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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

University of Florida Levin College of Law

Master Legal Skills Professor (2020 – present)

Senior Legal Skills Professor (2015 – 2020)

Legal Skills Professor (2012 – 2015)

Adjunct Professor (2009 – 2012)

Director, Program on Children and Families (2021 – present)

Director, Gator TeamChild Juvenile Law Clinic (2018 – present)

Affiliated Faculty Member, Florida Institute for Cyber-Security Research (2022 – present)

Courses Taught: Child, Parent, and the State; Juvenile Law Clinic; Legal Writing; Appellate Advocacy; Juvenile Law; Introduction to Lawyering

EDUCATION

University of Florida Levin College of Law, Juris Doctorate, Graduated Cum Laude (2003)

University of Florida College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, B.A., Political Science (2000)

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Dogs as a Tool in Trauma Responsive Lawyering, U. ILL. L. REV. (forthcoming 2026)

[*Child Exploitation Through Online Sharing: “Sharenting” and the Role of the Pediatric Provider*](#), 2 PEDIATRICS OPEN SCI. 1 (June 2026) (with c. Rosenthal) (peer-reviewed)

[*Beyond Sharenting*](#), 99 S. CAL. L. REV. 559 (2026)

[*Children’s Privacy in the Digital Age: US and UK Experiences and Policy Responses*](#), in HANDBOOK OF CHILDREN AND SCREENS (with Livingstone, S., Lievens, E., Graham, R., Pothong, K., Stoilova, M.), (Christakis, D.A., Hale, L., eds.), Springer, Cham (2025) (peer-reviewed)

[*The Myth of Children’s Online Privacy Protection*](#), 77 SMU L. REV. 441 (2024)

[*Children Seen but Not Heard?*](#), 66 ARIZ. L. REV. 147 (2024)

[*Adopting Social Media in Family and Adoption Law*](#), 2023 UTAH L. REV. 447 (with students M. Burgess and K. Herrera)

[*The Art of Sharing: Children’s Rights in the Influencer Era*](#), 3 FLA. ENT. & SPORTS L. REV. 17 (2023)

[*Exploring Parents' Knowledge of Dark Design and Its Impact on Children's Digital Well-Being*](#), AOIR SELECTED PAPERS OF INTERNET RESEARCH (2023) (with Bessant, C., Ong, L.L., Cook, L.A., Grubbs Hoy, M., Pereira, B., Fox, A., Nottingham, E., Gan, P.) (peer-reviewed)

[*Sharenting in an Evolving Digital World: Increasing Online Connection and Consumer Vulnerability*](#), 56 J. CONSUMER AFF. 1106 (2022) (with L. Lin Ong, Alexa K. Fox, Laurel Aynne Cook, Claire Bessant, Pingping Gan, Marica Grubbs Hoy, Emma Nottingham, & Beatriz Pereira) (peer-reviewed)

[*The UN Committee on the Rights of the Child's General Comment on the Digital Environment*](#), AOIR SELECTED PAPERS OF INTERNET RESEARCH (2022) (with Sonia Livingstone, Amanda Third, Patrick Burton, Sabine Witting, Eva Lievens, Shuli Gilutz, & David Souter) (peer-reviewed)

[*Documented: My Week at the South Texas Family Residential Center*](#), 30 U. FLA. J.L. & PUB. POL'Y 99 (2019)

[*Changing Faces: Morphed Child Pornography Images and the First Amendment*](#), 68 EMORY L.J. 909 (2019)

[*What Parents Should Share: Child Privacy in the Age of Social Media and the Pediatrician's Role*](#), PEDIATRICS (2018) (with Bahareh Keith)

[*Sharenting: Children's Privacy in the Age of Social Media*](#), 66 EMORY L.J. 839 (2017)

[*Parental Sharing on the Internet: Child Privacy in the Age of Social Media and the Pediatrician's Role*](#), JAMA PEDIATRICS (with B. Keith) (May 2017) (peer-reviewed)

[*#Advocacy: Social Media's Power to Transform Law*](#), 105 KY. L.J. 413 (2016)

[*Where Did All the Social Workers Go? The Need to Prepare Families for Adoption, Assist Post-Adoptive Families in Crisis, and End Re-Homing*](#), 67 FLA. L. REV. F. 280 (2016)

BOOK

[*Growing Up Shared: How Parents Can Share Smarter on Social Media and What You Can Do to Keep Your Family Safe in a No-Privacy World*](#) (Sourcebooks, 2020) (reviewed in [*Global Studies of Childhood*](#) by Elise Janelle Waghron)

SELECT POPULAR PRESS PUBLICATIONS

Sun Sentinel (March 2025) [What Happens When Parents Go Beyond Sharenting?](#)

Barron's (April 2021) [Parents Need Help Balancing Kids' Safety and Privacy Online](#)

The New York Times (August 2020) [Why Parents Should Pause Before Oversharing Online](#)

London School of Economics Parenting for a Digital Future (April 2021) [Ethical AI? Children's Rights and Autonomy in Digital Spaces](#)

The Washington Post (May 2021) [Schools and Other Organizations Are Sharing More About Kids Online. Here's What Parents Can Do to Protect Them.](#)

London School of Economics Parenting for a Digital Future (May 2020) [Separating Parents and Social Media: Helping Families Navigate Online Spaces Even When Parents Live Apart](#)

The Washington Post (May 2020) [An Oversharing Grandma’s Court Case Offers Lessons on Setting Boundaries for Kids’ Online Privacy](#)

The New York Times (May 2020) [How to Keep Children’s Stress From Turning Into Trauma](#)

The Washington Post (April 2020) [This May Be the Time to Harness the Power of Social Media as a Family](#)

The Washington Post (February 2020) [Let’s Tell Kids What They Can Do Online, Instead of What They Can’t Do](#)

The Washington Post (September 2019) [The Online Privacy Checklist Your Kids Need You to Have](#)

The Washington Post (September 2017) [Helping Freshmen Succeed: Tips From College Advisers](#)

The Washington Post (July 2017) [Parents’ Social Media Habits Are Teaching Children the Wrong Lessons](#)

The Washington Post (May 2017) [Growing Up Under the Watchful Eyes of His Mother’s Newsfeed](#)

London School of Economics Parenting for a Digital Future (May 2017) [Sharenting: In Whose Interests?](#)

The Washington Post (March 2016) [Parent Partnerships: A Better Way to Co-Parent](#)

The Washington Post (July 2015) [Parenting in the Facebook Age](#)

The Washington Post (July 2018) [How Europe’s ‘Right to Be Forgotten’ Could Protect Kids’ Online Privacy in the U.S.](#)

The Washington Post (April 2018) [Not Deleting Facebook? Here’s How You Can Protect Your Kids. \(co-authored with Dr. Bahareh Keith\)](#)

The Washington Post (March 2018) [Stephen Hawking Inspired Millions, Including Kids. How to Help Them Cope With the Loss.](#)

The Washington Post (February 2018) [Talking to Kids About How the Government Works.](#)

The Washington Post (September 2016) [Yes, It’s Hard to Think About Kids With Cancer. But Please Don’t Look Away. \(Here’s How You Can Help.\)](#)

SELECT MEDIA INTERVIEWS / QUOTES

UF News (April 2025) [Law Students at UF Advocate for Florida Children in Foster Care](#), by Gabrielle Parker

Security.org (October 2025) [Parents’ Social Media Habits](#), by Paul Frew and Gene Petrino

TIME (May 2025) [How to Teach Kids the Importance of Digital Privacy](#) by Lawrence Kappello

USA Today (June 2025) [Ms. Shirley, 4, Is a TikTok Sensation. Some Fans Are Worried, and Her Mom Is Speaking Out.](#), by Rachel Hale

UNICEF (June 2024) [What You Need to Know About “Sharenting”](#)

Law and Crime News (March 2024) [Christian School Teacher Used AI and Yearbook Photos to Make Child Pornography](#), by David Harris

UF Explore (December 2023) [Snap Decisions: Posting About Your Kids on Social Media? How to Protect Their Privacy](#), by Alisson Clark

New York Times (October 2023) [Child Influencers Make Big Money. Who Gets It?](#), by Valeriya Safronova

The Washington Post (August 2023) [Parenting Influencers Try Something New: Giving Their Kids Privacy](#), by Fortesa Latifi

CNN (August 2023) [These Kids Get Free Vacations Thanks to Their YouTube Fame. But What Happens Behind the Scenes?](#) By Lilit Marcus

New York Times (February 2023) [When Parents Hear That Their Child Is ‘Not Normal and Should Not Exist’](#), by Megan K. Stack

USA Today (October 2021) [Mom, Please Stop: Why Sharing Too Much About Kids on Social Is a Bad Thing](#) by Jennifer Jolly

The Washington Post (June 2021) [‘The Right to Be Forgotten’: Should Teens’ Social Media Posts Disappear as They Age?](#), by Lisa Selin Davis

Bloomberg (May 2021) [The World Needs a Product Like Instagram Youth](#), by Kurt Wagner

Bloomberg (May 2021) [Facebook Won’t Apologize for Instagram Youth](#), by Kurt Wagner and Naomi Nix

Nikkei Asia (November 2020) [Social Media Dilemmas Challenge Proud Asian Parents](#), by Neeta Lal

Al Jazeera (October 2020) [The Perils of ‘Sharenting’: The Parents Who Share Too Much](#), by Rosie Hopegood

The Washington Post (October 2019) [‘Don’t Leave Campus’: Parents Are Now Using Tracking Apps to Watch Their Kids at College](#)

NPR (August 2019) [What Parents May Not Realize When They Post About Their Kids Online](#), by Anya Kamenetz

The New York Times (June 2019) [The Problem With ‘Sharenting’](#), by Anya Kamenetz

The Washington Post (June 2019) [Gen Z Kids Are the Stars of Their Parents’ Social Media — and They Have Opinions About That](#), by Caitlin Gibson

The New York Times (April 2019) [Facebook Is Stealing Your Family’s Joy](#) by KJ Dell’Antonia

CNN (March 2019) [What Happens When Parents Abuse and Exploit Children for Internet Fame?](#), by Madeline Holcombe

The Wall Street Journal (March 2019) [Why I Put My Dog’s Photo on Social Media, but Not My Son’s](#), by Julie Jargon

Here & Now, NPR/WBUR Boston (January 2019) [‘Sharenting’: Can Parents Post Too Much About Their Kids Online?](#), interview by Jeremy Hobson

USA Today (March 2018) [Facebook Asked Users if Pedophiles Should Be Able to Ask Kids for ‘Sexual Pictures’](#), by Jessica Guynn

The Daily Beast (December 2017) [Kids Don't Have Parents Anymore – They Have 'Sharents'](#), by Mandy Stadtmiller

Consumer Reports (August 2017) [How to Protect Your Children's Privacy in the Era of Online 'Sharenting'](#), by Allen St. John

NPR (October 2016) [Do Parents Invade Children's Privacy When They Post Online?](#), by Tara Haelle

The New York Times (March 2016) [Don't Post About Me on Social Media, Children Say](#) by KJ Dell'Antonia

CNN (October 2016) [The Dos and Don'ts of Posting About Your Kids Online](#), by Jacqueline Howard

The Atlantic (October 2016) [Protecting Kids in the Age of Sharenting](#), by Adrienne LaFrance

CBS (October 2016) [Something to Consider Before Posting About Your Kids Online](#) by Ashley Welch

Slate (October 2016) [Courts Aren't the Solution to Parents Sharing on Social Media](#), by Priya Kumar

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Panelist, Overshare? What You Need to Know About Parent Sharing and Child Privacy, Children and Screens (October 2025)

Panelist, Florida Bar Convention, Our Kids Are Online – What Lawyers (and Parents) Need to Know (June 2025)

Presenter, 5Rights Foundation, Beyond Sharenting (January 2025)

Panelist, Comparing Different Child Protection Laws Within the EU and US (November 2024)

Panelist, Vermont Law Review Symposium on Social Media and Child Labor (October 2024)

Panelist, Family Law Panel, UF Law (March 2023)

Panelist, Understanding AI: Parenting and Social Media, Cade Museum (March 2023)

Panelist, Current Issues in Cybersecurity, UF Law (April 2023)

Keynote, Florida Family Leader Network, Growing Up Shared: Telling Our Stories While Maintaining Children's Privacy in the Age of Social Media (March 2023)

Speaker, Gainesville High School, Staying Safe Online (January 2023)

Keynote Speaker, Grand Rounds, University of Florida Department of Pediatrics, Growing Up Shared (December 2022)

Panelist, Association of Internet Researchers Conference, Dublin, Ireland, Children's Online Privacy (November 2022)

Keynote Speaker, Orange County Bar Association and Central Florida Association of Women Lawyers, Growing Up Shared (October 2022)

Keynote Speaker, American Council on Consumer Affairs, Growing Up Shared (March 2022)

Panelist, Technology, Media, and Privacy Law Conference, UF Law (March 2022)

Speaker, Florida CARD Statewide Conference, How Parents Can Share Smarter on Social Media (January 2022)

Speaker, Frontiers in AI, Artificial Intelligence and Children (November 2021)

Speaker, Florida Adoption Counsel, Social Media and Adoption (November 2021)

Speaker, TEDxVienna, [How Parents Can Share Smarter on Social Media](#) (October 2021)

Panelist, Digital Law Center, University of Geneva, Social Media and Children's Rights (June 2021)

Presenter, University of Florida Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (CARD), Children's Privacy on Social Media (June 2021)

Presenter, 11th International Conference on Children's Rights in the Digital Age: Should Children Be Protected From Screen Exposure? (April 2021)

Presenter, University of Florida Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (CARD), IEPs and 504 Plans: An Overview for Parents of Children With Special Needs (April 2021)

Presenter, Eighth Judicial Circuit Bar Association, Children's Online Privacy (February 2021)

Presenter, United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child at 30 Years Follow Up Conference, Sharenting: Children's Privacy on Social Media (November 2020)

Presenter, University of Florida Department of Emergency Medicine Child Abuse Symposium, Children's Privacy on Social Media: Risks and Responsibilities (November 2020)

Panelist, Ask the Experts – Privacy Please: Protecting Kids' Identity and Personal Information Online (September 2020)

Presenter, Growing Up Shared, State University of Rio de Janeiro (via YouTube) (July 2020)

Panelist, Digital Lives: Families in the Age of the Internet, Swiss Institute of Comparative Law (November 2019)

Panelist, Immigration Law Association, University of Florida Levin College of Law (October 2018)

Speaker, National Refugee Shabbat, Congregation B'nai Israel (October 2018)

Panelist, Sex Crimes in the 21st Century, Emory Law Journal's Annual Thrower Symposium (February 2018)

Presenter, Sharenting: Children's Privacy in the Age of Social Media, Journal of Technology Law and Policy (April 2018)

Presenter, Sharenting: Children's Privacy in the Age of Social Media, Florida Affiliate of American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences – 2018 Annual Conference (April 2018)

Guest Lecturer, Photojournalism, University of Florida College of Journalism and Communications (Fall 2017 and Spring 2018)

Keynote Speaker, Law Day, presented by Florida Blue Key at the University of Florida (November 2017)

Panelist, Pro Bono Week at the University of Florida (Fall 2017)

Co-presenter, Children's Privacy and the Pediatrician's Role, Grand Rounds, Legacy Health Children's Hospital, Portland, Oregon (June 2016)

Panelist, Family Law and Legal Profession, Family Law Society at the University of Florida (Spring 2017)

Guest Lecturer, Juvenile Law, University of Florida Honors College (April 2017)

Presenter, Sharenting: Children's Privacy on Social Media, Hillel, University of Florida (Fall 2016)

Presenter, Children's Privacy on Social Media, American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Annual Conference (October 2016)

Panelist, Private vs. Public Family Law, Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Annual Conference (January 2016)

Guest Lecturer, Juvenile Law, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, University of Florida (2015 and 2016)

Panelist, What Makes Lawyers Happy, Federal Bar Association Meeting in Gainesville, Florida (April 2015)

Panelist, Law Professionals Day, presented by Florida Blue Key at the University of Florida (March 2015)

Moderator, Women and the Law Conference, Federal Bar Association Meeting in Gainesville, Florida (April 2014)

Panelist, Family Law and Legal Profession, Family Law Society at the University of Florida (November 2014)

Presenter, The Role of Attorney ad Litem in Family Court, Family Law Section of the 8th Judicial Circuit Bar Association (September 2014)

Presenter, Diversity in the Dependency System and Legal Overview of the Dependency System, Guardian ad Litem Program, 8th Judicial Circuit (regularly presented to volunteers, 2011–2013)

Presenter, Understanding the Dependency and Delinquency Court System, Early Learning Coalition of Alachua County (Fall 2012)

Presenter, Testifying in a Dependency Hearing, Child Protection Team, Alachua County, Florida (Summer 2012)

Presenter, Legal Overview of the Dependency Court System: A Guide for Non-Lawyers, Partnership for Strong Families in Alachua County, Florida (Summer 2012)

COLLABORATIONS

Collaboration with University of Florida College of Education — Exploring Policy Impacts and Outcomes of State Cellphone Bans and Restrictions in K-12 Schools (2024–present)

TCR 2021 Track Participant — Sharenting in a Pandemic: The Intersection of Online Connection and Consumer Vulnerability (2020–2021)

COLLEGE SERVICE

Chair, Admissions Committee (2025–2026)
Non-Tenure Track Hiring and Promotion Committee (2024–2025)
Shared Governance Committee (2022–present)
Curriculum Committee (2022–2023, 2016–2017)
Partner Faculty/Collaborator, Anita Zucker Center for Early Childhood Studies (2019–present)
Chair, 1L Experience Committee (2020)
Chair, Admissions Committee (2019–2020)
Member, Admissions Committee (2018–2019, 2015–2016)
Journal of Technology and Public Policy Faculty Advisor (2017–2023)
Externship Supervisor (2013–2024)
Family Law Society Faculty Advisor (2013–2019)
Trial Team Competition Coach (2004–2006)
Distance Education Committee (2014–2015)
Scholarship Committee (2013–2014)

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Anita Zucker Center in Early Childhood Studies Search Committee (2025–present)
Steering Committee Member, UF Center on Autism and Neurodevelopment (2021–present)
General Education Committee (2017–2019)
Preview Faculty Advisor (2014–2016)
Faculty Senator (2013–2016)

GENERAL SERVICE

Foster Fairness (2025–present)
Children’s Justice Act Task Force (2024–2026)
Dilley Pro Bono Project Attorney (2018)
Phoebe Louise Dooley Foundation, Board of Directors (2018–present)
Shared Hope Project, Founder and Photographer (2014–2018)
Human Trafficking Task Force, 8th Judicial Circuit (2007–2009)
Sexual Offender Task Force, 8th Judicial Circuit (2007–2009)
Guardian Ad Litem, 8th Judicial Circuit, Gainesville, Florida (2003–2006)
Domestic Violence Task Force, 8th Judicial Circuit (2005–2007)

PACE School for Girls, Board of Directors (2004–2006)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Gerald T. Bennett Inn of Court (2016–present)

Eighth Judicial Circuit Bar Association (2018–2022)

Legal Writing Institute (2012–2018)

American Association of Law Schools (2015–present)

SELECTED EXPERIENCE

Children’s Legal Services, Senior Attorney (2009–2012)

Assistant State Attorney, 8th Judicial Circuit (2004-2009)

BAR ADMISSION

Florida