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## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

### **Academic Roles**

#### **Harvard Law School**

##### **Petrie-Flom Center for Health Law Policy, Biotechnology, and Bioethics**

*Executive Director, 2023-present*

Oversight of the Center's sponsored research portfolio, event programming, fellowships, student engagement, development, and a range of other projects and collaborations.

#### **George Washington University**

##### **Milken Institute School of Public Health and Jacobs Institute for Women's Health**

*Professorial Lecturer, "Women's Health Policy" 2019, 2020*

*Co-author, Pregnant Women and Substance Use, 2016*

#### **Johns Hopkins University**

##### **Genetics & Public Policy Center, Berman Institute on Bioethics**

*Law and Policy Director, Reproductive Genetics 2002-2009; and Consultant 2010-2012*

Legal and policy work on reproductive genetic testing, gene transfer and reproductive cloning.

Oversaw convenings, multidisciplinary publications, national survey of *in vitro* fertilization clinics, and proposal for a PGD patient registry. Led Center's work in genetic discrimination and use of genetic information by the United States Military.

### **Legal and Policy Practice**

#### **The Alliance: Crisis Pregnancy Centers Project**

*Consultant, March 2022-April 2023*

Conducted interviews, developed analysis and policy recommendations for legal, legislative, academic, and regulatory approaches to "Crisis Pregnancy Centers."

#### **National Health Law Program**

*Interim Director, Reproductive and Sexual Health, January 2020-October 2021*

Led team of 10 attorneys and oversaw research, publications, and events related to Medicaid, assisted reproduction, urgent care centers, and tensions between disability justice and reproductive justice goals.

#### **All\* Above All**

*Consultant, December 2018-January 2020*

Directed multidisciplinary "Medicaid Abortion Reimbursement" table.

#### **American Society of Human Genetics**

*Consultant/Writer, September 2018-January 2020*

#### **Center for Reproductive Rights**

*Consultant, December 2018-May 2019*

Led interviews, organized conference, and contributed to report on legal and policy approaches to compensated gestational surrogacy.

**URGE: Unite for Reproductive & Gender Equity**

*Interim Executive Director December 2017-September 2018*

Led staff in building campus chapters and Community Activist Networks in the South, Midwest, and California, among young people of color who are women, queer, trans, nonbinary, and people of low-income.

**National Human Genome Research Institute, National Institutes of Health**

*Consultant, 2015*

Key informant interviews, report: Genetic discrimination in life, long-term care, & disability insurance.

**Reproductive Health Technologies Project**

*Acting/Interim President and CEO, November 2016-December 2017 and December 2012-June 2013*

Led RHTP's strategic advocacy work through an executive transition. Increased fundraising from major foundations. Oversaw events and final organizational wind-down.

**Generations Ahead**

*Policy Director, 2009-2011, 2013-2014*

Built national visibility and effectiveness for a California-based start-up organization. Worked with messaging experts, activists from multiple social change movements, and constitutional law experts to develop strategies for discouraging sex selection without implicating reproductive rights.

**National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum**

*Independent Consultant, 2011-2012*

Advised NAPAWF president, staff, and consulting team on federal and state legislative work including Congressional testimony, articles, and reports.

**National Partnership for Women & Families**

*Director of Health Law Policy 1998-2002, Skadden Fellow 1995-1997*

Founded "Coalition for Genetic Fairness" aimed at passing genetic discrimination legislation. Led Partnership's work on genetic discrimination, health care quality, reproductive health, medical privacy, cloning, and IVF.

**Congresswoman Nita M. Lowey, United States House of Representatives**

*Legislative Counsel, 1997-1998*

**People For the American Way**

*Researcher, 1991-1992*

**EDUCATION**

**The University of Chicago Law School, JD** 1995

**Yale University, BA in History, Magna Cum Laude** 1991

## FELLOWSHIPS

- CoreAlign Fellowship/University of California San Francisco, Bixby Center** 2015  
Six-month training in “design thinking” for policy and advocacy.
- Skadden Fellowship for Public Interest Law, Women’s Legal Defense Fund** 1995-1997

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

The Biden-Harris Administration Needs to End Fake Abortion Clinics, [STAT News](#) (August 22, 2022).

Making “Convenient Care” the Right Care for All: Improving State Oversight of Urgent Care Centers and Retail Health, with Tess Solomon, Kelly Jo Popkin, Amy Chen, and Lois Uttley, [full text](#) (2021).

Pregnant Women and Substance Use: Overview of Research & Policy in the United States, with Darla Bishop, Liz Borkowski, Megan Couillard, Amy Allina, and Susan Wood; Jacobs Institute of Women’s Health, The George Washington University, [full text](#) (2017).

Gamete Donation (Strings Attached), [GeneWatch](#) (2014).

Obama Finally (Grudgingly) Does the Right Thing on Plan B, [Slate](#) (2013).

President Obama, Please Let Young Teens Have Access to Plan B, [Slate](#) (2013).

Sex Selection: What Role for Providers, with Sujatha Jesudason, [Contraception 86\(6\):597-9](#) (2012).

21<sup>st</sup> Century Parenting, [GeneWatch](#) (2011).

Preimplantation Genetic Diagnosis and Parental Preferences: Beyond Deadly Disease. [Houston Journal of Health Law & Policy 8: 245-270](#) (2008).

Civilian and Military Genetics: Nondiscrimination Policy in a Post-GINA World, with Kathy Hudson, [The American Journal of Human Genetics 83: 435-444](#) (2008).

Genetic Testing of Embryos: Practices and Perspectives of U.S. IVF Clinics, with David Kaufman and Kathy Hudson [Fertility and Sterility 89: 1053-1058](#). (2008).

## INVITED TESTIMONY

“Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act” on behalf of the Genetics and Public Policy Center, Hearing on Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Implementation of Title II of the Genetic Information Non-Discrimination Act of 2008, United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Washington, DC, February 25, 2009.

“Genetic Discrimination in the Workplace: The Need for Legislation” on behalf of the National Partnership for Women & Families, Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, United States Senate, Washington, DC, July 20, 2000.

## **SELECTED GUEST TEACHING**

“ART and Reproductive Technologies,” Reproductive Health Policy, Milken School of Public Health, George Washington University, Washington, DC, March 2020, March 2019, April 2017, April 2016.

“GINA and Genetic Regulatory Issues,” Genetics and Ethics class, Georgetown University, Washington, DC, March 2011, March 2010.

“Preimplantation Genetic Diagnosis and Reproductive Genetics” Ethical and Social issues in Genetics, American University, Washington, DC, February 2006.

“PGD: What Limits?” Greenwall Fellows Seminar, Georgetown University/Johns Hopkins University, Washington, DC, November 2005.

“Genetic Discrimination Law and Policy,” Law and Biomedical Sciences Seminar: Genetics, University of Maryland Law School, Baltimore, MD, April 2005.

“Genetic Enhancement and Public Policy,” seminar on The Politics of Reproductive Technology and Genetics, American University, January 2005.

“The Case of Preimplantation Genetic Diagnosis,” seminar on Women’s Health Policy, American University, Washington, DC, September 2004.

“Preimplantation Genetic Diagnosis: New Challenges for Patients, Providers, and Policymakers” University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA, October 2004.

“Genetic Discrimination Policy and Law” Seminar on Genetics and Society, Georgetown University, Washington, DC, April 2002.

## **SELECTED PRESENTATIONS**

“Women’s Health Policy Challenges,” From Persistence to Power; Facts, Truth, and Equity for Women: A Policy Research Forum for Change-Makers. Washington, DC, June 2017.

“Next-Gen GINA? Genetic Discrimination, Life, Long-term Care, and Disability Insurance and the Precision Medicine Initiative,” Presentation to staff of the National Institutes of Health/National Human Genome Research Institute, Bethesda, MD, November 2015.

“Present Day Effects of the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act,” Center for Business Intelligence Forum for Payers on Personalized Medicine, Washington, DC, March 2011.

“Genetic Discrimination: GINA Implementation Update,” National Society of Genetic Counselors Annual Conference, Dallas, TX, October 2010.

“Existing Structures for Privacy and Nondiscrimination Protections: Beyond the Genetic Nondiscrimination Act,” Direct to Consumer Genetic Testing Workshop, National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine, Washington, DC, August 2009.

“Reproductive Genetics: Public Health and Public Policy Choices,” American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, December 2005.

## **SERVICE**

### **Edmund Burke School Board of Trustees**

Vice President/Chair of Equity and Inclusion Committee 2016-2022

**Wellesley College**, Chair, Wellesley Centers for Women Council of Advisors 2010-2017

**Institutional Review Board**, Chair, Genetic Alliance Registry/BioBank 2005-2012

**Reproductive Health Technologies Project**, Board Member 2005-2011