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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, BOSTON, MA. 2015-
 Professor of Law 2010-15
 Associate Professor
 Courses: Property, Introduction to Intellectual Property, Patents,
 Copyright, Bioproperty Seminar

DREXEL UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, Philadelphia, PA. 2009-10
 Associate Professor
 Courses: Patents, Property I and II, Bioproperty Seminar

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL, Cambridge, MA. 2008-09
 Berger-Howe Fellow in Legal History

EDUCATION

HARVARD UNIVERSITY, Cambridge, MA. Ph.D, History of Science. 2009
 Dissertation: *Body Banks: A History of Milk Banks, Blood Banks, and Sperm Banks in the United States.*
 Committee: Allan Brandt (advisor), Nancy Cott, Steven Shapin
 Honors & Fellowships: Finalist, Kroos Prize for Best Dissertation in Business History
 Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship
 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship
 Graduate Writing Fellow
 Harvard University Certificate of Distinction in Teaching

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA - BERKELEY SCHOOL OF LAW, Berkeley, CA. J.D. 1992
 Honors & Activities: Order of the Coif
 Articles Editor, *California Law Review*

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA – BERKELEY, Berkeley, CA. M.A. in biochemistry. 1988

YALE UNIVERSITY, New Haven, CT. B.S. *cum laude*, mol. biology & biophysics. 1987

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS

THE HONORABLE CECIL F. POOLE
UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT
San Francisco, CA. 1993-94

THE HONORABLE WILLIAM H. ORRICK, JR.
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
San Francisco, CA. 1992-93

ACADEMIC BOOKS, ARTICLES, BOOK CHAPTERS, AND WORKS IN PROGRESS

BANKING ON THE BODY: THE MARKET IN BLOOD, MILK AND SPERM IN MODERN AMERICA, (Harvard University Press, 2014). www.hup.harvard.edu/catalog.php?isbn=9780674281431 (reviewed in NATURE, HARVARD LAW REVIEW, LAW & HISTORY REVIEW, TEXAS LAW REVIEW, JOURNAL OF LEGAL EDUCATION, JOURNAL OF HISTORY OF MEDICINE AND ALLIED SCIENCES, among other venues).

Rethinking Body Property, forthcoming FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW.

Patents, Politics and Abortion, forthcoming in William T. Gallagher and Debora J. Halbert, eds., INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW IN CONTEXT: LAW AND SOCIETY PERSPECTIVES ON IP (Cambridge University Press) (peer reviewed).

Great Men, Law, and the Social Construction of Technology, forthcoming in LAW AND SOCIAL INQUIRY (peer reviewed).

Rubbing Elbows and Blowing Smoke: Gender, Class and Science in the Nineteenth-Century Patent Office, 108 ISIS: A JOURNAL OF THE HISTORY OF SCIENCE 40 (2017) (peer reviewed).

The Administration of Genius: Expertise and the Patent Bargain, article in progress – Winner, Law & Humanities Junior Scholar paper competition.

The Doctor's Dilemma: Paternalisms in the Medicolegal History of Assisted Reproduction and Abortion, 43 JOURNAL OF LAW, MEDICINE & ETHICS 312 (2015) (peer reviewed).

Intellectual Property and Gender: Reflections on Accomplishments and Methodology, 24 AMERICAN UNIVERSITY JOURNAL OF GENDER, SOCIAL POLICY AND THE LAW 175 (2015).

Intellectual Property and Public Health – A White Paper, (co-authored with Ryan Vacca (Reporter), Jim Chen, Jay Dratler, Tom Folsom, Timothy Hall, Yaniv Heled, Frank Pasquale, Elizabeth Reilly, Jeff Samuels, Kathy Strandburg, Andrew Torrance, Katharine Van Tassel), 7 AKRON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY JOURNAL 39 (2014).

The End of Men, Again, 93 BOSTON UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW ANNEX 26 (2013) (invited contribution).

The Birth of the Sperm Bank, 71 THE ANNALS OF IOWA 241 (2012) (peer reviewed) – Winner, Mildred Throne – Charles Aldritch Award, Iowa State Historical Society (2013).

Adultery by Doctor: Artificial Insemination, 1890-1945, 87 CHICAGO-KENT LAW REVIEW 591 (2012) (invited contribution).

Getting a Grip on the Corset: Gender, Sexuality and Patent Law, 23 YALE JOURNAL LAW & FEMINISM 57 (2011) - Winner, Association of American Law Schools' New Voices in Gender Studies Paper Competition (2010).

Food and Drug Law as Intellectual Property Law: Historical Reflections, 2011 WISCONSIN LAW REVIEW 331 (2011) (invited contribution).

Authoring an Invention: Nineteenth-Century American Law and Patent Authorship, in Mario Biagioli, Peter Jaszi, and Martha Woodmansee, eds., MAKING AND UNMAKING

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY: CREATIVE PRODUCTION IN LEGAL AND CULTURAL PERSPECTIVE (University of Chicago Press, 2011) (peer reviewed).

Body Banks: A History of Milk Banks, Blood Banks, and Sperm Banks in the United States, 12 ENTERPRISE & SOC'Y 749 (2011).

The Emergence of the Professional Patent Practitioner, 50 TECHNOLOGY & CULTURE 519 (2009) (peer reviewed).

Human Milk as Technology and Technologies of Human Milk: Medical Imaginings in the Early 20th Century United States, 37 WOMEN'S STUDIES QUARTERLY 21 (2009) (peer reviewed) – Winner, Robinson Prize, Society for the History of Technology (2008).

Biotech in Court: A Legal Lesson on the Unity of Science, 37 SOCIAL STUDIES OF SCIENCE 357 (2007) (peer reviewed).

POPULAR WRITING AND BOOK REVIEWS

"Patents, Politics, Abortion," COSMOLOGICS: A MAGAZINE OF SCIENCE, RELIGION, AND CULTURE, May 21, 2017, <http://cosmologicsmagazine.com/kara-w-swanson-patents-politics-abortion/>

Review of MEDICAL MONOPOLY: INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS AND THE ORIGINS OF THE MODERN PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY (by Joseph Gabriel), 34 LAW & HISTORY REV. 535 (2016)

"Sherman, Jerome Kalman," entry in *Encyclopedia of Arkansas History and Culture*, a public history project of the Butler Center for Arkansas Studies at the Central Arkansas Library System (CALs), Little Rock, Arkansas, last updated April 24, 2015.

"Egg-Freezing Shindigs Aren't Like Tupperware Parties," SLATE, Nov. 18, 2014, http://www.slate.com/articles/technology/future_tense/2014/11/egg_freezing_parties_aren_t_like_tupperware_parties.html

"The Surprisingly Engrossing History of Patent Examiners," SLATE, May 7, 2014, http://www.slate.com/articles/technology/history_of_innovation/2014/05/patent_examiners_have_a_fascinating_history.html

Review of WORKING KNOWLEDGE: EMPLOYEE INNOVATION AND THE RISE OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, 1800-1830 (by CATHERINE FISK), 1 IP LAW BOOK REV. 1 (2010).

"A Secret Path to Modernity," review of THE MODERN PERIOD: MENSTRUATION IN TWENTIETH-CENTURY AMERICA (by LARA FREIDENFELDS), 34 ENDEAVOR 81 (2010).

AWARDS AND PRIZES

Robert D. Klein University Medall & Lectureship, Northeastern University, awarded by Faculty Senate for excellence in scholarly achievement and creative classroom activity 2015

Winner, Law & Humanities Junior Scholar paper competition, for work-in-progress "The Administration of Genius." 2013

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| Mildred Throne – Charles Aldritch Award, Iowa State Historical Society, for publication “The Birth of the Sperm Bank.” | 2013 |
| Finalist, Kroos Prize for Best Dissertation in Business History, Business History Conference | 2011 |
| Winner, Association of America Law Schools Section on Women in Legal Education New Voices in Gender Studies Paper Competition, for paper published as “Getting a Grip on the Corset.” | 2010 |
| Robinson Prize, Society for the History of Technology, for conference presentation published as “Human Milk as Technology.” | 2008 |
| Harvard University Certificate of Distinction in Teaching | 2005 |

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND SELECTIVE WORKSHOPS

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| Massachusetts Historical Society/National Endowment for Humanities Fellowship | 2016-17 |
| Lemelson Center for the Study of Invention and Innovation Travel Award | 2016 |
| Center for the History of Business, Technology & Society, Hagley Museum & Library Exploratory Research Grant | 2016 |
| Law & Humanities Junior Scholar Workshop | 2013 |
| Junior Scholars Workshop, Law and Society Association | 2010 |
| Iowa State Historical Society Research Grant | 2010 |
| Berger-Howe Legal History Fellow, Harvard Law School | 2008-2009 |
| Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship | 2008-2009 |
| National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellow | 2005-2008 |
| Graduate Writing Fellow, Harvard University | 2005 |

SELECTED INVITED PAPERS, TALKS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2018:

- “Beyond Industrial Policy: Patents, Invention and Citizenship in the Early Republic,” American Historical Association annual meeting, Washington, D.C. (planned).
- “The ‘Woman Inventor’ as a Political Tool of Female Suffragists,” Women, Gender, and Sexuality Seminar Series, Mass. Historical Society/Schlesinger Library, Boston, MA (planned).
- Invited speaker, Faculty Workshop, University of Connecticut School of Law, Hartford, CT (planned).

2017:

- "Assisted Reproduction in Cold War America: The Case of Artificial Insemination," History of Medicine Society, University of Iowa (invited lecture)(planned).
- "Beyond Industrial Policy: Patents, Invention, and Citizenship in the Early Republic," Society for the History of Technology annual meeting, Philadelphia, PA. (planned)
- Roundtable Discussant, "Hidden Figures" in the History of Technology: Inclusive Research Methodologies & Innovative Storytelling Technologies, Society for the History of Technology annual meeting, Philadelphia, PA. (planned)
- Commentator on "Monopolizing Tryparsamide: Intellectual Property, International Public Health, and Drug Development at the Rockefeller Institute, 1917-1941" (by Joseph Gabriel), International Society for the History and Theory of Intellectual Property annual meeting, University of Toronto School of Law, Toronto, CA.
- Organizer and Chair, Vaccine Development – IP & Liability Panel, Between Complacency and Panic: Legal, Ethical and Policy Responses to Emerging Infectious Diseases, Health Law and Policy Conference, Northeastern University.
- "Counting Black Inventors: The Historical Role of the US Patent System as a Political Resource," Science, Technology & Society Roundtable, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University (invited speaker).
- "Patents and African American Civil Rights," Race + IP Workshop, Boston University.
- "Historicizing the Black Inventor as a Political Resource," African American Intellectual History Society annual meeting, Nashville, TN.
- "Inventing Citizens: Patents, Inventors and Civil Rights," Brown Bag Lunch, Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston, MA.
- "Beyond the Promotion of Useful Arts: How the Patent System Supported Female Suffrage," Works-In-Progress Intellectual Property Conference, Boston University School of Law.
- "The 'Woman Inventor' as Political Tool – Patents, Invention and Civil Rights," Center for Law, Culture & Society/Center for Intellectual Property Colloquium, Indiana University Maurer School of Law (invited speaker).

2016:

- "Therapeutic Adultery – Putting Sex Back into Assisted Reproduction," Reproductive Rights Roundtable: Frontiers of Reproductive Technology, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, Amelia Island, FL.
- "Counting Patents as a Path to Full Citizenship: The Case of American Suffragists," International Society for the History and Theory of Intellectual Property Annual Meeting, University of Glasgow.

Commentator, PatCon6, Boston College School of Law.

"Ghost Fathers and Adultery by Doctor: The Medical and Legal Origins of Assisted Reproductive Technologies. 1920-1978," History of Science Department Colloquium, Harvard University.

Commentator, "Progressive Invention: Reading *The Eureka Myth* Through the Lens of Progressive Intellectual Property," 2d Annual Mosaic Conference on IP, Marquette Law School.

2015:

"The Possibilities and Responsibilities of Historians of IP," Roundtable on the Historiography of IP and Science, History of Science Society Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA (invited participant).

"Knowing the Body in Law and Science," History of Science Society Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.

"Making Fathers in the Clinic: Legal Paternity and Donor Insemination," American Society for Legal History Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.

"IP and Gender," Gender and Law Colloquium, Boston University School of Law (invited speaker)

"Buying and Selling Body Products," Law and Markets Workshop, Duke University School of Law (invited speaker).

"The Body as Slippery Object, 1900-2015," International Society for the History and Theory of Intellectual Property Annual Meeting, University of Pennsylvania.

"Author Meets Reader: Banking on the Body," Law & Society Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA.

Participant, Symposium: Everything for Sale? The Ethics and Economics of Compensation for Body Parts, Johns Hopkins University Berman Institute of Bioethics & Carey Business School (invited participant).

"Banking on the Body Book Panel," Association for Law, Property and Society Annual Meeting, University of Georgia School of Law.

"Banking on the Body," Health and Society Series, Institute for Humanities, University of Illinois – Chicago (invited speaker).

"Buying and Selling Organs and Tissues: Historical Reflections," Traub Bioethics Series, University of Illinois College of Medicine (invited speaker).

"For \$ale: Markets in Milk and Gametes," Gender Studies Series, Lawrence University, Appleton, WI (invited speaker).

"Banking on the Body: The Market in Blood, Milk and Sperm in Modern America," 51st Annual Robert D. Klein University Lecture, Northeastern University (invited speaker).

"Posthumous Parents," Families Matter: Ethically, Legally and Clinically, Harvard Center for Bioethics Conference, Harvard Medical School (invited speaker).

"Banking on the Body," Law and Society Seminar Series, University of Wisconsin – Madison School of Law (invited speaker).

"IP and Gender: Reflections on Methodology and Accomplishments," Reimagining IP/Gender: The Next Ten Years of Feminist Engagement with Intellectual Property Law, American University School of Law.

"Banking on the Body: The Market in Blood, Milk and Sperm in Modern America," MCPHS University (invited lecture).

2014:

"Banking on the Body," Biobanking Eggs and Embryos for Research Workshop, Dalhousie University (invited speaker).

Invited participant, Roundtable on THE EUREKA MYTH: CREATORS, INNOVATORS, AND EVERYDAY INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, University of Notre Dame School of Law.

"Uncomfortable Thinking about IP and Gender," First Annual Mosaic Conference: Diverse Voices in Intellectual Property Scholarship, Marquette University School of Law (invited speaker).

"IP and Gender from the Legal Perspective," European Policy for Intellectual Property Association, 9th Annual Conference, Brussels, Belgium (invited presentation).

"Patents as Ontological Markers," Innovation Law & Policy Workshop, Faculty of Law, University of Toronto (invited paper).

"Intellectual Property Where Invention Meets the Body, or, Myriad Genetics in Historical Perspective," IPBio Network Workshop, Griffith University, South Brisbane, Australia, (invited paper).

"Uncomfortable Thinking about IP and Gender," What is the Place of Intellectual Property?: An Interdisciplinary Symposium, Montreal (invited paper).

"Alternative Insemination and Adoption: Historical Perspectives," Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN.

"Bodies, Property and Markets," presented at:

- Association for Law, Property & Society Annual Meeting, University of British Columbia.
- Progressive Property Annual Workshop, Northeastern University School of Law.

"The Doctor's Dilemma: Paternalism in the Medicolegal History of Assisted Reproduction and Abortion," Intersections in Reproduction: Perspectives on Abortion, Assisted Reproductive Technologies, and Judicial Review, Program for the Study of Reproductive Justice, Yale Law School.

"Patents, Politics, and Abortion," Ideas Luncheon, Information Society Project, Yale Law School (invited speaker).

2013:

"Intellectual Property Where Invention Meets the Body, or, Myriad Genetics in Historical Perspective," IP Scholars' Roundtable: Intellectual Property Where Function Meets Style, UNH School Of Law (invited paper).

"The Administration of Genius: Expertise and the Patent Bargain," Law & Humanities Junior Scholar Workshop, Georgetown University School of Law (paper selected through blind peer review competition).

"Body Products as Technology: A Comparative Analysis of Human Blood and Milk in the 20th Century United States," *Emerging Technologies: Past and Future*, Center for Nanotechnology, University of California – Santa Barbara (invited paper).

"Alternative Insemination: When Medical Gatekeeping Ended," American Association of the History of Medicine Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA.

Commentator, Biotechnology, Bioethics, and the Law Panel, co-sponsored by Feminist Legal Theory Collaborative Research Network, Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA.

2012:

"Like Money in the Bank: Courts, Regulation and Body Products," History of Science Society Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA.

"How Americans Learned to Love the Sperm Bank: Artificial Insemination in Law and Medicine, 1945-2000," Feminist Legal Theory Collaborative Research Network Conference, University of Baltimore School of Law.

Invited roundtable participant, The Impact of IP on Public Health: 6th Annual IP Scholars Forum, University of Akron School of Law.

"The United States Patent Office and the Politics of Life: A Historical View," Joint meeting of Society for the Social Study of Science and European Association for the Study of Science and Technology, Copenhagen.

"Blood and Guts: Historical Reflections on *Flynn v. Holder*," Chilled to the Marrow: Compensating Tissue & Organ Donors after *Flynn v. Holder*, Drexel University School of Law (invited speaker).

"Patents, Politics and Abortion," Innovation Workshop, New York University Law School (invited paper).

"Adultery by Doctor: Artificial Insemination, 1890-1945," Legal History Workshop, University of Virginia School of Law (invited paper).

"Patents and Abortion," Intellectual Property Workshop, University of Michigan School of Law (invited paper).

"Patent Law and Abortion Politics: A Historical Analysis," Feminist Legal Theory Collaborative Research Network Conference, George Washington School of Law.

2011:

"Reproductive Medicine in the Legal Shadows: Artificial Insemination, 1890-1945," Legal History Workshop, Boston University School of Law (invited paper).

"Patents and Abortion Politics," Conference on Law and Society Perspectives on IP Law and Policy, The IP Law Center at the Golden Gate University School of Law (invited paper).

"Reproductive Medicine in the Legal Shadows: Artificial Insemination, 1890-1945," *Women's Legal History: A Global Perspective*, workshop co-sponsored by Chicago-Kent Institute for Law and the Humanities and Chicago-Kent Law Review (invited paper).

Invited comments, Cultural Commons Workshop, New York University Law School.

“‘Adultery by Doctor’: Law and the Treatment of Infertility in the Twentieth Century United States,” American Association for the History of Medicine Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.

“A History of Milk Banks, Blood Banks and Sperm Banks in the Twentieth-Century United States,” Kroos Prize Panel, Annual Business History Conference, St. Louis, MO.

“From ‘Adultery by Doctor’ to the Assisted Reproductive Technology Industry: Law and the Regulation of Fertility,” work-in-progress presented at New England Junior Faculty Workshop, Boston College.

“Bottled Milk: A History of Milk Banking in the United States,” Epidemiology Conference, Dept of Neonatology, Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital, Boston, MA (invited speaker).

“A Merry Widow: *Egbert v. Lippman* and the Corset as Patented Technology,”

New Voices in Gender Scholarship panel, American Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA (selected by blind peer review).

2010:

“Patenting the Female Form: Gender, Inventor Identity and Authority in the Nineteenth-Century United States,” Managing Knowledge in the Techno-Sciences, 1850-2000, conference at University of Leeds.

“A Merry Widow: *Egbert v. Lippman* & the Corset as Patented Technology,” presented at:
- American Society for Legal History Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.
- IP/Gender 7th Annual Symposium, American University School of Law (invited paper).
- New England Intellectual Property Law Colloquium, Suffolk University Law School (invited paper).

Plenary speaker, “A History of Milk Banking in the United States,” Third International Congress on Donor Human Milk Banking, Cambridge, MA.

Invited speaker, “Making Motherhood: The New Politics of Reproductive Technologies.” D3 Roundtable, Women’s Studies, College of Arts & Sciences, Drexel University.

2009 - 2004:

“Human Milk as Technology and Technologies of Human Milk,” Technologies, a workshop co-sponsored by Center for the Study of Women and Society, CUNY-Manhattan, CUNY Graduate Center, and Feminist Press (invited speaker).

Invited comments, Tangibles of Intangibles: Patent Models and the Making of Intellectual Property Law, workshop at Collection for Historical Scientific Instruments, Harvard University.

“Mother’s Milk without Mother’s Body: A History of the Late 20th Century Milk Bank,” 14th Berkshire Conference on Women’s History, Twin Cities, Minnesota.

“The Bureaucracy of Genius: The Role of the Clerk in the American Patent System,” presented at:
- Legal History Colloquium, Harvard Law School.

- Workshop on Science and Technology Studies and Intellectual Property Law, sponsored by Stanford Law School and University of California, Berkeley Law School, Napa Valley, CA.
- Techniques of Ownership Conference, London School of Economics.

"Human Milk as Technology and Technologies of Human Milk: Milk Banking in the Twentieth Century United States," Society for the History of Technology Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C. (awarded Robinson Prize).

"Milking Mothers for Medicine: Doctors and the Dairy Industry," American Association for the History of Medicine Annual Meeting, Montreal.

"Scientific Men, Working Ladies, and the Inventive Community in the Antebellum Patent Office," History of Science Society Annual Meeting, Vancouver.

"Professionalizing Ghostwriting: Patents and the Authorship of Invention in the Nineteenth Century United States," Con/Texts of Invention, Case Western Reserve University School of Law.

"Courtroom Views of Academic Science: A Biotech Patent Trial," History of Science Society Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN.

"'All Scientists are Knaves': Transforming a Scientific Result into a Commercial Invention through Patent Law," presented at:

- Institute of Biology, University of Iceland.
- Symposium on Science and the Creation of Value, Uppsala University.

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

DECHERT, LLP, Boston, MA and Princeton, NJ

1994 - 2003

Associate: Experience in multiple aspects of intellectual property law, including drafting and prosecuting patents, and preparing patent non-infringement and invalidity opinions; drafting and negotiating technology licenses and development, research, manufacturing, and distribution agreements; advising biotech and computer services and software start-ups on protection of intellectual property; and drafting and negotiating software and internet-related agreements and licenses; as well as experience in general commercial and mass tort litigation.

BAR ADMISSIONS, PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS, RESEARCH GROUPS

Bar Admissions:

Massachusetts (inactive), New Jersey (retired), Patent

Affiliations:

American Bar Association
Law and Society Association
American Association of Law Schools
American Association for the History of Medicine
American Historical Association

American Society for Legal History
 History of Science Society
 International Society for the History and Theory of Intellectual Property
 Massachusetts Historical Society, Elected Fellow
 Society for the History of Technology

Research Groups:

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| Feminist Theory Research Cluster, Northeastern University | 2014-15 |
| Feminist Legal Theory Collaborative Research Network, sponsored by Law & Society Association | 2012- |
| Legal History Collaborative Research Network, sponsored by Law & Society Association | 2014- |
| Bodies/Embodiment Research Cluster Co-sponsored by Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies Program, Northeastern University and the Centre for Gender Research, Uppsala University | 2010-14 |
| IPBio International Research Network | 2010- |

SERVICE

Profession:

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| Board Member, International Society for the Theory & History of Intellectual Property | 2016- |
| Associate Editor, <i>Signs: Journal of Women in Culture & Society</i> | 2015- |
| Organizing Committee, 2d Annual Mosaic Conference: Diverse Voices in Intellectual Property | 2015-16 |
| Chair, Archives Subcommittee, Section on Women in Legal Education, American Association of Law Schools | 2014 |
| Annual Meeting Organizing Committee, American Society for Legal History | 2010-11 |
| Peer reviewer: | 2007- |

American Journal of Legal History
Enterprise & Society
GLQ: A Journal of Gay and Lesbian Studies
Journal of Women's History
Science, Technology and Human Values
Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society
Social Studies of Science
Technology & Culture
Women's Studies Quarterly

University:

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| Member, Executive Committee, Northeastern University Program in Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies | 2015- |
| Founding Faculty Advisor, JD/MS in music industry program | 2011- |
| Chair Evaluation Subcommittee, Faculty Senate | 2015-16 |
| Klein Lecture Selection Committee, Faculty Senate | 2015-16 |
| Co-founder, Working Group on Commodification, Technology and Gender, Drexel University | 2009-10 |

Law School:

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| Appointments Committee | 2014-15, 2017-18 |
| Curriculum Committee | 2013-14, 2015-16 |
| Research Committee | 2015-16 |
| Legal Scholarship 4.0 Organizing Committee | 2013-14 |
| Judicial Clerkship Committee | 2010-11, Fall 2012 |
| Coordinator, Junior Faculty Working Group | 2010-2015 |
| Faculty Mentor, Transfer Students | 2012-13, 2014-16 |
| Coordinator, Legal History Colloquium, Harvard Law School | 2008-09 |

Community:

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| Human Milk Banking Association of North America, Advisory Board | 2016- |
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