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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Michigan Law School 2020–present

Assistant Professor of Law

University of Chicago Law School 2018–2020

Harry A. Bigelow Teaching Fellow & Lecturer in Law

EDUCATION

Yale Law School, J.D. 2012–2018

Yale Law Journal, Vols. 123 & 124

Israel H. Peres Prize: Best student publication appearing in the *Yale Law Journal*

Margaret Gruter Prize: Best paper concerning behavioral science and law

Yale Graduate School of Arts & Sciences, Ph.D. in Psychology 2012–2018

Dissertation approved with distinction

Graduate Policy Fellow at the Institution for Social and Policy Studies (ISPS)

Swarthmore College, B.A. in Psychology 2006–2010

Highest Honors

Phi Beta Kappa; Sigma Xi Scientific Research Society

Oak Leaf Award: Most outstanding woman in the graduating class

Solomon Asch Award: Most distinguished senior thesis in Psychology

Flack Achievement Award: Most outstanding member of the junior class

PUBLICATIONS

Law Review Publications

Commonsense Consent, 129 YALE LAW JOURNAL 2232 (2020)

Consumer Psychology and the Problem of Fine Print Fraud, 72 STANFORD LAW REVIEW 503 (2020) (with Meirav Furth-Matzkin)

The Voluntariness of Voluntary Consent: Consent Searches and the Psychology of Compliance, 128 YALE LAW JOURNAL 1962 (2019) (with Vanessa K. Bohns)

Will Putting Cameras on Police Officers Reduce Polarization?, 125 YALE LAW JOURNAL 1150 (2016) (Note)

The Psychology of Punishment and the Puzzle of Why Tortfeasor Death Defeats Liability for Punitive Damages, 124 YALE LAW JOURNAL 1295 (2015) (Comment)

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Experimental Jurisprudence, SCIENCE (forthcoming 2021)

Contract Schemas, ANN. REV. L. & SOC. SCI. (forthcoming 2021)

Using Random Assignment to Measure Court Accessibility for Low-Income Divorce-Seekers, 118 PNAS (2021) (with D. James Greiner, Ellen Degnan, & Thomas Ferriss)

Why Do We Hate Hypocrites? Evidence for a Theory of False Signaling, 28 PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCE 356 (2017) (with Jillian J. Jordan, David G. Rand, & Paul Bloom)

Exploring Public Attitudes Toward Approaches to Discussing Costs in the Clinical Encounter, 29 JOURNAL OF GENERAL INTERNAL MEDICINE 1 (2014) (with Marion Danis, Jean Logan, Beverly Weidmer, Shirley Chen, Susan Goold, Steven Pearson, Greer Donley, & Elizabeth McGlynn)

Focus Groups Highlight that Many Patients Object to Clinicians' Focusing on Costs, 32 HEALTH AFFAIRS 338 (2013) (with Susan Dorr Goold, Elizabeth A. McGlynn, Steven D. Pearson & Marion Danis)

Forgoing Debriefing in Deceptive Research: Is it Ever Ethical?, 23 ETHICS & BEHAVIOR 98 (2013) (with Franklin G. Miller)

Book Chapters

Affective Forecasting and Well-Being, in OXFORD HANDBOOK OF COGNITIVE PSYCHOLOGY (2013) (with Barry Schwartz)

Popular Press

You Were Duped Into Saying Yes. Is That Still Consent?, NEW YORK TIMES

Predictions—Whether Algorithmic or Human—May Not Be Fair, BOSTON GLOBE (with Sharad Goel & Julian Nyarko)

Would You Let the Police Search Your Phone?, NEW YORK TIMES (with Vanessa K. Bohns)

The “Reasonable” Way to Respond to Being Sexually Harassed, THE BEHAVIORAL SCIENTIST

The Real Problem with Hypocrisy, NEW YORK TIMES (with Jillian J. Jordan & David G. Rand)

GRANTS

National Science Foundation , with Vanessa K. Bohns Law & Social Sciences Grant “A Psychological Account of Voluntary Consent”	2018
University of Chicago Booth Center for Decision Research Thaler-Tversky Independent Research Grant “Getting Consent in Writing”	2018
American Psychological Association American Psychology-Law Society (Division 41) Grant-in-Aid “The Actor-Observer Gap in the Fourth Amendment: Assessing the Voluntariness of Consent Searches”	2017
Harvard Program on Negotiation , with Meirav Furth-Matzkin Next Generation Grant “Negotiating the Fine Print”	2017
Yale Law School Oscar M. Ruebhausen Grant “Diverse Populations Study”	2016
Yale Law School Oscar M. Ruebhausen Grant “When Does Yes Mean Yes?”	2015

HONORS & AWARDS

Graduate Policy Fellowship at the Yale Institute for Social Policy Studies	2017–2018
Yale Graduate School of Arts & Sciences Conference Travel Award	2016
SPSP Graduate Travel Award	2016
SPSP Diversity Fund Travel Award	2016
Lucretia Mott Fellowship	2012

Deans' Award	2010
Outstanding Research Award: NSF Research Experience for Undergraduates	2009
Philip Evans Scholarship	2006–2010
Susan Kawaichi Appreciating Diversity Award	2006
National Merit Scholar	2006

PRIOR EXPERIENCE

San Francisco Affirmative Litigation Project	2017–2018
Research Assistant for Profs. Douglas Kysar, Reva Siegel, and John Witt	2015–2017
National Consumer Law Center	Summer 2017
Temporary Restraining Order Project	2016–2017
American Psychological Association Office of the General Counsel	Summer 2013
Ethics Bureau at Yale	2013
Research Fellow & Ethics Consultant, NIH Department of Bioethics	2010–2012

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Michigan Law School (Assistant Professor of Law)

Torts
 Mini-Seminar: “Strangers to Ourselves”

University of Chicago Law School (Harry A. Bigelow Teaching Fellow & Lecturer in Law)

Seminar in Law and Psychology
 Legal Research and Writing
 Lawyering

Yale Law School (Teaching Assistant)

Torts
 Empirical Research Methods

Yale Psychology (Teaching Fellow)

Developmental Psychology
 Psychology and the Good Life

SERVICE

Entry-Level Personnel Committee	2021-present
Founder and Director, Psychology and Law Studies (PALS) Lab	2018–present

Organizer, New Frontiers of Experimental Jurisprudence Conference	2019
Advisory Board, Access to Justice Lab at Harvard Law School	2017–2018
Organizer, Experimental Jurisprudence Workshop, Yale Law School	2017

Ad Hoc Reviewer

American Law and Economics Review
Journal of Experimental Criminology
Journal of Empirical Legal Studies
Journal of Experimental Social Psychology
Journal of Legal Studies
Kriterion
Law and Human Behavior
Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences
Yale Law Journal