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+Coward, T., Deutchman, M., & Hutchens, N. H. (2026). Hot topics in campus speech. Presentation for 2026 annual meeting of the National Conference on Law and Higher Education. Clearwater Beach, Florida.

+Ericson, B., Hutchens, N. H., & Toppe, M. (2026). Free expression on campus: Beyond the law. Presentation for 2026 annual meeting of the National Conference on Law and Higher Education. Clearwater Beach, Florida.

+ Hutchens, N. H., & McCarthy, C. (2026). What have you got to say? Publishing in scholarly and practitioner journals. Presentation for 2026 annual meeting of the National Conference on Law and Higher Education. Clearwater Beach, Florida.

+ Hutchens, N. H. (2026). The K-12 Turn in Public Higher Education in Select States and the Loss of Institutional Autonomy, Faculty Academic Freedom. Session panelist for *Stetson Law Review* 2026 Symposium: Higher education on trial: Confronting shifts in governance, autonomy, and academic freedom. Clearwater Beach, Florida.

+ Hutchens, N. H., & Hephner LaBanc, B. (2026). Administrative decision-making in legal and ethical perspectives. Presentation for 2026 cohort members of the Academic Leadership Academy sponsored by Penn State University's Center for the Study of Higher Education. University Park, Pennsylvania. Virtual meeting.

+ Hutchens, N. H. (2025). Universities in the Balance: Federal Law, Policy, and Pressure in Divisive Times. Keynote speaker for Carnegie Mellon University's Deeper Conversations Series. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

+McCafee, N. (moderator), Ginsburg, T. (panelist), & Hutchens, N. H. (panelist). (2025). Panel on Academic Freedom for book launch event for *The War on Tenure* by Deepa Das Avecedo. Emory University School of Law. Atlanta, Georgia.

+Deutchman, M. N., Shaverdian, K., & Hutchens, N. H. (2025). Free Speech Session: Student Affairs Law and Policy Training Symposium. NASPA and Stetson University College of Law's Center for Excellence in Higher Education Law and Policy. Nashua, New Hampshire.

+Hutchens, N. H. (2025). Featured speaker on First Amendment on campus speech. University of Kentucky Lewis Honors College's Ideas that Matter speaker series. Lexington, Kentucky.

+Hutchens, N. H. (2025). Freedom of expression in education. Session panelist for *Washington and Lee Journal of Civil Rights and Social Justice* annual symposium: Conflict in the classroom and beyond: Navigating privacy, censorship, and expression in education. Washington and Lee University School of Law. Lexington, Virginia.

+Coward, T., Hutchens, N. H., Lawrence, F., & Thro, W. (2025). Campus speech law 101. Presentation for 2025 annual meeting of the National Conference on Law and Higher Education. Clearwater Beach, Florida.

+Alger, J., Coward, T., Hutchens, N. H., Lawrence, F., & Thro, W. (2025). Campus protests and unrest. Multi-session presentation for 2025 annual meeting of the National Conference on Law and Higher Education. Clearwater Beach, Florida.

+ Hutchens, N. H., & Hephner LaBanc, B. (2025). Administrative decision-making in legal and ethical perspectives. Presentation for 2025 cohort members of the Academic Leadership Academy sponsored by Penn State University's Center for the Study of Higher Education. University Park, Pennsylvania. Virtual meeting.

*Hutchens, N. H. (2024). A Constitutional Right to Higher Education? Presentation for 2024 annual meeting of the Educational Law Association. Orlando, Florida.

*Blanchard, J., Rabban, D., & Hutchens, N. H. (2024). Is Academic Freedom a Distinctive First Amendment Right?. Presentation for 2024 annual meeting of the Educational Law Association. Orlando, Florida.

+Hutchens, N. H. (2024). Free speech and academic freedom on campus. Moderator and organizer for online symposium for *Journal of College and University Law* to accompany forthcoming special issue of journal. Symposium presenters: William E. Thro, Elizabeth R. Kaufer Busch, Frank Fernandez, Volha Chykina, Dwayne Wright, Jeffrey Sun, Heather Turner, & Brandi Hephner LaBanc.

+Hutchens, N. H. Law on campus: Past, present, and future. (2024). Keynote speaker for Risk Management and Legal Issues in the Pharmacy Academy symposium. Austin, Texas.

+ Hutchens, N. H., & Hephner LaBanc, B. (2024). Administrative decision-making in legal and ethical perspectives. Presentation for 2024 cohort members of the Academic Leadership Academy sponsored by Penn State University's Center for the Study of Higher Education. University Park, Pennsylvania. Virtual meeting.

+Thro, W., Hutchens, N. H., Coward, T, & Alger, J. (2024). Freedom of speech issues on campus. Multi-session presentation for 2024 annual meeting of the National Conference on Law and Higher Education. Clearwater Beach, Florida.

+ Hephner LaBanc, B., & Hutchens, N. H. (2023). The new campus speech zone: Institutional responses and efforts involving social media. Online session hosted by the University of California National Center for Free Speech and Civic Engagement and moderated by UC Center Executive Director Michelle Deutchman.

+ Valdez, P., Hutchens, N. H., Sáenz, V., Mora, M.T., Fernandez, F., & Taylor, E. M. (2023). Education by the numbers. Co-organizer with Dr. Patrick Valdez of online session sponsored by the University of Kentucky College of Education's Initiative on Education and Civil Rights on U.S. Supreme Court decision involving race in higher education admissions.

+ Chapman, T., Miller, V., Suarez, C., Valdez, P., & Hutchens, N. H. (2023). *You Can't Teach That!*. Webinar on state legislative efforts to censor education curricula sponsored by the University of Kentucky College of Education's Initiative on Education and Civil Rights.

+Thro, W., Hutchens, N. H., & Coward, T. (2023). Freedom of speech issues on campus. Presentation for 2023 annual meeting of the National Conference on Law and Higher Education. Clearwater Beach, Florida.

+ Hutchens, N. H., & Hephner LaBanc, B. (2023). Administrative decision-making in legal and ethical perspectives. Presentation for 2023 cohort members of the Academic Leadership Academy sponsored by Penn State University's Center for the Study of Higher Education. University Park, Pennsylvania. Virtual meeting.

+ Hutchens, N. H., & Letzring, T., Carleton, M., Sun, J., & Miller, V. (2022). Hot topics in higher education law panel. Session organizer for invited panel at the annual meeting of the Education Law Association. Orlando, Florida.

+Bowman, K. L., Sun, J., & Hutchens, N. H. (2022). Pre-Conference Session: Free speech and inclusion on campus. Session co-organizer for half day pre-conference session at the annual meeting of the Education Law Association. Orlando, Florida.

*Hutchens, N. H., Edmondson, M., & Fernandez, F. (2022). State regulation of for-profit higher education. Presentation at the annual meeting of the Education Law Association. Orlando, Florida.

+ Hutchens, N. H., & Hephner LaBanc, B. (2022). Legal issues and perspectives. Presentation for 2022 cohort members of the Academic Leadership Academy sponsored by Penn State University's Center for the Study of Higher Education. University Park, Pennsylvania. Virtual meeting.

+ Thro, W., Creeley, W., & Hutchens, N. H. (2022). From Classrooms to Courtrooms: Freedom of Expression and its Challenges. Presentation for 2022 annual meeting of the National Conference on Law and Higher Education. Clearwater Beach, Florida.

+Hutchens N. H., Hephner LaBanc, B., Fernandez, F. (2022). Scholar's Roundtable. Presentation for 2022 annual meeting of the National Conference on Law and Higher Education. Clearwater Beach, Florida.

+Barthelemy, M., & Hutchens, N. H. (2021). Student protest and expression Post-COVID: Building Relationships and Supporting Staff. Presentation at 2021 NASPA Student Affairs Law Conference. Virtual conference due to Covid-19.

+ Hutchens, N. H. (2021). Selected issues on critical race theory at the university. Presentation for 2021 Texas Higher Education Law Conference sponsored by the University of North Texas Higher Education Program, the UNT Higher Education Initiative, the Bill J. Priest Center for Community College Education, and The North Texas Community College Consortium. Virtual conference due to Covid-19.

+ Hutchens, N. H., Hephner LaBanc, B., Moorer, E., Fernandez, F., & Letzring, T. (2021). Hot topics in higher education law panel. Session organizer for invited panel at the annual meeting of the Education Law Association. San Antonio, Texas.

+ Hutchens, N. H. (2021). Legal issues and perspectives. Presentation for 2021 cohort members of the Academic Leadership Academy sponsored by Penn State University's Center for the Study of Higher Education. University Park, Pennsylvania.
Virtual meeting due to Covid-19.

+Hutchens, N. H., & Hephner LaBanc, B. (2021). "Let the wild rumpus start!"—Free speech and expression on the post-covid campus. Presentation at annual meeting of the National Conference on Law and Higher Education. Clearwater Beach, Florida.
Virtual conference due to Covid-19.

*****Woods, W., & Hutchens, N. H. (2020). Intersections of Law and Campus Policy Related to Emotional Support Animals. Presentation at annual meeting of the Education Law Association. Virtual conference due to Covid-19.

+Kroger, J., Melear, K. B., Creeley, W., Hundrieser, J., Hutchens, N. H., Hartman, K., & Holmes, R. Free Speech Isn't Free. (2020). Panel session at annual meeting of the National Conference on Law and Higher Education. Clearwater Beach, Florida.

+Kroger, J., Thro, W., Creeley, W., Hundrieser, J., Hutchens, N. H., Hartman, K., & Holmes, R. (2020). Free Expression and the First Amendment. Panel moderator for session at annual meeting of the National Conference on Law and Higher Education. Clearwater Beach, Florida.

+Hephner LaBanc, B., & Hutchens, N. H. (2019). The Contested Campus: Free Speech versus Institutional Values. Pre-conference presentation at 2019 NASPA Student Affairs Law Conference. San Diego, California.

+Hephner LaBanc, B., & Hutchens, N.H. (2019). When the First Amendment and Campus Values Collide. Presentation at 2019 NASPA Student Affairs Law Conference. San Diego, California.

Hutchens, N. H. (2019). A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the "Limited Public Forum. Presentation at annual meeting of the Education Law Association. Norfolk, Virginia.

Coleman, B., Hephner LaBanc, B., Hooks, J., & Hutchens, N. H. (2019). The Promise and Challenges of Free Speech in Education. Moderator. Plenary Session at Mississippi Education Law Conference. Oxford, Mississippi.

+Hutchens, N. H., & Rooksby, J. (2019). Scholar's Roundtable Session. Session at the annual meeting of the National Conference on Law and Higher Education. Clearwater Beach, Florida.

*Hutchens, N. H., & Smith K.** (2018). Legal and Policy Disputes Surrounding Naming Rights in Higher Education. Presentation at annual meeting of the Education Law Association. Cleveland, Ohio.

+ Hutchens, N. H., Melear, K. B., Schuller, E. A., & Rooksby, J. (2018). Scholar's Roundtable Session. Session at the annual meeting of the National Conference on Law and Higher Education. Clearwater Beach, Florida.

+Hutchens, N. H. (2017). The State of State Campus Speech Laws. NASPA Law and Policy Conference. New Orleans, Louisiana.

+ Hephner LaBanc, B., & Hutchens, N. H. (2017). Free Speech Alongside Institutional Risk: A Case Study and the Changing Tide of Activism. NASPA Law and Policy Conference. New Orleans, Louisiana.

+ Hutchens, N. H., & Kruth, S. (2017). A discussion of the First Amendment. Moderator of plenary session featuring Susan Kruth of Foundation for Individual Rights in Education. Session at annual meeting of the Education Law Association. San Diego, California.

* Hutchens, N. H., & Fernandez, F. (2017). Examining judicial interpretations of Academic Freedom after *Garcetti v. Ceballos*. Presentation at annual meeting of the Education Law Association. San Diego, California.

+ Hutchens, N. H. (2017). From "Snowflakes" to Milo: The search to reconcile free speech and social justice concerns on college and university campuses. Invited presentation for the University of Kentucky College of Education.

+Hutchens, N. H. & Melear, K. B. (2017). Institutional academic freedom (refusals to cooperate with federal immigration officials and ability to engage in government speech). Presentation at the annual National Conference on Law and Higher Education. Orlando, Florida.

+Thro, W. E., Newberry, J., Ledbetter, B., Hutchens, N. H., & Melear, K. B. (2017). The Constitution and Campus. Panel discussion at the annual meeting of the National Conference on Law and Higher Education. Orlando, Florida.

*Hutchens, N. H., Pauken, P., & Cornelius, L. (2016). Do faculty have special rights: A discussion on academic freedom. Panel discussion at the annual meeting of the Education Law Association. Orlando, Florida.

+Hutchens, N. H. (2016). Faculty, the courts, and the First Amendment. Presentation at the Penn State Law Review Symposium: College and the Constitution. University Park, Pennsylvania.

+Hutchens, N. H. (2016). I believe in free speech, but . . . . Presentation at the annual National Conference on Law and Higher Education. Orlando, Florida.

+Hutchens, N. H. (2016). First Amendment on the college campus. Keynote presentation at the 2016 S.E.C. Academic Collaboration Award workshop: Civility on Campus held at University of South Carolina. Columbia, South Carolina.

*Hutchens, N. H., Melear, K. B., & Quigley, K. (2015). Higher education institutions and regulation of open campus areas. Presentation at the annual meeting of the Education Law Association. Cleveland, Ohio.

+Griffin, R. F., Nisenson, A., Hutchens, N. H., & Wittner, M. (2015). Legal issues in higher education: Annual review of court and administrative developments. Presentation at the annual meeting of the National Center for the Study of Collective Bargaining in Higher Education and the Professions, New York, New York.

+Rooksby, J., & Hutchens, N. H. (2015). FERPA update. Presentation at the annual meeting of National Conference on Law and Higher Education, Orlando, Florida.

*Snyder, E., Hutchens, N. H., & Sun, J. C. (2014). Social media policies in intercollegiate athletics: The speech and privacy rights of student-athletes. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

*Jones, W., Hutchens, N. H., & Lewis, W. (2013). Non-tenure track faculty in faculty senate bylaws and constitutions: An exploratory study. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Association for the Study of Higher Education, St. Louis, Missouri.

*Sun, J. C., Hutchens, N. H., & Miksch, K. (2013). Putting a chill on academic freedom through the "weaponization" of state laws related to open records and transparency in government purpose. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Association for the Study of Higher Education, St. Louis, Missouri.

+ Sun, J. C., Hutchens, N. H., & Miksch, K. (2012). *Electronic open records and faculty, staff, and students*. Plenary session presented at 2012 #NASPAtech: Student Affairs Technology Conference, Indianapolis, Indiana.

* Brady, K., Sun, J. C., & Hutchens, N. H. (2012). *An examination of case law involving faculty terminations in higher education and in elementary and secondary education*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Education Law Association, Hilton Head, South Carolina.

*Ancheta, A., Garces, L. M., Hutchens, N. H., Miksch, K., & Sun, J. C. (2012). *Symposium: Race, affirmative action and the courts: Bridging the legal community and social scientists*. Symposium presented at the annual meeting of the Association for the Study of Higher Education, Las Vegas, Nevada.

*Sun, J. C., Brady, K. P., & Hutchens, N. H. (2012). *The legal landscape of student online speech in K-12 and higher education: A comparative legal case analysis*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

*Miksch, K., Sun, J. C., & Hutchens, N. H. (2011). *Symposium: Meeting the policy challenges of a technology enhanced future: State open records act requests, email, and text messages*. Symposium presented at the annual meeting of the Association for the Study of Higher Education's Council on Public Policy and Higher Education, Charlotte, North Carolina.

*Hutchens, N. H. (2011). *University students and online speech*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association, New Orleans, Louisiana.

+Hutchens, N. H. (2011). *Higher education and the courts: The ongoing challenge for legal concerns not to trump professional expertise and responsibility*. Presentation for student affairs professionals at the University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky.

+Hutchens, N. H. (2011). *Beyond Grutter v. Bollinger: The continuing quest for racial diversity and equity in higher education*. Presentation at the Lassiter Conference on Structural Racism, University of Kentucky College of Law, Lexington, Kentucky.

*Hutchens, N. H. (2010). *"But we don't want them in our group": Legal challenges by student organizations to campus nondiscrimination policies*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Association for the Study of Higher Education, Indianapolis, Indiana.

*Sun, J. C., & Hutchens, N. H. (2010). *"You're fired": Limits on professors' speech at public colleges and universities*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Association for the Study of Higher Education, Indianapolis, Indiana.

*Miksch, K., Sun, J. C., & Hutchens, N. H. (2010). *How should law and policy align to promote shared governance in a time of budget cuts?* Symposium presented at the annual meeting of the Association for the Study of Higher Education's Council on Public Policy and Higher Education, Indianapolis, Indiana.

*Hutchens, N. H. (2010). *You can't post that ... Or can you?: Institutional authority to regulate students' online speech.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Education Law Association, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

*Hutchens, N. H. (2010). *The uncertain status of constitutional protection for individual academic freedom*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association, Denver, Colorado.

+Hutchens, N. H. (2010). *Off the tenure track: The changing employment landscape in higher education and increasing reliance on contingent faculty*. Presentation at Martin School of Public Policy Workshop Series, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky.

*Hutchens, N. H. (2010). *Student free speech rights/responsibilities in the age of Facebook*. Presentation at the annual meeting of NASPA-Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education, Chicago, Illinois.

*Hutchens, N. H. (2009). *Institutional non-discrimination policies and the First Amendment rights of student organizations at public colleges and universities.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Education Law Association, Louisville, Kentucky.

+Hutchens, N. H. (2009). *Exactly how free is academic freedom? A dialogue considering the increasingly precarious status of First Amendment protection for faculty speech*. Presentation for meeting of S.E.C. Affiliated Faculty Leaders, University of Kentucky, Lexington Kentucky.

*Berdahl, R., & Hutchens, N. H. (2008). *Paradoxes in state constitutional autonomy and deregulation of public higher education.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Association for the Study of Higher Education, Jacksonville, Florida.

*Hutchens, N. H. (2007). *Implications of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in Garcetti v. Ceballos for public education employees.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Education Law Association, San Diego, California.

*Hutchens, N. H. (2006). *First Amendment associational rights in higher education: May institutions impose non-discrimination requirements as a condition of access to campus?* Paper presented at the Education Law and Policy Forum Graduate Student Conference, Institute of Higher Education, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia.

*Hutchens, N. H., Milem, J., Gerald, D., Rowan, H., & Williamson, K. (2005). *Understanding the state policy context for race equity and diversity.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Association for the Study of Higher Education's Council on Public Policy and Higher Education, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

*Perna, L. W., Milem, J., Gerald, D., Baum, E., Rowan, H., & Hutchens, N. H. (2005). *The status of equity for Blacks in public higher education in the south: Still separate and unequal.* Paper presented at the Association for Institutional Research Forum, San Diego, California.

*Perna, L. W., Milem, J., Fries-Britt, S., Williams, J., Baum, E., Gerald, D., Hutchens, N. H., Rowan, H., & Shek, Y. L. (2005). *The status of race equity and diversity in public higher education in the south*. Symposium presented at the annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association, Montreal, Canada.

*Hutchens, N. H., & Contardo, J. B. (2004). *The growing attraction of colleges and universities to romantic consensual relationship policies*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Association for the Study of Higher Education, Kansas City, Missouri.

*Perna, L. W., Fries-Britt, S., Milem, J., Williams, J., Gerald, D., Hutchens, N. H., Rowan, H., Shek, Y. L. (2004). *Race equity and diversity in public higher education in the south*. Symposium presented at the Patterson Research Conference, Washington, D.C.

*Hutchens, N. H. (2004). *The United States Supreme Court's federalism jurisprudence: New limits to the federal government's role in higher education?* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association, San Diego, California.

*Hutchens, N. H. (2004). *Research and legal challenges post Grutter v. Bollinger*. Paper presented at the Mid Atlantic Conference on the Scholarship of Diversity, Blacksburg, Virginia.

COURSES TAUGHT

Department of Educational Policy Studies and Evaluation, College of Education, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky

EPE 798: Seminar in Higher Education: Campus Activism (2025)
EPE 653: History of Higher Education (2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026)
EPE 682: Higher Education and the Law (2012, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026)
EPE 797: Historical Research on Education (2023, 2024)
EPE 798: Seminar in Higher Education: Legal Issues in Student Affairs (2012, 2011)
EPE 603: Education Policy Analysis: An Introduction (2011, 2010)
EPE 676: Organization and Administration of Higher Education (2011, 2010)
EPE 683: Affirmative Action and Federal Regulation of Higher Education (2010)
EPE 670: Policy Issues in Higher Education (2012)

Department of Higher Education, University of Mississippi, Oxford, Mississippi

EDHE 760: Advanced Education Policy Analysis (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)
EDHE 701: Doctoral Studies Proseminar (2020, 2021)
EDHE 670/770: Special Topics in Higher Education: Campus Activism (2019)
EDHE 664: The Law and Higher Education (2018)
EDRS 704: Foundations of Qualitative Research Methods (2016)

Higher Education Program, Department of Education Policy Studies, College of Education, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pennsylvania

PERSP 949: Higher Education and the Law (2016)
HI ED 545: Introduction to Higher Education and Student Affairs (2013)
HI ED 552: Administration of Higher Education (2014, 2015)
HI ED 586: Qualitative Methods in Education Research (2015)

Dwayne O. Andreas School of Law, Barry University, Orlando, Florida

LAW 6107: Education Law (2009, 2008)
LAW 5302: Constitutional Law (2009, 2008)
LAW 5010: Legal Research and Writing I (2007, 2006)
LAW 5020: Legal Research and Writing II (2007, 2006)

ADVISING

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Wesley Whistle (Co-chair)
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Brandon Williams (Chair)
Steven Kellogg (Chair)
Ryan White (Co-chair)
Courtney McCalla (Chair)
Barry Pollack (Chair)
Ann Livingston (Chair) (Completed 2026)
Christopher Ciarcia (Chair) (Completed 2025)
Vanessa Crawford (Co-Chair) (Completed 2022)
Barbara Neyes (Co-Chair) (Completed 2022)
Joey Rutherford (Chair) (Completed 2021)
Whitney Dedmon Woods (Chair) (Completed 2020)
Mavis Dawson (Chair) (Completed 2020)
Christi Hardy (Co-Chair) (Completed 2020)
Jocelyn Tipton (Chair) (Completed 2020)
Patricia Coats & Elizabeth Moore (companion dissertation) (Chair) (Completed 2019)
La Shon Brooks (Chair) (Completed 2019)
Kim Barnes & Sovent Taylor (Chair) (companion dissertation) (Completed 2018)
Robin Davis & Tammy Dempsey (Co-Chair) (companion dissertation) (Completed 2018)
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Catherine Dufour (Chair) (Completed 2017)
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Lewis Burke (Co-Chair) (Completed 2013)
Michael Stapleton (Co-Chair) (Completed 2013)
Susan Berry (Co-Chair) (Completed 2013)

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Ellen Kilgore (Member)
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Jennifer Seabrook-Scott (Member)
Carrie Atzinger (Member)
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Brett Wolff (Member)
Alexandra Brown (Member)
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Micah Crawford (Member) (Completed 2026)
Adeola Oladeji (Member) (Completed 2026)
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Mary Littlepage (Member) (Completed 2026)
Sydnie Steele (Member) (Completed 2026)
Tonya Bates (Member) (Completed 2026)
Mark Hill (Member) (Completed 2026)
Nouf Alazyan (Member) (Completed 2025)
Wyatt Driskell (Member) (Completed 2025)
Mike Nguyen (Member) (Completed 2025)
James Murray (Member) (Completed 2025)
Olukemi Kolawole (Member) (Completed 2025)
David Wright (Member) (Completed 2024)
Chaka Cummings (Member) (Completed 2024)
Megan Miller (Member) (Completed 2021)
Laura Martin (Member) (Completed 2021)
Melissa Jones (Member) (Completed 2021)
Tony Vukusich (Member) (Completed 2021)
Cliff McCain (Member) (Completed 2020)
April Thompson (Member) (Completed 2020)

Marianna Rangel Allushuski (Completed 2020)
Brian Mays (External Member) (Completed 2020)
LaQuita Smith-Parker (Member) (Completed 2020)
Pastia Garth (Outside Member) (Completed 2019)
Jonathan Wright & Megan Smith (Member) (companion dissertation) (Completed 2018)
Lemia Jenkins (Member) (Completed 2018)
Michelle Burney, Josua Fitz, & Jeremey Isome (Member) (companion dissertation) (Completed 2018)
Krystal Berry & Rhonda Bryan (Member) (companion dissertation) (Completed 2018)
Kaitlin Quigley (Member) (Completed 2017)
Michael Minutellos (Member) (Completed 2016)
Justin Ortagus (Member) Completed 2015)
Laura Wyly (Member) (Completed 2015)
Jason Block (Member) (Completed 2014)
Jonathan Parrent (Member) (Completed 2013)
Jared Tippets (Member) (Completed 2011)
Chuck Hamilton (Outside Examiner) (Completed 2011)
Carlos Ivan Moreno (Member) (Completed 2012)
Eric Snyder (Member) (Completed 2013)
Justin Nicols (Outside Examiner) (Completed 2012)

Masters Committees:
Richard Browne (Chair) (Completed 2015)
Karen O'Brien (Member) (Completed 2015)
Rosemary Shaver (Chair) (Completed 2014)
Jordan Jozwik (Chair) (Completed 2014)
Megan Beach (Chair) (Completed 2012)
Amanda Furby (Chair) (Completed 2012)
Michael Birchett (Chair) (Completed 2012)
Jill Page (Chair) (Completed 2012)
Jennifer Soltis (Chair) (Completed 2011)
Amanda Karls (Chair) (Completed 2011)
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Aaron Vaught (Member) (Completed 2012)
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Brittany Begley (Member) (Completed 2012)
Michael Peabody (Member) (Completed 2011)
Jim Breslin (Member) (Completed 2010)
Farrah Dicken (Member) (Completed 2010)
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Nathan Smith (Member) (Completed 2010)
Angela Roby (Member) (Completed 2013)
Heather Davis (Member) (Completed 2013)
Mallory Worely (Member) (Completed 2013)
Christine Harris (Member) (Completed 2013)

SERVICE

University of Kentucky (2009-2013; 2022-present)
Hearing Chair, Academic Appeals Panels, fall 2025-present

Member, Provost's Appointment, Promotion, and Tenure Advisory Committee, spring 2025-present

At-large Member, Faculty Council, College of Education, fall 2024-present

Acting Department Chair, Department of Educational Policy Studies and Evaluation, fall 2023-summer 2024

Co-organizer, University of Kentucky Department of Educational Policy Studies and Evaluation Colloquium presentation featuring Dr. Ty McNamee and titled "Rural Students in Higher Education, fall 2023

Member, University of Kentucky Senate Hearing Panel (Privileges and Tenure), 2023-2024

Member, University of Kentucky Graduate Council, 2023-2025

Member, College of Education Courses and Curricula Committee, 2022-2025

Member, Educational Policy Studies and Evaluation Department Chair Search Committee, 2012

Member, College of Education Library Committee, 2012

Co-Chair, Department of Educational Policy Studies and Evaluation Colloquium Series, 2009-2013

Advisor, Educational Policy Studies and Evaluation Student Organization, 2010-2013

Co-Director, Policy Analysis Center for Kentucky Education of the Department of Educational Policy Studies and Evaluation, 2012-2013

Co-Director, Education Policy and Law Lab of the University of Kentucky College of Education P20 Innovation Lab, 2010-2012

Member, 2013-2014 Common Reading Selection Committee, 2012

Panelist, Careers in Student Affairs Panel, University of Kentucky Division of Student Affairs, 2011

Faculty Representative, First Scholars Program, University of Kentucky, 2010-2013

Faculty Judge, University of Kentucky Graduate Student Interdisciplinary Conference, 2010

University of Mississippi:
Associate Chair, Department of Higher Education, 2021-2022

Chair, Department of Higher Education, 2018-2021

Co-Director, PhD program in Higher Education, Department of Higher Education, 2020-present

Truman Scholars Mock Interview Committee, 2021

Interim Chair, Department of Higher Education, 2017-2018

Sabbatical Review Committee, University of Mississippi, 2018-2020

Curriculum and Policy Committee, School of Education, 2017-2021

Faculty Advisor, Doctoral in Education Network (DEN), School of Education, 2018-present

Dean's Leadership Team, School of Education, 2017-2021

First Year Experience Advisory Committee, 2017-2021

BIRT Strategic Planning/Review Task Force, 2020

Academic Freedom Working Sub-Group, 2019-present

Co-Organizer, 2019 Mississippi Education Law Conference

Pennsylvania State University:
Professor-in-Charge, Higher Education Program, Penn State College of Education, 2015-2016

Academic Integrity Committee, Penn State College of Education, 2015-2016

Director, Academic Leadership Academy, 2015-2016

Co-director, Academic Leadership Academy, 2014-2015

Departmental Representative, Penn State College of Education Faculty Council, 2014-2015

Partnership Steering Committee for MS degree program, 2013-2015

Co-chair, Higher Education Program Colloquium Series, 2014- 2015

Co-coordinator, master's program with an emphasis in student affairs in the Higher Education Program, 2013-2014

Faculty Advisor, *Higher Education in Review*, 2013-2016

Faculty Advisor, SASO (master's student organization), 2014-2015

Search Committee Member, Higher Education 2013/14 Faculty Search

Planning Team, 2014 Academic Leadership Academy

Planning Team, Education and Civil Rights Conference, 2014

College of Education New Faculty Panel, August 2014

Mentor, Humphrey Fellows Program, 2014

Consultation with Penn State's Office of Ethics and Compliance regarding revised ethics and compliance policies affecting faculty, June 2014

Professional Service:
Member, Authors Committee, *West's Education Law Reporter*, 2011-present

Editorial Board, *Journal of College and University Law*, 2020-present

Editorial Review Board, *Innovative Higher Education*, 2020-2022

Litigation Committee, American Association of University Professors, 2015-2023

Editorial Board, *Education Law and Policy Review*, 2013-2021

Editorial Board, *The Review of Higher Education*, 2013-2019

Board of Directors, Education Law Association, 2014-2017

Reviewer, *American Journal of Education*, 2013-2016

Co-Chair, Publications Committee, Education Law Association, 2014-2020, 2021-2022

Co-Chair, Membership Committee, Education Law Association, 2013-2014

Planner and Session Facilitator, *Academic Freedom—Future Promise and Perils*, Panel discussion at the University of Kentucky College of Education featuring Robert C. Post, Dean and Sol & Lillian Goldman Professor of Law, Yale Law School; Joseph Fink, Professor of Law and Pharmacy, University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy; and John R. Thelin, University Research Professor, University of Kentucky, Department of Educational Policy and Studies and Evaluation, 2012
Planning Team, Education Law and Policy Symposium, Statewide conference on education law issues for school administrators and attorneys, 2011, 2012

Regional Reporter, *School Law Reporter*, a monthly publication of the Education Law Association, 2009-2012

Faculty Representative, College Personnel Association of Kentucky, 2010-2012

Ad hoc reviewer, *Journal of College and University Law*

Ad hoc reviewer, *American Journal of Education*

Member, American Educational Research Association's Division J Poster Review Committee, American Educational Research Association Annual Conference, 2011

Session Discussant, Association for the Study of Higher Education Annual Conference, 2012

Discussant, Mid-Western Educational Research Association Annual Conference, 2010
Conference Proposal Reviewer, Association for the Study of Higher Education Annual Conference, 2010, 2012, 2013

Conference Proposal Reviewer, American Educational Research Association Annual Conference, Law and Education SIG, 2012, 2013

Conference Proposal Reviewer, Mid-Western Educational Research Association Annual Conference, 2010

Conference Proposal Reviewer, Education Law Association Annual Conference, 2008, 2009, 2010

Conference Session Chair, Association for the Study of Higher Education Annual Conference, 2009

Conference Session Chair, Education Law Association Annual Conference, 2011

HONORS, AWARDS, AND RECOGNITIONS

- Named as University Research Professor, University of Kentucky, 2025
- Faculty Excellence in Service Award, University of Kentucky College of Education, 2025
- Nominee, Faculty Excellence in Teaching, University of Kentucky College of Education, 2025
- "Teachers Who Made A Difference" recognition, University of Kentucky College of Education, 2025, 2026
- Invited Participant, Convening on academic freedom and expression in graduate education organized by the Bipartisan Policy Center and hosted by Claremont McKenna College, July 2023
- Fellow, University of California National Center for Free Speech and Civic Engagement, 2022-2023
- University of Mississippi 2019 senior scholar nominee for Andrew Carnegie Fellows Program
- William A. Kaplin Award (2015) Center for Excellence in Higher Education Law and Policy, Stetson University College of Law
- University Graduate Fellowship, 2003, 2005, University of Maryland Graduate School
- Order of the Coif, 2002, University of Alabama School of Law
- Summa Cum Laude graduate, 2002, University of Alabama School of Law
- Dean Leigh M. Harrison Award, 2002, University of Alabama School of Law
- Constitutional Law Award, 2002, University of Alabama School of Law
- Dean's Community Service Award, 2002, University of Alabama School of Law
- Student Volunteer Lawyers Program Award, 2002, University of Alabama School of Law
- Hugo Black Scholar Award, 2001, University of Alabama School of Law
- Best Junior Editor Award, *Alabama Law Review*, 2001
- Member, *Alabama Law Review*, 2001-2002

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Education Law Association
National Association of College and University Attorneys
NASPA
American Association of University Professors
District of Columbia Bar Association