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### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Saint Louis University, Saint Louis, MO

<b>Professor of Law</b>	<b>July 2015-Present</b>
<b>Associate Professor of Law</b>	<b>July 2011-July 2015</b>
<b>Assistant Professor of Law</b>	<b>July 2006-July 2011</b>
<b>Professor of Psychology</b>	<b>August 2011-Present</b> ( <i>Courtesy Appointment</i> )

#### Courses Taught

Tort Law; Contract Law, Criminal Law; Criminal Procedure, Adjudication; Family Law;  
Psychology in the Courtroom; Social Science & the Criminal Justice System, Ferguson

### Saint Louis University Awards

**President's Research Fund Recipient** (with Morgan Hazelton & Chryl Laird)  
*The Effect of Argumentation on Attitudes*  
2017-2018

**Faculty Excellence Award**  
2020-2021  
April 19, 2021

University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA

Teaching Fellow / Graduate Instructor 1997-2001  
Courses Taught: Cognitive Psychology, Social Psychology, Research Methods

### EDUCATION

**JD May 2004**

University of Virginia School of Law, Charlottesville, Virginia  
Virginia Journal of Social Policy and Law, *Editor-in-Chief*  
Virginia Environmental Law Journal, *Senior Editor*

**PhD January 2004**

University of Virginia School of Arts and Sciences, Charlottesville, VA  
Dissertation: *Objecting to Objections: The Paradoxical Consequences of Courtroom Interruptions*

**MA May 2001**

**University of Virginia School of Arts and Sciences, Charlottesville, VA**

Master's Thesis: *Uncovering the Lying Witness: Are Questions the Answer?*

**BA May 1995**

**Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut** Dual Major: Psychology and English

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Selected Articles**

*Motivated Reasoning and Legal Ethics* (with Tigran Eldred) *PLI Legal Chronicle* (June 2021).

*Retribution as Ancient Artifact and Modern Scourge* *24 Lewis & Clark L. Rev.* 1339 (2020).

*Defense Attorney Bias and the Rush to the Plea*, *65 U. Kan. L. Rev.* 271 (2017).

*Adolescent Decision-Making at the End of Life*, *110 Nw. U. L. Rev. Online* 33 (2015).

*The Rhetoric of Fear and Partisan Entrenchment* *39 Law & Psychol. Rev.* 117 (2015).

*Financing Elections and "Appearance of Corruption": Attitudes and Behavior in 2012* *63 Cath. U. L. Rev.* 953 (2014).

*The Supreme Court, Self-Persuasion, and Ideological Drift* *83 Miss. L.J.* 1071 (2014).

*The Expansion of Criminal Registries and the Illusion of Control* *73 La. L. Rev.* 509 (2013).

*Cultural Understandings of Risk and the Tyranny of the Experts*, *90 Or. L. Rev.* 113 (2011).

*Too Much of a Good Thing: Campaign Speech After Citizens United*, *31 CARDOZO L. REV.* 2365 (2010).

*Adaptive Responses to Risk and the Irrationally Emotional Public*, *54 ST. LOUIS U. L.J.* 1297 (2010).

*Behavioral Decision Theory and Implications for the Supreme Court's Campaign Finance Jurisprudence*, *31 CARDOZO L. REV.* 679 (2010).

*The New Role of the Small Donor in Political Campaigns and the Demise of Public Funding*, *2008 Election in Review*, *25 J.L. & POL.* 257 (2009).

*Publicity, Pressure, and Environmental Legislation: The Untold Story of Availability Campaigns*, with Megan P. Fuchs, *30 CARDOZO L. REV.* 2147 (2009).

*An Evolutionary Perspective on Male Domestic Violence: Practical and Policy Implications*, in Elizabeth M. Schneider, Cheryl Hanna, Judith G. Greenberg, and Clare Dalton, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND THE LAW: THEORY AND PRACTICE (2d edition, 2007).

*How Do Objections Influence Jurors' Treatment of Inadmissible Testimony?* Jury Research Update OJRU Blawg (2006).

*An Evolutionary Perspective on Male Violence: Practical and Policy Implications*, 32 AMERICAN JOURNAL OF CRIMINAL LAW 291 (2005).

*Precommitment in Free-Market Procreation: Surrogacy, Commissioned Adoption, and Limits on Human Decision Making Capacity*, 31 JOURNAL OF LEGISLATION 329 (2005).

*A Behavioral Critique of Command-and-Control Environmental Regulation*, 16 FORDHAM ENVIRONMENTAL LAW JOURNAL 223 (2005).

*Objecting to Objections: The Paradoxical Consequences of Courtroom Interruptions*. DISSERTATION ABSTRACTS INTERNATIONAL: Section B: The Sciences and Engineering, 65(1-B), 483 (2004).

*Verbal and Nonverbal Dynamics of Privacy, Secrecy, and Deceit*, with Bella M. DePaulo, Chris Wetzel, & R. Weylin Sternglanz, JOURNAL OF SOCIAL ISSUES (2003).

*Uncovering the Lying Witness: Are Questions the Answer?* (2001) (Unpublished Master's Thesis, the University of Virginia).

## **BOOKS**

Contributor, MISSOURI: AN ILLUSTRATED TIMELINE OF 200 YEARS OF HISTORY (2020).

INSTRUCTORS MANUAL, COGNITION: THE THINKING ANIMAL (2000).

## **SUBMITTED WORKS**

*Self-Persuasion, Motivated Reasoning and Institutional Actors*, with Morgan Hazelton & Chryl Laird (2021)

## **WORKS-IN-PROGRESS**

*Consequentialist versus Deontological Methods and Cultural Bias*  
*Behavioral Science and the Impulse to Punish*  
*The Hidden Brain in Constitutional Interpretation*

## PRESENTATIONS & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Law & Society Association Annual Meeting (June, 2021)

American Psychology & Law Society Workshop (June 2021)

*Legal Responses to Domestic Violence*, Saint Louis University (April, 2019)

*Implicit Bias*, Saint Louis University School of Law, Outlaw Panel Discussion (Nov. 2018)

*Prosecutorial Discretion and Behavioral Biases*, Presentation at the Saint Louis Public Defender's Office (Oct. 2018).

*The Effect of Argumentation on Attitudes* (with Morgan Hazelton & Chryl Laird) Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association in Boston, MA (Aug, 2018).

*Intimate Partner Violence & the Legal Landscape* Presentation to the Psychology Department, Saint Louis University (April, 2018)

*Juror Bias* Presentation to Saint Louis City Public Defenders, Saint Louis, MO (March 2018)

*Legal Responses to Domestic Violence* Presentation to the Psychology Department, Saint Louis University (March, 2017)

*Psychological Antecedents of Ethical Missteps* American Bar Association National Conference on Professional Responsibility Denver, CO (May 28, 2015).

*From Ferguson to Ukraine: Behavioral and Cognitive Features of Power and Control* Law and Society Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA (May 29, 2015).

*Psychological Dimensions of Power and Oppression* Missouri Psychological Association Annual Meeting, Saint Louis, Mo (June 5, 2015).

*Insights from Behavioral Science and Client-Centered Criminal Defense* UNLV School of Law's Annual Conference, Psychology and Lawyering: Coalescing the Fields (February, 21, 2014).

*Whose Choice? Legal and Psychological Considerations in Adolescent End-of-Life Decisions* Michigan State School of Law Conference on Adolescent Decision-Making at the End of Life (February 7, 2014).

*Gideon v. Wainwright: How Far Have We Come in Fifty Years?* Introduction to SLU Criminal Law Society's Annual Meeting (May, 2013).

*Money in Elections: Why We (Might) Need to Worry.* Inaugural Interdepartmental Faculty Forum, Saint Louis University School of Law (November, 2012).

*Interdisciplinarity and Criminal Law* Criminal Law Society Brown Bag (April, 2012). Invited Discussant, Saint Louis University School of Law's Junior Faculty Scholarship Symposium (September, 2012).

*The Expressive Function of Law: Lessons from Campaign Finance and Tort Reform* Center for the Interdisciplinary Study of Law Lunch Presentation, Saint Louis University School of Law (April, 2012).

Invited Discussant, Saint Louis University School of Law's Junior Faculty Scholarship Symposium (September, 2011).

*Rethinking Post-Enlightenment Assumptions about Risk Policy*, Panelist, Childress Memorial Lecture Saint Louis University School of Law (October, 2009).

*A Behavioral Science Approach to the Supreme Court's Campaign Finance Jurisprudence*, Washington University School of Law Junior Faculty Workshop (April, 2019).

Invited Discussant, Conference on Empirical Studies, Cornell University School of Law (September, 2008).

*Taming the Irrational Voter: Regulating the Political Marketplace*, Saint Louis University School of Law Faculty Workshop (July, 2008).

*Publicity, Pressure and Environmental Legislation: The Untold Story of Availability Campaigns* Washington University School of Law Roundtable on Law and Psychology (April, 2008)

*Exploring the Benefits of Public Concern over Environmental Issues* University of Missouri School of Law Workshop Series (March, 2008)

*The Committed Unwed, Issues in Same-sex Adoption and Custody Determinations* Annual Meeting of the Missouri Bar Association (September, 2007)

*Juror Perceptions and Decision-Making: Some Lessons from Empirical Findings* Continuing Legal Education, Cozen O'Connor (July, 2003)

Invited Speaker, *How Psychological Research Informs Law and Policy*, Psychology and Law Seminar, University of Virginia (March, 2003)

Invited Speaker, *Applied Cognitive Psychology in Legal Contexts*, Cognitive Psychology Lecture, University of Virginia (October, 2002)

*Spotlight on Objections: The Unintended Consequences of Courtroom Interruptions* Meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Austin, Texas (March, 2002).

*Objecting to Objections: How Jurors Remember and Use Forbidden Information*

Second Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Antonio, Texas (February, 2001)

## **AWARDS**

**President's Research Fund Recipient** (with Morgan Hazelton & Chryl Laird)

*The Effect of Argumentation on Attitudes*

2017-2018

**Gold Award, Brandon Hall Group Excellence Awards**

**Best Use of Video Learning for** *Motivated Reasoning in Legal Ethics*

Practising Law Institute (with Tigran Eldred, New England Law)

2019

**Faculty Excellence Award**

Saint Louis University

2020-2021

## **MEDIA MENTIONS**

Gina Martinex, *In Rare Move, Indiana Federal Judge Overturns Murder Conviction Due to Client's 'Ineffective' Counsel*, TIME MAGAZINE, Oct. 14, 2019.

Celia Lopis-Jepsen, KCUR, *Can Registries Cover Too Many Crimes? Kansas Legislation Suggests A Rollback*, Feb. 20, 2018.

Joe Currier and Robert Patrick, *St. Louis Judge Sets May 14 Trial Date for Greitens; Photo Not in Prosecution's Possession, Lawyer Says*, St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Feb 28, 2018.

Emmanuel Felton, *Public Crime Registries Rarely Work, So Why Do They Continue to Grow?* Pacific Standard, Mar. 6, 2017.

Catherine Martin, *Changing Times May Have Helped Philip Morris*, MO Lawyers Weekly, April 20, 2016.

Catherine Martin, *Chief Judge Questions Batson*, MO Lawyers Weekly, April 4, 2016

Mary Shapiro, *How to: Choose a Divorce Lawyer*, MO Lawyers Weekly, Dec 5, 2014.

William Freivogel, *What's Different About The Grand Jury Process In The Darren Wilson Case?* St. Louis Public Radio, Nov. 24, 2014.

Molly J. Walker Wilson, *Social Identity and Ethics in Ferguson*, SLU Law September 2, 2014

## LAW BLOGS

**April 2014-Present** Behavioral Legal Ethics (<http://behaviorallegalethics.wordpress.com/>)

Founding Contributor

Sample Contributions: *Teaching Ferguson; A Journey from Psychology to Law to Ethics; Lessons from the Stanford Prison Experiment*

**February 2012** PrawfsBlawg ([prawfsblawg.blogs.com/prawfsblawg](http://prawfsblawg.blogs.com/prawfsblawg))

Guest Contributor, Book Club

*Cultivating Conscience* by Lynn Stout

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Bar Association

American Psychology-Law Society

Law & Society Association

## ADDITIONAL SELECTED ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE

**Referee** Nature Human Behaviour (2019-2020)

### Saint Louis University School of Law

**2019-2021** Chair, Appointments Committee

**2018-2019** Appointments Committee

- Clinical Faculty Search Committee

**2018-2019** Personnel Committee

**2017-2018** Appointments Committee

- Faculty Search Committee

**2017-2018** Personnel Committee

**2014-2016** Chair, Appointments Committee

**2011-2015** Founding Co-director, Center for the Interdisciplinary Study of Law

**2010-2011** Organizer, Saint Louis University School of Law Faculty Workshop Series

**2010** Saint Louis University School of Law Public Law Review Symposium, Faculty Advisor

**Other:** Faculty Development Committee, Technology Committee, Honor Code Committee, Academic Standards Committee, Scholarship Committee, Curriculum Committee, 1843 Scholars Committee, U.S. News & World Report Committee

### Saint Louis University

**September 2014-2016** Faculty Senate Representative to the Saint Louis University Board of Trustees Human Resources Committee

### Other Professional Committees

**May 2014-Present** American Psychology-Law Society, Committee on Interdisciplinary Grants

**August 2003- May 2004** *Journal of Law and Human Behavior* Student Editor

**August 1998-May 2001** GS Representative, University of Virginia

**GRADUATE EMPIRICAL AND LEGAL RESEARCH**

**2003 Legal Research Fellow**, Jennifer Mnookin, University of Virginia School of Law  
Drafted sections for THE NEW WIGMORE ON EVIDENCE

**NON-ACADEMIC LEGAL EXPERIENCE**

**May-August 2003 Associate, Cozen O'Connor**, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
**May 1999-August 2001 Legal Aid Society**, Charlottesville, Virgi