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**MAYO CLINIC**, Rochester, MN

Summer Undergraduate Research Fellow

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*Conducted pharmacological and experimental therapeutic research related to Alzheimer's Disease in the laboratory of Dr. W. Stephen Brimijoin.*

## **EDUCATION**

**UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA LAW SCHOOL**, Minneapolis, MN

J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2005. Order of the Coif.

ALI-ABA Scholarship &

Leadership Award. *Minnesota Law Review*, Member. *Minnesota Journal of Global Trade*,

Articles Editor. Career Services Committee Appointee. Assistant Dean of Students Search

Committee, Student Representative. Kommerstad Center for Business Law and

Entrepreneurship Speakers Forum, Co-Chair. Legal Writing Student Instructor.

Constitutional Law Student Instructor.

**HARVARD UNIVERSITY**, Cambridge, MA

A.B. in Chemistry, *magna cum laude*, 2002. John Harvard and Harvard College

Scholarships, Elizabeth Cary Agassiz Award, and Elizabeth Cary Agassiz Merit of Honor.

## **BOOKS AND CHAPTERS**

THE EIGHTH AMENDMENT AND ITS FUTURE IN A NEW AGE OF PUNISHMENT (Berry & Ryan eds., Cambridge Univ. Press) (2020), <https://www.cambridge.org/us/universitypress/>

*On Neuro-Dignity and -Diversity in Offender Treatment* (work in progress).

*An Upside of Originalism: Jury Size* (work in progress).

*Time and Retribution*, \_\_ MISSOURI L. REV. \_\_ (forthcoming 2024).

*Ghost-Hunting in AI and the Law*, \_\_ TULANE L. REV. \_\_ (forthcoming 2024).

*The Death of the Evolving Standards of Decency*, 51 FLA. ST. U. L. REV. \_\_ (forthcoming 2024), <https://ssrn.com/abstract=4488732>.

*Understanding Criminal Justice Innovations*, 5 J.L. & INNOVATION 38 (2023) (invited symposium contribution), <https://ssrn.com/abstract=4136813>.

*Criminal Justice Secrets*, 59 AM. CRIM. L. REV. 1541 (2022), <https://ssrn.com/abstract=3937551>.

*Framing Individualized Sentencing for Politics and the Constitution*, 58 AM. CRIM. L. REV. 1747 (2021) (invited symposium contribution)

*Taking Another Look at Second-Look Sentencing*, 81 BROOK. L. REV. 149,

*Can the IRS Silence Religious Organizations?*, 40 IND. L. REV. 73, 73-96 (2007),  
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*Role of Carboxylate Bridges in Modulating Nonheme Diiron(II)O<sub>2</sub> Reactivity*, 42 INORGANIC CHEMISTRY 7519, 7519-7530 (2003) (with Miquel Costas, et al.).

## **OTHER PUBLICATIONS**

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<https://www.law360.com/california/articles/1713637/cases-issues-that-may-shape-the-intersection-of-ai-and-ip>.

*Innocence Ignorance: The Failure to Acknowledge the Fallibility and Dignity Components of Humanity*, in VOICES ON INNOCENCE, 68 FLA. L. REV. 1569 (2017),  
<http://ssrn.com/abstract=2747604>.

*On the Road to Abolition: Capital Punishment and Its Uncertain Future in the United States* ~~EV&ST~~

*Some Quick Teaching Tips from SMU Award-Winning Professors*, CENTER FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE, Apr. 25, 2013.

Book Review, CRIM. L. & CRIM. JUST. BOOKS (2013) (solicited book review, reviewing MICHAEL L. PERLIN, MENTAL DISABILITY AND THE DEATH PENALTY: THE SHAME OF THE STATES (2013)).

*Finding Ways for Students to Discover Their Passions*, CENTER FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE, Nov. 8, 2013.

*Teaching and Tenure*, CENTER FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE, May 6, 2013.

Cited in a letter from more than 500 law professors to the ABA section examining law school tenure requirements.

*Is the Tide Turning on MOOCs (and Other Online Courses)?*, CENTER FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE, Apr. 30, 2013.

*Higher Ed Faculty: Teachers, Mentors, Advisors, Parents, or Friends?*, CENTER FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE, Feb. 13, 2013.

*Reflections of a First-Time Classroom Blogger*, CENTER FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE, Nov. 18, 2012.

*Training Independent, and Diverse, Thinkers*, CENTER FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE, Nov. 12, 2012.

Interview, Penny Rosenberg, *A Look at the Legal System and the Lawsuits Leading to Oregon HB 3115*, ALBANY DEMOCRAT-HERALD, Oct 24, 2023, [https://democratherald.com/news/local/government-politics/the-lawsuits-leading-to-oregon-hb-3115/article\\_db1386fa-67a1-11ee-acd4-2701a6f853a7.html#tracking-source=home-top-story](https://democratherald.com/news/local/government-politics/the-lawsuits-leading-to-oregon-hb-3115/article_db1386fa-67a1-11ee-acd4-2701a6f853a7.html#tracking-source=home-top-story).

Moderator, *A.I. in Legal Practice*, A.I. Lawyering: Adapting to the Era of ChatGPT and Large Language Models, SMU Tsai Center for Law, Science and Innovation, Dallas, TX (Oct. 13, 2023).

*The Death of the Evolving Standards of Decency*, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, Boca Raton, FL (July 26, 2023).

*Artificial Intelligence and the Law: The Challenges and Opportunities Every Litigator Should Know*, Dallas Bar Association, Dallas, TX (June 13, 2023) (with Robert S. Hill).

*The Death of the Evolving Standards of Decency*, Issues in Contemporary Punishment: Doctrine, Theory, and Practice, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law (via Zoom), New York, NY (Apr. 21, 2023).

*A Catholic Perspective on Prison Conditions and Human Dignity*, Catholic Legal Scholars Paper Series (via Zoom) (July 27, 2022).

*Understanding Criminal Justice Innovations*, University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School (via Zoom), Philadelphia, PA (Jan. 28, 2022).

*Criminal Justice Secrets*, Indiana University Maurer School of Law (via Zoom), Bloomington, IN (Apr. 8, 2021).

Moderator, David Gray, *Facial Recognition and the Fourth Amendment* (by David Gray), SMU Science and Technology Law Review Lecture, SMU Law School (via Zoom), Dallas, TX (Nov. 6, 2020)

*Framing Individualized Sentencing for Politics and the Constitution*, Prison Brake: Rethinking the Sentencing Status Quo Symposium, Georgetown Law School (via Zoom), Washington, DC (Oct. 20, 2020).

Panelist, SMU Spring Teaching Symposium, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX (Jan. 16, 2020).

*The Court's Criminal Dock* " s- Ó 1

*Death, Dignity, and Desert*, 2019 Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C. (May 31, 2019).

*Escaping the Fingerprint Crisis: A Blueprint for Essential Research*, Faculty Colloquium, University of Notre Dame Law School, South Bend, IN (Feb. 21, 2019).

*The Role of Science Under the Eighth Amendment*, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, Fort Lauderdale, FL (Aug. 8, 2018).

*The Pillars of Tort Law*, Law Preview, Dallas, TX (July 30, 2018).

*Evolving Punishment, Indeterminacy, and Humility in Criminal Sentencing*, 18th Annual Fall Conference, University of Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture, South Bend, IN (Nov. 10, 2017).

*Escaping the Fingerprint Crisis: A Blueprint for Essential Research*, American Bar Association Criminal Justice Section Tenth Annual Fall Institute, Washington, D.C. (Nov. 2, 2017).

*Balancing Dignity and Punishment After Conviction*, Emory University, Atlanta, GA (Oct. 23, 2017).

*Tort Law: First Principles*, Law Preview, Austin, TX (Aug. 9, 2017).

*Forensics, Algorithms, and the Criminal Justice System's Allusion to Science*, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, Boca Raton, FL (Aug. 2, 2017).

*Tort Law: First Principles*, Law Preview, Dallas, TX (July 31, 2017).

*Tort Law: First Principles*, Law Preview, Houston, TX (July 24, 2017).

*Secret Conviction Programs*, Association of American Law Schools Mid-Year Meeting of the Criminal Justice Section, American University Washington College of Law, Washington, D.C. (June 14, 2017).

*Secret Conviction Programs*, Columbia Criminal Law Roundtable, Columbia Law School, New York, NY (May 5, 2017).

Roundtable Participant, *Forensic Science Ethics Roundtable*, University of Texas School of Law, Austin, TX (Apr. 14, 2017).



Tim Lockette, *Lawmaker Proposes Firing Squad, Nitrogen for Executions*, ANNISTON STAR, Nov. 29, 2016, [http://www.annistonstar.com/news/state/lawmaker-proposes-firing-squad-nitrogen-for-executions/article\\_887f93da-aac4-11e6-834d-5b2fab8d723.html](http://www.annistonstar.com/news/state/lawmaker-proposes-firing-squad-nitrogen-for-executions/article_887f93da-aac4-11e6-834d-5b2fab8d723.html).

*Secret Conviction Algorithms*, American Bar Association Criminal Justice Section Ninth Annual Fall Institute, Washington, D.C. (Nov. 3, 2016).

*Criminal Justice Algorithms and Trade Secret Law*, 13th Annual Symposium on Emerging Intellectual Property Issues: Intellectual Property and Social Justice, SMU Dedman School of Law, Dallas, TX (Sept. 30, 2016).

*Miranda Distractions*, Forensic Group Meeting, SMU Dedman School of Law, Dallas, TX (Sept. 14, 2016).

*Is Miranda Good News or Bad News for the Police? Lessons in Empirics and the Constitution*, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, Amelia Island, FL (Aug. 7, 2016).

*Algorithms, Secrecy, and IP Rights*, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, Amelia Island, FL (Aug. 4, 2016).

*The Evolution of Tort Law*, Law Preview, Dallas, TX (Aug. 1, 2016).

*The Evolution of Tort Law*, Law Preview, Houston, TX (July 25, 2016).

*The Evolution of Tort Law*, Law Preview, Austin, TX (July 20, 2016).

Interview, *After Dallas Shootings, Gov. Abbott Proposes Protecting Cops with Hate Crimes Law*, KERA NEWS, July 19, 2016, [keranews.org/post/after-dallas-shootings-gov-abbott-proposes-protecting-cops-hate-crimes-law](http://keranews.org/post/after-dallas-shootings-gov-abbott-proposes-protecting-cops-hate-crimes-law).

*Developing a Scientific Basis for Accurate and Reliable Fingerprint Evidence*, CrimFest, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, New York, NY (July 12, 2016).

Interview, Barbra Elenbaas, *Spotlight on Sections: Section on Criminal Justice*, AALS NEWS, Spring 2016.

*Secrecy, IP Rights, and Prosecutions*, IP/Life Science Symposium, Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law, Indianapolis, IN (Apr. 7, 2016).

*Developing a Scientific Basis for Accurate and Reliable Fingerprint Evidence*, Faculty Forum, SMU Dedman School of Law, Dallas, TX (Mar. 23, 2016).

*Transparency vs. Leniency, Impartial Decisionmakers, and Gravity vs. Levity at Guantanamo Bay*, Ethics Colloquy, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX (Mar. 22, 2016).

*Developing a Scientific Basis for Accurate and Reliable Fingerprint Evidence*, Flawed Forensics and Innocence Symposium, West Virginia University College of Law, Morgantown, WV (Mar. 4, 2016).

*Miranda's Truth, Miranda at 50*, Northern Kentucky University Chase College of Law, Highland Heights, KY (Feb. 26, 2016).

Interview, Daniel Denvir, *It's Time to End Antonin Scalia's Prison State: How the Next SCOTUS Justice Could Help End Mass Incarceration*, SALON, Feb. 21, 2016, [http://www.salon.com/2016/02/21/its\\_time\\_to\\_end\\_antonin\\_scalias\\_prison\\_state\\_how\\_the\\_](http://www.salon.com/2016/02/21/its_time_to_end_antonin_scalias_prison_state_how_the_)

Commentator, Ion Meyn, *The Lightness of the Prosecutor's Burden*, 7th Annual Southwest Criminal Law Workshop, The University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law, Salt Lake City, UT (Sept. 25, 2015).

*The Upside-Down Military Commission Proceedings at Guantanamo Bay*, Veterans Law Association, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX (Sept. 10, 2015).

*The Foundations of Tort Law*, Law Preview, Dallas, TX (Aug. 5, 2015).

*The Values of Dignity and Reliability in Addressing Innocence*, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, Boca Raton, FL (July 28, 2015).

*The Foundations of Tort Law*, Law Preview, Houston, TX (July 27, 2015).

*The Foundations of Tort Law*, Law Preview, Austin, TX (July 22, 2015).

*Taking Another Look at Second-Look Sentencing*, CrimFest, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, New York, NY (July 20, 2015).

Panelist, *Actually Innocent? Exonerations on Appeal*, Appellate Judges Education Institute 2014 Summit, Dallas, TX (Nov. 14, 2014).

*Taking Another Look at Second-Look Sentencing*, American Bar Association Criminal Justice Section Seventh Annual Fall Institute, Washington, D.C. (Oct. 23, 2014).

Moderator, *Issues With Judges, Juries, and Social Media*, SMU Science and Technology Law Review Social Media Law Symposium, SMU Dedman School of Law, Dallas, TX (Oct. 17, 2014).

*Taking Dignity Seriously: Excavating the Backdrop of the Eighth Amendment*, Ethics Colloquy, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX (Sept. 30, 2014).

Interview with Nomaan Merchant, Reporter, *Associated Press*, Sept. 5, 2014 (regarding amicus briefs in the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals).

*An Introduction to Torts*, Law Preview, Dallas, TX (Aug. 6, 2014).

*On Mercy, Rehabilitation, and Offender Dignity*, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, Amelia Island, FL (Aug. 4, 2014).

*An Introduction to Torts*, Law Preview, Austin, TX (July 22, 2014).

*Taking Dignity Seriously: Excavating the Backdrop of the Eighth Amendment*, Annual Law & Religion Roundtable, Washington University School of Law, St. Louis, MO (June 26, 2014).

Interview, *Drug Challenges Are Failing to Halt Executions*, TIME, June 18, 2014, <http://time.com/#2894689/lethal-injection-marcus-wellons-executed-as-legal-challenges-fail/>.

Radi *The Daily Circuit*,  
MINNESOTA PUBLIC RADIO, May 30, 2014, <http://www.mprnews.org/story/2014/05/30/daily->



*On Neuro-Dignity and -Diversity in Offender Rehabilitation*, Treating the Criminal Offender Brain: Can We? Should We?, University of Minnesota Law School, Minneapolis, MN (Sept. 27, 2013).

*Punishment, Dignity, and the Constitution*, 5th Annual Southwest Criminal Law Workshop, University of California Davis (Sept. 6, 2013).

Commentator, Shima Baradaran, *Blaming Drugs*, 5th Annual Southwest Criminal Law Workshop, University of California Davis (Sept. 6, 2013).

*Using Social Media in Teaching: Classroom Blogging*, 2013 Teaching Effectiveness Symposium, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX (Aug. 22, 2013).

*Dignity, Rehabilitation, and the Constitution*, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, Palm Beach, FL (Aug. 8, 2013).

Interview with Dianne Solis, Reporter, *Dallas Morning News*, July 17, 2013 (regarding the death of

*Science, Sentencing, and Certitude*

5, 2013).

ity School of Law, Winston Salem, NC, (Apr.

*Death and Rehabilitation*

Tempe, AZ (Mar. 15, 2013).

Interview, *Dallas County Career Criminal Could Go Free After Appeals Court Agrees His Right to a Speedy Trial Was Violated*, DALLAS MORNING NEWS, Jan. 4, 2013, <http://www.dallasnews.com/news/crime/headlines/20130104-dallas-county-speedy-trial-violation-may-set-criminal-free.ece>.

Interview with Susy Solis, Reporter, CBS-Dallas, Dec. 12, 2012 (regarding bail amount set for Dallas Cowboy Josh Brent).

Moderator, *New Issues in Torts*, Appellate Judges Education Institute 2012 Summit, New Orleans, LA (Nov. 17, 2012).

Interview, *Texas Court Case Raises Question of Whether Child-Porn Viewers Should Pay Restitution to Rape Victim*, DALLAS MORNING NEWS, Nov. 14, 2012, <http://www.dallasnews.com/news/community-news/dallas/headlines/20121114-texas-court-case-raises-question-of-whether-child-porn-viewers-should-pay-restitution-to-rape-victim.ece?action=reregister>.

*Death and Rehabilitation*, Ethics Colloquy, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX (Nov. 8, 2012).

*Juries and the Criminal Constitution*, American Bar Association Criminal Justice Section Fifth Annual Fall Institute, Washington, D.C. (Oct. 25, 2012).

Interview with Scott Filipski, Senior Producer, Fuji Television-Japan, Oct. 17, 2012 (regarding prosecutorial conduct in the sentencing of Elizabeth Escalona).

Interview, *Seeking Supreme Court's Help*, DALLAS MORNING NEWS, Sept. 25, 2012. *Tortious Intentions*, Pre-Law Scholars Program, SMU Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences, Dallas, TX (Sept. 12, 2012).

*Science and the New Rehabilitation*, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, Amelia Island, FL (July 31, 2012).

Television Interview, CBS-DFW, June 12, 2012, <http://dfw.cbslocal.com/2012/06/12/class-action-lawsuit-filed-against-apples-siri-technology/>, quoted in Erik Kain, *Why the Class Action Siri Lawsuit Against Apple Is Patently Absurd*, FORBES, June 14, 2012, <http://www.forbes.com/sites/erikkain/2012/06/14/why-the-class-action-siri-lawsuit-against-apple-is-patently-absurd/>.





*Science and Causation* (June 28, 2011).  
*Science and Culpability* (June 27, 2011).

Television Interview, *Riders Who Halted Traffic?* WFAA-TV, June 6, 2011, <http://www.wfaa.com/home/Riders-Evidence--123279288.html>.

*Total Retribution*, 2011 Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA (June 2, 2011).

*Science and Rehabilitation*, Sixth Annual Conference on Catholic Legal Thought, University of Oklahoma College of Law, Norman, OK (May 18, 2011).

*Accounting for Wrongful Execution*, International Innocence Network C



Dr. Don M. Smart Award for Curriculum Development (2014).  
David D. & Virginia Jackson Law Fund Award (2013).  
Emily Parker Endowed Faculty Research Fund Award (2012).  
Michael C. and Jacqueline M. Barrett Endowed Faculty Research Fund Award (2011).  
Charles and Peggy Galvin Endowed Faculty Research Fund Award (2010).  
Beverly and David Leonard Faculty Research Fund Award (2009).

## **SERVICE**

### Service to the Legal Community

Peer Reviewer *Oxford University Press, Columbia University Press, Thomson Reuters, Yale Law Journal, Harvard Law Review, California Law Review, Journal of Law and Religion.*  
Chair, Criminal Justice Section, Association of American Law Schools (Chair, 2017; Chair-Elect, 2016; Secretary, 2015; Exec. Comm. Member, 2014-2018).  
Co-Chair, American Bar Association Criminal Justice Section Academics Committee (2013-2018).  
Member, American Bar Association Criminal Justice Section Awards Committee (2018-present).  
Member, *Minnesota Law Review* Alumni Advisory Board (2017-2020).  
Organizer, Academic Roundtable Session, American Bar Association Criminal Justice Section Ninth Annual Fall Institute (2017).  
Organizer, Academic Roundtable Session, American Bar Association Criminal Justice Section Ninth Annual Fall Institute (2016).  
Organizer, Academic Roundtable Session, American Bar Association Criminal Justice Section Eighth Annual Fall Institute (2015).  
Organizer, Academic Roundtable Session, American Bar Association Criminal Justice Section Seventh Annual Fall Institute (2014).  
Organizer, Academic Track, American Bar Association Criminal Justice Section Sixth Annual Fall Institute (2013).  
Member, AALS Criminal Justice Section Planning Committee for 2013 AALS Annual Meeting (2011-2012).  
Faculty Liaison, Presenter, and Participant, Forensic Group (2011, 2014, 2016-present).

### Service to the University

Senator, Faculty Senate (2014-2017).  
Member, University Research Council (2019-2023).  
Board Member, Institutional Review Board (2015-2018).  
Board of Trustees Athletics Committee (2016-2018).  
Committee Member, Faculty Senate Athletics Committee (2014-2017).  
Council Member, Athletic Council (2014-2017).  
Advisory Board Member, Center for Teaching Excellence, Southern Methodist University (2012-2015).  
Faculty Affiliate, Kathy Crowl O'Connell Qns, Southern Methodist University (4

Institutional Technology Grants Review Committee, Southern Methodist University (2012).

Awards Selection Committee, Center for Teaching Excellence, Southern Methodist University (2012, 2013).

Presenter & Participant, Ethics Colloquy, Southern Methodist University (2010 present).

Presenter, Teaching Effectiveness Symposium, Southern Methodist University (2013).

Presenter, Inside SMU, Southern Methodist University (2012).

Presenter, Pre-Law Scholars Program, SMU Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences (2011 2013).

#### Service to the Law School

Co-Director, Tsai Center for Law, Science and Innovation (2022 present)

Executive Board Member, Tsai Center for Law, Science and Innovation, SMU Dedman School of Law (2015 present).

Associate Dean for Research (2019 2022).

Executive Board Member, Deason Center Criminal Justice Reform Center, SMU Dedman School of Law (2017 present).

Faculty Advisor, *SMU Science and Technology Law Review*, SMU Dedman School of Law (2013 present).

Advisory Board Member, *The International Lawyer*, SMU Dedman School of Law (2017 present).

Faculty Advisor, Environmental Law Society (2021 present).

Faculty Advisor, American Constitution Society (SMU Chapter) (2013 present).

Faculty Mentor, Inn of Courts (2019 present).

Faculty

Official Faculty Mentor for Chris Jenks (2015-2016).  
Official Faculty Mentor for Orly Sulami Mazur (2013-2014).  
Faculty advisor for judicial clerkship applicants (2009-2015).  
Mentor, 1Ls Faculty Mentor Program (2012-2015).

externships (2011-present).

Presenter, SMU Federalist Society (2012, 2019).

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