

**DEIRDRE M. BOWEN**

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**EDUCATION**

Ph.D. Department of Sociology, University of Washington, Seattle, WA. Dissertation title, “An Analysis of Alternative Methods of Plea Negotiations.”

M.A. Department of Sociology, University of Washington, Seattle, WA. Thesis Title, “Type of Counsel and its Effect on Plea Bargaining.”

J.D., *cum laude*, State University of New York at Buffalo, School of Law, Buffalo, NY. *Class rank: Top Ten percent.*

B.A. Sociology, *cum laude*, Boston University, Boston, MA. Honors Thesis Title, “The Etiology of Female Juvenile Delinquency.”

**ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT**

*Professor of Law & Moccasin Lake Foundation Endowed Chair* (2007-present) Seattle University School of Law (Tenured 2013) Family Law, Domestic Violence, Constitutional Law, Reproductive Justice (doctrinal and clinical).

*Co-Founder & Director* (2012-2019) Seattle University Law & Policy Study Abroad Program at Universidad Carlos III Madrid, Spain.

*Affiliated Faculty & Investigator* (2019-present) Firearm Injury Policy & Research Program, University of Washington, School of Medicine.

*Director & Founder* (2020-present) Family Law Center: brought in \$5 million gift to fund center’s activities in family law, domestic violence, and reproductive justice.

*Bar Review Consultant and National Lecturer* (2017-present) Kaplan Bar Review. taught: Constitutional Law.

**LEGAL EMPLOYMENT**

*Consumer Advocate* Call for Action, Washington, D.C.

Negotiated consumer cases involving disputes against legitimate companies and against fraudulent telemarketers. Trained negotiators. Wrote grants and consumer education publications. Worked with State Attorney General Offices and the Federal Bureau of Investigation to track fraudulent schemes nationwide. Retrieved the largest settlement against fraudulent telemarketers in the history of the organization.

*Litigation Associate* Shaw, Pittman, Potts & Trowbridge, Washington, D.C.  
Drafted complaints, memoranda and motions for RICO suits. Conducted significant legal research and writing for *Miller v. Johnson*, Georgia voter redistricting case that eventually was heard by the US Supreme Court. Successfully tried numerous domestic violence custody cases on a *pro bono* basis.

#### **SELECT MEDIA APPEARANCES**

KSDK5 St. Louis, MO. Amid Rising Gun Crimes, ATF Agents Reveal Challenges, August 5, 2024

*Spokesman Review* on Mifepristone Ruling Effect on WA State, June 13, 2024

KING5 Seattle TV News Interview on U.S. Supreme Ct. Oral Arguments on Mifepristone, March 25, 2024

*The Oregonian* on Woman's Defense in Killing Stepfather because of DV trauma, Feb 23, 2024

KING5 Seattle TV News Interview on U.S. Supreme Ct. decision to decline to hear challenge to WA Law on Conversion Therapy, December 12, 2023

KING5 Seattle TV News Interview on U.S. Supreme Ct. ruling on Mifepristone, April 21, 2023

KIRO Radio Interview on Mifepristone Ruling Effect on WA State, April 21, 2023

Quoted, *USA Today*: What WA SB5599 says about Parental Rights & Gender Affirming Care, April 21, 2023

KING5 Seattle TV News Interview on Sexual Assault QR Code Legal Rights, April 20, 2023

Quoted, *The Washington Post*: story on the Meaning of the Mifepristone Rulings, April 9, 2023

KING5 Seattle TV News Interview on Murder of Gun safety Advocate, April 3, 2023

KING5 Seattle TV News Interview on Stalking Murder of Podcaster & Spouse, March 10, 2023

KIRO Radio Interview on the Limitations of Protection Orders re: Podcast Murder, March 10, 2023

## PUBLICATIONS

### ARTICLES

Kimberly Dalve, Alice M. Elyson, Deirdre Bowen, Julie, Kafka, Isaac C. Rhew, Frederick Rivara, Ali Rowhani-Rahbar. *Suicide-Related Behavior and Firearms Access among Perpetrators of Domestic Violence Subject to Domestic Violence Protection Orders*, Preventive Medicine Reports 37 (2024) 102560.

Marian Betz, Deirdre Bowen, Ali Rowhani-Rahbar, Alexander McCourt, , Frederick Rivara. *State Reporting Requirements for Involuntary Holds, Court Ordered Guardianship and the U.S. Firearm National Background Check System*, JAMA Health Forum. 2023; 4(11):e233945

Deirdre Bowen, Ali Rowhani-Rahbar, Alexander McCourt, Marian Betz, Frederick Rivara. *Variations in State Laws on Mental Health-Related Firearm Prohibition*. JAMA Internal Medicine 2023; 183(12):1402-1404.

Avanti Adhia, Alice Elyson, Lisa DiMascolo, Sandra Shanahan, Deirdre Bowen, Ali Rowhani-Rahbar. *Firearm Restrictions in Domestic Violence Protection Orders: Implementation, Vetting, Compliance, and Enforcement*, Criminology & Public Policy, September 6, 2023.

Aisha Alsinai, Max Reygers, Lisa DiMascolo, Julie Kafka, Avanti Adhia, Deirdre Bowen, Sandra Shanahan, Kimberly Dalve, Ali Rowhani-Rahbar, Alice Elyson. *Use of Immigration Status for Coercive Control in Domestic Violence Protection Orders*, Frontiers in Sociology 8 (2023).

Bowen, D., Elyson, A., Gomez, M., Rivara, F., Rowhani-Rahbar, A. *Black Women & Gun Ownership in America*, 10 Violence and Gender 38 (2023).

Elyson, A., Bowen, D., Martin, K., Rivara, F. *Implicit racial and gender bias about handguns: a new Implicit Association Test*, 38 Journal of Interpersonal Violence 5190 (2023).

Adhia, A., Kray, M., Bowen, D., Kernic, M.A., Miller, E. *Prevention of Teen Dating Violence in Schools: Variation in US State Laws*. 176 JAMA Pediatrics 797 (2022).

Tessler, R., Haviland, M., Bowen, A., Bowen, D., Rowhand-Rahbar, A., Rivara, F. *Association of state-level intoxicated driving laws with firearm homicide and suicide*. 28 Injury Prevention 32 (2022).

Bowen, A., Tessler, R., Bowen, D., Rowhani-Rahbar, A., Rivara, F. *Relation of Driving Under the Influence Law to Access to Firearms Across US States*. 111 American Journal of Public Health 253 (2021).

Deirdre M. Bowen, *#NotMetoo: A Commonwealth for Mankind*. 57 Louisville L. Rev. 587 (2019).

Kathryn Stanchi & Deirdre M. Bowen, *This is Your Sword: How Damaging are Prior Convictions to Plaintiffs in Civil Trials?* 89 Washington. L. Rev. 90 (2014).

Deirdre M. Bowen, *All that Heaven Will Allow: A Statistical Analysis of the Co-existence of Same Sex Marriage and Gay Matrimonial Bans.* 91 Den. L. Rev. 277 (2014).

Deirdre M. Bowen, *American Skin: Dispensing with Colorblindness and Critical Mass.* 73 U. Pittsburgh L. Rev. 109 (2012).

Deirdre M. Bowen, *Meeting across the River: Why Affirmative Action Needs both Class and Race—A Response to Richard Sander.* 88 Den. L. Rev. 751 (2011). (cited in Laurence Tribe and Joshua Matz, *Uncertain Justice: The Roberts Court and the Constitution 2014*).

Deirdre M. Bowen, *Brilliant Disguise: An Empirical Analysis of a Social Experiment Banning Affirmative Action.* 85 Indiana Law Journal 1497 (2010). (cited in six U.S. Supreme Court *amicus* briefs for *Fisher v. University of Texas & Harvard and UNC*).

Deirdre M. Bowen, *Calling Your Bluff: How Prosecutors & Defense Attorneys Adapt Plea Bargaining Strategies in Response to Increased Formalization.* 26 Justice Quarterly 2 (2009).

(Reprinted in *Voices from Criminal Justice.* (Ed. By Copes & Pogrebin Routledge Press 2011).

Deirdre M. Bowen, *Differential Power in Same-Sex Families Based on Cultural and Legal Understanding of Parentage.* 15 Wm & Mary J. of Women & the Law 1 (2008).

#### **BOOK CHAPTERS**

Deirdre M. Bowen, “Visibly Invisible” Chapter in *Presumed Incompetent.* (Ed. by Angela Harris & Carmen Gonzales University of Utah Press 2012).

Deirdre M. Bowen, “Going Beyond the Casebook in the Family Law Classroom” Chapter in *Vulnerable Populations and Transformative Law Teaching: A Critical Reader.*

(Ed. by Raquel Aldana, Steven Bender, Olympia Duhart, Michele Benedetto Neitz, Angela Onwuachi-Willig, Hari Osofsky, and Hazel Weiser Carolina Academic Press 2011).

Deirdre M. Bowen, “Affirmative Action in the United States.” Chapter in *Affirmative Action: A Legal Analysis.* (Brazilian Press 2010).

Deirdre M. Bowen, “Gender, Criminal Justice and Criminology.” Article length entry for *The Encyclopedia of Gender and Society.* (Edited by Jodi O’Brien. Thousand Oaks: Sage Press 2009).

## **INVITED SPEAKER PRESENTATIONS**

2008. "Differential Power in Same-Sex Families Based on Cultural and Legal Understanding of Parentage." University of New Mexico School of Law Emerging Scholars Series, Albuquerque, NM.

2009. Hot Topics Panel: What's Race Got to Do with Post-Racialism? Moderated by Charles Ogletree at the American Association of Law Schools Conference, San Diego, CA.

2009. Race in Colorblind Spaces. The Third Annual Critical Race Symposium at UCLA School of Law, Los Angeles, CA.

2009. The Relevance of Race in the Obama Era. The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Paul Robeson Conference at Columbia University School of Law, New York, NY.

2009. Human Rights and Affirmative Action. Universidad do Estado do Rio de Janeiro. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

2009. Presentation to the Director and other Stakeholders at the National Institute of General Medicine and Sciences at the National Institute of Health, Bethesda, MD.

2010. "A Tale of Two Diversities: Minority and Non-minority Student Perceptions of the Benefits of a Diverse Law School Classroom." AALS Mid-Year Workshop on Race & the Law, NY, NY.

2010. "Brilliant Disguise: An Empirical Analysis of a Social Experiment Banning Affirmative Action." Social Justice Lunchtime Speaker Boalt Hall U.C. Berkeley School of Law, Berkeley, CA.

2013. "Advice on Doing Scholarship in the Legal Academy." SALT Faculty Workshop. Chicago, IL.

2014. "Lessons Learned: Strategies Extracted from LSSSE Data on the Benefits of Diversity." Tenth Anniversary LSSSE Conference. Saint Louis University. St. Louis, MO.

2016. "The Promised Land: An Empirical Analysis of Law Schools and How to Get Affirmative Action to Work for Everyone. Tulane School of Law. New Orleans, LA.

2018. "Addressing Bias in Family Law Cases." Washington State Judicial Conference. Chelan, WA.

2018. "Re-creating the 'Common'-wealth through a Durkheimian and Weberian Lens." The Future of the Common-wealth Symposium. Brandeis School of Law, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY.

2019. "Brain-based Research on Bias and How Judges Can Adapt." Washington State Judicial Conference. Spokane, WA.

#### **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

2007. "Criminal Justice Professionals' Perceptions of Victim Offender Mediation: Understanding Roles and Goals." Presented at the Annual Meetings of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. Seattle, WA.

2007. "How Increased Rationalization Affects Plea Bargaining in Felony Drug Cases." Presented at the Annual Meetings of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. Seattle, WA.

2007. "How Defense Attorneys Use Plea Bargaining Strategies to Respond to Increased Formalization." Presented at the Annual Meetings of the Pacific Sociological Association. Oakland, CA.

2007. "What Everybody's Thinking but Nobody's Saying: Underrepresented Minority Students' Knowledge and Experience with Anti-Affirmative Action Laws and Higher Education. Presented at the Annual Meetings of the Pacific Sociological Association. Oakland, CA.

2007. "How Do Same-sex Couples Give Meaning to Cultural and Legal Definitions of Parental Rights as They Engage in Family Formation." Presented at the 2007 Intersections of Race and Gender: (Re) Imagining the Family Conference. Seattle, WA.

2007. Plenary Guest Speaker on Interdisciplinary Perspectives on the Meaning of Family. Intersections of Race and Gender: (Re) Imagining the Family Conference. Seattle, WA.

2008. "Differential Power in Same-Sex Families Based on Cultural and Legal Understanding of Parentage." Presented at the Annual Meetings of the Pacific Sociological Association. Portland, OR.

2008. "Differential Power in Same-Sex Families Based on Cultural and Legal Understanding of Parentage." Presented at the Law & Society Conference. Montreal, Canada.

2008. "Calling Your Bluff: How Prosecutors & Defense Attorneys Adapt Plea Bargaining Strategies to Increased Formalization." Presented at the American Bar Association Alternative Dispute Resolution Section Conference. Tempe, AZ.

2008. "A Brilliant Disguise: an Empirical Assessment of the Colorblind Ideal in a Post Affirmative Action World." Presented as a work in progress at the Lat/Crit. Conference. Seattle, WA.

2009. "Operating on the Margins: Three Parent Families Inside and Outside of the Law." Presented at the Lat/Crit. Conference. Washington, D.C.

2010. "Visibly Invisible: Stigma and the Intersection of Race, Gender & Class for Students of Color striving for a Career in the Sciences." Presented at the UCLA CRS Symposium. Los Angeles, CA.

2010. "Empiricism, Popular Media & Case Law Analysis." Presented at the Vulnerable Populations Conference Golden Gate University. San Francisco, CA.

2010. "Grutter's Regrets: An Empirical Analysis of How Affirmative Action is(n't) working." Presented at the Law & Society Conference. Chicago, IL.

2010. "Social Justice and Legal Writing: Perspectives of Faculty, Students, and Partner Organizations on Collaborative Legal Writing." Presented at the 14<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference of the Legal Writing Institute. Marco Island, FL.

2010. "Grutter's Regrets: An Empirical Analysis of How Affirmative Action is(n't) working." Presented at the NPOC Legal Scholarship Conference, Newark, NJ.

2010. "Grutter's Regrets: An Empirical Analysis of How Affirmative Action is(n't) working." Presented at Lat/Crit XV. Denver, CO.

2011. "The Irrelevancy and Distraction of DOMA in Supporting Families." Presented at the Emerging Family Law Scholars Conference. San Francisco, CA.

2011. "Meeting across the River: Why Affirmative Action Needs Race and Class Diversity—A Response to Richard Sander." Presented at Lat/Crit XVI. San Diego, CA.

2012. "Why Formalize Plea Bargaining Disproportionately Affects Defendants of Color." Presented at the Seattle University Law Review Symposium on Racial Bias and the Criminal Justice System. Seattle, WA.

2012. "Wealth and Class and the Intersection of Race in Higher Education" Presented at the Law & Society Conference. Honolulu, HI.

2012. "Borrowing Skills from other Disciplines to Create Practice Ready Attorneys." Presented at the Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference. Palm Desert, CA.

2012. "How Jurors Respond to the Revelation of Negative Facts: An Experiment." Delaware Valley Conference of Women Law Professors. Philadelphia, PA.

2012. "Adapting Strategies to Formalized Plea Bargaining." Washington State Defender's Association Conference.

2013. “Visibly Invisible: Stigma and the Intersection of Race, Class & Gender for Students of Color Striving for a Career in the Sciences.” *Presumed Incompetent* Symposium. U.C. Berkeley School of Law.
2013. “All that Heaven Will Allow: A Statistical Analysis of the Effect of DOMAs on Marriage and Divorce Rates State by State. Lat/Crit Conference. Chicago.
2014. “Creating Curious Law Students through Interdisciplinary Coursework.” SALT Conference. Las Vegas.
2015. “Innovative Teaching Techniques for Family Law: Using Empirical Materials.” AALS Mid-year Conference on Family Law. Orlando, FL.
2016. “Interdisciplinary Teaching Techniques and Cross-Collaboration across the Law School Curriculum.” AALS Mid-year Clinical Conference. Denver, CO.
2017. “You Never Can Tell: The Tension between Parental Expression and Child Privacy on the Web.” Family Law Teachers and Scholars Annual Workshop. NYC, NY.
2020. “Using Psychological Principles to Deliver Effective Lectures Online.” Excellence in Teaching Legal Writing Online. William & Mary College of Law. Virtual.

#### **GRANTS/GIFTS**

- 1996 Washington State Minority and Justice Commission.  
2006 University of Washington Disparity Research Center  
2009 Poverty & Research Action Council  
2019 ALWD Teaching Grant  
2020 Covid-19 Population Health Equity Grant, UW, consultant.  
2021 Covid-10 Relief Funds via King Co. Council  
2021 Moccasin Lake Foundation  
2023 Centers for Disease Control Competitive DV & OTSW grant 2.5 million

#### **OTHER WORKS**

Op. Ed. Brett Kavanaugh’s Virtues of Adulthood Do Not Mean the Iniquities of Youth Did Not Happen in *USA Today* September 27, 2018.

Op. Ed. The Numbers Don’t Lie in *The Summit Daily News* October 25, 2008.

Feature Article. Learning from Others: Preparing for the Aftermath of Post-Affirmative Action in *The Nebraska Lawyer* August 2009.

American Constitution Society for Law & Policy Guest Blog June & July 2013.



## **HONORS, AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

*Outstanding Faculty* of the Year Award 2023, 2021, 2018, 2010  
(nominated 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2020, 2022)  
Top Ten Percent Author for all-time downloads on SSRN  
Black Law Student Association *Faculty Award* May 2018.  
Best Paper National People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference Junior Faculty  
Writing Competition Award Winner for *Grutter's Regrets* 2010.  
Criminal Justice Society Faculty Appreciation Award. 2007.  
Academic Service-Learning Faculty Fellow. Seattle University 2006.  
Recognition for Nomination for the Spirit of Community Award. Center for Service and  
Community Engagement. Seattle University 2006.  
Norman S. Hayner Award. Department of Sociology, University of Washington 1995.  
Adolph Homberger Award for Excellence in Civil Procedure. State University of New  
York at Buffalo, School of Law 1990.  
Awarded Membership to Moot Court Board. State University of New York at Buffalo,  
School of Law 1989.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Law Review Faculty Advisor 2007-2010  
Washington State Child Support Taskforce 2007-2008  
Justice Quarterly Peer Reviewer 2009-present  
National Science Foundation Law & Society Grant Reviewer 2011-present  
Law & Society Assoc. Membership/Professional Development Committee 2010-2011  
Law School Strategic Planning & Advisory Committee 2010-2011  
Seattle University Human Subjects IRB Committee 2010-2013  
Washington State Bar Association LLLT Curriculum Committee  
Personnel Review Committee 2013-14  
Hiring Committee 2015-16  
Social Justice Committee 2016-17  
Research Consultant King County Judges Judicial Committee for Bail Reform 2017  
SEALS Scholarship committee 2017-present  
ALWD conference planning committee 2019  
Curriculum Committee 2018-2020  
Board Member and Advisor: LegalAtoms.com (tech start-up). 2018-present  
Founder and Director, Domestic Violence Protection Order Pop-Up Clinic 2020  
Bar Readiness Committee 2021-2022  
University Faculty Welfare Committee 2020-present  
Asylum Application Intake Pop-Up Clinic for Ukrainian Refugees April 2022

## **PROFESSIONAL/BAR MEMBERSHIPS**

New York, Massachusetts, Washington, D.C. (inactive)

Society of American Law Teachers

**EXTRACURRICULAR INTERESTS**

Perform Regularly for *The Moth Story Hour*. Only Seattle performer to have story aired on NPR.

Two-time Grand Slam Moth Champion in Seattle