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**APPOINTMENTS:** **Thomas R. Kline School of Law of Duquesne University**

Associate Professor (2024 – present)

Associate Dean for Faculty Scholarship (2023 – present)

Assistant Professor (2018 – 2024)

Visiting Assistant Professor (2017 – 2018)

**EDUCATION:** **Harvard Law School**

J.D. *cum laude* (2008)

**Tufts University**

M.A., Ph.D. in English Literature (1996, 2003)

**Kenyon College**

B.A. *magna cum laude* in English Literature (1995)

**RESEARCH:** Civil Procedure; Appellate Procedure; Federal Courts; Law and Literature; Law and Interpretation

**PUBLICATIONS:** *Rooted:*

*Metaphors and Judicial Philosophy in Artis v. District of Columbia*  
56 INDIANA L. REV. 329 (March 2023).

*Let the Right Ones In:*

*The Supreme Court's Changing Approach to Justiciability*  
61 DUQ. L. REV. 79 (Winter 2023).

*Appealing Compelled Disclosures in Discovery  
that Threaten First Amendment Rights*

70 KANSAS L. REV. 101 (March 2022).

*How to Raise Disagreements with Senior Attorneys*

ABA TYL 26.2, Winter 2022, at 6.

*Conceptualizing Appealability:*

*Resisting the Supreme Court's Categorical Imperative*  
55 TULSA L. REV. 395 (2020).

*Statutory Damages and Standing after Spokeo v. Robins*  
9 CONLAWNOW 125 (2018).

*"Federal Court Certification of State Law Questions"*  
*Third Circuit Appellate Practices Manual* (PBI Press Third Edition, 2016)  
(with Kim Watterson).

*"Navigating the Amendments to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure"*  
The Legal Intelligencer, December 21, 2016.

*"Understanding Standing After Spokeo v. Robins"*  
The Legal Intelligencer, June 22, 2016.

*"Judicial Factfinding on Appeal: Seeking Clarity in an Information Age"* *Certworthy – DRI – The Voice of The Defense Bar*, April 22, 2016  
(with James Martin, Colin Wrabley, Patrick Yingling).

*"Making Sense of Class Actions After Braun and Dukes"*  
The Legal Intelligencer, February 11, 2015 (with Kim Watterson).

*"Minimizing the Potential Risks of Multiparty Arbitration"*  
The Legal Intelligencer, January 29, 2014 (with Kim Watterson).

*"Who Says When Litigation Waives the Right to Arbitrate?"*  
*Law360*, January 16, 2014.

*"6th Circ. Gives Courts Say on Classwide Arbitrability"*  
*Law360*, December 18, 2013 (with Kim Watterson).

*"Third Circuit Grapples With Privilege and Appellate Jurisdiction"*  
The Legal Intelligencer, March 20, 2013  
(with Colin Wrabley, Aditya Nagarajan).

*"Revised Removal Statutes – Possibilities, Pitfalls: Part 1"*  
*Law360*, February 3, 2012 (with Colin Wrabley).

*Policy Disagreements with the United States Sentencing Guidelines:  
A Welcome Expansion of Judicial Discretion or the Beginning of the End of the  
Sentencing Guidelines?*  
50 Duq. L. Rev. 5 (2012) (with Hon. Thomas M. Hardiman).

*"Mrs. Dalloway's Invitation"*

VIRGINIA WOOLF MISCELLANY Vol. 65, Spring 2004.

PRESENTATIONS:

*"Tag! The Jurisdiction Game"*

Southeastern Association of Law Schools 2025 Annual Conference,  
Amelia Island, FL (July 31, 2025).

*"Metaphorical Jurisdiction"*

Law & Literature Discussion Group, Southeastern Association of Law  
Schools 2025 Annual Conference, Amelia Island, FL (July 27, 2024).

*"Metaphorical Jurisdiction"*

Law, Culture & the Humanities 2025 Conference, Georgetown  
University Law Center, (June 17, 2025).

*"Tag! The Jurisdiction Game"*

Civil Procedure Pedagogy Workshop, Southeastern Association of Law  
Schools 2024 Annual Conference, Fort Lauderdale, FL (July 24, 2024).

*"Personal Jurisdiction and the Metaphysics of Presence"*

Civil Procedure Workshop Southeastern Association of Law Schools  
2024 Annual Conference, Fort Lauderdale, FL (July 23, 2024).

*"Personal Jurisdiction and the Metaphysics of Presence"*

Law & Literature Discussion Group, Southeastern Association of Law  
Schools 2024 Annual Conference, Fort Lauderdale, FL (July 22, 2024).

*"Mallory v. Norfolk Southern Railway Co."*

CLE Panel "Major 2022 – 23 Supreme Court Cases: Duquesne Kline  
School of Law Faculty Explain" Duquesne Kline School of Law  
(September 22, 2023).

*"Law as Allegory in Charles Dickens's Bleak House"*

Law & Literature Discussion Group, Southeastern Association Law  
Schools 2023 Annual Conference, Boca Raton, Florida (July 27, 2023).

*"Jurisdiction... The Game?"*

Mon River Law School Colloquium, Duquesne Kline School of Law  
(April 21, 2023).

*"Figurative Language in the Supreme Court's 'History and Tradition'  
Approach to Constitutional Rights"*

Modern Language Association Annual Convention, San Francisco, CA (virtual) (January 6, 2023).

“Drafting Effective Motions & Briefs for Summary Judgment”  
CLE Presentation, American Bar Association (virtual) (December 1, 2022).

“The Supreme Court’s Justiciability Rulings in OT2021”  
CLE Panel “The New Supreme Court Cases: Duquesne Kline School of Law Faculty Explains” Duquesne Kline School of Law (September 30, 2022).

“Rooted: Lawmaking Metaphors and Judicial Philosophy”  
Civil Procedure Works-in-Progress Series, Southeastern Association of Law Schools 2022 Annual Conference, Sandestin, Florida (August 2, 2022).

“Rooted: Lawmaking Metaphors and Judicial Philosophy”  
Law & Literature Discussion Group, Southeastern Association of Law Schools 2022 Annual Conference, Sandestin, Florida (July 31, 2022).

“Lawmaking Metaphors in *Artis v. District of Columbia*”  
Law, Culture & the Humanities 2022 Conference, Emory University School of Law, (June 17, 2022).

“Immediate Appeals of Compelled Disclosures in Civil Discovery that Threaten First Amendment Rights”  
Civil Procedure Workshop Summer Works-In-Progress Series (virtual) (August 12, 2021).

“The Appealability of Discovery Orders That Implicate the First Amendment”  
Sixth Annual Civil Procedure Workshop, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law (virtual) (October 23, 2020).

“Third Circuit Appeals: Everything You Ever Wanted to Know”  
CLE Presentation, Allegheny County Bar Association (June 8, 2020).

“The Concept of Appealability: Resisting the Supreme Court’s Categorical Imperative”  
Junior Faculty Federal Courts Workshop, University of Arkansas School of Law (September 2019).

"Toward a Concept Model of 'Finality for Appeal'"

Junior Faculty Forum, University of Richmond School of Law (May 2019).

"What We Talk About When We Talk About Law: Foregrounding Metaphors in Judicial Opinions"

Mon River Colloquium, Duquesne University School of Law (March 2018).

"Statutory Damages and Standing after *Spokeo v. Robins*"

The Constitution and Remedies Virtual Symposium, Center for Constitutional Law, University of Akron School of Law (November, 2017).

"Is Psychoanalysis a Modernist Science?"

Panel Coordinator, North East MLA (2004).

"'Easter, 1916' – 'Remembering, Repeating, and Working-Through'"

North East MLA, (2003);

New Modernisms 3, Modernist Studies Association, (2001).

"Using Psychoanalysis as an Object of Study in Composition Classes"

South Atlantic MLA, (2002).

"Modernism ~~and~~ as the Extreme"

New Modernisms 4, Modernist Studies Association, (2002).

"T. S. Eliot's Poetics: Free Verse and the Hysterical Woman"

North East MLA, (2001).

"Wyndham Lewis's *Tarr*: Sublimation, Suicide and the Escape from Art"

"Escape" Conference, Harvard University, (2001).

"'Some Astonishing Significance': The Textual Desire in / of *Mrs. Dalloway*"

Central New York Conference on Language and Literature, (2000).

"T.S. Eliot and the Subject of Criticism"

Rocky Mountain MLA, (1999).

COURSES: Civil Procedure I & II  
Federal Courts  
Pretrial Civil Litigation Simulation  
Antitrust  
Introduction to Legal Education, the Lives of Lawyers, and the Legal Profession (undergraduate)

SERVICE: DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY:  
Institutional Review Board (2022-present)  
Creative Teaching Award Committee (2021-23, 2024-25)  
Peer Evaluation of Teaching Working Group (2021-22)

DUQUESNE KLINE SCHOOL OF LAW:  
Recruitment Committee (2024-25)  
Library Committee (2023-25)  
*Duquesne Kline Law Review*, Faculty Advisor (2023-present)  
Admissions Committee, Chair (2019-21, 2022-23)  
Curriculum Committee (2020-23)  
Student Support Committee (2022-23)  
Race, Poverty, & Democracy lecture series, Organizer & Host (2020-21)  
Academic Status Committee (2019-20)  
Facilities Committee (2017-18)  
Policies Committee (2017-18)

ALLEGHENY COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION:  
Federal Courts Section  
Annual Third Circuit Review CLE, Civil Cases Committee, Chair (2019-25)

ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN LAW SCHOOLS:  
Section on Law and Interpretation (Executive Committee)  
Section on Antitrust and Economic Regulation  
Section on Civil Procedure  
Section on Federal Courts  
Section on Law and Humanities  
Section on New Law Professors

COMMUNITY:  
St. Edmund's Academy, Board of Trustees (2016-23)  
Higher Achievement Pittsburgh, Board (2016-20)

AWARDS:	<p>2025 International Serious Play Awards – Silver Medal – Higher Education, Tabletop/Board Games (2025)</p> <p>Dr. John and Liz Murray Excellence in Scholarship Award (2023)          John G. Rangos Sr. Prize for pedagogical innovation (2022, 2023)          Certified in online teaching and learning</p>
PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:	<p><b>Reed Smith LLP</b>, Pittsburgh, PA (2011 – 2018)          Associate, Appellate Litigation</p> <p><b>United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit</b> (2010 – 2011)          Law Clerk to Judge Thomas Hardiman</p> <p><b>United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania</b> (2009 – 2010)          Law Clerk to Judge Nora Barry Fischer</p> <p><b>Ropes &amp; Gray LLP</b>, Boston, MA (Summer 2007, 2008 – 2009)          Associate, Litigation</p> <p><b>Office of the Federal Defender</b>, Boston, MA (Summer 2006)          Legal Intern</p>
BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS:	<p>Pennsylvania          Massachusetts          U.S. District Court - Western District of Pennsylvania          U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit          U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit          U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit</p>
PRIOR ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE:	<p><b>Slippery Rock University</b>, Slippery Rock, PA (2003 – 2005)          Instructor</p> <p><b>Allegheny College</b>, Meadville, PA (2002 – 2003)          Instructor</p> <p><b>Babson College</b>, Wellesley, MA (2001 – 2002)          Lecturer</p>