

**Curriculum Vitae**  
**Kristin Kalsem**  
**Charles Hartsock Professor of Law**  
**Co-Director, Center for Race, Gender, and Social Justice**

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**Education**

Ph.D. in English, University of Iowa, 2001

J.D. with Honors, University of Chicago Law School, 1987

B.A. with Honors in English, *summa cum laude*, University of Iowa, 1984

**Professional History**

2001 to present	College of Law, University of Cincinnati Charles Hartsock Professor of Law, 2013-present Professor, 2006-2013 Associate Professor, 2004-2006 Assistant Professor, 2001-2004 Department of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, University of Cincinnati Affiliated Faculty Member  Co-Founder and Co-Director, Center for Race, Gender, and Social Justice University of Cincinnati College of Law Co-Director, University of Cincinnati Joint Degree Program in Law and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
1999 to 2001	College of Law, University of Iowa Lecturer in Law
1994 to 2000	Department of English, University of Iowa Nonfiction Writing Program General Education in Literature
1987 to 1993	Attorney, Sidley & Austin, Chicago, Illinois

**Publications**

Books

*In Contempt: Nineteenth-Century Women, Law, and Literature* (Ohio State University Press, 2012)  
(paperback edition issued in 2015)

## Articles, Book Chapters, and Book Reviews

- “Anonymity, Privacy, and Confidentiality,” in *Ethics in Participatory Research for Health and Social Well-Being* (forthcoming Routledge, 2018)
- “Theorizing Legal Participatory Action Research: Critical Race/Feminism and PAR,” 21 *Qualitative Inquiry* 262 (2015) (with Emily M.S. Houh)
- “It’s Critical: Legal Participatory Action Research.” 19 *Michigan Journal of Race and Law* 287 (2014) (with Emily M.S. Houh)
- “A Symposium on Social Justice Feminism: Introduction,” 2014 *Freedom Center Journal* 1 (with Emily M.S. Houh and Verna Williams)
- “Stumped: The Story of *Stump v. Sparkman*.” 81 *UMKC Law Review* 825 (2013)
- Book Review. 52 *American Journal of Legal History* 513 (2012) (reviewing Susan Sage Heinzelman’s *Riding the Black Ram: Law, Literature, and Gender*)
- “Social Justice Feminism.” 18 *UCLA Women’s Law Journal* 131 (2010) (with Verna L. Williams)
- “Reconstructions: Historical Consciousness and Critical Transformation.” 1 *Freedom Center Journal* vii (2008) (with Emily Houh and Verna L. Williams)
- Book Review. 25 *Journal of Legal History* 659 (2007) (reviewing Morris B. Kaplan, *Sodom on the Thames: Sex, Love, and Scandal in Wilde Times*)
- “Bankruptcy Reform and the Financial Well-Being of Women: How Intersectionality Matters in Money Matters.” 71 *Brooklyn Law Review* 1181 (2006)
- “Women’s Work Is Never Done: Employment, Family and Activism: An Introduction.” 73 *University of Cincinnati Law Review* 361 (2004) (with Verna L. Williams)
- “Looking for Law in All the ‘Wrong’ Places: Outlaw Texts and Early Women’s Advocacy.” 13 *Southern California Review of Law and Women’s Studies* 273 (2004)
- “Law, Literature, and Libel: Victorian Censorship of ‘Dirty Filthy’ Books on Birth Control.” 10 *William & Mary Journal of Women and the Law* 533 (2004)
- “Alice in Legal Wonderland: A Cross-Examination of Gender, Race, and Empire in Victorian Law and Literature.” 24 *Harvard Women’s Law Journal* 221 (2001)
- “In Defense of ‘Murderous Mothers’: Feminist Jurisprudence in Frances Trollope’s *Jessie Phillips*.” 5 *Journal of Victorian Culture* 179 (2000)
- “*The Wife’s Lament*: A Riddle of Her Own.” *Publications of the Medieval Association of the Midwest* 128 (1997)

## Other Publications

- “Purple Coneflowers,” in 7 *Adanna Literary Journal* 133 (2017)
- “Signs of Hope: The Women’s Movement in Cincinnati,” *UC Social Justice Blog* (January 21, 2017)
- Opinion, “Payday Loan Regulations Under Review,” *Cincinnati Enquirer* (August 30, 2016) (with Emily M.S. Houh)
- Comment Letter on Proposed Rule Payday, Vehicle Title, and Certain High-Cost Installment Loans (October 18, 2016) (with Emily M.S. Houh)

## **Conference Presentations, Speaker Invitations, and Other Activities**

- “Participatory Action Research: Theories, Methods, and Challenges--A Course for Doctoral Students and Members of Community Organizations,” Course Faculty, Durham University, England, 2017
- “Contracts-Commercial-Consumer Law: ‘In Action,’” Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California, 2017
- “Domestic Violence: Changing the Landscape,” University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio, 2017
- “‘Dig Where You Stand’: Women, Law, and Social Change,” Invited Speaker, Ursuline Academy, Cincinnati, Ohio, 2017
- “Legal Participatory Action Research: Community Approaches to Legal Issues,” Invited Speaker, Centre for Social Justice and Community Action, Durham University, England, 2016

*Dodging the Debt Trap: What You Should Know About Payday, Car Title, and Student Loans*, Cincinnati, Ohio, 2015 (conference organizer)

“Legal Participatory Action Research: Community-Based Initiatives on Intimate Partner Abuse,” Invited Speaker, Fifth Action Research Colloquium, University College Dublin, Ireland, 2015

*Private Violence: City of Cincinnati Summit on Domestic Violence*, 2014 (conference organizer)

“Women, Law, and Literature,” Invited Speaker, Des Moines Women’s Club, Des Moines, Iowa, 2014

“From *Wuthering Heights* to Our Own West End: Women’s Writing/Women’s Advocacy,” Harold C. Schott Scholarship Award Lecture, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio, 2014

“Topics of Economic Justice,” Faculty Teach-In, Cincinnati, Ohio, 2014

“Law and Narrative: Readings of *Stumped*,” Invited Speaker, The Other Side of Reproductive Rights: The Untold Story and Ethics of Modern Eugenics,” S.J. Quinney College of Law, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah, 2014

“Participatory Action Research: A Practical Approach to Economic Justice,” Social Justice Feminism Conference, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio, 2012

Social Justice Feminism Conference, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio, 2012 (conference organizer)

“Social Justice Feminism,” Invited Speaker, Rosenfield Program: “What Is Social Justice?” Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa, 2011

“Art and Intervention,” Law and Society Association, San Francisco, California, 2011 (program chair and discussant)

“*Stumped*: A Law and Literature Interpretation,” Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities, Las Vegas, Nevada, 2011

“A Fresh Start . . . Really?: Limitations on the Bankruptcy Discharge,” Cincinnati Bar Association, Cincinnati, Ohio, 2010

“Intersectionality in Action,” Critical Race Studies Symposium, UCLA School of Law, Los Angeles, California, 2010

“Social Justice Feminism: Principles and Methodologies,” National Women’s Studies Association Annual Conference, Cincinnati, Ohio, 2008

“Social Justice Feminism: Words, Movements, Theory, Practice,” Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities, Berkeley, California, 2008

“Social Justice Feminism,” Feminist Legal Theories and Feminisms Conference, University of Baltimore, Baltimore, Maryland, 2008

“Bankruptcy Reform: Challenging Statutory Interpretations,” Cincinnati Bar Association, Cincinnati, Ohio, 2007

“Social Justice Feminism: Historical Perspectives,” Villanova University School of Law, Villanova, Pennsylvania, 2007

“Statutory Interpretation and the BAPCPA,” Cincinnati Bar Association, Cincinnati, Ohio, 2006

“Still More Stories To Tell: Intimate Partner Abuse and Education,” Keynote Address, Rape Crisis & Abuse Center Annual Meeting, Cincinnati, Ohio, 2006

“Barriers to Women’s Financial Well-Being,” Women’s Leadership Conference, Oxford, England, 2006

“Bankruptcy Reform and the Financial Well-Being of Women,” St. Louis University School of Law, St. Louis, Missouri, 2006

“Critical Perspectives on Commercial Law and Bankruptcy: A Re-Envisioned Reform Agenda,” Tenth Annual Latcrit Conference, Puerto Rico, 2005

“A Mock Trial: State of Ohio v. Margaret Garner,” Underground Railroad Freedom Center, Cincinnati, Ohio, 2005 (moderator)

“Bankruptcy Reform and Consumer Protection: How Gender Matters In Money Matters,” University of Iowa, Invited Speaker Series, Iowa City, Iowa, 2005

“An Intersectional Analysis of Bankruptcy Reform,” Chicago-Kent College of Law, Chicago, Illinois, 2005

“Sex, Lies, and the Bankruptcy Code,” Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities, Austin, Texas, 2005

- “Cross-Examining Law’s Boundaries: Interdisciplinary Explorations,” Section of Law and the Humanities, American Association of Law Schools, San Francisco, California, 2005 (program chair and discussant)
- “Law, Literature, and Libel: Victorian Censorship of ‘Dirty Filthy’ Books on Birth Control,” Law and Society Association, Chicago, Illinois, 2004
- “Looking For Law in All the ‘Wrong’ Places: Outlaw Texts and Early Women’s Advocacy,” Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities, Hartford, Connecticut, 2004
- “Outlaw Texts and Narrative Advocacy,” Brigham Young University College of Law, Provo, Utah, 2003
- “Women’s Legal Herstories: Nineteenth-Century Publication of Private Wrongs,” Subversive Legacies: Learning from History/Constructing the Future, University of Texas School of Law, Austin, Texas, 2002
- “Outlaw Texts: Nineteenth-Century Novels That Don’t Police,” Law and Society Association, Vancouver, British Columbia, 2002
- “To Say the Least”: Keynotes of Feminism in Victorian Short Stories, Midwest Modern Language Association, Kansas City, Missouri, 2000 (session organizer and discussant)
- “Feminist Jurisprudence: A ‘Novel’ Approach to Law and Literature,” Law and Society Association, Chicago, Illinois, 1999
- “‘Delicate Matters for Mothers Alone’: Family Planning in Jane Clapperton’s *Margaret Dunmore: or, A Socialist Home*,” Dickens Project Winter Conference, University of California, Riverside, 1998
- “The Spectacle of White Queens: A Cross-Examination of Women, Law, Power, and Empire,” Victorian Studies Association of Western Canada, University of Northern British Columbia, St. George, British Columbia, 1997
- “In Defense of ‘Murderous Mothers’: Feminist Jurisprudence in Frances Trollope’s *Jessie Phillips: A Tale of the Present Day*,” Midwest Modern Language Association, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 1996
- “*The Wife’s Lament: A Riddle of Her Own*,” Medieval Association of the Midwest, Northern Michigan University, Marquette, Michigan, 1995

### **Fellowships, Grants, and Honors**

- Marian Spencer Diversity Ambassador Award, as Co-Director of the Center for Race, Gender, and Social Justice, University of Cincinnati, 2016
- Harold C. Schott Scholarship Award, for outstanding research and scholarly achievement, College of Law, University of Cincinnati, 2013
- Goldman Prize for Teaching Excellence, College of Law, University of Cincinnati, 2010
- Research Sabbatical, University of Cincinnati, 2008-09 (to complete book manuscript)
- Women’s Studies Faculty Research Grant, University of Cincinnati, 2006
- Goldman Prize for Teaching Excellence, College of Law, University of Cincinnati, 2003
- AAUW American Fellowship, American Association of University Women Educational Foundation, 1999-2000
- Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation Dissertation Grant in Women’s Studies, 1999-2000
- Ballard Fellowship, Dissertation-Year Award, Graduate College, University of Iowa, 1999-2000
- Best Published Essay Prize, awarded by the Department of English, University of Iowa, 2000
- The 1999 Walter L. Arnstein Prize for Dissertation Research in Victorian Studies, awarded by the Midwest Victorian Studies Association
- University of Iowa Student Government Research Grant, 1999 (for archival research in England)
- John Gerber Teaching Award, awarded to a graduate instructor for outstanding teaching in the General Education in Literature Program, University of Iowa, 1998
- Iowa Fellowship, four-year merit-based fellowship, University of Iowa, 1993-97
- The 1996 Midwest Women’s Caucus Distinguished Paper Award
- S.K. Yee Scholarship, three-year merit-based scholarship, University of Chicago Law School, 1984-87

Most Outstanding Senior Distinction, awarded to twenty undergraduate seniors based on overall achievement, University of Iowa, 1984  
Phi Beta Kappa, Mortar Board, Omicron Delta Kappa, University of Iowa

### **M.A. in Women's Studies Thesis Committees**

Committee Member, "Changing Plans," by Adam Denney, spring 2016  
Committee Member, "Nonprofits and the Impact of Arizona's SB 1070 on Immigrant Women: An Analysis of Intersectionality, Culture, and Media," by Julie Restifo, summer 2011  
Chair, "Personal Responsibility Rhetoric: The Law and Subprime Lending," by Katherine Weber, spring 2008  
Chair, "Atypical Voices: Utilizing Feminist Fiction to Inform International AIDS Policy," by Jennifer Baugher, spring 2005  
Chair, "Gothic Conventions in the Contemporary Domestic Violence Novel," by Natalie Parker spring 2005  
Chair, "Courting Change and Changing Courts: Constructing a Feminist Model for Domestic Violence Courts," by Cindy Lunsford, spring 2004  
Chair, "On the Boundaries of Sex: A Feminist Interrogation of Judicial Determinations of the Legal Sex of Post-Operative Transsexuals," by Rebecca Moskow, fall 2003  
Chair, "Paper Dolls: Women Lawyers in Legal Fiction," by Melissa McKenna, spring 2002  
Committee Member, "Screaming For Freedom: Lesbians, Writing, and LGBT Politics," by Kristen Demaline, spring 2002

### **Other Service**

Co-Director, Center for Race, Gender, and Social Justice, College of Law, University of Cincinnati, 2010 to present  
Co-Director, Joint Degree Program in Law and Women's Studies, College of Law, University of Cincinnati, 2001 to present  
Chair, Academic Policy and Curriculum Committee, College of Law, University of Cincinnati, 2013-14; Member, 2001-06  
Executive Board, Association of American Law Schools, Section on Interpretation, 2016  
Executive Board, Association of American Law Schools, Section on Women and the Law, 2009  
Chair, Association of American Law Schools, Section on Law and the Humanities, 2006  
Chair-Elect, Association of American Law Schools, Section on Law and the Humanities, 2005  
Program Chair, Association of American Law Schools, Section on Law and the Humanities, 2004  
Executive Board, Association of American Law Schools, Section on Law and the Humanities, 2002-12  
Co-chair, Law and Women's Studies Committee, Department of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, University of Cincinnati, 2002 to present  
Member, Appointments Committee, College of Law, University of Cincinnati, 2010-11, 2011-12  
Member, Committee on Committees, College of Law, University of Cincinnati, 2006-07, 2007-08, 2009-10, 2010-11  
Member, Committee on Reappointment, Promotion, and Tenure, 2007-08, 2009-10, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2017-18  
Member, Search Committee for Director of Domestic Violence Clinic, College of Law, University of Cincinnati, 2005  
Member, Faculty Senate, University of Cincinnati, 2002-04  
Member, Orientation Committee, College of Law, University of Cincinnati, 2003 to present  
Member, Search Committee for Mary Ellen Heintz Distinguished Professor of Women's Studies, Center for Women's Studies, University of Cincinnati, 2003

Faculty Advisor to first-year law students, College of Law, University of Cincinnati, 2001 to present  
Member, American Association of Law Schools, Section on Commercial and Related Consumer Law,  
2001 to present  
Member, American Association of Law Schools, Section on Creditors' and Debtors' Rights,  
2001 to present  
Member, American Association of Law Schools, Section on Women and the Law, 2001 to present

### **Community Service**

"Framing the Issues: Domestic Violence," Training for Judges and Magistrates, Supreme Court of Ohio  
Judicial College (Toledo, Cleveland, Dayton, Columbus, 2017)  
YWCA of Greater Cincinnati, Advocacy and Communications Committee, 2016 to present  
YWCA of Greater Cincinnati, Violence Against Women Subcommittee, 2016 to present  
Intimate Partner Abuse Judicial and Magistrate Training Community Action Group, 2015 to present  
Private Violence Intimate Partner Abuse Working Group, 2014-15  
Public Allies Cincinnati, sponsor of Team Service Project on Predatory Lending Practices in the  
Greater Cincinnati Area, 2012-13  
"The Cliff Effect Report" (2012), research report produced for and submitted to the Women's Fund  
of the Greater Cincinnati Foundation (produced with law students in 2012 Spring Feminist  
Jurisprudence class)  
The Women's Fund Research Advisory Task Force, 2011 to present

### **Professional Affiliations**

American Association of Law Schools  
Society of American Law Teachers  
Law and Society Association  
Modern Language Association  
American Society for Legal History  
Association of the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities  
American Bankruptcy Institute  
Iowa Bar (admitted 1993)  
Illinois Bar (admitted 1987)