

**Curriculum Vitae**  
**Kristin Kalsem**

**Charles Hartsock Professor of Law**  
**Co-Founder and Research Faculty, Nathaniel R. Jones Center for**  
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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

Durham University, Durham, England  
Tutor, Participatory Action Research: Theories, Methods, and Challenges--A  
Course for Doctoral Students and Members of Community Organizations  
(Summers 2017-present)

Co-Founder, Co-Director (2010-2021), and Research Faculty, Nathaniel R. Jones  
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)

### Works in Progress

“Race and Bankruptcy” (to be published in the Oxford Handbook on Race and Law in the United States)

“Infanticide in Victorian England” (to be published on the *Victorian Web*)

“Discrimination in Property Taxes: Addressing Racial Inequities in Cincinnati”

### Articles, Book Chapters, and Book Reviews

“Feminist Judging: Theories and Practices,” in *Oxford Handbook of Feminism and Law in the United States* (Oxford UP, 2022) (published in *Oxford Handbooks Online*, available at oxfordhandbooks.com).

“Judicial Training on Domestic Violence: A 50-State Survey,” Nathaniel R. Jones Center for Race, Gender, and Social Justice, Research and Community Resources,  
<https://cincinnati.lawsocialjustice.files.wordpress.com/2019/05/50-state-survey-final.pdf>

“Judicial Education, *Private Violence*, and Community Action: A Case Study in Legal Participatory Action Research,” 22:1 *Journal of Gender, Race, & Justice* 41 (2019)

“Anonymity, Privacy, and Confidentiality,” in *Ethics in Participatory Research for Health and Social Well-Being* (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

“Return Law and Order to Wild West of Payday Lending,” *Cincinnati Enquirer* (November 29, 2017)  
(with Emily M.S. Houh)

“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**

“Feminist Judgments Project: Approach and Impact,” Invited Panelist, Summer Feminist Legal Theory Series, August 2023

“Group Level Assessments: A Participatory Action Research Method,” Invited Speaker, Participatory Research Innovation Lab, Durham University, Durham, England, July 2022

“Women in the Legal Profession: Critical Race/Feminist Stories,” Dorsey & Whitney, Denver, CO, October 202

“Asking the ‘Other’ Question: Stories, Data, Methods, and More Stories,” Invited Speaker, Empowered Women Empower Women Symposium, Cincinnati Bar Association, October 2021

“Antiracism and Allyship,” Invited Speaker, Ohio Women’s Bar Association, February 2021

“Community-Based Approaches to Judicial Training on Domestic Violence,” Invited Speaker, Community Law Wellington and Hutt Valley, Wellington, New Zealand, 2020

“Developing Judicial Training on Domestic Violence: A Case Study,” Invited Speaker, Ministry of Health, Wellington, New Zealand, 2020

*Hamilton County Domestic Violence Summit Follow-Up Series: Protection Orders*, Cincinnati, Ohio, 2020 (program organizer with community partners)

“Researching Diversity,” Invited Speaker, Third Annual Leadership Council on Legal Diversity Pathfinder Alumni Meeting, Cincinnati, Ohio, 2019

*Hamilton County Domestic Violence Summit: Collaborating for Safer Communities*, Cincinnati, Ohio, 2018 (conference organizer)

“Change Makers Conference,” Panelist, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio, 2018

*Transatlantic Approaches to Racial Equality*, Cincinnati, Ohio, 2018 (conference organizer)

“Urban Impact: Co-Researching with Community Partners to Design Trainings on Domestic Violence,” University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio, 2018

Participatory Action Research: Theories, Methods, and Challenges--A Course for Doctoral Students and Members of Community Organizations,” Course Faculty, Durham University, England, 2017, 2018, and 2019

“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 Symposium,” 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**

- Inducted as a Fellow of the Graduate School, University of Cincinnati (selected by peers, approved by the Board of Trustees)
- Award for Faculty Excellence, awarded by the Provost, University of Cincinnati, 2018
- 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, 2021, 2010, 2003
- Women’s Studies Faculty Research Grant, University of Cincinnati, 2006
- AAUW American Fellowship, American Association of University Women Educational Foundation, 1999-2000
- Institute for Citizens & Scholars 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, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Thesis Committees**

Chair, "Queering Family Law," by Dayna Matthews, forthcoming fall 2022  
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

## **College of Law Service**

Co-Director, Nathaniel R. Jones Center for Race, Gender, and Social Justice, 2010 to 2021  
Co-Director, Joint Degree Program in Law and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, 2001 to present  
Co-Chair, Entry-Level Appointments Committee, 2022-23  
Chair, Law and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Committee, 2002 to present  
Chair, Academic Policy and Curriculum Committee, 2013-14; Member, 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04, 2004-05, 2005-06, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21  
Co-Chair, Search Committee for Executive Director of the Jones Center, 2021  
Member, Appointments Committee, 2010-11, 2011-12, 2019-20  
Member, Faculty Advisory Committee, 2006-07, 2007-08, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2021-22, 2022-23  
Member, Committee on Reappointment, Promotion, and Tenure, 2007-08, 2009-10, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2017-18, 2018-19  
Member, International Programs Committee, 2018-19  
Member, Search Committee for Director of Domestic Violence Clinic, College of Law, University of Cincinnati, 2005, 2018  
Member, Orientation Committee, College of Law, University of Cincinnati, 2003-16

## **University and National Academic Service**

Faculty Advisory Board, University of Cincinnati Press (appointed by the Provost), 2020-present  
University of Cincinnati Graduate Council, elected 2021 to present  
Advisory Board, Interdisciplinary Community-Based Research Book Series, 2018-present  
Member, Committee to Design Social Justice Undergraduate Major, University of Cincinnati, 2020-21  
Member, Faculty Senate, University of Cincinnati, 2002-04  
Member, Search Committee for Mary Ellen Heintz Distinguished Professor of Women's Studies, Department of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, University of Cincinnati, 2003  
Chair, Association of American Law Schools, Section on Law and the Humanities, 2006; Chair-Elect, 2005; Program Chair, 2004  
Executive Board, Association of American Law Schools, Section on Law and the Humanities, 2002-12

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  
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**

Madisonville Education and Assistance Center, Board of Trustees, Cincinnati, Ohio, 2018 to present  
Advisory Board, The Help Center, Hamilton County Municipal Court, Cincinnati, OH, 2019 to present  
YWCA of Greater Cincinnati, Advocacy and Communications Committee, 2016 to 2019  
YWCA of Greater Cincinnati, Violence Against Women Subcommittee, 2016 to present  
"Framing the Issues: Domestic Violence," Training for Judges and Magistrates, Supreme Court of Ohio  
Judicial College (Toledo, Cleveland, Dayton, Columbus, 2017)  
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, 2011-16

### **Professional Affiliations**

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