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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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 “Deformed Consent” 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

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

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

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 Ethics Bureau at Yale	Summer 2013 2013
Research Fellow & Ethics Consultant, NIH Department of Bioethics	2010–2012

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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

Founder and Organizer, 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
Co-Chair, YLS Student Advisory Committee on Faculty Recruitment	2016–2018
Diversity Committee, Yale Law Journal, Vols. 123–125	2013–2016
Academic Chair, YLS Women of Color Collective	2016–2018

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Talks

2020

1. Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Annual Meeting, Panel on Experimental Jurisprudence, “What an Experimental Approach Can Teach Us About Consent”

2019

2. Yale Law School, Contemporary Issues in Legal Scholarship, “Commonsense Consent” (scheduled)
3. Notre Dame Law School, Law & Economics Workshop, “The Voluntariness of Voluntary Consent” (scheduled)
4. National Institutes of Health, Department of Bioethics Works in Progress Series, “What Do Laypeople Think Consent *Is?*”
5. University of Pennsylvania Law School, Empirical Contracts Workshop, “Contract Schemas and the Problem with Getting Consent in Writing”
6. University of Chicago Law School, Workshop on Regulation of Family, Sex, and Gender, “Commonsense Consent”
7. Loyola University Chicago, Psychology & Criminal Justice Program, “Voluntary Consent and the Psychology of Compliance”
8. University of Chicago Law School, Seminar on Consumer Contracts, “Consumer Psychology and the Problem of Fine Print Fraud”

2018

9. University of Chicago Booth School of Business, Center for Decision Research Brown Bag, “Consent and Deception in Law and Psychology”
10. Yale Law School, Contemporary Issues in Legal Scholarship, “The Voluntariness of Voluntary Consent: Consent Searches and the Psychology of Compliance”
11. Faculty of Law at Ruhr University Bochum, Experimental and Naturalistic Perspectives on the Philosophy of Law, “On the Folk Theory of Consent”
12. Yale Law School, Seminar in Law and Psychology, “Consent and Rape: An Experimental Jurisprudence Approach”
13. Yale Psychology, Social Psychology Brown Bag, “Judging the Voluntariness of a Consent Search by Police”

2017

14. National Consumer Law Center, “Consumer Law and Advocacy: Insights from Psychological Research”
15. Boston University, Morality Lab, “The Moral Psychology of Consent”
16. Cornell University ILR School, Micro OB Lab, “Lay Intuitions About Consent and Voluntariness”
17. Cornell University, Ferguson Automaticity Lab, “Social Prediction Errors and the Law of Consent”
18. Harvard Kennedy School, Behavioral Insights Student Group, “Behavioral Insights and Access to Justice”

2016

19. Brown University, Social Cognitive Science Brown Bag, “Commonsense Consent”

20. Harvard University, Moral Psychology Research Lab, “Consent and Voluntariness: Legal Versus Lay Views”
21. University of Pennsylvania, Character Lab, “What is Consent? A Psychological Perspective”
22. Boston Area Moral Cognition Group, “Deception and Commonsense Consent”
23. Harvard Business School, BX2016, “Law and Behavioral Insights”
24. Harvard Law School, Student Association for Law & Mind Sciences, “The Psychology of Consent”
25. Swarthmore College, Symposium in Honor of Barry Schwartz, “No Means No, But When Does Yes Mean Yes?”

Conference Presentations

2019

1. University of Chicago Law School, New Frontiers in Experimental Jurisprudence Workshop
2. Academy of Management (AOM), 2019 Annual Meeting, “The Farce of Consent: Psychological Factors that Undermine the Voluntariness of Consent across Contexts”
3. AOM, 2019 Annual Meeting, “Underestimating the Difficulty of Denying Someone Access to One’s Personal Data”
4. American Law and Economics Association (ALEA), 2019 Annual Meeting, “Consumer Psychology and the Problem of Fine Print Fraud”
5. Law & Society Association (LSA), 2019 Annual Meeting, “Voluntary Consent and the Psychology of Compliance”
6. U.C. Berkeley Law, Consumer Law Scholars Conference, “Consumer Psychology and the Problem of Fine Print Fraud”

2018

7. Loyola University Chicago School of Law, Junior Scholars Works-in-Progress Conference, “Commonsense Consent”
8. Society for Philosophy and Psychology (SPP), 2018 Annual Meeting, “On the Folk Theory of Consent”
9. Conference on Empirical Legal Studies in Europe (CELSE), “How Consumers and Lawyers Perceive the Fine Print in Deception Cases”
10. ALEA, 2018 Annual Meeting, “The Voluntariness of Voluntary Consent”

2017

11. Society for Judgment and Decision Making (SJDM), “Judging Consent for Self, Other, and the Reasonable Person”
12. Yale Law School, Workshop on Experimental Jurisprudence, “Toward a Folk Theory of Consent”

13. Cornell Law School, Conference on Empirical Legal Studies (CELS) 2017, “Judging the Voluntariness of Consent: A Psychological Critique of the Fourth Amendment Reasonable Person Standard”

2016

14. Carroll School of Management at Boston College, Boston Judgment and Decision Making Day, “Endurance Framing and Limited Resources: Implications for Health, Law, and Policy” (data blitz)
15. LSA, 2016 Annual Meeting, “Folk Theories of Consent”
16. Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP), 2016 Annual Meeting, “Will Putting Cameras on Police Reduce Polarization?” (poster)

2015

17. Washington University School of Law in St. Louis, CELS 2015, “Perplexing Public Attitudes Toward Consent”
18. Yale Law School, Doctoral Scholarship Conference, “Lay Versus Legal Theories of Consent”
19. SPSP, 2015 Annual Meeting, “Discrimination in Hiring via Motivated Reasoning” (poster)

Pre-2015

20. UC Berkeley School of Law, CELS 2014, “Jury Instructions and Biased Perceptions of Video Evidence”
21. American Society for Bioethics and the Humanities (ASBH), “Discussing Costs in the Clinical Encounter”
22. Advancing Ethical Research Conference, “Truth in Advertising: Research Participants May Be Deceived”