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Academic Appointments

**University of Minnesota Medical School, Duluth**

Assistant Professor, Department of Family Medicine and Biobehavioral Health 2018 – present

Postdoctoral Researcher 2017 – 2018

**University of Minnesota Law School** 2020 - present

Affiliated Faculty

**American Bar Foundation**

Affiliated Scholar 2022 – present

Access to Justice Faculty Scholar 2021 - 2022

**Carthage College**

Visiting Assistant Professor, Sociology and Asian Studies Departments 2014 – 2016

Education

**University of Washington**

PhD, Sociocultural Anthropology 2014

*Dissertation*: “Limited Relief: Cause Lawyering on Behalf of

Unaccompanied Chinese Youth”

*Dissertation* *Committee:* Stevan Harrell (advisor), Roberto Gonzales,

George Lovell,Arzoo Osanloo

Graduate Certificate in Comparative Law and Society Studies 2014

M.A., Sociocultural Anthropology 2011

**Loyola University Chicago**

B.S., Anthropology, *Summa cum Laude* 2005

*Honors:* Phi Beta Kappa, Chardin Award for Superior Achievement in

the Study of Anthropology

Southwest Minzu University, Chengdu China 2003

Fellowships and Awards

American Bar Foundation / JPB Foundation Access to Justice Faculty Scholar Award 2021 – 2022

UCLA Law and Humanities Junior Scholar Award 2020

“Duluth 20 Under 40” Award Winner, *Duluth News Tribune* 2020

Herz Fellowship for Teaching in Academic Medicine 2018

University of Minnesota Medical School

Health Equity Leadership and Mentoring (HELM) Fellowship 2017

University of Minnesota Medical School

Graduate School Fund for Excellence and Innovation Graduate Student Award 2014

University of Washington

Recognition for Excellence in Service Award 2013

Association for Political and Legal Anthropology

Gordon C. Culp Fellowship in Chinese Studies 2008 - 2012

Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, Intermediate Mandarin 2010

University of Washington

Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, Intermediate Tibetan 2008

University of Wisconsin

Gannon Women in Leadership Award, Loyola University Chicago 2005

Publications

**Books**

Statz, Michele. 2018. *Lawyering an Uncertain Cause: Immigration Advocacy and Chinese Youth in the U.S.* Nashville: Vanderbilt University Press.

Statz, Michele and Daniel Newman. (Edited Volume, Under Review). *Whose Rural? Global Reflections on Positionality and Place in Rural Access to Justice Scholarship.*

**Peer-Reviewed Articles**

Watters, Brieanna, Rob Stewart, Michele Statz. Under Review. “Retribution for Tribal Sovereignty: Spatial

Control and Disparate Punishment of Native Communities. *Punishment and Society.*

Statz, Michele and Megan Bristow. 2023. “Addressing Perinatal Mood and Anxiety Disorders in Rural Places: A Knowledge Infrastructure.” *Wellbeing, Space & Society.*

Statz, Michele. 2022. “‘It is here we are loved’: Rural Place Attachment in Active Judging and Access to Justice.” *Law & Social Inquiry.* 1-31.

Statz, Michele. 2021. “On Shared Suffering: Judicial Intimacy in the Rural Northland.” *Law & Society Review*

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Detention of Migrant Children.” *The Lancet Journal of Regional Health—Americas.* https://doi.org/10.1016/j.lana.2021.100012

Statz, Michele, Billings, Katie, and Jordan Wolf. 2021. “Rurality as Concordance: Addressing the Mental

Health Consequences of Intimate Partner Violence across Rural Counties and Tribal Reservations.” *Sociological Perspectives.* https://doi.org/10.1177/07311214211019078

Statz, Michele and Kaylie Evers. 2020. “Spatial Barriers as Moral Failings: What Rural Distance Can Teach Us about Women’s Health and Medical Mistrust.” *Health & Place* 64. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.healthplace.2020.102396.

Statz, Michele and Paula Termuhlen. 2020. “Rural Legal Deserts are a Critical Health Determinant.”

*American Journal of Public Health.* E1-e4. https://doi:10.2105/AJPH.2020.305807.

Statz, Michele and Lauren Heidbrink. 2019. “A Better ‘Best Interests’: Immigration Policy in a Comparative

Context.” *Law & Policy.* https://doi.org/10.1111/lapo.12135

Statz, Michele and Lisa Pruitt. 2019. “A Spatial Reading of *Whole Woman’s Health v. Hellerstedt*: Legal Recognition of the Tyranny of Distance.” *Environment and Planning A: Economy and Space.*

https://doi.org/10.1177/0308518X18757508

Heidbrink, Lauren and Michele Statz. 2017. “Parenting Global Youth: Contesting Debt and Belonging.”

*Children’s Geographies* 15(5): 545-557. DOI: 10.1080/14733285.2017.1284645.

Statz, Michele. 2016. “Chinese Difference and Deservingness: The Paper Lives of Young Migrants.”

*American Behavioral Scientist* 60(13): 1629–1648. DOI: 10.1177/0002764216664946.

Statz, Michele. 2016. “Between Children and Transnational Economic Actors: The Discounted ‘Belongings

of Young Chinese Migrants.” *PoLAR: Political and Legal Anthropology Review* 39 (S1): 4-18.

DOI:10.1111/plar.12168.

**Law Review Articles**

Statz, Michele, Hon. Robert Friday & Jon Bredeson. 2021.“‘They had access, but they didn’t get justice’: Why Prevailing Access to Justice Initiatives Fail Rural Americans.” *Georgetown Journal on Poverty Law & Policy* 28 (321).

Lisa R. Pruitt, Amanda Kool, Lauren Sudeall, Michele Statz, Danielle Conway, and Hannah Haksgaard. 2018. “Legal Deserts: A Multi-State Perspective on Rural Access to Justice.” *Harvard Law & Policy Review* 13 (15).

**Book Chapters**

Statz, Michele. Forthcoming, 2024. “Access to Civil Justice in Diverse Rural Places.” *Research Handbook on the Civil Justice System,* edited by Anne Bloom, David Engel, and Richard Jolly. New York: Edward Elgar Publishing.

Statz, Michele. Forthcoming, 2024. “Afterword.” *Rural Access to Justice,* edited by Daniel Newman and Faith Gordon. London: Bloomsbury Publishing.

Statz, Michele and Will Garriott. 2022. “Ethnographic Research: Immersing Oneself in the Rural Environment.” In *Research Methods for Rural Criminologists,* edited by Ralph Weisheit, Jessica Peterson, and Artur Pytlarz. New York: Routledge.

Heidbrink, Lauren and Michele Statz. 2021. “Youth Circulations: Tracing the real and imagined circulations of global youth.” *Children and Youth as Subjects, Objects, Agents: Innovative Approaches to Research Across Space and Time*. Deborah Levison, MJ Maynes, and Frances Vavrus, eds. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.

Statz, Michele. 2018. “Transnational Migration and the Construction of Vulnerability.” *Routledge Handbook on*

*Ethics and International Relations,* Brent Steele and Eric Heinze, eds. New York: Routledge.

**Book Reviews**

Statz, Michele. 2017. Review essay: “Papers, Performance, and Making Immigration Matter.” (Reviewing

*Contesting Immigration Policy in Court: Legal Activism and Its Radiating Effects in the United States and France,* by Leila Kawar (2015) and *American By Paper: How Documents Matter in Immigration Literacy,* by KateVieira (2016)). *PoLAR: Political and Legal Anthropology Review*. https://polarjournal.org/2017/08/04/review-essay-papers-performance-and-makingimmigration-matter/.

Statz, Michele. 2016. Review of *The Australian Country Girl: History, Image, Experience.* (Catherine Driscoll

2014). *Rural Sociology*. DOI: 10.1111/ruso.12150.

Statz, Michele. 2015. Review of *On the Doorstep of Europe: Asylum and Citizenship in Greece.* (Heath Cabot 2014).

*Social Anthropology/Anthropologie Sociale*, February 2015.DOI:10.1111/1469-8676.12096\_4.

**Community Reports**

Statz, Michele and Brieanna Watters. 2022. *Litigant Access to Justice Court Report*, created on behalf of Bois Forte Tribal Court.

Statz, Michele and Brieanna Watters. 2022. *Litigant Access to Justice Court Report*, created on behalf of St. Louis County District Court - Virginia.

Statz, Michele and Brieanna Watters. 2022. *Litigant Access to Justice Court Report*, created on behalf of Mille Lacs County District Court.

Statz, Michele and Brieanna Watters. 2022. *Litigant Access to Justice Court Report*, created on behalf of Bayfield County Circuit Court.

Statz, Michele and Brieanna Watters. 2022. *Litigant Access to Justice Court Report*, created on behalf of St. Louis County District Court – Duluth.

Bredeson, Jon and Michele Statz. 2019. *Not a Legal Issue: A Report on Community Legal Need.* (Legal Needs Assessment of Legal Aid Service of Northeastern Minnesota). www.northlandproject.org/assessments-and-reports.

Wolf, Jordan and Michele Statz. 2018. *Wisconsin Judicare Community Needs Assessment*. (Legal Needs Assessment of Wisconsin Judicare, Inc.) https://www.northlandproject.org/assessments-and-reports.

**Policy Reports and Other Public Writing**

Statz, Michele. 2020. *The Rural A2J Guide.* https://www.northlandproject.org/the-rural-a2j-guide.

Statz, Michele. 2019. “On the Immigration History Research Center, or: What fuels you?” *Youth Circulations,* July 15, 2019. http://www.youthcirculations.com/blog/2019/5/16/on-the-immigration-history-research-center-archives-or-what-fuels-you.

Statz, Michele and Lauren Heidbrink. 2018. “Migration as Clickbait.” *Anthropology News*. February 6, 2018. DOI: 10.1111/AN.760.

Statz, Michele. 2017. “Who Didn’t Apply for DACA and Why It Matters.” *The Gender Policy Report.* http://genderpolicyreport.umn.edu/who-didnt-apply-for-daca-and-why-it-matters/.

Statz, Michele. 2017. “Local Knowledge, Methods, and Manioc Landraces.” *Anthropology News*

58: e247-252. DOI: 10.1111/AN.341.

Statz, Michele and Lauren Heidbrink. “Widening the Frame: Unaccompanied Youth.” 9/15/14. Inaugural blog post for the American Anthropological Association’s Association of Children and Youth Interest Group (ACYIG) website. http://www.aaanet.org/sections/acyig/2014/09/15/widening-the-frame-unaccompanied-youth/.

Heidbrink, Lauren and Michele Statz. 2014. “Real help for immigrant children.” Letter to the Editor in the *LA Times,* 6/11/2014. <http://www.latimes.com/opinion/readersreact/la-le-0611-wednesday-immigrant-youth-20140611-story.html>.

Grants

**Current External Sources**

1. Role: PI

Granting Agency: National Science Foundation

Civic Innovation Challenge (CIVIC) Planning Grant

Grant Title: “CIVIC-PG Track B: Bridging the Rural Justice Gap: Innovating & Scaling Up Civil

Access to Justice in Alaska”

Project Dates: 2022-2023

Amount Awarded: $50,000

% Effort / Salary Support: .2 FTE

2. Role: PI

Granting Agency: National Science Foundation

Grant Title: “When Place Matters: A Comparative Study of Access and Justice across Tribal and

State Courts”

Project Dates: 2022-2025

Amount Awarded: $310,000

% Effort / Salary Support: .2 FTE

3. Role: Co-PI

Granting Agency: University of Minnesota Human Rights Initiative Research Grant

Grant Title: “Using a Human Rights-based Approach to Address Housing Precarity in Rural

Minnesota”

Project Dates: 2022-2023

Amount Awarded: $50,000

% Effort / Salary Support: 0

**Pending External Sources**

1. Role: PI

Granting Agency: National Science Foundation

Civic Innovation Challenge (CIVIC) Full Award (Submitted 03/2023)

Grant Title: “CIVIC-FA Track B: Bridging the Rural Justice Gap: Innovating & Scaling Up Civil

Access to Justice in Alaska”

Project Dates: 2023-2024

Amount Requested: $999,999

% Effort / Salary Support: 2

2. Role: PI

Granting Agency: Research for Indigenous Social Action and Equity (RISE) Center, U Michigan

(Submitted 03/2023)

Grant Title: “Elevating and Advancing the Access to Justice Efforts of Rural Indigenous Judges”

Amount Requested: $10,000

% Effort / Salary Support: NA

**Past External Sources**

1. Role: PI

Granting Agency: American Bar Foundation / JPB Foundation

Grant Title: “A Measure of Love: Evaluating Place-Based Intimacy as a Dimension of Rural Justice”

Project Dates: 2021-2022

Amount Awarded: $65,000

% Effort / Salary Support: .4 FTE

2. Role: PI

Granting Agency: National Science Foundation

Grant Title: “Northland Access to Justice Supplemental Research Award”

Project Dates: 2020-2022

Amount Awarded: $40,000

% Effort / Salary Support: .2 FTE

3. Role: PI

Granting Agency: National Science Foundation

Grant Title: “Northland Access to Justice: Legal Advocacy, Equity, and Mobilization”

Project Dates: 2017-2020

Amount Awarded: $200,000

% Effort / Salary Support: .2 FTE

4. Role: PI

Granting Agency: University of Minnesota Updraft Grant

Grant Title: “Determining Community Need through Geospatial Analysis”

Project Dates: 2019

Amount Awarded: $4,826

% Effort / Salary Support: 0

5. Role: PI

Granting Agency: University of Minnesota Herz Fellowship for Teaching in Academic

Medicine

Grant Title: “Implementing Student Voice at the University of Minnesota Medical School”

Project Dates: 2018

Amount Awarded: $4000

% Effort / Salary Support: 0

6. Role: PI

External Granting Agency: American Association of University Women

Grant Title: “Limited Relief: Cause Lawyering on Behalf of Unaccompanied Chinese Youth”

Project Dates: 2013

Amount Awarded: $20,000

% Effort / Salary Support: 0

7. Role: PI

External Granting Agency: National Science Foundation

Grant Title: “Limited Relief: Cause Lawyering on Behalf of Unaccompanied Chinese Youth”

Project Dates: 2011

Amount Awarded: $18,000

% Effort / Salary Support: 0

Presentations

**Invited Keynote Addresses and Presentations at International Professional Meetings**

“Rural Housing Precarity” (Statement) 2022

United Nations Human Rights Council - 49th session, Geneva, Switzerland

“Access to Agrarian Justice” 2022

International Seminar on Challenges and Perspectives of the UN Declaration on the Rights of

Peasants and Other People Working in Rural Areas (UNDROP)

The Institute of Agricultural Law at the Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, Göttingen, Germany

“Place Attachment and Access to Justice” 2022

International Meeting of the Law and Society Association, Lisbon, Portugal

“Rurality, Rights, and Law from a Working-Class Perspective” 2021

Alliance of Working-Class Academics Seminar Series

Queen Mary University of London, United Kingdom

“Inclusivity and the Law: Do We Need to Prohibit Class Discrimination?” (Comments) 2021

British Institute of International and Comparative Law Harry Weinrebe Memorial Lecture

SOAS University of London, United Kingdom

“Innovations that were already there: How rural judges have navigated digital deserts during 2020

(and before) COVID-19”

“Transforming the Judiciary” Mini-Conference, Technological University Dublin, Dublin, Ireland

**Invited Keynote Addresses and Presentations at National Professional Meetings**

“Intimacy and Rural Place: Feeling a New Access to Justice” 2023

National Access to Justice Roundtable

University of South Carolina School of Law, Columbia, SC

“STAR Justice Series: Place-Based Advocacy and Judging in Rural Areas” 2023

Southern Methodist University Deason Criminal Justice Reform Center, Dallas, TX

“Place-Based Judging in Rural Tribal and State Courts” 2022

American Bar Foundation Access to Justice Showcase

Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C.

“STAR Justice Series: Judicial Ethics in Rural Criminal Law” 2022

Southern Methodist University Deason Criminal Justice Reform Center, Dallas, TX

“Reimagining Place, Reimagining Justice” 2022

Reimagining Justice: From Ideas to Impact National Conference, Chicago, IL

“It is here we are loved”: Place Attachment in Active Judging and Access to Justice 2022

American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, New York, NY

“A Socio-Spatial Consideration of ‘Just Solutions’” 2022

Access to Civil Justice, Regulatory Reform and Just Solutions Conference, Tempe, AZ

“Place-based Judging and Rural Access to Justice” 2022

National Tribal Judicial and Court Personnel Conference, Green Bay, WI

“What Do We Know About Access to Justice? Actionable Insights from Current Research” 2022

ABA/NLADA National Equal Justice Conference, Minneapolis, MN

“Rural Access to Justice” 2021

Access to Justice Law Reform Seminar

Georgia State University College of Law, Atlanta, GA

“Berkeley Boosts: Rural Access to Justice” (Keynote) 2021

UC Berkeley School of Law, Berkeley, CA

“Rurality and Judging”(Keynote)2021

Berkeley Judicial Institute, UC Berkeley School of Law, Berkeley, CA

“Youth Development and Education: Pressing Youth Issues in 2021” 2021

American University, Washington, D.C.

“Representation and Influence: The Work of Youth Circulations” 2021

Syracuse University School of Architecture, Syracuse, NY

“A Measure of Love: Judicial Intimacy in the Rural Northland” 2021

Annual Meeting of the Law & Society Association, Chicago, IL/hybrid

“‘They had access, but they didn’t get justice’: Why Prevailing Access to Justice Initiatives Fail 2020

Rural Americans.”

Rural Legal Scholars Workshop, University of South Dakota Knudson School of Law

“A Better Best Interests” 2020

In Children's Best Interests Symposium, American University Washington College of Law

“Lawyering an Uncertain Cause” 2019

Invited Book Talk,UCLA School of Law, Los Angeles, CA

“Lawyering an Uncertain Cause” 2019

Invited book talk: California State University – Long Beach, Long Beach, CA

“On Law and Rurality” 2019

Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, Washington, D.C.

“Researching Immigrants and Refugees in Rapidly-Changing Contexts” 2018

Late-breaking Session, Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Jose, CA

“Poverty, Justice, and Lived Expertise Across the Rural Northland” 2018

“Rural Poverty Fifty Years After *The People Left Behind”* Conference, Washington, D.C.

“Identity and Experience Across the Rural Lawscape” 2017

Rural Politics Mini-conference: The 2016 Elections—Where We Are Now

Rural Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Columbus, Ohio

“A Spatial Reading of *Whole Woman’s Health v. Hellerstedt:* Recognizing the Tyranny of Distance” 2017

American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Boston, MA

“When we don’t talk about care: Immigrant advocacy efforts in rural America” 2016

Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Minneapolis, MN

“Chinese Difference and Deservedness: The Paper Lives of Immigration Law” 2016

Association for the Study of Law, Culture and the Humanities (ASLCH) Conference, Hartford, CT.

“Seasonal Work, Seasonal Lives: Migrant Housing Precarity in the Rural West” 2016

Rural West Conference, sponsored by Stanford University. Missoula, MT.

“Parenting Global Youth: Contestations of Debt and Belonging” 2015

Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Denver, CO

“Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Activism and Advocating for Vulnerable Immigrants.” 2015

Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, Seattle, WA.

“Labor, Legality and Everyday Life: Global Youth in Rural America.” 2015

Rural West Conference, sponsored by Stanford University. Portland, OR.

“Chinese Difference and Deservedness: The Paper Lives of Immigration Law.” 2014

ClassCrits VII—Poverty, Precarity, and Work: Struggle and Solidarity in an Era of Permanent Crisis

UC Davis School of Law, CA.

“Illegality, Youth and Belonging” 2013

Youth Migration Symposium, Harvard University, Boston, MA.

**Invited Keynote Addresses and Presentations at Regional Professional Meetings**

“Access to Health and Justice in Minnesota” 2023

Hennepin County Healthcare Center Medicine Grand Rounds, Minneapolis, MN

“Rural Access to Justice in Greater Minnesota” (Keynote) 2022

Minnesota Association of County Administrators Annual Conference, Bloomington, MN

“Understanding and Improving Rural Access to Justice in Wisconsin” 2022

State Bar of Wisconsin Equal Justice Conference. Milwaukee, WI.

“When Access to Justice Matters on the Range” (Keynote) 2022

Iron Range Bar Association, Chisolm, Minnesota

“Access to Justice in Rural Tribal and State Courts” 2021

Wisconsin Department of Justice

Task Force on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Legal Subcommittee, Madison, WI

“Love Letter from the Boondocks: Debunking the Myths of Rural Justice” (Keynote) 2021

Minnesota State Bar Association Pro Bono Week event, Minneapolis, MN

“Access to Justice and Rural ‘Justice Gaps’” 2021

University of Minnesota Law School “Crash the Course,” Minneapolis, MN

“Place Attachment in Active Judging and Access to Justice” 2021

Midwest Law & Society Retreat, Madison, WI

“Rural Access to Justice and the Pandemic” (Keynote) 2020

Minnesota State Bar Association Convention, Minneapolis, MN

“An Introduction to Judicial Performance Evaluations” (Keynote) 2020

Minnesota 6th Judicial District Judges’ Retreat

“Rural Access to Justice in Greater Minnesota” 2020

Mitchell Hamline School of Law, St Paul, MN

“Rural Access to Justice: A Study in Needs and Approaches” (Keynote) 2019

Minnesota Legal Services Coalition: 2019 Statewide Conference, Alexandria, MN

“An In-depth Study on the State of Legal Practice in Greater Minnesota: Lessons for All Small 2019

Firms, No Matter the Location” (Keynote)

Solo and Small Firms Conference, Minnesota State Bar Association, Duluth, MN

“Rural Justice Gaps as a Critical Health Disparity” 2019

University of Minnesota Medical School Community Advisory Board Meeting, Duluth, MN

“Access to Justice Across the Rural Northland” (Keynote) 2019

Minnesota State Bar Association “One Profession” event, 9th Judicial District, Bemidji, MN

“Access to Justice Across the Rural Northland” (Keynote) 2019

Minnesota State Bar Association “One Profession” event, 6th Judicial District, Duluth, MN

“On Shared Suffering: Judicial Intimacy and Discretion in the Rural Northland.” 2018

Midwest Law and Society Retreat, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI

“Best Interests of Unaccompanied Children: Immigration Policy in a Global Context” 2018

Migration Across Global Regimes of Childhood Symposium, University of Minnesota

“Civil Legal Aid as a Component of Rural Health Equity” 2018

Minnesota Rural Health Conference, Duluth, MN

“Northland Access to Justice: Wisconsin Overview” (Keynote) 2017

Wisconsin State Bar Association Access to Justice Meeting, Madison, WI

**Conferences and Panels Organized**

Indigenous Access to Civil Justice Global Conference (conference co-organizer) 2023

Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ

“Bureaucracy, Courts, and Revolving Doors: How Government Systems and Legal Structures 2022

Erode Access to Justice in the Rural United States” (Panel)

Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, Lisboa, Portugal / hybrid

“Access to Justice, Institutions, and Everyday People: What's Different about the Rural US?” 2021

(Panel)

Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, Chicago, IL / hybrid

“Counter-Narratives of the Rural Access to Justice Crisis: Interrogating Hypotheses, Methods, 2021

and the Stories We Tell” (Panel)

Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, Chicago, IL/hybrid

“Judging in Dialogue” (Panel) 2020

Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, virtual conference

“Tracing Plurality, Process and Persistent Injustice across the Rural Lawscape: 2018

Ethnographic Engagements with State and Tribal Courts” (Panel)

American Anthropological Association, 2018, San Jose, CA

“Claiming and Contesting Vulnerability in Rural America.” (Panel) 2015

Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, Seattle, WA

“Encountering Culture: Imaginaries of and by Global Youth.” (Panel) 2015

Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Denver, CO

“Intergenerational Identity and the Institutional Dismantling of Intimate Narratives of 2014

Global Youth.” (Panel)

Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, Minneapolis, MN

Media Appearances

Legal Services Corporation Talk Justice Podcast. 2022. “The Crisis in Access to Justice in Rural America.” https://legaltalknetwork.com/podcasts/talk-justice/2022/03/the-crisis-in-access-to-justice-in-rural-america/. March 9, 2022.

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Ackerson, Hon. David. 2021. “One Rural Judge’s Reflection on ‘Shared Suffering’ by Michele Statz.”

*The Rural Reconciliation Project Commentary,* May 5. https://www.ruralreconcile.org/ruralreview/shared-suffering-reflection.

“Just Us and the Law” podcast. 2021. Interview about research and rural access to justice. August 8. Mitchell Hamline Law School.

Weeks, Olivia. 2021. “Research: Big-City Approaches to Legal Aid Don’t Work in Rural Settings”

*Daily Yonder,* March 31, 2021. https://dailyyonder.com/research-big-city-approaches-to-legal-aid-dont-work-in-rural-settings/2021/03/31/.

“Episode 22: Children and Youth as Subjects, Objects, Agents.” 2021. Critical Childhoods and Youth Studies Collective (CCYSC) Awaaz podcast. July 22. https://anchor.fm/ccysc-awaaz/episodes/Children-and-Youth-as-Subjects--Objects--Agents-e14r9al.

Redman, Henry. 2020. “Lack of rural lawyers harms people’s health.” *Wisconsin Examiner*, August 31, 2020.

https://wisconsinexaminer.com/2020/08/31/lack-of-rural-lawyers-harms-peoples-health/.

Mosedale, Mike. 2019. “Atticus Doesn’t Live Here Anymore: Rural Minnesota lawyers are facing

a succession crisis. Can anything be done?” *Bench and Bar of Minnesota.* 09/2019.

Zeigler, Catherine. 2019. “Michele Statz, finding balance in America’s heartland.” *Anthropology, Actually*, January 4, 2019. https://anthropology.washington.edu/news/2019/01/04/anthropology-actually-michele-statz-finding-balance-americas-heartland.

Rea, Mary. 2019. “LASNEM and U of M Medical School Partner on Rural Access to Justice Study.” *Legal Services State Support* blog, January 14, 2019. http://www.mnlegalservices.org/legal-services-in-the-news/2019/1/14/lasnem-and-u-of-m-medical-school-partner-on-rural-access-to-justice-study.

Tuten, Kassandra. 2018. “Researchers Conducting Study on Access to Justice in Rural Communities.” *Grand Rapids Herald Review* December 15, 2018.

https://www.grandrapidsmn.com/free\_press/researchers-conducting-study-on-access-to-justice-in-rural-communities/article\_f3065d1c-ffe8-11e8-9491-a34e573a2b1a.html.

Koons, Jennifer. 2018. “Tear Gas, Children, and ‘Distracted Outrage’: Dissecting the Most Common Response to Children in Distress.” *Medium* December 5, 2018.

<https://medium.com/@jkoons/tear-gas-children-and-distracted-outrage-5a1eecd76475>.

Professional Leadership

Leadership Council Member, National Advisory Council for Frontline Justice 2023 – present

Advisory Council Member, NSF Law & Science Dissertation Grant program 2023 – present

Board Member, ACLU – Minnesota 2023 – present

Consultant, Pew Charitable Trusts Civil Court Modernization Principles Framework 2022

Consultant, Judicial Innovation Fellowship Program, Georgetown Law 2022

Co-founder and Editor, Youth Circulations ([www.youthcirculations.com](http://www.youthcirculations.com)) 2014 – present

Co-founder, Law and Rurality Collaborative Research Network 2019 – present

Law and Society Association

Service to the Profession

Board Member, *Law and Society Review* Editorial Advisory Board 2023 – present

Member, Legal Services Corporation Rural Justice Task Force 2021 - present

Board Member, International Alliance for Working Class Academics 2019 – present

Member, Law and Society Association 2013 - present

Elected Committee Member, Rural Sociological Society Ethics Committee 2018 – 2019

Co-editor, *Culture & Agriculture*, American Anthropological Association 2016 - 2018

Member, American Association of Geographers 2014 – 2021

Member, Rural Sociological Society 2013 - 2020

Member, Association for Political and Legal Anthropology 2013 – 2020

Member, Society for Applied Anthropology 2012 – 2018

Member, American Anthropological Association Culture and Agriculture Section 2012 - 2015

Member, American Anthropological Association 2010 – 2018

Proposal Reviewer National Science Foundation Law and Science DDRIG Proposal 2023

Reviewer

National Science Foundation Law and Sciences Advisory Panel 2021

National Science Foundation Law and Sciences Advisory Panel 2020

National Science Foundation Law and Sciences Program 2019

Senior Proposal Reviewer

National Science Foundation Law and Sciences Advisory Panel 2019

National Science Foundation Law and Sciences Advisory Panel 2018

Peer Reviewer *American Anthropologist*

*Anthropological Quarterly*

*Gender, Place and Culture*

*International Journal of Rural Criminology*

*Law & Social Inquiry*

*Law & Society Review*

*Lancet Regional Health - Americas*

*PoLAR: Poltical and Legal Anthropology Review*

*Social Forces*

*University of California Press*

Service to the Institution

Co-Chairperson Foundations Committee 2022-present

Elected Chairperson Duluth Scientific Foundations Committee 2021-2023

Elected Committee Member Regional Campus Faculty Advisory Committee 2019-2021

Search Committee Member Regional Campus Dean Search Committee 2021-2022

End User 1 (IT) Staff Search Committee 2019

End User 2 (IT) Staff Search Committee 2018

Co-organizer Women’s Mentoring Group 2019 - 2021

Committee Member Educational Advisory Council 2021-present

Medical School Education Committee 2021-present

` Committee on Undergraduate Medical Education 2017-2021

Teaching and Curriculum Development

**University of Minnesota Medical School,** Duluth, MN

Course Director Rural Health MPact Course 2022 - present

Lecturer Essentials of Clinical Medicine (TC campus) (2 hours) 2022

Course Director Justice, Law, and Medicine 2021 – present

Lecturer Access to Rural Justice and Health in Minnesota (2 hours) 2021 – present

Content Writer Problem Based Learning (PBL) cases, NeuroMedicine 2020 - 2021

Course Director Social and Behavioral Medicine II 2017 – 2019

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