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Education

J.D., Syracuse University College of Law, Syracuse, NY Honors: Cum Laude, Beatrice Krupkin Scholarship, Family Advocacy Program Fellow Concentration: Family Law and Social Policy Clinical Experience: Children's Rights and Family Law	05/2009
M.A., University of Nevada – Reno, Reno, NV Concentration: English (Literature and Environment)	05/2005
B.A., American Studies, Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, MA Honors: Cum Laude	05/2002

Academic Appointments

Assistant Professor Center for Bioethics and Humanities, SUNY Upstate Medical University, Syracuse, NY	01/2023 – Present
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Other Positions and Employment

Project Director, Center for Court Innovation, Syracuse, NY	07/2014 – 01/2023
Deputy Director, Center for Court Innovation, Syracuse, NY	05/2012 – 06/2014
Senior Associate, Tribal Justice Exchange, Center for Court Innovation, Syracuse, NY	03/2010 – 01/2023
Intake Attorney, Cancer Legal Advocacy and Services Project (CLASP), Legal Services of CNY, Syracuse, NY	11/2009 – 02/2010
Interim Center Coordinator, Family Law and Social Policy Center, Syracuse University College of Law, Syracuse, NY	08/2009 – 11/2009

Educational Activities

Teaching Activities in Programs and Courses

Patients to Populations: Ethics, Law and Population Health, Co-Facilitator Rishana Cohen, MD, 13 1 st year medical students, 12 Sessions	08/2022 – 05/2023
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Updated: April 2023

Clinical Education

Bioethics Retreat, Upstate Medical University, Residents, 3 sessions	March 2023
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Clinical Activities

Hospital Ethics Committee, Upstate Medical University	2023
Ethics Consult Service, Upstate Medical University	2023

Research Experience

<p>Research Assistant, <i>Coming Home to Harlem: A Randomized Controlled Trial of the Harlem Parole Reentry Court</i>.</p> <p>Principal Investigators: Lama Hassoun Ayoub and Tia Pooler, Center for Court Innovation. Interviewed incarcerated people in prisons across New York State, including Attica, Marcy, Auburn and Albion.</p>	2014-2015
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External Education Activities

<p><i>Research Ethics: A Primer on Cultural Competency</i></p> <p>IDE 641: Techniques in Educational Evaluation – Graduate Level Course</p> <p>Syracuse University School of Education, Syracuse, NY</p>	April 2023
<p><i>Trauma-Informed Interviewing and Counseling</i></p> <p>Syracuse University College of Law, Syracuse, NY</p> <p>Professional Development course</p>	November 2022
<p><i>What Every Lawyer Needs to Know About Trauma</i></p> <p>Syracuse University College of Law, Syracuse, NY</p> <p>SPIN (Syracuse Public Interest Network) Student Group</p>	October 2022
<p><i>Policing and Mental Health Interventions</i></p> <p>Syracuse University College of Law, Syracuse, NY</p> <p>Criminal Justice Reform course</p>	September 2021
<p><i>Problem-Solving Justice in the Age of Mass Incarceration</i></p> <p>Syracuse University College of Law, Syracuse, NY</p> <p>Criminal Law course</p>	March 2018
<p><i>The Patient Navigator Program: A Women's Health Education and Navigation Program</i></p> <p>Co-Presenter: Laura Stabile, LCSW</p> <p>March of Dimes – New York State Chapter Meeting</p>	August 2017
<p><i>"If You Find Yourself in a Hole, Stop Digging:" An Introduction to Problem-Solving Justice</i></p> <p>Syracuse University College of Law, Syracuse, NY</p> <p>Criminal Law course</p>	April 2017
<p><i>Intersection of the Justice System and Health Care</i></p>	March 2017

Syracuse University College of Law, Syracuse, NY Family Law course	
<i>Ten Things that Matter When Working with Court-Involved Pregnant Women</i> Co-Presenter: Laura Stabile, LCSW Crouse Hospital Grand Rounds Syracuse, NY	September 2015

Educational Development: Curricula and Educational Materials

<i>Incarceration 101 Bias Checklist</i> , Lead: Amy Caruso Brown, MD Upstate Medical University	March 2023
<i>Health Sciences Study: Law and Advocacy</i> , Co-teacher Rachel Fabi, PHD, planned for Spring 2024 Upstate Medical University	January 2023 to present
<i>CTAS Tribal Justice System Planning Process</i> , Co-Author Center for Court Innovation/Fox Valley Technical College 3 Day Training Curriculum for Tribal Court Administrators, Judges, Law Enforcement, Victim Service Providers, and Other Justice System Stakeholders	2012 -2013

Legal Affiliations and Practice

Certification and Licensure

New York State Bar Examination	2010
Trauma-Informed Trainer, U.S. Dept of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA): <i>How Being Trauma Informed Improves Criminal Justice Responses</i> .	2012

Clinical Discipline

Student Attorney, Children's Rights and Family Law Clinic, Syracuse University College of Law, Syracuse, NY	2007 - 2009
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Clinical Activities

Immigration Attorney, Volunteer Lawyer Project of CNY, Afghanistan Asylum Seeking Family	2022-2023
Clinical Intake Attorney, 5 th Judicial District Pro Bono Project, Upstate Medical University, Traumatic Brain Injury Unit, Syracuse, New York, Monthly Clinic	2010-2011
Student Attorney, Syracuse Medical-Legal Partnership, Syracuse University College of Law/ Upstate Medical University, Weekly Rounds with Medical Students at University Pediatric and Adolescent Clinic	2008-2009

Scholarship

Peer-reviewed Publications

1. Arnold, Aaron F., **Sarah Cumbie Reckess**, Robert V. Wolf, "State and Tribal Courts: Strategies for Bridging the Divide," *Gonzaga L.R.*, 47: 801-838 (2011/12).

Books & Chapters

1. **Reckess, Sarah** and Jordana Gilman. *I Think I'm in Labor. Bioethics, Public Health and the Social Sciences for Medical Professionals: An Integrated, Case-Base Approach.* (Eds. Amy Caruso Brown, Travis Hobart, Cynthia Morrow) (pages) Springer (2019).

U.S. Department of Justice Publications

1. **Reckess, Sarah** and Alisha Morrison. *American Probation and Parole Association Reentry Toolkit Enhancement: Emerging Adults.* Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice (TBD).
2. Fontanet, Adelle, **Sarah Reckess**, Precious Benally. *Planning for Home: A Reentry Guide and Reentry Coordinator's Toolkit for American Indian Nations/ Alaska Native Villages.* Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice (2019).
3. **Reckess, Sarah.** *Planning a Problem-Solving Justice Initiative: A Toolkit for Tribal Communities.* Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice (2015).

Legal Education Development

New York State Accredited Continuing Legal Education (CLE)

<p><i>What Every Lawyer Should Know about Trauma: Toward a Trauma-Informed Lawyering Practice</i></p> <p>Center for Court Innovation (Online Webinar)</p> <p>Credit Hours: 6 Professional Practice</p>	October 2020
<p><i>Advanced Topics in Effective Representation of Vulnerable Populations: Childhood Trauma, Mental Illness, Substance Abuse, Historical Trauma</i></p> <p>Onondaga County Bar Association, Syracuse, NY</p> <p>Credit Hours: 4 Skills</p>	November 2019
<p><i>Accommodating Language Barriers: Providing Effective Representation in LEP Clients</i></p> <p>Onondaga County Bar Association, Syracuse, NY</p> <p>Credit Hours: 1.5 Skills, 1.5 Professional Practice</p>	November 2019
<p><i>Mental Health Courts 101: Accessing Services and System Infrastructure</i></p> <p>Panel Facilitator</p> <p>NYS Unified Court System: Office of Policy and Planning, Syracuse, NY</p> <p>Credit Hours: 1 Skills</p>	November 2019
<p><i>The Use of Risk Assessments in Mental Health Courts</i></p> <p>NYS Unified Court System: Office of Policy and Planning, Syracuse, NY</p> <p>Credit Hours: 1 Skills</p>	November 2019
<p><i>What Every Lawyer Needs to Know about Trauma</i></p> <p>Onondaga County Bar Association, Syracuse, NY</p> <p>Credit Hours: 6 Skills</p>	May 2019
<p><i>Mental Health and the Criminal Justice System: Working with Defendants with Mental Health Issues</i></p> <p>NYS Unified Court System: Office of Policy and Planning, New York City, NY</p>	January 2018

Credit Hours: 4.5 Ethics, 3 Skills	
<i>Human Trafficking: A Call to Action</i> Onondaga County Bar Association, Syracuse, NY Credit Hours: 1 Professional Practice	May 2017
<i>Innovations in Peacemaking: A Grass Roots Perspective</i> Franklin H. Williams Judicial Commission, Buffalo, NY Co-Presenter: Lisa Vavonese, JD, Center for Court Innovation Credit Hours: 2 Professional Practice	June 2015
<i>Healing with Tradition: Using Native American Peacemaking Practice</i> New York State Dispute Resolution Association, Albany, NY Credit Hours: 2.5 Skills	October 2014

Invited Presentations

National Presentations

<i>Prescription Drug Abuse: Understanding a Global Epidemic and How Tribal Nations are Working to Combat It</i> Co-Presenter: Precious Benally (Diné), JD, Center for Court Innovation Tribal Healing to Wellness Court 8 th Annual Enhancement Training Albuquerque, NM	September 2016
<i>Working with Tribal Courts: Effective Strategies for Court Administrators in the State Courts</i> Co-Presenter: Hon. Carrie Garrow (Akwesasne/Mohawk), St Regis Mohawk Tribal Court National Association of Court Management Pittsburgh, PA	July 2016
<i>Tribal Court Interventions for Methamphetamine Use</i> Methamphetamine Prevention and Remediation in Indian Housing U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Southwest Methamphetamine Training Phoenix, AZ	December 2014
<i>Developing Trauma-Informed Responses to Improve the Criminal Justice System</i> Multi-Jurisdictional Law Enforcement Training Conference Green Bay, WI	November 2013
<i>Methamphetamine in Indian Country</i> National Judicial College Addiction in Indian Country Symposium Reno, NV	September 2013
<i>Designing an ESL Program for Spanish-Speaking Drug Court Clients</i> National Association of Drug Court Professionals Co-Presenter: Leah Russell, M.A., Center for Court Innovation	July 2013

Washington, D.C.	
<i>Rethinking Child Support Enforcement: The Parent Support Program</i> Co-Presenter: Aaron Arnold, JD, Center for Court Innovation National Tribal Child Support Association Bar Harbor, ME	July 2012
<i>Tackling Methamphetamine with Healing to Wellness Courts</i> National Association of Drug Treatment Professionals Nashville, TN	June 2012

State or Regional Presentations

<i>Statistical Analysis of Data and Trends Related to Raise the Age</i> Raise the Age Summit Syracuse, NY	October 2022
<i>Haz la Paz: Using Peacemaking to Create Community in Syracuse, New York</i> Co-Presenter: Asean Malik Bey, Center for Court Innovation Adult Abuse Training Institute Albany, NY	October 2019
<i>Criminal Justice Reforms in New York State: What to Expect January 1, 2020</i> Children's Justice Task Force Rensselaer, NY	September 2019
<i>From the Frontline: Women who Use Drugs in New York State</i> Panelist NYS Department of Health: Responses to the Opioid Epidemic: Improving the Health of Women Who Use Drugs Troy, NY	November 2017
<i>The Patient Navigator Program: Serving Justice-Involved Pregnant Women</i> ACOG District II: Opioid Addiction in Pregnancy Summit Syracuse, NY	April 2017
<i>Parent Support Program: A Collaborative Approach to Improving Child Support Collection</i> Co-Presenter: Lorraine Korkus, Onondaga County Child Support Enforcement Unit, Dan Olivadoti, Center for Court Innovation NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance Regional Roundtable Syracuse, NY	October 2015

Non-Legal Training Development and Delivery

<i>Understanding and Developing Trauma-Informed Care Responses</i> Rescue Mission – 30 Staff Attendees Syracuse, NY 3.5 Hours	May 2015
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Peer Reviewer

CTAS Purpose Area 2: Tribal Courts and Substance Abuse US Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs	2021
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Academic Service

Behavior Contract Workgroup, Committee Member	April - May 2023
Disability and Education Workgroup, Committee Member In Collaboration with Syracuse University College of Law	April – May 2023

External Professional & Community Service

Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Board Member	2019 - 2023
Co-Chair: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee	2020 - 2023
Member: Community Engagement Committee	2017 - 2020
Member: Race and Justice in CNY Committee	2020 - 2022
Onondaga County Bar Association, Syracuse, NY	
Facilitator, Community-Police Dialogues, Interfaith Works, Syracuse, NY	2015 - 2019
Advisory Board Member, Elder Justice Coalition, Syracuse, NY	2020 - 2022