

ELIZABETH MERTZ
Curriculum Vitae

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Education:

J.D.	1988	Northwestern University School of Law, <i>Magna cum Laude</i> , Order of the Coif, graduated first in class
Ph.D.	1982	Duke University, in Sociocultural Anthropology
B.A.	1976	Bryn Mawr College, in Anthropology <i>Magna cum Laude</i> with Honors in Anthropology
	1974	University of Michigan at Ann Arbor (Fall semester study in Anthropology)

Awards and Honors:

2010	Selected a 2010-2011 Fellow in Princeton University's Program in Law and Public Affairs
2008	Co-Winner, Herbert Jacob Book Prize, Law & Society Association, for The Language of Law School: Learning to "Think Like a Lawyer"
2007	Named John and Rylla Bosshard Professor of Law, University of Wisconsin Selected to be Editor of the <i>Political and Legal Anthropology Review</i>
2005	Elected Treasurer of the Law & Society Association
1999	Centennial Presenter, The John Marshall Law School
1997	First Place Award, Feature Article, Scholarly Journals, awarded to Bowman & Mertz article, "What Should the Courts Do About Memories of Sexual Abuse? Toward A Balanced Approach" by the Society for National Association Publications
1995	Elected to Board of Trustees, Law & Society Association; Class Representative to Executive Committee
1990	Elected a Fellow of the American Anthropological Association

- 1988 John Paul Stevens Prize for Academic Excellence, Northwestern University Law School (awarded to graduate with highest grade-point average)
- 1988 Graduated *Magna cum Laude*, Order of the Coif, Northwestern University Law School
- 1988 Lowden-Wigmore Prize for Best Student-Written Law Review Article, *Northwestern University Law Review*
- 1988 National Association of Women Lawyers Award for "Outstanding Third Year Student," Northwestern University Law School
- 1987-88 Law and Social Science Fellowship, Northwestern University (stipend)
- 1986-88 Northwestern University Law Review, Coordinating Articles Editor (1987-88) (Articles office coordinator; symposium, book review editor)
- 1985-88 Wigmore Fellowship, Northwestern University Law School (full tuition)
- 1985-88 Dean's List, Northwestern University Law School
- 1978-81 Mellon Foundation Fellowships (full tuition and stipend)
- 1977-80 Duke University and Duke Canadian Studies Center Research Grants
- 1976-78 Duke University Graduate Fellowships (full tuition and stipend)

Employment Experience:

- 2007- John and Rylla Bosshard Professor of Law, University of Wisconsin
2002- Professor, University of Wisconsin Law School
Affiliated Faculty, Department of Anthropology, University of Wisconsin
- 1995- Senior Research Faculty, American Bar Foundation, Chicago, Illinois
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- 1989-95 Research Fellow, American Bar Foundation, Chicago, Illinois
- 1998- Associate Professor, University of Wisconsin Law School
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- 1997 Visiting Associate Professor, University of Wisconsin Law School
- 1989-95 Research Fellow, American Bar Foundation, Chicago, Illinois

- 1996-98 Associate Professor, Northwestern University School of Law
 1993-96 Assistant Professor, Northwestern University School of Law
- 1988-89 Clerk, Judge Richard Cudahy, United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit
- 1987-88 Fellow, Law and Social Science Program, Northwestern University
- 1987 PILI Fellow, Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights Under Law
- 1981-88 Research Fellow and Project Director (Law and Language Project), Center for Psychosocial Studies, Chicago, Illinois

Teaching Experience:

- 2010-11 Princeton University
Courses taught: Graduate Seminar: Language and Culture; Freshman Seminar: Law and Language
- 1997- University of Wisconsin Law School
Courses taught: Family Law; Legal Process; Controversies in Marriage, Divorce, and Custody Law; Interdisciplinary Law Practice
- 1993-98 Northwestern University School of Law
Courses taught: Contracts; Legal Profession; Language and Law; Law and Anthropology; Advanced Topics in Language and Law
Supervised: SJD, LLM student theses; Senior Research projects
- 1993- Reader on Ph.D. dissertation committees for graduate students at University of Chicago; University of Wisconsin; Northwestern University

Grants:

- 2006 Law School Admission Council Grant for "Senior Status in the Legal Academy" (\$121,075)
- 1991 Spencer Foundation Grant for "The Language of Law School Education: A Sociolinguistic/Semiotic Study of the First-Year Law School Classroom" (\$187,900)
- 1991-2008 ABF Grants for Funded Projects:
 (1) Law School Education; (2) New Legal Realism; and
 (3) Senior Status in the Legal Academy Projects

Research**Interests:**

- * Law and language; law and qualitative social science
- * Legal profession; law & education
 - law school and professional socialization
 - gender, race, social stratification in the legal academy/profession
 - ethics and professional culture
- * Law and representation; public culture, social science, and legal "translations"
- * Legal, social science, and cultural treatment of violence
 - families, law, and abuse issues; incest and violence against children

Books, Edited Volumes, and Special Issues:

- 2008 [Mertz, ed.] *Social Science in Legal Decisions*. Aldershot, UK: Ashgate
- 2007 [Macaulay, Friedman, and Mertz] *Law in Action: A Socio-Legal Reader*. Mineola, NY: Foundation Press
- 2007 *The Language of Law School: Learning to "Think Like a Lawyer"*
Oxford: Oxford University Press
- 2002 [Greenhouse, Mertz, & Warren, eds.] *Ethnography in Unstable Places: Everyday Lives in Contexts of Dramatic Political Change*. Durham, NC: Duke University Press
- 1994 [Mertz, ed.] Community and Identity in Sociolegal Studies. *Law & Society Review*, 28(5)
- 1994 [Frohmann & Mertz, eds.] Women, Violence, and the Law. *Law & Social Inquiry*, 19(4)
- 1985 [Mertz & Parmentier, eds.] *Semiotic Mediation: Sociocultural and Psychological Perspectives*. New York: Academic Press

Articles and Essays:

- n.d. [Mertz & Goodale] Comparative Anthropology of Law. *Comparative Law and Society*, D. Clark, ed. Edward Elgar Publishing. In prep
- n.d. Undervaluing Indeterminacy: Legal Translations of Social Science. *DePaul Law Review*. In press
- n.d. Social Science and the First Apprenticeship: Moving the Intellectual Mission of Law Schools Forward. *Journal of the Legal Writing Institute*. In press

- n.d. [Barnes and Mertz] Is It Fair? Law Professors' Perceptions of Tenure. *Journal of Legal Education*. In press
- n.d. Law School Education. Ms.
- 2010 [Suchman & Mertz] Toward a New Legal Empiricism: Empirical Legal
Studies
and New Legal Realism. *Annual Review of Law and Social Science*, Vol. 6:
555-579
- 2010 [Mertz, Barnes, Tung, Njogu, Heiler, & Martin] After Tenure: 2010 Study
Report. [Completed, in preparation for posting by ABF and LSAC]
- 2008 Introduction: Toward a Systematic Translation of Law and Social Science. In
The Use of Social Science in Legal Decisions, E. Mertz (ed), pp. xiii-xxx.
Aldershot: Ashgate
- 2007 Inside the Law School Classroom: Toward a New Legal Realist Pedagogy.
Vanderbilt Law Review 60: 483-513
- 2007 Translating Science into Family Law. *DePaul Law Review* 56: 799-821
- 2007 Semiotic Anthropology. *Annual Review of Anthropology* 36: 337-353
- 2007 [Goodale & Mertz] Anthropology of Law. In *Encyclopedia of Law and Society:
American and Global Perspectives*, D. Clark (ed.). London: Sage
- 2005 [Handler, Lobel, Mertz, Rubin & Simon] Roundtable – New Legal Realism,
Micro-Analysis of Institutions, and the New Governance: Exploring
Convergences and Differences. *Wisconsin Law Review* 2005(2): 479-518
- 2005 [Erlanger, Garth, Larson, Mertz, Nourse, Wilkins] Introduction: New Legal
Realist Methods. *Wisconsin Law Review* 2005(2): 335-363
- 2004 [Yovel & Mertz] The Role of Social Science in Legal Decisions. *Blackwell
Companion to Law and Society*, A. Sarat (ed.), 410-431. Oxford: Blackwell
- 2004 [Mertz & Yovel] Courtroom Narrative. In *Routledge Encyclopedia of Narrative
Theory*, D. Herman, M. Jahn, & M. Ryan, eds. Routledge
- 2003 [Mertz & Philips] Law and Language. *International Encyclopedia of
Linguistics* (2nd ed.). Oxford: Oxford University Press

- 2002 The Perfidy of Gaze and the Pain of Uncertainty: Anthropological Theory and the Search for Closure. In *Ethnography in Unstable Places: Everyday Lives in Contexts of Dramatic Political Change*, C. Greenhouse, E. Mertz, & K. Warren (eds), pp. 355-378. Durham, NC: Duke University Press
- 2002 Performing Epistemology: Notes on Language, Law School, and Yovel's Legal-Linguistic Culture. *Stanford Agora*, Vol. 2
(www.law.stanford.edu/agora/volume2/mertz.shtml)
- 2000 Tapping the Promise of Relational Contract Theory: "Real" Legal Language and A New Legal Realism. *Northwestern University Law Review*, 94(3): 909-36
- 2000 Teaching Lawyers the Language of Law: Legal and Anthropological Translations. *John Marshall Law Review*, 34(4):91-117
REPRINTED IN: *The ABF Anthology*. ABA Press (2007)
AND: *The Role of Social Science in Law*. Ashgate (2008)
- 2000 [Mertz & Yovel] Metalinguistic Awareness. *International Handbook of Pragmatics 2000*:1-26. Amsterdam: John Benjamins
REPRINTED IN: *Cognition and Pragmatics*, ed. Jef Verschueren. Amsterdam: John Benjamins.
- 1999 [Bowman & Mertz] Attorneys as Gatekeepers to the Court? The Potential Liability of Attorneys Bringing Suits Based on Recovered Memories of Sexual Abuse. *Hofstra Law Review*, 27(2):223-84
- 1998 [Mertz with Njogu & Gooding] What Difference Does Difference Make? The Challenge for Legal Education. *Journal of Legal Education*, 48(1): 1-87
- 1998 Linguistic Constructions of Difference and History in the U.S. Law School Classroom. In *Democracy and Ethnography: Constructions of Identity in Multicultural Liberal States*, C. Greenhouse (ed.), pp. 218-32. New York: SUNY Press
Also appeared as: American Bar Foundation Working Paper #9419
- 1998 [Mertz & Lonsway] The Power of Denial: Individual and Cultural Constructions of Child Sexual Abuse. *Northwestern University Law Review*, 92(4): 1415-58
- 1996 [Bowman & Mertz] A Dangerous Direction: Legal Intervention in Sexual Abuse Survivor Therapy. *Harvard Law Review*, 109 (3): 549-639

- 1996 Recontextualization as Socialization: Text and Pragmatics in the Law School Classroom. In *Natural Histories of Discourse*, M. Silverstein and G. Urban (eds.), pp. 229-49. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
Also appeared as: American Bar Foundation Working Paper #9418
- 1994 Legal Language: Pragmatics, Poetics, and Social Power, 1994 *Annual Review of Anthropology*, 23:435-55
- 1994 Legal Loci and Places in the Heart: Community and Identity in Sociolegal Studies. *Law & Society Review*, 28 (5):971-92
- 1994 A New Social Constructionism for Sociolegal Studies. *Law & Society Review*, 28 (5):1243-65
- 1994 [Frohmann & Mertz] Legal Reform and Social Construction: Of Violence, Gender, and Law. *Law and Social Inquiry*, 19(4): 829-51
- 1993 Learning What to Ask: Metapragmatic "Factors" and Methodological Reification. In *Reflexive Language: Reported Speech and Metapragmatics*, J. Lucy (ed.), pp. 159-74. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press
- 1992 Linguistic Ideology and Praxis in U.S. Law School Classrooms. *Pragmatics*, 2(3):325-34
REPRINTED IN: *Language Ideologies*, B. Schieffelin, K. Woolard & P. Kroskrity (eds.), pp. 149-62. Oxford: Oxford University Press (1998) **AND** *A Cultural Approach to Interpersonal Communication: Essential Readings*, ed. Leila Monaghan and Jane Goodman, pp. 368-377. Malden, MA: Wiley-Blackwell (2007)
- 1992 Creative Acts of Translation [Review essay]. *Yale Journal of Law & the Humanities*, 4(1):165-85
- 1992 Language, Law and Social Meanings: Linguistic/Anthropological Contributions to the Study of Law [Review essay]. *Law & Society Review*, 26(2):601-33
REPRINTED IN: *Legal Theory and the Social Sciences*, Vol. II. Maksymilian Del Mar, and Michael Giudice, eds. New York: Ashgate (2010)
- 1992 Steps toward a Semiotic of Selves [Review essay]. *Semiotica*, 90 (3/4):295-309
- 1990 Consensus and Dissent in U.S. Legal Opinions: Narrative Control and Social Voices. *Anthropological Linguistics*, 30(3/4):369-94.

- REPRINTED IN: *Disorderly Discourse: Narrative, Conflict and The Social Construction of Inequality*. C. Briggs (ed.), pp. 135-57. Oxford: Oxford University Press (1996)
- 1989 Sociolinguistic Creativity: Cape Breton Gaelic's Linguistic Tip. In *Investigating Obsolescence: Studies in Language Contraction and Death*, N. Dorian (ed.), pp. 103-16. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press
- 1989 Alternative Paradigms for Legal Theory. *Northwestern University Law Review*, 83(1/2):1-9
- 1988 The Burden of Proof and Academic Freedom: Protection for Institution or Individual? *Northwestern University Law Review*, 82(2):492-539
- 1988 The Uses of History: Language, Ideology and Law in the United States and South Africa. *Law & Society Review*, 22(4):661-85
REPRINTED IN: *Law & Society Review Reader*, R. Abel (ed.) 1995, pp. 361-81. New York: New York University Press
- 1987 Science and Relativism: An Historical View of Anthropology's Unresolved Dilemma. *Anthropology and Humanism Quarterly*, 12(2):30-37
- 1987 "Realist" Models of Judicial Decision-Making: Of Squatters and Pragmatic Contexts. *Working Papers and Proceedings of the Center for Psychosocial Studies*, 15:1-21
- 1985 Beyond Symbolic Anthropology: Introducing Semiotic Mediation. In *Semiotic Mediation*, Mertz & Parmentier (eds.), pp. 1-19
- 1985 [Mertz & Weissbourd] Legal Ideology and Linguistic Theory: Variability and its Limits. In *Semiotic Mediation*, Mertz & Parmentier (eds.), pp. 261-85
- 1985 [Weissbourd & Mertz] Legal Creativity versus Rule Centrism: The Skewing of Legal Ideology through Language. *Law & Society Review*, 19(4):623-59
- 1983 Pragmatic and Semantic Change: A Cape Breton System of Personal Names. *Semiotica*, 44 (1/2):55-74
- 1982 Language and Mind: A 'Whorfian' Folk Theory in U.S. Language Law. *Working Papers in Sociolinguistics*, 93:1-21. Austin: Southwestern Educational Laboratory

Other Publications and Writings:

- 2006 A Tribute to Clifford Geertz. Brief obituary for the *Empirical Legal Studies Blog*. www.elsblog.org (November 2006)
- 2006 [Mitchell and Mertz] The Empirical Turn in the Legal Academy: A New Legal Realist Perspective. *Law & Society Newsletter*, November 2006, p. 4-5.
- 2006 [with Stewart Macaulay and Robert Nelson] Week-long ELS Blog Symposium on New Legal Realism. Guest bloggers/hosts of symposium on the *Empirical Legal Studies Blog*, June 19-23, 2006. www.elsblog.org
- 2000 [Mertz & Bowman] Fight against Sexual Abuse Still a Difficult Road. *Chicago Tribune*, Thursday, Feb. 3, 2000, Section 1, p. 23.
- 1998 [Mertz & Bowman] Third-Party Liability in Repressed Memory Cases: Recent Legal Developments. *Psychological Hypnosis* 7(3).
- 1998 [Bowman & Mertz] Repressed-Memory Law Not At all Fuzzy; "Voice of the People" editorial; *Chicago Tribune*; Tuesday, Aug. 11, Section 1, p. 10.
- 1997 [Bowman & Mertz] Reply. *Judges' Journal*, 36(3): 77-80.
- 1996 [Bowman & Mertz] What Should the Courts Do About Memories of Sexual Abuse? Toward a Balanced Approach. *Judges' Journal*, 35(4): 6-17.

Editor's Introductions/ *PoLAR: Political and Legal Anthropology Review*

- 33:2 2010 [Mertz & Timmer] Getting It Done: Ethnographic Perspectives on NGOs
- 33:1S2010 [Mertz & Bowie] Disciplinary Edges
- 33:1 2010 Anthropology at Many Crossroads
- 32:2 2009 Topic: Law's Ambivalent Role (NGOs, Indigenous Land Rights)
- 32:1 2009 Topics: Translating Anthropology, and the "New Anthropology of Crime"
- 31:2 2008 Topic: "Studying the Trial"

Editor's Introductions/ *Law & Social Inquiry*

- 27:3 2002 "From the Trenches and Towers: Editor's Introduction: 'Current Illusions and Delusions About Conflict Management'"
- 25:2 2000 "From the Trenches and Towers: Affirmative Action in Law School Admissions: The University of Michigan Study"
- 25:2 2000 "Symposium on Gender, Agency, Violence, and the Law"
- 24:4 1999 Topic: Evidentiary Privilege for Social Scientists (with Karyl Kinsey)
- 23:4 1998 "Remembering Herb Jacob"
- 23:3 1998 Topic: Social Science Study of the American Law Institute
- 23:2 1998 "Legal Ethics in the Next Generation: The Push for a New Legal Realism"
- 22:1 1997 Topic: Journal History & Policies

21:3 1996 Topic: Business Disputing Symposium (with Carol Heimer)

21:1 1996 Topic: Journal Transition

Book Reviews:

2003 Gregory Matoesian, *Law and the Language of Identity: Discourse in the William Kennedy Smith Trial*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. In *American Ethnologist* 30(4): 632-34

2001 Susan U. Philips, *Ideology in the Language of Judges: How Judges Practice Law, Politics, and Courtroom Control*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. In *Language in Society* 30(1): 111-15

1997 Jennifer L. Pierce, *Gender Trials*. Berkeley: University of California Press. In *The Law and Politics Book Review* 7(3): 102-4

1990 June Starr & Jane Collier, eds. *History and Power in the Study of Law*. Cornell: Cornell University Press. In *American Ethnologist*, 18(1):178-79

1987 Sally Falk Moore. *Social Facts and Fabrications: Customary Law in Kilimanjaro*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. In *Contemporary Sociology*, 17(1):71-72

Pro Bono Briefs & Service

1999-2002 Member, Board of Directors; Leadership Council for Justice, Mental Health, and the Media [non-profit group concerned with educating the public and legal system about existing science on child abuse]

1999 Of counsel [with Cynthia Bowman], Amicus Brief in support of petitioner (alleged child sexual abuse victim) in *Clay v. Kuhl*, Nos. 86938-86941 in the Supreme Court of Illinois.

Academic Professional Service:

2010- Editorial Board, Legal Education Book Series, Ashgate Press

2010- Research Committee Coordinator & Consultant, National Quality Improvement Center on the Representation of Children in the Child Welfare System

2010- Co-organizer, International Research Network on Legal Education, Law & Society Association

2010 Graduate Student Workshop, Law & Society Association Meetings

2010- Academic Contributor, *Black's Law Dictionary*

2008- Editorial Board, Language and Law Book Series, Oxford University Press

- 2008- AALS Research Committee [Organizer of AALS Research Committee Program on Implicit Bias at 2011 AALS Meetings]
- 2008-10 Ad Hoc Committee on the Annual Meeting, Law & Society Association
- 2007-10 Carnegie Legal Education Reform Project
- 2007-12 Editor, *PoLAR: Political and Legal Anthropology Review*
- 2007-10 Member, Editorial Board, *Law & Society Review*
- 2005-06 Treasurer, Law & Society Association
- 2004- New Legal Realism Project / Co-sponsored by the American Bar Foundation & the Institute for Legal Studies at University of Wisconsin Law School
 - wrote and submitted original grant proposal [funded at \$60,000 by ABF]
 - co-organized initial conference [with Jane Larson & Pam Hollenhorst, ILS], held in Madison, Summer 2004
 - planned and organized project website and publicity (ongoing)
 - presented at NLR events: Faculty workshop on NLR & law teaching (Louise Trubek, organizer); Faculty-student seminar on NLR & legal anthropology (Victoria Nourse, organizer); *Wisconsin Law Review* Symposium on Law, Poverty, and Land (student-run and organized)
 - co-organized joint 2 NLR-FLT conferences: (1) at Emory University School of Law [with Martha Fineman & Anthony Petro]; (2) at the Institute for Legal Studies at University of Wisconsin Law School [with Martha Fineman and Gwen Jordan]
 - helped to plan & oversee NLR publications: special issues of the *Wisconsin Law Review* and *Law & Social Inquiry*
 - helped to organize NLR participation in 2006 AALS Meetings
 - organized NLR Blog Symposium on the *Empirical Legal Studies Blog*
 - organized CRN “Realist and Empirical Legal Methods” for LSA; helped to coordinate CRN panels for LSA meetings (ongoing)
 - Organizer, NLR Chicago-area working group on “Translation” (ongoing)
- 2004 Graduate Student Workshop Faculty, Law & Society Meetings, Chicago, Illinois
- 2003-04 Program Committee, Law & Society Association (Organizer for book panels)
- 2002-03 Dissertation Prize Committee, Law & Society Association
- 2001 Spencer Foundation Graduate Student Workshop faculty

2001	Law & Society Association Summer Institute faculty
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2008	Guest Associate Editor, <i>Law & Social Inquiry</i>
1999-2001	Symposium and Special Features Editor, <i>Law & Social Inquiry</i>
1992-99	Co-Editor, <i>Law & Social Inquiry</i>
1989-92	Associate Editor, <i>Law & Social Inquiry</i>
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1999-00	Didactic Workshop Committee, Law & Society Association
1999	Graduate Student Workshop Faculty, Law & Society Meetings, Chicago, IL
1998-99	Chair, Kalven Prize Committee, Law & Society Association
1996-97	Chair, Nominations Committee, Law & Society Association
1995-98	Trustee & Class Representative to Executive Board, Law and Society Association.
1992-94	Special Issue Editor, <i>Law & Society Review</i> . Issue: Community and Identity in Sociological Studies.
1992-94	Special Issue Editor, <i>Law & Social Inquiry</i> . Issue: Women, Violence and the Law.
1992-93	Nominations Committee, Law and Society Association.
1991-92	Program Committee for 1992 Law and Society Association Meetings; Subcommittee Coordinator and Moderator for Hill-Thomas Plenary.
1991	Co-Taught Graduate Student Workshop on "Language, Meanings, and Legal Culture" at 1991 Law and Society Meetings in Amsterdam, Netherlands.
1990-91	Planning Committee for Feminist Plenary and Events at 1991 Law and Society Association Meeting

Manuscript review for *Judicature*, *Language in Society*, *Ethos*, *Journal of Legal Education*, *American Ethnologist*, *Law & Society Review*, *Law & Social Inquiry*, *Journal of Linguistic Anthropology*; individual grant review and panel service for National Science Foundation [and ongoing review of book manuscripts and journal proposals for presses, tenure & promotion reviews, etc.]

Memberships:

American Anthropological Association
 American Ethnological Society
 Association of Political and Legal Anthropology
 Law and Society Association
 Society for Linguistic Anthropology

Professional Papers and Symposia (2001-2010):

- 2010 Integrating Intellectual, Ethical, Practical, and Empirical Training in Legal Education. Rutgers-Camden School of Law Faculty Colloquium, November 2010.
- 2010 [Organizer and Presenter] Legal Education Reform after Carnegie: Bringing Law-in-Action into the Law School Classroom (2-day national conference held in Madison, Wisconsin)
- 2010 Law & Society Association Meetings, Chicago:
 --Invited Panelist, Panel on Empirical Methods. Law & Society Association Graduate Student Workshop
 --Participant, Methods Showcase: Methodological Issues in Analyzing Transcripts
 --Invited Participant, Theme Session: Law & Society and Empirical Legal Studies: Differences that Matter?
 --Chair, Roundtable: Can We Translate Law and Society? Toward a New Legal Realist Framework
 --Discussant, Dynamics and Changes in Legal Education: The Training of Elites in Perspective (panel)
- 2010 Undervaluing Indeterminacy: Legal Translations of Social Science. DePaul University College of Law, Clifford Symposium
- 2010 Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Legal Education. American University Washington College of Law Faculty Colloquium
- 2009 The Myth of Transparent Translation: Legal Epistemology and Social Science. Brown University Legal Studies Seminar
- 2009 Translating Social Science in Legal Arenas: The Myth of Transparency. New Directions in Law & Society Workshop: Engaging with Empiricism, Indiana University Law School
- 2009 Social Science and the First Apprenticeship. Yes We CarNegie Conference, John

Marshall Law School

- 2008 Translating Anthropology and Law: “Can You Get There From Here?” Frontiers in the Anthropology of Law Colloquium, Yale Law School
- 2008 Speaker on featured panel entitled “Empirical Research Strategies for Understanding the Legal Profession: Examples from Current Research,” sponsored by the AALS Committee on Research, at American Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting in New York
- 2008 Endnote Speaker, Midwest Law & Society Retreat, Madison, Wisconsin
- 2008 Featured speaker (and author) at conference: *Contracts: Law in Action Workshop* (Feb. 15-16 2008, Madison, Wisconsin)
- 2008 Where New Legal Realism Meets Gender: New Paradigms. Paper presented at 4th NLR conference: Working From the World Up: Equality's Future -- A New Legal Realism Conference Celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the Feminism and Legal Theory Project. Sponsored by the Institute for Legal Studies, the Feminism and Legal Theory Project at Emory University, the New Legal Realism Project, and the Wisconsin Journal of Law, Gender and Society
- 2008 Organized 2 panels, presented in 2 panels at Law & Society Association Meetings, Montreal
- 2007 Commentator, Jurisgenesis Conference, St. Louis, Missouri
- 2007 Studying the Traditional Law School Classroom: The ABF and Carnegie Studies. Fall Presentation to UWLS Ideas and Innovations Series
- 2007 Participation in Stanford-Carnegie Conference on the future of legal education
- 2007 Panel Chair at Conference: “Law and Society in Transition and Developing Countries” (University of Wisconsin Global Legal Studies Center)
- 2007 Law & Society Association Meetings, Berlin:
 --Author on Book Panel: Author-Meets-Reader – *The Language of Law School: Learning to “Think Like a Lawyer”*
 --Language Structure and Law School Reform. Paper presented in panel entitled “Studying How Institutions Mediate Law: New Legal Realist Methods”
 --Panel Chair/Law and Society in the Law School Curriculum: New Legal Realism
- 2007 Conference Co-Organizer / Introduction – 3rd NLR Conference: New Legal

Realism meets Feminism & Legal Theory II: Empirical Perspectives on the Place of Law in Women's Work and Family Lives (U. Wisconsin & Emory U.)

- 2006-07 “Two Talks for the Price of One: The Problem of Interdisciplinary Audiences.” ABF Research Seminar (March); Presentation to Research Advisory Committee, Fellows of the ABF (April); “The Language of Law School,” Presentation to ABF Board (2006); Presentation to ABF Fellows, Oregon Conference (2006)
- 2006 New Legal Realist Models for Collaborating with Social Scientists: Translating Qualitative and Quantitative Research. Invited Talk at AALS Plenary Session entitled “Conducting Empirical Research in a Law School Setting,” held at the 2006 AALS Meetings in Washington, D.C.
- 2006 The Politics of Social Science Translation in Family Law. Paper presented in “Ties That Bind: Family Relationships, Biology, and the Law,” DePaul Law Review / Family Law Center Symposium held in Chicago, IL
- 2006 Language in Law School Education. Paper presented in Vanderbilt Law School “Conference on Legal Education: Past, Present, and Future,” Nashville TN
- 2006 Panel moderator for 2 panels at Midwest Law and Society Retreat in Madison, Wisconsin (September)
- 2006 Discussant on 2 panels at Law & Society Association Meetings in Baltimore, Maryland: (1) Gender, Feminism, and the Politics of Law; and (2) Culture, Memory, Identity, and Law
- 2005 New Legal Realism presentations at the UW Law School:
 --New Legal Realism and Clinical Legal Education (Response to Louise Trubek). University of Wisconsin Law School Friday Faculty Series.
 --Legal Anthropology, Legal Language, and New Legal Realism. Session in L&CP Student/Faculty Seminar on New Legal Realism at UWLS directed by Victoria Nourse.
 --Introductory Remarks. *University of Wisconsin Law Review* Symposium on “New Legal Realism: Law, Land, and Poverty”
- 2005 Legal “Facts” and the Meta-Language of U.S. Law School Education. Presentation to Semiotics Workshop, University of Chicago
- 2005 [Co-Organizer/Commentator] ABF Internal Workshop on Research Methods [Topic: Studying Law in Times of Terrorism]
- 2005 [Conference Co-Organizer/Presenter] Effective Translation: New Legal Realism and Grounded Legal Epistemologies. Paper presented in panel entitled

- “Interdisciplinary Translation: New Legal Realism Meets Feminist Legal Theory” held at FLT/NLR Conference: *Combining Legal and Empirical Research to Generate New Perspectives on Work, Family, and Gendered Lives* held at Emory University School of Law. Atlanta, Georgia (June)
- 2005 [Organizer/Commentator] ABF Roundtable on Interdisciplinary Translation: Law and Language at the Meta-Level
- 2005 Getting and Losing Footing: Learning the Language of U.S. Law. Invited Lecture, University of Illinois-Chicago Department of Criminal Justice and Institute for Humanities
- 2004 Panelist in invited Fortieth Anniversary Panel entitled “LSA at the Start (1966): Law on the Books and Law in Action – Legal Realism, New Formalism, and the New Legal Realism” held at the 2004 Law & Society Association Meetings in Chicago, Illinois
- 2004 Commentator in panel entitled “The Risk of Collusion: Law and Social Science Meet Child Sexual Abuse” held at the 2004 Law & Society Association Meetings in Chicago, Illinois
- 2004 [Conference Organizer/Presenter] Participant in “Roundtable on New Legal Realism, New Legal Pragmatism and the ‘Re-New Deal’: Formulating a New Paradigm” held at New Legal Realism Conference in Madison, Wisconsin
- 2003 [Organizer/Chair/Presenter] Panel entitled “Legal and Social Scientific Responses to Child Sexual Abuse: The Social Construction of Truth” held at the 2003 Law & Society Association Meetings in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Paper Title: “Parental Alienation or Child Sexual Abuse? The Social Construction of Truth in Child Custody Battles”
- 2003 [Organizer/Chair/Presenter] The “Wisconsin Tradition” and the “New Legal Realism”, panel held at the 20th “Feminism and Legal Theory” Summer Workshop [Martha Fineman, organizer], Madison, Wisconsin
- 2003 Commentator in panel entitled “Becoming Experts: Language and the Socialization of Apprentices and Proto-Professionals” held at the 2003 American Anthropological Association Meetings in Chicago, Illinois
- 2001 Cultural Invisibility and Hegemony in Legal Education. Presentation at Cornell University Law School
- 2001 Presentation in panel entitled “The Challenges of Collaboration” for Law & Society Association Summer Institute

2001 Commentator in Invited Session entitled “Law at the Margins: Legal Anthropology from Periphery to Center” held at the 2001 American Anthropological Association Meetings in Washington, D.C.