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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS AND TEACHING

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW, Morgantown, WV

Position: Head of Reference & Access Services, Library Faculty Member (2012-)

Courses: Introduction to Legal Research, Advanced Legal Research,
Advanced Legal Research: Energy and Environmental Law Focus,
Advanced Legal Research: West Virginia Focus

APPALACHIAN SCHOOL OF LAW, Grundy, VA

Position: Reference Librarian (2011-2012)

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., *summa cum laude*, 2008

BOOKS

- [REMAKING APPALACHIA: ECOSOCIALISM, ECOFEMINISM, AND LAW](#) (WVU Press 2021)
([Weatherford Award Finalist](#))

SCHOLARSHIP

- [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](#))
- ["Non-Reformist Reforms" in Radical Social Change: A Critical Legal Research Exploration](#), 101 BOSTON U. L. REV. ONLINE 6 (2021) (symposium)
- [Free Speech in the Balance: Judicial Sanctions and Frivolous SLAPP Suits](#), 54 LOYOLA LOS ANGELES L. REV. 2 (2021) (co-authored)
- [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) (excerpted in [CRITICAL JUSTICE: SYSTEMIC ADVOCACY IN LAW AND SOCIETY](#) (Francisco Valdes, Steven W. Bender, and Jennifer Hill, eds.) (2021))

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- [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)
- [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)
- Joseph D. Witt, [Book Review: Remaking Appalachia: Ecosocialism, Ecofeminism, and Law](#), *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society* (2021)
- Margaret Kiel-Morse, [Book Review: Remaking Appalachia: Ecosocialism, Ecofeminism, and Law](#), *Law Library Journal* (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)

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- [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)
- [Program Grant](#), AALL Management Institute, American Association of Law Libraries (2021)

PRESENTATIONS, INTERVIEWS, AND FEATURES

- 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)

SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- AALL SR-SIS Standing Committee on Environmental Sustainability (Chair 2023-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)
- AALL Research Crits Caucus (Chair 2020)
- AALL Research Crits Caucus (2018-Present)
- AALL Academic Law Libraries Special Interest Section (2012-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)

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](#)
- [Academia.edu](#)
- [ResearchGate](#)