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Widener University Delaware Law School
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EDUCATION

Columbia University, School of Arts, Master of Fine Art in Writing, May 2017

Honors: *Columbia Journal of Art and Literature*, Board Member

Fordham University School of Law, Juris Doctor, May 2005

Honors: *Fordham International Law Journal*; Archibald R. Murray Public Service Award;
Dean's Award of Excellence for Outstanding Service

Cornell University, Bachelor of Arts, May 2002

Major: Government

Honors: Dean's List, National Honor Society

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Contract Law; Business Organizations; Corporate Social Responsibility and Ethics; Law, Literature, and Narrative Justice; State and Local Government Law

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Widener University Delaware Law School

Assistant Professor of Law, July 2020 – Present

Courses Taught: Contract Law; Sales and Transactions (Uniform Commercial Code); Business Organizations; Corporate Social Responsibility

Founding Director, Narrative Justice Project

New York Foundation for the Arts

Oct. 2019 – Present

Urban Law Center, Fordham University School of Law

Director, Sept. 2019 – July 2020

Associate Director | Urban Law Fellow, Jan. 2018 – Sept. 2019

Administrative Law Judge

New York State Department of Labor

2010 – 2011

Assistant Attorney General

District of Columbia Office of the Attorney General

2008 – 2010

Assistant Corporation Counsel
New York City Law Department, Office of the Corporation Counsel
2006 – 2008

Legal Fellow | Law Clerk
Honorable Justice Jaime A. Rios
New York State Supreme Court, Queens County
2005 – 2006

RESEARCH & PUBLICATIONS

Law

Forthcoming

- *Divergent Narratives in Contract and Business Law*, law review article in progress.
- *#MeToo: Rethinking Law and Literature to Define Narrative Justice*, 101 OR. L. REV. (forthcoming 2024).
- Geeta Tewari et al., *The Ethics of Gender Narratives for Corporate Boards*, in LEADERSHIP, LAW, AND POWER 397 (Renee Knake Jefferson & Hannah Brenner Johnson eds., 2023).

Publications

- Geeta Tewari, *Can I Speak, Now?!: The Need for Marginalized Voices to Shape ESG Advising for Corporations in Global Supply Chains*, in CONTRACTS FOR RESPONSIBLE AND SUSTAINABLE SUPPLY CHAINS: MODEL CONTRACT CLAUSES, LEGAL ANALYSIS, AND PRACTICAL PERSPECTIVES (Susan A Maslow & David V Snyder, ABA Publishing, 2023).
- *Local Governance, Pay Equity, and the Pandemic: Applying New York City Human Rights Law*, 84 ALB. L. REV. (2022)
- *For the Sake of Narrative Justice, Womxn*, MICH. JOUR. R. & L. (2020)
- *The Ethics of Gender Narratives for U.S. Corporate Boards*, 16 N.Y.U. J. L. & B. 221 (2019)
- LAW AND THE NEW URBAN AGENDA, co-editor, with Nestor M. Davidson (Routledge 2020)
- GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES IN URBAN LAW: THE LEGAL POWER OF CITIES, co-editor, with Nestor M. Davidson (Routledge 2018)
- *Eminent Domain in the City of New York: A Discussion of the Public Hearing and Notice Requirements and Methods for Judicial Challenges Under the Eminent Domain Procedure Law*, co-authored with Natasha Demosthene, Government, Law, and Policy Journal, Spring 2007

Other Legal Writing

- *Brief for Geeta Tewari, Esq. as Amicus Curiae Supporting Defendants-Appellants, People v. Allen*, 198 A.D.3d 531 (2021)
- Urban Law Center: Urban Law Bulletin, <https://www.urbanlawcenter.org/blog-1>
- Research Assistance to Catherine Powell for her article, *Lifting Our Veil of Ignorance: Culture, Constitutionalism, and Women's Human Rights in Post-September 11 America*, 57 Hastings L.J. 331-383 (2005)

Other Writing intersecting with Economy, Gender, Humanity, Law, Race, and Sociology

- The Abortion (*New England Review*, 2021) – Finalist, Award for Emerging Writers
- Documenting Assimilation to the State of Marriage (*The Southern Review*, 2021)
- Excerpts, Divorce Diary (*Epiphany Magazine*, 2021) – Pushcart Prize Nominee
- Two Poems (*Michigan Quarterly Review*, 2019)
- Postpartum, short story (*Granta Magazine*, 2019)
- Confessions on Womanhood, flash-fiction story (*New England Review*, 2018)
- Discipline, short story (*Granta Magazine*, 2017)
- How To Make Love, short story (*NY Tyrant*, 2017)
- This Is How Your Life Begins, short story (*Caustic Frolic*, New York University Center for Experimental Humanities, 2017)
- The Indianness, short story (*Narrative Magazine*, 2015)
- Evacuation, poem (*Mom Egg Review*, Vol. 12, 2014)
- Oxford, Massachusetts, poem, (*Podium Magazine*, Issue 11)
- Impressionism, poem (*Ibbetson Street Magazine*, Vol. 32, 2012)
- Help Wanted, After All, personal essay (*Boston Globe*, 2009)
- *Female Circumcision: A Ritual Worth Continuing?*, co-authored with Kim Webster, 1999, unpublished term paper, cited by Philip McMichael in *Development and Social Change: A Global Perspective*, 4th Edition, Pine Forge Press, 2008

Other Works in Progress

- HOW TO USE A LAW DEGREE (novel)
- *A Modern Reader in Narrative Justice* (with Narrative Medicine Scholar Jenessa Abrams, law and literature anthology)
- *Confessions on Womanhood* (poetry collection)

Research and Writing Awards

Widener University Provost's Grant, 2021-2022

H. Albert Young Fellowship in Constitutional Law, 2022-2024

2023 Margins Fellowship, Asian American Writers Workshop

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Widener University Delaware Law School

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, 2023-present

Faculty Appointments Committee, 2022-2023

Faculty Development Committee, 2020-2022

Enrollment Management Committee, 2020-present

Institute of Delaware Corporate and Business Law, 2020-present

Fordham University

Fordham 100 Years of Women Committee, Member

Fordham LGBTQ Network of Support

CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION, INVITATIONS, AND PARTICIPATION

Integrating Doctrine and Diversity Speaker Series, DEI Pedagogy in Business and Financial Law, Roger Williams University School of Law, October 4, 2023

- Presenter

TEDx Widener University, September 28, 2023

- Invited Talk: Teaching Financial Responsibility in Cultures of Silence

Swarthmore College English Department, Creative Writing Program

- Invited Guest Lecturer, September 20, 2023

Southeastern Association of Law Schools, New Scholars Workshop – Race, Gender, and the Law, July 24, 2023

- Presenter

Law and Society Association, Panel: Legal Processes, Narratives, and Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights (Hybrid), June 3, 2023

- Presenter

16th Annual International Conference on Contracts, Texas A&M University School of Law, Panel: Contract in a Mass Transaction World, March 17, 2023

- Presenter

Eighth Annual International and Comparative Urban Law Conference, Peter A. Allard School of Law (Hybrid), July 14-16, 2022

- Moderator and Presenter

Initiative Organizer, The Ethics of Compassion in International Business Law: A CLE Roundtable Discussion, Widener University Delaware Law School, People to People International – Delaware Chapter, & the Narrative Justice Project, Feb. 14, 2022

- Moderator and Speaker

Swarthmore College English Department, Creative Writing Program

- Invited Guest Lecturer, October 6, 2021

Seventh Annual International and Comparative Urban Law Conference, TU Berlin (Hybrid), July 15-16, 2021

- Moderator and Presenter

Eighth Annual Applied Legal Storytelling Conference, Mercer University School of Law, July 14, 2021

- Presentation: Defining Narrative Law

How Organization and Mobilization Shape Law Through Narratives, Law and Society Association Annual Conference, May 27, 2021

- Presentation: Defining Narrative Law

Initiative Organizer, The Ethics of Empathetic Lawyering: A CLE Roundtable Discussion, Widener University Delaware Law School & Narrative Justice Project, Feb. 2, 2021

- Moderator and Speaker

Cooper-Walsh Colloquium: The Impact of Financial Crisis on Urban Environments: Past, Present, and Future, Fordham Law School, Online, Oct. 16, 2020

- Presentation: Local Governance, Pay Equity, and the Pandemic

Urban Law Day Roundtable Discussion: Law and the New Urban Agenda in the Current Crisis, UN-Habitat and Fordham Law School, Online, Oct. 6, 2020

- Introductory Remarks

Ninth Annual State and Local Government Works-in-Progress Conference, Willamette University College of Law, Online, Sept. 24-25, 2020

- Presentation: Defining Narrative Law

Online Urban Law Day 2020, The Post COVID City: Lessons for the Future in Law and Development, UN-Habitat and Institute for Advanced Legal Students, Jul. 10, 2020

- Presentation: Equal Pay as a Human Right, A Closer Look at New York City Human Rights Law After COVID-19

Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Rule and Resistance, Online, May 30, 2020

- Presentation: Fair Salary Negotiation as a Human Right

Initiative Organizer, Women in Urban Law Leadership Initiative; Panel Discussion on Feminist Lawyering in N.Y.C. Criminal Court, Zoom Webinar, Apr. 29, 2020

- Welcome Remarks and Moderator

Law, Culture, and Humanities Annual Meeting, Projections: Imagining Legal Futurity, Quinnipiac School of Law, New Haven, Connecticut, Mar. 7 – 8, 2020

- Presentation: Cities as Storytellers in the Narrative Justice Movement

Urban Law Journal Symposium, Urban Cities and Accessibility, Fordham Law School, New York, New York, Feb. 14, 2020

- Moderator, Panel on Technology and Accessibility

Third Annual Women's Leadership Institute, Fordham Law School, Jan. 31, 2020

- Panel Organizer, Moderator and Speaker, Cultivating On-ramps in the Legal Profession

U.N. Matters: Spotlight on Women and Girls, Fordham University School of Social Service,

Nov. 25, 2019

- Speaker

Conference Co-Organizer, Cooper-Walsh Colloquium: Urban Intelligence and the Emerging City, Fordham Law School, Oct. 25, 2019

- Moderator, The Evolution of Urban Intelligence

Initiative Organizer, Women in Urban Law Leadership Initiative; Panel Discussion on The Ethics of Job Interview Questions, Fordham Law School, Oct. 17, 2019

- Welcome Remarks

Visiting Artist/Scholar, American Academy in Rome, Italy, Jul. 15 – 26, 2019

- Leader and Presenter, Narrative Justice Workshop

Conference Co-Organizer, Sixth International and Comparative Urban Law Conference, University of New South Wales Law School, Sydney, Australia, Jul. 11 – 12, 2019

Panelist/Presenter, 2019 Annual Meeting on Law and Society, Washington, D.C. May 30 – June 2, 2019

- Presentation: U.S. Governmental Approaches to the New Urban Agenda's Women Empowerment Priority

Presenter, New York City Book Awards Ceremony, New York, New York, May 1, 2019

- Juror & Presenter

Initiative Organizer, Women in Urban Law Leadership Initiative Launch; Panel Discussion on Gender Equity in Urban Law, Fordham Law School, Apr. 16, 2019

- Welcome Remarks

Utopia/Dystopia Project, Tulane University School of Law, New Orleans, Louisiana, Apr. 4 – 5, 2019

- Presentation: Regarding Narrative Justice, Womxn

Conference Co-organizer, The Protection of Cultural Heritage and Municipal Law, Fordham Law School, Apr. 5, 2019

Conference Organizer, Urban Law Roundtable on Cities and Climate Adaptation, Cornell Club, New York, New York, Oct. 31, 2018

- Welcome Remarks

Moderator, Behind the Book: City Art and the Pursuit of Justice, Fordham Law School Oct. 24, 2018

Conference Organizer, Seventh Annual State and Local Government Law Works in Progress Workshop, Fordham Law School Sept. 24 – 25, 2018

- Moderator, Panel on City Administration and Governance Structures

Conference Organizer and Leader, Fifth Annual International and Comparative Urban Law Conference, São Paulo, Brazil

Jun. 21 – 22, 2018

- Moderator, Panels: Urban Mobility and Governance – the Brazilian Experience; Global Migration and Cities

Institute for Global Law and Policy Conference, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts

Jun. 2 – 3, 2018

- Presentation: Global Cities, Ladders to Break Through Corporate Glass Ceilings

The Columbia-NYU-Fordham International Sustainable Cities Conference, New York, New York, May 1 – 2, 2018

- Moderator, Panels: Green Finance and Other Models; Highlight on Market Innovations

Conference Organizer, The City We Need, an Urban Thinkers Campus Conference

Feb. 9, 2018

- Moderator, Panel, Nationalism versus Urbanism: Cities in an Era of Increasing Nationalism

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Bar Association, Business Law and Corporate Social Responsibility Section

New York Women's Bar Association, Advancing the Status of Women Committee

Law and Society Association

Association of American Law Schools

PEN America

OTHER PROFESSIONAL AND SERVICE EXPERIENCE

Assistant Treasurer, New York Women's Bar Association Foundation,

July 2023 – Present

Advisory Board Member, People to People International - Delaware Chapter

July 2021 – Present

Advisor, Neon Door, an inclusive virtual artist space

June 2020 – Present

Advisory Council, Small Orange Poetry Journal

May 2019 – Present

Juror, New York City Book Awards

2018 – 2020

New York Society Library

Instructor | Artist as Teacher
Columbia Artist/Teacher Program
Columbia University
2015 – 2017

MEDIA AND OTHER CITATION ACTIVITY

Examining the Lawsuit Against the University of Delaware Over Tuition Refunds For Online Classes, Delaware Public Media, May 5, 2023, <https://www.delawarepublic.org/show/the-green/2023-05-05/the-green-may-5-2023>

Here's Why More than 60% of Fortune 500 Companies are Incorporated in Delaware, <https://www.cnbc.com/2023/03/13/why-more-than-60percent-of-fortune-500-companies-incorporated-in-delaware.html>

Delaware Opioid Suits Continue Despite Federal Purdue Settlement, Delaware Public Media, Oct. 23, 2020, <https://www.delawarepublic.org/post/delaware-opioid-suits-continue-despite-federal-purdue-settlement>

Miriam Posner, Introduction to Digital Humanities, teaching Geeta Tewari's "Discipline" story (Nov. 20, 2017), <http://miriamposner.com/classes/dh101f17/2017/11/20/week-8-discipline-network-chart/>

Opinion: Geeta Tewari's "Discipline" Breaks Female Virginity Taboo, News18, CNN India blog affiliate (Nov. 4, 2017), <https://www.news18.com/news/books/opinion-geeta-tewaris-discipline-breaks-the-female-virginity-taboo-1567033.html>

BAR MEMBERSHIPS

New York