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### ***Employment***

2002-present

Walter W. Foskett Professor of Law

2005-present

Director, Center for Constitutional Democracy  
Indiana University Maurer School of Law

January 2008,  
2007 and 2005

Visiting Professor, University of Paris II (Pantheon-Assas)

Spring 2004

Visiting Fellow, Wolfson College, Cambridge University, UK

Spring 2004

Visiting Fellow, European University Institute, Fiesole, Italy

1993-2002

Professor of Law  
Indiana University School of Law

1992-93

Visiting Professor of Law  
Indiana University School of Law

1989-1993

Associate Professor of Law  
Cornell Law School  
(tenure awarded in 1991)

1986-89

Assistant Professor of Law  
Cornell Law School

1985-86

Judicial Clerk to Judge Ruth Bader Ginsburg  
U.S. Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit

### ***Education***

1982-85

Harvard Law School J.D. magna cum laude  
John Sears Award  
Supervising Editor, Harvard Law Review

1978-82

Harvard University B.A. in Philosophy cum laude  
Josiah Royce Award in Philosophy  
Phi Beta Kappa

## *Scholarship*

### Books

- Difference and Constitutionalism in Pan Asia** (Susan H. Williams, ed.) (Cambridge University Press, forthcoming 2013)
- Constituting Equality: Gender Equality and Comparative Constitutional Law** (Susan H. Williams, ed.) (Cambridge University Press, 2009) (paperback edition 2011)
- Truth, Autonomy, and Speech: Feminist Theory and the First Amendment** (New York University Press 2004)

### Articles and Book Chapters

- 2013 Ruth Bader Ginsburg Lecture: Women and Judging: A Feminist Approach to Judging and the Issue of Customary Law*, **Thomas Jefferson Law Review** (forthcoming 2013)
- Customary Law, Constitutional Law, and Women's Equality*, in **En/Gendering Governance: From the Local to the Global** (Kim Rubenstein and Katie Young, eds.) (Cambridge University Press, forthcoming 2013)
- A Feminist View of Mercy, Judgment, and the "Exception" in the Context of Transitional Justice*, in **Merciful Judgment** (Austin Sarat, ed.) (Cambridge University Press, 2012)
- Gender Equality in Constitutional Design: An Overview for Sri Lankan Drafters*, in **The Sri Lankan Republic at 40: Reflections on Constitutional History, Theory, and Practice** (Asanga Welikala, ed.) (Center for Policy Alternatives 2012)
- Democratic Theory, Feminist Theory, and Constitutionalism: The Challenge of Multiculturalism in Feminist Constitutionalism* (Beverly Baines, Daphne Barak-Erez., and Tsvi Kahane, eds.) (Cambridge University Press 2012)
- Free Speech and Autonomy: Thinkers, Storytellers, and a Systemic Approach to Speech*, 27 **Const. Comm.** 399 (2011)
- Democracy, Freedom of Speech and Feminist Theory: A Response to Post and Weinstein*, 97 **Va. L. Rev.** 603 (2011)
- Democracy, Gender Equality, and Customary Law: Constitutionalizing Internal Cultural Disruption*, 18 **Indiana J. Global L. Studies** 65 (2011)
- Introduction: Comparative Constitutional Law, Gender Equality, and Constitutional Design in Constituting Equality: Gender Equality and Comparative Constitutional Law* (Susan H. Williams, ed.) Cambridge University Press, 2009)
- Equality, Representation, and Challenge to Hierarchy: Justifying Electoral Quotas for Women in Constituting Equality: Gender Equality and Comparative Constitutional Law* (Susan H. Williams, ed.) (Cambridge University Press, 2009)
- Thin Thin Aung and Susan H. Williams, *Women in the Constitutional Drafting Process in Burma* in **Constituting Equality: Gender Equality and Comparative Constitutional Law** (Susan H. Williams, ed.) (Cambridge University Press, 2009)
- Feminist Jurisprudence and Freedom of Speech*, 84 **Indiana Law Journal** 999 (2009)
- Theorie feministe et liberte d'expression* in **Thèmes et commentaires: Freedom of Expression** (Elisabeth Zoller, ed.) (Daloz 2008)
- Constitutional Drafting and Individual Rights: The Example of Religious Freedom*, in **Designing**

**Federalism** (National Reconciliation Program, UN 2005)  
*Constitutional Drafting and Individual Rights: The Example of Gender Equality*, in **Designing Federalism** (National Reconciliation Program, UN 2005)  
*Autonomy and the Public/Private Distinction in Bioethics and Law*, 12 **Ind. J. Global Legal Studies** 483 (Summer 2005)  
*Religion, Politics, and Feminist Epistemology: A Comment on the Uses and Abuses of Morality in Public Discourse*, 77 **Ind. L.J.** 267 (2002)  
 Book review of Anne Peters, **Women, Quotas, and Constitutions** (Kluwer Law International, 1999), 42 **The German Yearbook of International Law** 653 (1999)  
*Truth, Speech, and Ethics*, **Genders** (Nov. 1999) (electronically published; permanent location [http://www.genders.org/g30/g30\\_williams.html](http://www.genders.org/g30/g30_williams.html))  
*Sense and Sensibility: Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg's Mentoring Style as a Blend of Rigor and Compassion*, 20 **U. Hawaii L. Rev.** 589 (1998) (with David C. Williams)  
*A Feminist Reassessment of Civil Society*, 72 **Ind. L.J.** 417 (1997), reprinted in **Family, State and Law** (Michael D. Freeman, ed.), Volume 1 of **The International Library of Essays in Law and Legal Theory** (Tom D. Campbell, ed. 2d ed. 1999).  
*A Feminist Theory of Malebashing*, 4 **Michigan J. Gender & Law** 35 (1996) (with David C. Williams)  
*Globalization, Privatization, and a Feminist "Public": A Response to Professor Eisenstein*, 4 **Ind. J. Global Legal Studies** 97 (1996).  
*The Adverse Testimony Privilege, Inalienable Entitlements, and the 'Internal Stance': A Response to Professor Regan*, 81 **Va. L. Rev.** 2167 (1995)  
*Bioethics and Epistemology: A Response to Professor Arras*, 69 **Ind. L. J.** 1021 (1994)  
*Essay: Feminist Epistemology and First Amendment Theory*, 68 **Tulane L. Rev.** 1563 (1994)  
*Feminist Legal Epistemology*, 8 **Berkeley Women's L.J.** 63 (1993)  
*Legal Education, Feminist Epistemology, and the Socratic Method*, 45 **Stanford L. Rev.** 1571 (1993)  
*Utopianism, Epistemology, and Feminist Theory: A Review of Beyond Accommodation: Ethical Feminism, Deconstruction and the Law by Drucilla Cornell* (1991), 5 **Yale J. L. & Fem.** 289 (1993)  
*Content Discrimination and the First Amendment*, 139 **U. Pa. L. Rev.** 615 (1991)  
*Volitionalism and Religious Liberty*, 76 **Cornell L. Rev.** 769 (1991) (with David C. Williams)  
*Feminism's Search for the Feminine: Essentialism, Utopianism, and Community*, 75 **Cornell L. Rev.** 700 (1990)  
*The Uses of Myth: A Response to Professor Bassett*, 4 **J. of L. & Rel.** 153 (1986)  
 Note, *Reinterpreting the Religion Clauses: Constitutional Construction and Conceptions of the Self*, 97 **Harv. L. Rev.** 1468 (1984)  
 Case Comment, *Restrictions on Public Broadcasters' Rights to Editorialize -- FCC v. League of Women Voters*, 98 **Harv. L. Rev.** 205 (1984)

### **Prizes and Awards**

2013 Distinguished Faculty Research Lectureship  
 2006 Leonard Fromm Public Interest Faculty Award  
 2005 Outstanding Academic Title from Choice Magazine (for **Truth, Autonomy, and Speech**)

2004 Wallace Teaching Award  
2003 Presidential Citation for Service to the Profession, Indiana State Bar Association  
2000 Office for Women's Affairs Distinguished Scholar Award, Indiana University  
1999-2000 John S. Hastings Faculty Fellow, Indiana University School of Law  
1997-98 Harry T. Ice Faculty Fellow, Indiana University School of Law  
1996-97 Charles L. Whistler Faculty Fellow, Indiana University School of Law  
1994-95 Louis F. Niezer Faculty Fellow, Indiana University School of Law

### ***Public Speaking and Professional Meetings***

#### *Constitutional Advising Work*

Meetings in Chiang Mai, Thailand with the Euro-Burma Office, the United Nationalities Federal Council, and the Central Executive Committee of the Karen National Union to advise them on negotiations with the government of Myanmar (September 2013)

Meetings in Chiang Mai, Thailand with Burmese resistance groups and with the Women's League of Burma, to advise them on constitutional negotiations with the government of Myanmar (March 2013)

Meetings in Monrovia, Liberia with the Constitutional Reform Committee, Law Reform Commission, and Governance Commission of the Government of Liberia, to advise them on the process and substance of their upcoming constitutional amendments (January 17-26, 2013)

Meetings with Burmese ethnic minority civil society groups in Rangoon and Moulmein, Myanmar, and with resistance groups in Chiang Mai, Thailand, to advise them on constitutional negotiations with the government of Myanmar (November 2012)

Workshop presenter, Workshop on Women in the New Libyan Constitution, British Council program, Tunis, Tunisia (September 12-14, 2012)

Trainer, "Destoori" Project, Lawyers for Justice in Libya, Tunis, Tunisia (September 9-11, 2012)

Workshop presenter, Elections and Constitution-Building: Defining the Future, Lawyers for Justice in Libya, Tunis, Tunisia (January 24-28, 2012)

Workshop speaker, Writing Women's Human and Political Rights into New and Revised Constitutions in Arab Spring States, British Council Program, Wiston House, England (November 24-27, 2011)

Seminar on Constitutions and Gender Equality, Women's League of Burma, Delhi, India (September 2, 2011)

Advisory meetings and memo on the subject of their transitional constitution, Legislature of South Sudan (June 2011)

Seminar on Gender Equality and Constitutions for Women's League of Chinland, Mizoram State, India (December 2009)

Seminar on constitutionalism for Chin National Front, Aizawl, Mizoram State, India (June 2008)

Constitutional advisor, State Constitution Drafting Committees for Shan State, Karen State, Mon State, Kachin State, and Karenni State, several locations in Thailand (June 2008).

Constitutional advisor, National Reconciliation Program for Burma (NRP) and Ethnic Nationalities Council (ENC) session for state constitution drafting committees, Chiang

Mai, Thailand (followed by individual meetings with all seven state constitution drafting committees) (July 2007)  
Constitutional advisor, Federal Constitution Drafting and Coordinating Committee, Chiang Mai, Thailand (August 2007)  
Co-Organizer, Workshop on Constitutionalism in Burma, Indiana University School of Law – Bloomington (October 30-November 10, 2006) (a meeting of the Federal Constitution Drafting Committee)  
Constitutional advisor, Meeting of the Karen State Constitution Drafting Committee, Mae Sot, Thailand (July 2006)  
Advisory Board meeting, Peace Law Academy, Mae Sot, Thailand (July 2006)  
Speaker, Electoral Gender Quotas, Women’s League of Burma, Chiang Mai, Thailand (June 2006)  
Constitutional advisor, Meeting of the Shan State Constitution Drafting Committee, Chiang Mai, Thailand (June 2006)  
Constitutional advisor, Meeting of the Karenni State Constitution Drafting Committee, Mae Hong Son, Thailand (June 2006)  
Instructor, Seminar on Individual Rights in Constitutional Law, a week-long course for Burmese law students, Burma Lawyers’ Council School of Law, Mae Sot, Thailand (December 2004)  
Speaker, Freedom of Religion and Gender Equality, meeting of the State Constitutional Steering Committee of the Burmese Democratic Resistance, Chiang Mai, Thailand (August 2004)  
Speaker, Freedom of Religion and Gender Equality, meeting of Burmese Refugee Leaders, Delhi, India (August 2004)  
Speaker, Gender Equality and Constitutional Drafting, meeting of the State Constitutional Steering Committee of the Burmese Democratic Resistance, Chiang Mai, Thailand (November 2003)

#### *Invited Public Lectures*

Distinguished Faculty Research Lecture, Indiana University (April 25, 2013)  
Ruth Bader Ginsburg Lecture, John Marshall Law School, San Diego, CA (February 2013)  
C. Edwin Baker Memorial Lecture, West Virginia University College of Law (November 9, 2012)  
*Drafting Constitutions for Emerging Democracies: Burma and Liberia*, Duke Law School (April 9, 2007)  
*Gender Equality and Constitutional Drafting*, University of Liberia, Monrovia, Liberia (December 2005)  
*American Takings Jurisprudence*, Assumption Law School, Bangkok Thailand (December 2004)  
*Feminist Theory and Judging*, Annual Conference of the National Association of Women Judges, Indianapolis, IN (October 2004)  
*Feminist Theory and Sexual Harassment Law*, Indiana Conference for Women Lawyers, Indianapolis, IN (October 1998)  
Public lecture in honor of Women's History Month, *Feminist Legal Theory: Identity, Difference, and Law*, Indiana University (March 1995)

Academic Conferences and Seminars

- Panelist, *Machiavelli, Feminist Theory, and Constitutional Design*, presented at the International Association of Constitutional Law conference, Florence, Italy (October 18, 2013)
- Panelist, *Customary Law, Constitutional Law, and Women's Equality*, presented at the Conference on En/Gendering Governance: From the Local to the Global, Australian National University, Canberra, Australia (August 6-8, 2012)
- Panelist, *Globalism, Democracy-Building, and Legal Education*, presented at the Conference on Globalization, Professionalization, and Knowledge Development in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, O.P. Jindal Global University, Delhi, India (September 2-3, 2011)
- Conference organizer and closing speaker, Conference on Difference and Constitutionalism in Pan Asia, Indiana University Maurer School of Law (co-sponsored by the Pan Asia Institute) (March 2011)
- Conference organizer and moderator, panel on Political Citizenship, Conference on Gender, Sexuality, and Democratic Citizenship, Cardozo Law School (November 14-15, 2010)
- Panelist, *The Democracy Theory of Free Speech and the Role of Relationships: A Response to Post and Weinstein*, delivered at a Symposium on Free Speech, University of Virginia Law School (October 23, 2010)
- Speaker, *Mercy, Judgment, and the Epistemology of the Exception in the Context of Transitional Justice*, delivered at a Symposium on Merciful Judgments, University of Alabama (September 24, 2010)
- Panelist, *Democracy, Gender Equality, and Customary Law: Constitutionalizing Internal Cultural Disruption*, delivered at Conference on Human Rights in the Global South, Indiana University Maurer School of Law (April 2010)
- Invited Faculty Seminar, *Constitutional Design and Electoral Quotas for Women: Equality, Representation, and Challenge to Hierarchy*, William Mitchell School of Law (March 2010)
- Panelist, *Gender and Equal Political Citizenship in Burma: Electoral Gender Quotas, Democracy, and Disruption*, delivered at Cultural Studies Conference: Gender and Citizenship, Indiana University (February 2010)
- Panelist, *States of Emergency and Federalism: An Exploration of the Implications for Constitutional Design*, delivered at the American Political Science Ass'n Annual Meeting, Toronto (September 2009)
- Panelist, *Teaching Constitutional Law as if Gender Matters*, delivered at the International Ass'n of Law Schools Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C. (September 2009)
- Panelist, *Democratic Theory, Feminist Theory, and Constitutionalism: Models of Equality and the Challenge of Multiculturalism*, delivered at Feminism and Constitutionalism Conference, Queens College, Ontario, Canada (February 28-29, 2008)
- Panelist, *Constitutional Design and Electoral Quotas for Women: Equality, Representation, and Challenge to Hierarchy*, delivered at Conference on Constitutional Design, University of Texas Law School (January 29-31, 2009)
- Panelist, *Feminist Jurisprudence and Freedom of Speech*, delivered at a conference on Freedom of Expression, University of Paris II (January 2008)
- Panel commentator, Conference on Democracy and the Transnational Private Sector, Indiana University School of Law—Bloomington (April 13, 2007)

Organizer and Panelist, *Constituting Equality: Comparative Constitutional Law and Gender Equality*, Indiana University School of Law--Bloomington (March 23-24, 2007)

Panelist, *Women and the Law in Global Perspective*, Women and the Law Conference, Indianapolis, IN (November 2006)

Panelist, *The Globalization of Constitutionalism: Gender and Models of Equality*, delivered at Philosophy and Social Sciences Conference, Prague, Czech Republic (May 18-20, 2006)

Panelist, *Globalization and the Politics of Labor*, IU School of Law--Bloomington (February 2005)

Instructor, *American Constitutional Law and Freedom of Speech*, University of Paris II (a 10-hour mini-course) (January 2005)

Panelist, *Autonomy and the Public/Private Distinction in Bioethics and Law*, at the conference entitled "Back to Government?", Trento Law School, Trento, Italy (June 2004)

Instructor, *Modern Movements in Jurisprudence: Legal Theory and Identity*, a week-long class covering feminist jurisprudence and critical race theory, presented as part of the Indiana Graduate Program for Judges, Nashville, IN (June 1999, June 2001, June 2003)

Panelist, *Narrative Autonomy and Freedom of Expression*, Annual Meeting of the Law, Culture, and Humanities Association, University of Pennsylvania Law School, Philadelphia, PA (March 9, 2002)

Instructor, *Feminist Theory and the Ethics of Judging*, judicial education seminar for state supreme court justices from 5 states, Pacific Northwest Judicial Conference, Whitefish, Montana (August 26, 2001)

Panel Member, *Religion, Politics, and Feminist Epistemology: A Comment on the Uses and Abuses of Morality in Public Discourse*, at the conference on *Moralities of the Public Sphere: Law, Politics, and Popular Culture*, IU School of Law--Bloomington (April 6, 2001)

Instructor, *Critical Race Theory*, judicial education seminar, Annual Meeting of the Judicial Conference of Indiana, French Lick, IN (September 21, 2000)

Instructor, *Feminist Theory and the Ethics of Judging*, judicial education seminar, ABA Appellate Judges Seminar Series, Lake Tahoe, NV (August 21, 2000)

Instructor, *Feminist Legal Theory*, judicial education seminar, Indiana Graduate Program for Judges, Nashville, IN (June 2, 2000)

Panel member, *The First Amendment and Hate Crime Laws*, Conference on Responding to Hate, Indiana University (October 1999)

Panelist, *A Feminist Revision of the Truth Theory of Free Speech*, Law, Culture & Humanities annual meeting, Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C. (March 1998)

Panel member, Symposium on Feminism and Globalization, Indiana University School of Law, Bloomington (March 1996)

Panelist, Law and Society Annual Symposium: Law and "Civil Society", Indiana University School of Law, Bloomington (March 1996)

Faculty seminar with David Williams on our manuscript, *A Feminist Theory of Malebashing*, Chicago-Kent School of Law (September 1995)

Panel member, Olin Foundation Conference on Family Law, University of Virginia School of Law (March 1995)

Panel member, Tenth Circuit Judicial Conference, Denver, CO (August 1994)

Phelps Lecture, *Feminist Legal Theory and the First Amendment*, Tulane Law School (November 1993)

Panel member, Conference on Emerging Paradigms in Bioethics, Indiana University School of Law, Bloomington (April 1993)  
Panel member, Conference on Legal and Civic Education, Stanford Law School (March 1993)  
Panel member, Conference on Women in the Labor Market, Cornell School of Industrial and Labor Relations (Spring 1992)  
Participant, Georgetown Discussion Group on Postmodernism and Constitutional Law (Fall 1991)  
Panel Member, Feminist Jurisprudence Conference, Cornell Law School (March 1989)

### *Public Media Appearances*

Panel member, Pro & Con television show on AIDS and HIV, Indiana University (March 1999)  
Judge, Moot Court Panel on the Trial of Richard III, with the Chief Justice of the United States, William H. Rehnquist, Indiana University School of Law (October 1996) (televised locally and on CNN)  
Panel member, Pro & Con television show on affirmative action, Indiana University (May 1996)  
Panel member, Pro & Con television show on women's and men's styles of communication, Indiana University (1993)

### *Professional Activities*

Constitutional Advisor, Constitutional Review Committee and Law Reform Commission, Government of Liberia (2012-present)  
Constitutional Advisor, Lawyers for Justice in Libya (2012) and Women4Libya (2012)  
Constitutional Advisor, Government of South Sudan (2011-present)  
Constitutional Advisor, United Nationalities Federal Council (of Burma) (2011-present)  
Constitutional Advisor, Ethnic Nationalities Council of Burma (2007-present)  
Member, Technical Advisory Team, Federal Constitution Drafting Coordinating Committee, Burmese democracy movement (2005-2008)  
Legal Advisor, Women's League of Burma (2005-present)  
Constitutional Advisor, State Constitution Drafting Committees for Chin, Shan, Karen, Karenni, Mon and Kachin States in Burma (2005-present)  
Chair, Diversity Summit Planning Committee, Indiana State Bar Association (2003)  
Member, Briefing team for Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg at her confirmation hearings (July 1993)  
Peer Reviewer, Law, Culture and the Humanities Journal (2006), Perspectives on Politics (2009), and others  
Manuscript reviews for Cambridge University Press, University of Pennsylvania Press, Yale Law Journal, and others.

### *Institutional Service*

Director, Center for Constitutional Democracy, 2005-present

Director of Graduate Study, Law and Democracy Ph.D. program, 2009-present  
Organizing committee, Indiana Democracy Consortium, Bloomington, IN (June 2007)  
Member, Governing Board of the Institute for Advanced Study, Indiana University, 2004-2007  
Member, Patten Lecture Committee 2002-2004  
Member, Law School Strategic Planning Committee 2004-2005, 2012-13  
Member, University Tenure Advisory Committee 1999-2000  
Organizer, Responding to Hate (a University-wide, interdisciplinary workshop in response to the hate-based murder of an IU graduate student) October 3, 1999  
Organizer, Feminist Theory Reading Group (an interdisciplinary reading group bringing together women from around the university) 1996-1999  
Member, University Dean Review Committee (1995-96)  
Regular Faculty Committee service, including Ph.D. Admissions Committee (Chair, 2009-present); Appointments Committee 1994-96, 1997-98; Promotion & Tenure Committee 1998-2006 (Chair, 2005-06); and Educational Policy Committee (Chair, 2001-2003).  
Faculty advisor to the Feminist Law Forum  
Member, Search Committee for tenure-track appointment in the interdisciplinary Program on Ethics in Public Life (1990-92)  
Law School Representative to the University Faculty Council of Representatives (1987-88)

