**EDUCATION**

J.D., University of Michigan Law School (2004)

M.P.P., University of Michigan School of Public Policy (2004)

B.A., English, State University of New York at Geneseo (1996)

**TEACHING & FELLOWSHIPS**

Beck Chair, Visiting Professor of Law, Temple University Law School (2021-2022)

Health and Human Rights

Reproductive Health Law

Research fellow, Temple University Center for Public Health Law Research (2019–present)

Adjunct fellow, University of Pennsylvania Center for Public Health Initiatives (2015–present)

Master of public health teaching faculty, University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine (2017–2020)

Health and Human Rights

Program Development: Developing Effective Public Health Programs Using A Human Rights Approach

Adjunct professor, Drexel University Thomas R. Kline School of Law (2016)

International Human Rights Law

Instructor, University of Michigan Women Studies Program (2003–2004)

Women and Health

Instructor, University of Michigan Lloyd Scholars Program (2001–2003)

First-year persuasive writing

Volunteer, US Peace Corps, Namibia, (1997–1999)

Grades 9 and 10 English

**NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS & GOVERNMENT**

Senior legal advisor, Learning and Innovation, Ipas (2016–2021)

Develop and conduct research projects to address gaps in evidence in the global reproductive health field, in partnership with non-governmental organizations and universities. Identify emerging legal issues in reproductive health care and design projects to address them, with a current focus on legal risk in humanitarian settings and self-managed abortion and the law. Develop and implement strategies for global advocacy and research dissemination.

Senior policy advisor, Ipas (2005–2016)

Advised, trained, and produced guidance documents for ministry officials, parliamentarians, advocates, and lawyers in Africa and Asia on human rights-based and WHO-recommended reproductive health law and policy; led Ipas advocacy at UN and African human rights bodies to shape standards on abortion; established and oversaw Ipas US federal policy program on foreign policy to improve abortion access.

Fellow, Office of United States Senator Barbara Boxer & Women’s Research and Education Institute, Washington, D.C. (2005)

Research, analysis, and constituent meetings on judicial nominations and reproductive health policy.

Researcher, PAI, Kathmandu, Washington, D.C. (2004)

Conducted in-country research on the impact of US foreign policy on reproductive health in Nepal.

Researcher, intern, Center for Reproductive Rights, East Africa, New York, Washington, D.C. (2001, 2003)

Designed and conducted fact-finding on the impact of US foreign policy on reproductive health in Ethiopia, Kenya, and Uganda; researched reform of the UN human rights system, women in prison for abortion, and US foreign policy.

Intern, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Geneva (2002)

Supported the Human Rights Committee and the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination through research and analysis in the context of individual complaints and state party reporting.

**PUBLICATIONS**

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**Skuster P.** Advocacy in Whispers: The impact of the USAID global gag rule updon free speech and free association in the context of abortion law reform in three African countries. 11 Mich J Gender & L 97 (2004).

**PRESENTATIONS**

Managing legal risk in crisis settings, Inter-Agency Working Group on Reproductive Health in Crisis Annual Meeting, virtual (October 2020)

Policy surveillance for global abortion advocacy, Society of Family Planning Annual Meeting, virtual (October 2020)

When law fails medical progress: A global mapping of national laws on self-induced abortion, American Public Health Association Conference, Philadelphia (November 2019)

The harms of criminalization self-managed abortion, briefing for the U.N. Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, Geneva (October 2019)

Public health law research to advance abortion law, Center for Public Health Law Research at Temple University Symposium, 10 Years of Public Health Law Research, Philadelphia (September 2019)

Criminalization of self-induced abortion, World Congress of Gynecology and Obstetrics, Rio de Janeiro (October 2018)

De-medicalizing abortion care to expand access, World Congress of Gynecology and Obstetrics, Rio de Janeiro (October 2018)

Understanding how police can partner with public health organizations to serve stigmatized health needs of women in Africa, Conference on Law Enforcement and Public Health, Toronto (October 2018)

How abortion laws criminalize women who self-induce, Georgetown Journal of Gender and the Law Symposium: Dismantling Reproductive Injustices, Washington, D.C. (September 2016)

Police as partners in promoting access to abortion, Conference on Law Enforcement and Public Health, Amsterdam (October 2016)

Global health and human rights accountability, University of Pennsylvania Center for Public Health Initiatives, Philadelphia (August 2015)

Improving access to safe abortion: engaging police in three African countries, National Abortion Federation Annual Meeting, Baltimore (April 2015)

International reproductive rights, Temple University Institute for International Law and Public Policy, Philadelphia (March 2015)

Protecting reproductive rights in the face of restrictive legislation, University of Pennsylvania Law School, Transitioning from Casey, Philadelphia (February 2015)

Engaging police to improve access to safe abortion, American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans (November 2014)

Fitting the law to the reality of medical abortion, Rutgers School of Law, Beyond Roe conference, Philadelphia (October 2013)

Abortion and global legal issues, Drexel University Earle Mack School of Law Roe at 40 Symposium, Philadelphia (September 2013)

Abortion-related restrictions in US foreign policy, American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, San Diego (November 2008)

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Treasurer-at-Large, Women’s Medical Fund

Member, American Society for International Law

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Member, National Abortion Federation

Bar Admission: New York State

**LANGUAGES**

Native English, limited working proficiency of French