for genetic research with AI/AN people, as individuals and as communities.

American Association for the Advancement of Science Working Group: *Ethical Issues in Human Stem Cell Research*, 1999. The Working Group, made up of ethicists, scientists, and patient advocates, advised the AAAS in drafting a document, published in the fall of 1999, which was forwarded to Congress and other groups.

National Institute of Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD) Working Group: *Considerations for Developing and Implementing Genetic Diagnostic Tests for Hereditary Hearing Impairment and Other Communication Disorders*, 1998. The Working Group wrote a proposal on ethical and scientific considerations to be taken into account when screening and testing for Connexin-26 or other genes associated with hereditary deafness.

Visiting Scholar, The Hastings Center, September 1998.

Ethics Committee, MacDonald Hospital, 1997-99.

Project Consultant, Dartmouth College: *Making Babies: The Scientific, Ethical, and Social Challenge of Assisted Reproduction*, 1995. A FIPSE/NEH sponsored project to develop courses in the ethical, legal and social implications of new reproductive technologies. I led a workshop for project faculty on the legal aspects of reproductive technology, and gave a public lecture on law, reproductive technology, and social change.

Inst'l Review Board for the Protection of Human Subjects, University Hospital, U. of Iowa, 1980-83.



Journal Responsibilities

Associate Editor, *Kennedy Institute of Ethics Journal*, 2007-present

Associate Editor, *Journal of Clinical Ethics*, 1995-present.

Sub-editor for Medical Ethics, *Religious Studies Review*, 1989-96



Fulbright Experience

Fulbright Scholar Programs:

Senior Specialist, *June, 2007*, Sweden (teaching at Linkoping University)

Senior Specialist: *July-August 2004*, Indonesia (teaching at Universitas Gadjah Mada)

Fellow: *February-June 2002*, Israel (teaching at Bar-Ilan University)

Fellow: *January-March 1994*, India (research project observing allopathic and ayurvedic physicians making decisions with and for dying patients).

Fulbright Grants Awarded:

Alumni Initiative Award 2004-06 (supporting bioethics seminars between Bar-Ilan and CSU)

Direct Access to the Muslim World: Grant to invite a Muslim scholar (a specialist in Islamic bioethics) to CSU and other Cleveland institutions, 2006.

Fulbright Peer Review Service:

Peer Review Committee (Egypt-Israel), 2003-05

Senior Specialist Peer Review Committee (Law), 2001-2003.



Published Work

I. Books

Genetic Research, Creation Stories, and Communal Narratives (in progress).

Genetic Dilemmas: Reproductive Technology, Parental Choices, and Children's Futures (Routledge, 2001). A revised edition is forthcoming from Oxford University Press.

Notes from a Narrow Ridge: Religious Studies and Bioethics, ed. with Laurie Zoloth, (University Publishing Group, 1999).

II. Articles

A. Biomedical Ethics

“Religion, Genetics, and Sexual Orientation: The Jewish Tradition,” Kennedy Institute of Ethics Journal, June 2008.

“A Thoughtful Look at Disability,” (Review of *Disability Rights and Wrongs*, by Tom Shakespeare, Routledge, 2006) Hastings Center Report, March-April 2008.

“A Tale of Two Daughters: Jewish Law and End-of-Life Decision Making,” Journal of Clinical Ethics, Winter 2007.

“The Changing Face of ‘Misidentified Paternity,’” Journal of Medicine and Philosophy, 2007.

“Help! My Body Is Being Invaded by an Alien!” American Journal of Bioethics, April 2007.

“The Puzzle of IVF,” Houston Journal of Health Law & Policy, Symposium 2006.

“Genital Alteration of Female Minors,” in Cutting to the Core: Exploring the Ethics of Contested Surgeries, David Benatar, ed. (NY: Rowman & Littlefield, 2006).

“Genetic Testing and Tort Actions,” in N.F. Sharpe and R.F. Carter, eds. Genetic Testing: Care Consent, and Liability (2006).

“Genetic Research and Communal Narratives,” Hastings Center Report, July-August 2004.

“Genetics: The Not-So-New New Thing,” Perspectives in Biology and Medicine, Summer 2004.

Frader J, Alderson P, Asch A, Aspinwall C, **Davis D**, Dreger A, Edwards J, Feder EK, Frank A, Hedley LA, Kittay E, Marsh J, Miller PS, Mouradian W, Nelson H, Parens E, Health Care

- Professionals and Intersex Conditions, Archives of Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine, May 2004.
- Bowekaty, Malcolm (Governor of Zuni Pueblo) and **Davis, Dena**, "Cultural Issues in Genetic Research with American Indian and Alaskan Native People," IRB: Ethics & Human Research, July-August 2003.
- "Op-Ed: Pelvic Exams Performed on Anesthetized Patients," AMA Virtual Mentor, May 2003.
- "Genetic Research and Communal Narratives," Jurimetrics, Winter 2002.
- "Stem Cells, Cloning, and Abortion: Making Careful Distinctions," American Journal of Bioethics Winter 2002.
- "Male and Female Genital Mutilation: A Collision Course with the Law?" Health Matrix: Journal of Law-Medicine, Winter 2001.
- Guest Editor (with Suzanne Holland), Kennedy Institute of Ethics Journal, Symposium Issue: "Who's Afraid of Commodification," September 2001.
- "Is Life of Infinite Value?" Kennedy Institute of Ethics Journal September 2001.
- "Legal Trends in Bioethics," Journal of Clinical Ethics, quarterly column, 1993-2000.
- "Informed Consent for Stem Cell Research in the Public Sector," Journal of the American Medical Women's Association, 2000.
- "Groups, Communities, and Contested Identities in Genetic Research," Hastings Center Report, 2000.
- "Rational Suicide and Predictive Genetic Testing," Journal of Clinical Ethics, Winter, 1999.
- "Religious Responses to Cloning: A Tale of Two Creatures," Hofstra Law Review, Spring 1999.
- "Discovery of Children's Carrier Status for Recessive Genetic Disease: Some Ethical Issues," Genetic Testing, 4/2, 1998.
- "Medical Research with College Athletes: Some Ethical Issues," IRB, July/Aug. 1998.
- "Why Suicide Is Like Contraception: A Women-Centered View," in Physician Assisted Suicide: Expanding the Debate, ed. M. Battin, R. Rhodes, A. Silvers (NY: Routledge, 1998).
- Guest Editor, Jurimetrics (Cloning Symposium), Fall, 1997.
- "What's Wrong with Cloning?" Jurimetrics (Cloning Symposium), Fall, 1997.
- "Cochlear Implants and the Claims of Culture: A Response to Lane and Grodin," Kennedy Institute of Ethics Journal, September, 1997.
- "Joining a 'Cult': Religious Choice or Psychological Aberration?" Journal of Law and Health, 1996-97.
- "Genetic Dilemmas and the Child's Right to an Open Future," Hastings Center Report,

April/May, 1997.

“The Human Genome Project and the Child’s Right to an Open Future,” Rutgers Law Journal Spring, 1997.

“Tell Me a Story: Using Short Fiction to Teach Law and Bioethics,” Journal of Legal Education June, 1997.

“The Role of *Dharma* in the Understanding of Professional Morality among Hindu Physicians in India,” Monash Bioethics Review, October 1996.

“It’s My Canvas,” Biolaw, July-August, 1996.

“Mandatory HIV Testing in Newborns: Not Yet, Maybe Never,” Journal of Clinical Ethics Summer 1996.

“A Question of Context,” Journal of Clinical Ethics, Winter 1995.

“Embryos Created for Research Purposes,” Kennedy Institute of Ethics Journal, December 1995.

“Letter from Abroad: Leaves from a Research Diary,” Journal of Clinical Ethics, Summer 1994.

“It Ain’t Necessarily So: Clinicians, Bioethics, and Religious Studies,” Journal of Clinical Ethics, Winter 1994.

“Method in Jewish Bioethics: An Overview,” Journal of Contemporary Law, Summer 1994.

“Does ‘No’ Mean ‘Yes’? Jehovah’s Witnesses and the Refusal of Blood,” Second Opinion, January 1994.

“Heartbreak and Heart’s-Ease: Thinking About Organ Transplants,” (Review Essay) Second Opinion, April 1993.

“Shifting the Burden of Proof in Right-to-Die Cases,” Second Opinion, January 1993.

“Method in Jewish Bioethics,” in Paul Camenisch, ed., Religious Methods and Resources in Bioethics (1993).

“Foreign Nationals, Organ Transplants, and the Problem of the Free Rider,” Theoretical Medicine, December 1992.

“Abortion in Jewish Thought: A Study in Casuistry,” Journal of the American Academy of Religion, December 1992.

“Rich Cases: The Ethics of Thick Description,” Hastings Center Report, July/August 1991.

“Beyond Rabbi Hiyya’s Wife: Women’s Voices in Jewish Bioethics,” Second Opinion, March 1991.

“Slim Just Left Town: Decision-Making on an Intensive Care Unit.” Honorable Mention, 1989 Lappe Memorial Prize Competition, The Hastings Center. Connecticut Law Review, Winter 1991.

“Old and Thin,” Second Opinion, November 1990.

“Reflections on A.C.,” Biolaw, September/October 1990.

“Children with AIDS in the Public Schools: The Ethical Issues,” Journal of Medical Humanities and Bioethics, Fall/Winter 1987.

“Nursing: An Ethic of Caring,” Humane Medicine, Spring 1986.

“Dear Mrs. X.” IRB, Nov./Dec. 1983.

B. Legal Topics

“Moral Ambition: The Sermons of Harry A. Blackmun,” Brooklyn Law Review, Fall 2006.

“Religious Clubs in the Public Schools: What Happened after *Mergens*?” Albany Law Review 64/1, 2000.

“College Housing Policies Should Avoid Ethnic and Religious Balkanization” Chronicle of Higher Education November 14, 1997.

“The Child’s Right to an Open Future: *Yoder* and Beyond,” Capital University Law Review (Symposium Issue) 26/1, 1997.

“Ironic Encounter: African-Americans, American Jews, and the Relationship between Church and State,” Catholic University Law Review, November 1993.

“Religion in the Public Arena: Black Political Leaders and Jewish Voters, in Menachem Mor, ed., International Perspectives on Church and State (1993).

“Equal Treatment or Treatment as an Equal?” in Creighton Peden and Yeager Hudson, eds., Freedom, Dharma, and Rights (1993).

“The American Constitution and Catholic Canon Law,” Journal of Church and State, Spring 1989.

C. Encyclopedia Articles

“Circumcision: Religious Aspects,” *Encyclopedia of Bioethics*, 3rd revised edition (2004).

“Genetic Disability and Legal Action: Wrongful Birth, Wrongful Life,” *Encyclopedia of the Human Genome*, 2003.

“Sex Selection,” *Encyclopedia of the Human Genome*, 2003.