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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS AND TEACHING

### WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW, WV (2012-)

**Position:** Faculty Member of George R. Farmer Jr. Law Library;  
Head of Research & Reference Services

**Promotion Timeline, Library Faculty Track:** Assistant University Librarian (2017); Associate University Librarian (2022)

**Courses:** Introduction to Legal Research, Advanced Legal Research, Advanced Legal Research: Energy and Environmental Law Focus, Advanced Legal Research: West Virginia Focus; Legal Research, Reasoning, and Writing (Legal Research Component); Law and Community Economic Development in Rural America (Seminar, Co-Developed); Law, Social Movements, and Social Change

### APPALACHIAN SCHOOL OF LAW, VA (2011-2012)

**Position:** Reference Librarian, with core duties including provision of reference services and research services

## EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE, Knoxville, TN  
M.L.I.S., 2014

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW, Morgantown, WV  
J.D., 2011

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY, Morgantown, WV  
B.A., 2008, English, minor in Philosophy, *summa cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa

## BOOK

- [REMAKING APPALACHIA: ECOSOCIALISM, ECOFEMINISM, AND LAW](#) (2021) ([Weatherford Award Finalist](#))
  - Book Launch Transcript, [Remaking Appalachia: Ecosocialism, Ecofeminism, and Law: A Conversation With Author Nicholas F. Stump and Professor Priya Baskaran](#), 69 UCLA L. REV. DISCOURSE 106 (2021)

## RESEARCH

- [Ecosocialism, Degrowth, and Global South Thought: Critical Legal Transformations](#) 49 WM. & MARY ENVTL. L. & POL'Y REV. 367 (2025) (featured in [Legal Theory Blog](#))
- [Labor and Environment Entwined: A Radical Green New Deal and Just Transition in Appalachia](#), 127 W. VA. L. REV. 723 (2025) (co-authored)
- [COVID, Climate Change, and Transformative Social Justice: A Critical Legal Research Exploration](#), 47 WM. & MARY ENVTL. L. & POL'Y REV. 147 (2022) (featured in [Poverty](#)

Law for Professors and Legal Academics)

- [\*Free Speech in the Balance: Judicial Sanctions and Frivolous SLAPP Suits\*](#), 54 LOYOLA LOS ANGELES L. REV. 2 (2021) (co-authored)
- [\*“Non-Reformist Reforms” in Radical Social Change: A Critical Legal Research Exploration\*](#), 101 BOSTON U. L. REV. ONLINE 6 (2021) (symposium, “Critical Legal Research: The Next Wave (A Panel Honoring Richard Delgado and Jean Stefancic)”)
- [\*De-Essentializing Appalachia: Transformative Socio-Legal Change Requires Unmasking Regional Myths\*](#), 120 W. VA. L. REV. 823 (2018) (symposium) (co-authored) (adapted as cover story *Unmasking the Appalachian Myth: Can We Bring About Transformative Change In Appalachia?* in [WVU Law Magazine](#))
- [\*Mountain Resistance: Appalachian Civil Disobedience in Critical Legal Research Modeled Law Reform\*](#), 41 ENVIRONS: ENVTL. L. & POL’Y J. 69 (2017) (featured in [Legal Theory Blog](#))
- [\*Following New Lights: Critical Legal Research Strategies as a Spark for Law Reform in Appalachia\*](#), 23 AM. U.J. GENDER SOC. POL’Y & L. 573 (2015) (coins the now-popular discourse term “Critical Legal Research”) (excerpted in [CRITICAL JUSTICE: SYSTEMIC ADVOCACY IN LAW AND SOCIETY](#) (Francisco Valdes, Steven W. Bender, and Jennifer Hill, eds.) (2021))

**OTHER SELECTED PUBLICATIONS**

- [\*Critical Legal Research and the Law of Mountaintop Removing Mining\*](#) (chapter forthcoming)
- [\*Legal Research for Public Interest Lawyering: An ALR Course Module\*](#) (RIPS Law Librarian Blog, May 2023)
- [\*Rural Civil Disobedience and Fossil Capital: Toward Radical Futures\*](#) (Law & Political Economy Blog, Mar. 2023) (symposium, “LPE of Rural America”)
- [\*Book Review: Research Handbook on Law, Governance and Planetary Boundaries\*](#), 50 INT. J. LEGAL INFO. 1-2 (2022)
- [\*Democratic Leadership and Transformations of Academic Law Libraries\*](#), (American Association of Law Libraries ALL-SIS Newsletter, Vol. 41, Issue 2, 2022)
- [\*UN Council Resolution on Human Right to Healthy Environment: Implications for US Grassroots-Led Non-Reformist Reforms\*](#), (Oxford Human Rights Hub, Jan. 2022)
- [\*Environmental Law Has Failed. Can Transformative Ecological Change Begin in Appalachia?\*](#) THE RURAL REV. (2021)
- [\*Book Review: Research Handbook on Natural Law Theory\*](#), 48 INT. J. LEGAL INFO. 1 (2020)
- [\*Critical Explorations of Human Rights: Recent and Selected Works\*](#), 38 LEGAL REFERENCE SERVICES Q. 3 (2019)
- [\*Justice Kennedy’s Mixed Environmental Legacy Turns Tragic\*](#), (Oxford Human Rights Hub, Sep. 2018)
- [\*Legal Actions Against Mountain Valley Pipeline Underscore Grassroots Activism’s Importance\*](#), (Oxford Human Rights Hub, Aug. 2018)
- [\*U.N. Framework Principles on Human Rights and the Environment: A Catalyst for Grassroots- Centered U.S. Reform?\*](#) (Oxford Human Rights Hub, Apr. 2018)
- [\*Is a Healthy Environment a Human Right? Testing the Idea in Appalachia\*](#), The Conversation (Jul., 2017) (republished in [HuffPost](#))

- [\*What the Trump Presidency Means for Gender Discourse Development\*](#) (Oxford Human Rights Hub, Mar. 2017)
- [\*Environmental Human Rights in the Trump Era: Models of Resistance and Reform\*](#) (Oxford Human Rights Hub, Jan. 2017)
- [\*Food Deserts in Appalachia: A Socio-Economic Ill and Opportunities for Reform\*](#) (Oxford Human Rights Hub, Nov. 2016) (republished in Vermont Journal of Environmental Law's [Ecoperspectives Blog](#)).
- [\*Appalachia in Crisis: A Human Rights Approach to Environmental Justice in the U.S.\*](#) (Oxford Human Rights Hub, Apr. 2016)
- [\*The Future of Academic Law Librarianship\*](#) (Peer to Peer Review, LIB. J., 2015) (co-authored) (featured in Shannon Roddy, [\*Preparing for the Law Library of the Future: Required Reading\*](#) 60 LAW LIBR. LIGHTS 5 (2017))
- [\*Buckhannon's Empire: An Essay on Nature, Gender, and Justice in West Virginia\*](#), Shadowbox Magazine (2012)
- [\*Tips for the First-Time Brief Writer in the U.S. Court of Appeals\*](#), 32 A.B.A. APP. PRAC. J. 14 (2012) (co-authored)

### **BOOK REVIEWS OF *REMAKING APPALACHIA***

- Austin Miles, [Review: Interrupting the Monologue: On Nicholas Stump's 'Remaking Appalachia'](#), *Cleveland Review of Books* (2022)
- Fred J. Hays, [Review: Remaking Appalachia, Ecosocialism, Ecofeminism, and Law](#), *Choice Reviews: Scholarly Reviews for Academic Libraries* (2022)
- Margaret Kiel-Morse, [Book Review: Remaking Appalachia: Ecosocialism, Ecofeminism, and Law](#), *Law Library Journal* (2021)
- Joseph D. Witt, [Book Review: Remaking Appalachia: Ecosocialism, Ecofeminism, and Law](#), *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society* (2021)
- Barry L. Tadlock, [Book Review: Remaking Appalachia: Ecosocialism, Ecofeminism, and Law](#), *New Political Science* (2021)
- Z. Zane McNeil, [Review: Remaking Appalachia: Ecosocialism, Ecofeminism, and Law](#), *The Activist History Review* (2021)
- Gonzalo Baeza, [A Review of Remaking Appalachia: Ecosocialism, Ecofeminism, and Law](#), *The Observer* (2021)

### **SELECTED RESEARCH GUEST LECTURES**

- U.S. Supreme Court Clinic (embedded librarian); Entrepreneurship and Innovation Clinic (embedded librarian); Seminar Courses (Law & Civil Disobedience; Law & Sustainable Energy, Law & Land Use; Law & Socioeconomics, Law & Education, Law & Terrorism; Law & Corporate Social Responsibility; Law & Opioid Litigation, Prescription Drug Law & Policy; Law & Firearms, Law & Consumer Protection); Appellate Advocacy; Advanced Appellate Advocacy Moot Court; Jessup International Law Moot Court; Professional Responsibility; Business & Human Rights; Geneva Study Abroad Program; West Virginia Law Review Orientation; General Clinics Orientation

## **COLLECTION CONTRIBUTIONS**

- Co-authored WVU Law Library's [Collection Development Policy](#) and subsequent iterations (second author)
- Created the [Public Interest Law Collection](#); operationalized the [Racial Justice Collection](#), [Legal Leisure Collection](#), [Career Services Collection](#), and [Fun & Function Collection](#), including selection of core titles and authoring collection descriptions and acquisition policies; co-operationalized the [Hardesty Leadership Collection](#)

## **GRANTS AND AWARDS**

- [Program Grant](#), AALL Management Institute, American Association of Law Libraries (2021)
- [Weatherford Award Finalist](#), *Remaking Appalachia: Ecosocialism, Ecofeminism, and Law* (2021)
- [Research Grant](#), WVU Energy Institute: O'Brien Energy Research Funding, "Unconventional Oil and Gas Resources: A Participatory Ethnographic Inquiry for Potential Policy Frameworks in West Virginia," co-PI, \$36,000 (2018)

## **SELECTED SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

- AALL Environment and Climate Change Caucus (Founder) (Chair 2025-Present)
- AALL SR-SIS Standing Committee on Environmental Sustainability (Chair 2023-Present)
- AALL Scholarly Communications Committee (2025-Present)
- George A. Strait Scholarship and Fellows Committee (2024-Present)
- AALL Social Responsibilities Special Interest Section (SR-SIS) (2012-Present)
- Law Library Journal Article of the Year Award Jury (2023-2024)
- SEAALL Diversity & Inclusion Committee (Committee Member 2022-2024)
- SEAALL Access to Justice Institute (Institute Co-Planner 2023) (Research & Editorial Contributor of Institute Research Report, "Access to Justice in the Southeast")
- AALL Research Crits Caucus (Chair 2020)
- AALL Research Crits Caucus (2018-Present)
- AALL Academic Law Libraries Special Interest Section (2012-Present)
- Faculty Appointments Committee (WVU Law 2025-Present)
- Peer Review Committee (Committee Member WVU Libraries 2023)
- West Virginia Access to Justice Commission (Commissioner 2021-Present)
- West Virginia State Bar Animal Law Committee (Committee Member 2015-Present)
- Appalachian Justice Initiative at WVU Law (Chair 2021)
- Appalachian Justice Initiative at WVU Law (Committee Member 2016-Present)
- Communications Committee (Committee Member WVU Libraries 2020-2021)
- LFA Professional Development Committee (Committee Member WVU Libraries 2019-2020)
- Faculty Advisor: West Virginia Revitalization Association (WVU Law 2018)
- Safety Committee (Committee Member WVU Law 2020-2021)
- Ad Hoc Curriculum Reform Committee (Committee Member WVU Law 2015)

## **SELECTED PRESENTATIONS, INTERVIEWS, AND FEATURES**

- Conference Panel, “[Socio-Legal Theory and Climate Change](#),” *Law and Society Association Conference* (2025)
- Conference Panel, “[Climate Change and the Environment: Legal Research Instruction, Pedagogy, and Praxis](#),” *Southeastern Association of Law Libraries* (2025) (panel co-organizer)
- Conference Panel, “[Teaching to the Platform: Critical and DEI Perspectives](#),” *Southeastern Association of Law Libraries* (2024) (panel co-organizer)
- Conference Talk, “[Critical Legal Research and Generative AI Biases](#),” *Southeastern Association of Law Libraries* (2024)
- Webinar, “[Building on Teaching Critical Legal Research with Law Librarians](#),” Clinical Legal Education Association (CLEA) Teaching Justice Series (2023)
- Conference Panel, “[Designing a Critical or Social Justice Module in a Legal Research Course](#),” *Southeastern Association of American Law Libraries*, Richmond (2023) (panel co-organizer)
- Conference Panel, “Sites of Authority and Contestation in Global Law and Political Economy,” *Law & Society Association* (2022)
- Conference Panel, “[Critical Race Theory in Law Librarianship](#),” *American Association of Law Libraries* (2022)
- Conference Panel, “[Appalachian Ecologies](#),” *Appalachian Studies Association* (2022)
- Conference Talk, “Building a New Collection with a Racial Justice or Social Justice Focus,” *Southeastern Association of Law Libraries* (2022) (reviewed in [AALL Technical Services Law Librarian](#), Vol. 47, No. 4)
- Feature, “[New Book Proposes how Appalachia can Recover from Exploitation](#),” *WVU Law* (2021)
- Conference Panel, “[Critical Legal Research: The Next Wave \(A Panel Honoring Richard Delgado and Jean Stefancic\)](#),” *American Association of Law Schools*, (2021) (symposium articles published in [Boston University Law Review Online](#), Vol. 101)
- Book Interview, “Remaking Appalachia: Ecosocialism, Ecofeminism, and Law: A Conversation With Author Nicholas F. Stump and Professor Priya Baskaran,” (2021) (interview published in [UCLA Law Review Discourse](#), Vol. 69 at 106)
- Book Talk Webinar, “[Feminist and Queer Approaches to Environmental Rights](#),” *Ecological Law and Governance Association/Global Network for Humans Rights and the Environment* (2021) (webinar recording [available online](#))
- Feature, “New Book: Remaking Appalachia,” *Poverty Law for Professors and Legal Academics*, April 12, 2021
- Feature, “[‘Remaking Appalachia’ Author Discusses Roles of Ecosocialism, Ecofeminism in Rebuilding the Region](#),” *The Dominion Post* (2021)
- Book Launch, “[Remaking Appalachia: Ecosocialism, Ecofeminism, and Law](#),” *WVU Libraries* (2021) (book launch recording [available online](#))
- Workshop Panel, “Democracy, Social Justice, and the November 2020 Election,” *ClassCrits* (2020) (workshop recording [available online](#))
- Workshop Panel, “[Critical Legal Research in the Law School Classroom](#),” *AALL Research Crits Caucus* (2020) (workshop recording [available online](#))
- Conference Panel, “Transforming Appalachia’s Ecological Political Economy,” *Law & Society Association* (2020)



- Feature, "[The Case for a Social Justice Research Course?](#)," *RIPS Blog*, August 31, 2020
- Conference Panel, "[Partnership Opportunities to Enhance Access to Justice](#)"  
*Southeastern Association of Law Libraries*, Hot Springs (2019) (panel organizer)
- Feature, "[Panelists Discuss Life After Coal in Appalachia](#)," *The Daily Athenaeum* (2019)
- Panel Discussion, "After Coal: Welsh and Appalachian Mining Communities" WVU Press, Reed College of Media, AJI, *West Virginia University College of Law* (2019) (panel discussion recording [available online](#))
- Conference Panel, "Remaking Appalachia: Law, The Environment, and Radical Social Change," *Appalachian Studies Association*, Asheville (2019)  
Conference Panel, "[Rights Consciousness and Social Movements](#)" *Law and Society Association*, Washington, D.C. (2019)
- Feature, "[Unpacking the Recent Federal Court Rulings Turning Pipeline Development on its Head](#)," 100 Days in Appalachia (2018)
- Plenary Panel, "[Appalachia Reconstructed: Law, The Environment, and Systemic Regional Reform](#)," *ClassCrits*, WVU Law (2018)
- Interview, "[In McDowell County 'Food Desert,' Concerns About the Future](#)," *Charleston Gazette-Mail* (2018)
- Conference Panel, "Theorizing Law, Theorizing the Sociology of Law" *Law and Society Association*, Toronto (2018)
- Interview, "[Safe Climate, Environment Should Be Held as a Human Right, UN Expert Says](#)," *Climate Liability News* (2018)
- Conference Panel, "Appalachia Reconstructed: Law, The Environment, and Systemic Regional Reform" *Appalachian Studies Association*, Cincinnati (2018)
- Panel Talk, "[Appalachia's Water: Law and Environmental Justice](#)," *Confluences: Multidisciplinary Approaches to Water*, *WVU Humanities Center* (2018)
- Feature, "[The Environment as a Moral, Class, and Human Rights Issue](#)," *Nonprofit Quarterly* (2017)
- Conference Panel, "[Academic Law Libraries: Better Serving the State and Region](#)," *West Virginia Libraries Association*, White Sulphur Springs WV (2017)
- Feature, "[Creating a Sustainable Future: 5 Essential Reads](#)," *EcoWatch* (2017)
- Podcast Interview, "[Seeking Environmental Justice: Coal, Campaigns and Climate Change in America](#)," *Oxford RightsUp #RightNow* (2017) (interview [available online](#))
- Conference Talk, "Appalachian Civil Disobedience," *Appalachian Studies Association*, Virginia Tech (2017)
- Feature, "[WVU College of Law Launches Initiative to Help Appalachia](#)," *WVU Today* (2017)
- Conference Fellow, "[Appalachian Civil Disobedience](#)," *Boulder Conference on Legal Information*, Northwestern Law (2016)
- Colloquium, "Critical Legal Research Theory in Appalachia," *Faculty Colloquia Series*, WVU Law (2016)
- Panelist, "Appalachian Law Reform," *Zealous Advocacy for Social Change*, *WVU Law* (2014)

## **SELECTED RESEARCH GUIDES**

- [Public Interest Law Research and Career Resources](#)
- [Racial Justice Collection](#)
- [Seminar Research at WVU College of Law](#)
- [Faculty Services Guide: WVU College of Law Library](#)
- [Student Services Guide: WVU College of Law Library](#)
- [1L Welcome Guide: WVU College of Law Library](#)
- [United States Supreme Court Law Clinic at WVU College of Law](#)
- [Energy and Environmental Law Research Guide](#)
- [Labor and Employment Law Research Guide](#)
- [Animal Law Legal Research Guide](#)
- [Open Education Resources: WVU College of Law](#)
- [Legal Research at WVU: Libraries Resource Guide](#)
- [West Virginia Law Review: WVU College of Law Library Resources & Support](#)
- [Career Services Resources: WVU College of Law Library](#)
- [Bar Exam Prep Resources: WVU College of Law Library](#)
- [Business & Human Rights Research Guide](#)
- [Prep to Practice 2020: Ace Your Summer Job \(co-authored\)](#)
- [Prep to Practice 2021: Ace Your Summer Job \(co-authored\)](#)
- [Prep to Practice 2022: Ace Your Summer Job \(co-authored\)](#)
- [Prep to Practice 2023: Ace Your Summer Job \(co-authored\)](#)
- [Prep to Practice 2024: Ace Your Summer Job \(co-authored\)](#)

## **BAR ADMISSIONS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

- West Virginia State Bar (Admitted 2012)
- American Bar Association
- American Association of Law Schools
- American Association of Law Libraries
- Research Crits Caucus, American Association of Law Libraries
- Southeastern Chapter, American Association of Law Libraries
- Virginia Association of Law Libraries
- West Virginia Library Association
- Associate: Oxford Human Rights Hub
- Affiliate: WVU Humanities Center
- ClassCrits
- Law & Society Association (LSA)
- Critical Legal Collective (CLC)

## **PROFILES**

- [BePress Selected Works](#)
- [SSRN](#)
- [MyHein](#)
- [Oxford Human Rights Hub](#)
- [Google Scholar](#)