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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of California, Irvine School of Law, Irvine, CA

Professor of Law and Sociology (by courtesy), 2022-present
Faculty Director, Initiative for Inclusive Civil Justice, 2020-present
Affiliated Faculty, Center for Empirical Research on the Legal Profession, 2017-present
Assistant Professor of Law and Sociology (by courtesy), 2021-2022
Assistant Professor of Law, 2017-2021

- Courses Taught: Procedural Analysis - Civil Procedure, Wills and Trusts, Access to Justice, Wills and Trusts Practicum, Statistics for Lawyers, Directed Research

Monash University, Melbourne, Australia

Visiting Professor, School of Business, Department of Business, Law and Taxation, June 2025 (scheduled)

Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

Visiting Assistant Professor of Law and Sociology, 2016-2017

- Courses Taught: Sociology of Law, Professional Responsibility (LLM course)

EDUCATION

Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

Ph.D. Sociology, 2016

Dissertation: *Going it Alone: Legal Mobilization and Efficacy in the Foreclosure Crisis*
Committee: Stephen Morgan (chair), Valerie Hans, and Erin York Cornwell

Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law, Chicago, IL

J.D., 2004

Northwestern Journal of International Law and Business: Senior editor 2003-2004
Senior Thesis: *The Fork in the Road: Divergence in the Career Paths of Male and Female Alumni of Northwestern Law*
Research Assistant, Professor Albert Yoon

Duke University, Durham NC

A.B., Public Policy and A.B., Spanish, *cum laude*, 2001

BOOKS & BOOK CHAPTERS

EMILY S. TAYLOR POPPE, ACCESS TO JUSTICE: AN INTRODUCTION (2025) (and associated Teacher's Manual).

Emily S. Taylor Poppe, *New Legal Realism Goes to Law School: Integrating Social Science in Law and Legal Education*, in RESEARCH HANDBOOK ON MODERN LEGAL REALISM (Shauhin Talesh, Heinz Klug, and Elizabeth Mertz, eds.) (2021).

- Reviewed in Scott Cummings, *A New Realist Perspective on How to Make Law School Better*, JOTWELL (Nov. 18, 2022).

ARTICLES & ESSAYS (*PEER-REVIEWED)

Emily S. Taylor Poppe, *Law Jobs: Professional Regulation, the Division of Legal Labor, and Institutional Change*, 93 FORDHAM LAW REVIEW 1217 (2025).

Roger Michalski & Emily S. Taylor Poppe, *Civil Procedure for the Anthropocene*, 104 BOSTON UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 1729 (2024).

*Emily S. Taylor Poppe & Megan Doherty Bea, *Legal Actuation: How Ex Ante Legal Behavior Drives Inequality*, 58 LAW & SOCIETY REVIEW 353 (2024).

Emily S. Taylor Poppe, *Courts as Data Guardians for the Public Good*, 73 UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO LAW JOURNAL 34 (2023).

Emily S. Taylor Poppe, *Review of JUDGING INEQUALITY: STATE SUPREME COURTS AND THE INEQUALITY CRISIS*, by James L. Gibson and Michael J. Nelson, 129 AMERICAN JOURNAL OF SOCIOLOGY 283 (2023).

Emily S. Taylor Poppe, *Married, With Children at Death*, 47 ACTEC LAW JOURNAL 131 (2022).

*Megan Doherty Bea & Emily S. Taylor Poppe, *Marginalized Legal Categories: Social Inequality, Family Structures, and the Laws of Intestacy*, 55 LAW & SOCIETY REVIEW 252 (2021).

Emily S. Taylor Poppe, *Evidence-Based Promulgation: Reconsidering the Rule-Making Process for the Rules of Professional Conduct*, 89 FORDHAM LAW REVIEW 1275 (2021).

Emily S. Taylor Poppe, *Institutional Design for Access to Justice*, 11 UC IRVINE LAW REVIEW 781 (2021).

Emily S. Taylor Poppe, *Choice Building: Majoritarian Rulemaking in the Face of Preference Heterogeneity*, 63 ARIZONA LAW REVIEW 103 (2021).

Emily S. Taylor Poppe, *Surprised by the Inevitable: An Empirical Examination of National Estate Planning Behavior*, 53 U.C. DAVIS LAW REVIEW 2511 (2020).

- cited by *In re Trust of Davies*, 522 P.3d 427 (Nev. 2022).

*Mark D. Gough & Emily S. Taylor Poppe, *(Un)Changing Rates of Pro Se Litigation in Federal Courts*, 45 LAW & SOCIAL INQUIRY 567 (2020).

Emily S. Taylor Poppe, *The Future is Bright Complicated: AI, Apps & Access to Justice*, 72 OKLAHOMA LAW REVIEW 184 (2019).

Emily S. Taylor Poppe, *Why Consumer Defendants Lump It*, 14 NORTHWESTERN JOURNAL OF LAW & SOCIAL POLICY 149 (2019).

*Erin York Cornwell, Emily S. Taylor Poppe & Megan Doherty Bea, *Networking in the Shadow of the Law: Informal Access to Legal Expertise through Personal Network Ties*, 51 LAW & SOCIETY REVIEW 635 (2017).

*Emily S. Taylor Poppe, *Homeowner Legal Representation in the Foreclosure Crisis*, 13 JOURNAL OF EMPIRICAL LEGAL STUDIES 809 (2016).

Emily S. Taylor Poppe & Jeffrey J. Rachlinski, *Do Lawyers Matter? The Effect of Legal Representation in Civil Disputes*, 43 PEPPERDINE LAW REVIEW 881 (2016).

- reprinted in ANN SOUTHWORTH & CATHERINE L. FISK, *THE LEGAL PROFESSION: ETHICS IN CONTEMPORARY PRACTICE* (2d ed. 2019, 3d ed. 2024).

*Stephen L. Morgan & Emily S. Taylor Poppe, *A Design and a Model for Investigating the Heterogeneity of Context Effects in Public Opinion Surveys*, 45 SOCIOLOGICAL METHODOLOGY 184 (2015).

*Stephen L. Morgan & Emily S. Taylor Poppe, *The Consequences of International Comparisons for Public Support of K-12 Education: Evidence from a National Survey Experiment*, 41 EDUCATIONAL RESEARCHER 262 (2012).

Emily S. Taylor, Note, *The Havana Club Saga: Threatening More than Just 'Cuba Coke'*, 24 NORTHWESTERN JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW & BUSINESS 513 (2004).

OTHER WORKS

REBECCA L. SANDEFUR, MATTHEW BURNETT, LAUREN SUDEALL, EMILY TAYLOR POPPE & JAMES TEUFEL, *ACCESS TO JUSTICE RESEARCH AS A TOOL FOR ADVANCING FEDERAL PRIORITIES* (2024).

Emily S. Taylor Poppe (with Joe Kitaj), *Heirhead.org* (intestacy practice problem website).

WORK IN PROGRESS

Nigel Balmer, Catrina Denvir, Hugh McDonald & Emily S. Taylor Poppe, *What Makes a Legal Problem? Dispute Characteristics and the Construction of Legality*.

AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS

- Associate Reporter, American Law Institute, *Principles of the Law, High-Volume Civil Adjudication*, 2025-present
- Reporter, Uniform Law Commission, *Uniform Transfers to Minors Act* Drafting Committee, 2024-present
- Reporter, Uniform Law Commission, *Uniform Transfers to Minors Act* Study Committee, 2022-2023
- Nominated, Upper-Level Course Professor of the Year (Wills & Trusts), UCI Law (2024).

- AALS Professor of the Year (2023).
- 1L Professor of the Year (Procedural Analysis: Civil Procedure), UCI Law (2023).
- Nominated, Upper-Level Course Professor of the Year (Wills & Trusts), UCI Law (2021).
- Nominated, 1L Professor of the Year (Procedural Analysis: Civil Procedure), UCI Law (2018).
- Department Citation for Excellence in Teaching (Linear Models), Cornell University (2012).

GRANTS AND RESEARCH SUPPORT

- Council on Research, Computing, and Libraries, University of California, Irvine (2025) (\$4,500).
- NSF Standard Grant, with Matthew Burnett, Rebecca Sandefur, and Lauren Sudeall (2023) (\$49,382).
- Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (TESS) award, with Nigel J. Balmer, Catrina Denvir, and Hugh McDonald (2023).
- Interim COVID-19 Research Recovery Grant, University of California, Irvine (2022) (\$15,000).
- Technology Curriculum Grant, University of California, Irvine (2020) (\$6,000).
- Seed Grant, Center for the Study of Inequality, Cornell University (2013) (\$1,500).
- NSF Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant (2013) (\$27,000).
- Seed Grant, Center for the Study of Inequality, Cornell University (2011) (\$750).

CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION

- Co-Organizer (with Matthew Burnett, Rebecca Sandefur, and Lauren Sudeall), *Building Civil Justice Data Futures Workshop*, Washington, DC (January 2025).
- Co-Organizer (with Matthew Burnett, Rebecca Sandefur, and Lauren Sudeall), *Workshop on Access to Justice Research and Federal Agencies*, Washington, DC (January 2024).
- Co-Organizer and Host (with Victoria Law Foundation), *International Access to Justice Forum 2023*, University of California, Irvine School of Law, Irvine, CA (October 2023).
- Co-organizer (with Victoria Law Foundation), *International Access to Justice Forum 2022*, virtual (March 2022).
- Organizer, *Colloquium on Access to Justice*, UCI Law Civil Justice Research Initiative, virtual and Irvine, CA (January-March 2022).
- Organizer, *Thinking About Law and Accessing Civil Justice*, Civil Justice Research Initiative, Irvine, CA (February 2020).

PRESENTATIONS

- *Access to Justice: Where to?*, Victoria Law Foundation, Melbourne, Australia (scheduled June 2025).
- *Teaching Access to Justice*, Monash University Faculty of Law, Melbourne, Australia (scheduled June 2025).
- *Access to Justice Across the Curriculum*, Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL (May 2025).
- *Courts as Data Guardians for the Public Good*, Technology and Access to Justice Lecture Series, University of New Brunswick Faculty of Law, virtual (February 2025).
- Facilitator, *The Future of Federal Administrative Agency Data*, Building Civil Justice Futures Workshop, Washington, D.C. (January 2025).

- *Legal Actuation*, International Access to Justice Forum 2024, Osgoode Hall Law School, Toronto, Canada (October 2024)
- Commenter, Widening the Lens of Justice: A 20th Anniversary New Legal Realism Conference on Inclusion, “Bleached Out” Identity, and Ethics in Legal Education, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA (October 2024)
- *Law Jobs*, Stein Center Colloquium: Lawyers and Their Institutions, Fordham University School of Law, New York, NY (October 2024)
- *Legal Actuation*, Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO (May 2024)
- *The Federal Rules of Climate Change*, University of California, Irvine School of Law Faculty Workshop, Irvine, CA (November 2023).
- *Legal Actuation*, University of California, Irvine School of Law Summer Faculty Workshop, Irvine, CA (June 2023).
- *Access to Justice: A Reader*, Access to Justice Roundtable, University of South Carolina School of Law, Columbia, SC (March 2023).
- *Courts as Data Guardians for the Public Good*, Drexel University Kline School of Law Faculty Workshop, Philadelphia, PA (March 2023).
- Organizer, *Navigating the Tenure Track as an Interdisciplinary Scholar*, Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, virtual (July 2022).
- *Courts as Data Guardians for the Public Good*, Symposium on Modern Challenges to the Judicial System, University of Toronto, virtual (April 2022).
- Panelist, *Looking to the Future: Big Ideas from Leaders in Access to Justice*, International Forum on Access to Justice, virtual (March 2022).
- Moderator, *Deregulations of the Legal Profession*, International Forum on Access to Justice, virtual (March 2022).
- *Evaluating Empirical Trusts & Estates Research*, Uniform Law Commission, Fall Meeting of the Joint Editorial Board for Uniform Trusts and Estates Acts, virtual (December 2021).
- *Marginalized Legal Categories: Social Inequality, Family Structures, and the Laws of Intestacy*, Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, virtual (May 2021).
- *Marginalized Legal Categories: Social Inequality, Family Structures, and the Laws of Intestacy*, University of California, Irvine School of Law Faculty Workshop, virtual (February 2021).
- *Legal Technology and Access to Justice: Lessons from Estate Planning*, Cyberjustice Laboratory, virtual (January 2021).
- *Evidence-Based Promulgation*, The Judicial Role in Professional Regulation, Stein Center Symposium, Fordham University School of Law, virtual (October 2020).
- *Legal Actuation: A Concept in Progress*, Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, virtual (May 2020).
- (cancelled) Invited Participant, What Social Sciences Can Contribute to the Study of (Public) Law, The Swiss Graduate School of Public Administration (IDHEAP), Faculty of Law, Criminal Sciences and Public Administration of the University of Lausanne, Lausanne, Switzerland (May 2020).
- Invited Participant, AI and Justice in 2035 Roundtable, UCLA School of Law, Los Angeles, CA (February 2020).

- *Choice Building*, Berkeley Law Faculty Workshop, Berkeley, CA (January 2020).
- *Surprised by the Inevitable: An Empirical Examination of National Estate Planning Behavior*, ACTEC and UC Davis Law Review Symposium: Empirical Analysis of Wealth Transfer Law, Davis, CA (October 2019).
- Invited Participant, Access to Civil Justice: Integrating and Advancing Theory and Practice: A Workshop Sponsored by the National Science Foundation, Chicago, IL (June 2019).
- *New Legal Realism Goes to Law School*, Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C. (June 2019).
- *AI, Apps, and the Art & Science of Lawyering*, UCI Socio-Legal Studies Workshop, Irvine, CA (February 2019).
- *AI, Apps, and the Art & Science of Lawyering*, Oklahoma University Law Review Symposium: *The Future of Lawyers in the Age of AI*, Norman, OK (February 2019).
- *Pro Se Litigation in Federal Court*, University College London International Conference on Access to Justice and Legal Services, London, England (June 2018).
- *Occupational Plans and the Law School Pipeline*, Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada (June 2018).
- *Occupational Plans and the Law School Pipeline*, UCI Socio-Legal Studies Workshop, Irvine, CA (February 2018).
- Discussant, Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, Cornell Law School, Ithaca, NY (October 2017).
- *Hidden Figures: Pro Se Litigation in Federal Court*, University of South Carolina School of Law, NMRS Center on Professionalism, 2017 Empirical A2J Workshop, Columbia, SC (October 2017).
- *Occupational Plans and the Law School Pipeline*, UCI Law Center for Empirical Research on the Legal Profession, Conference on Legal Education: The State of the Art, Irvine, CA (June 2017).
- *Formalities on the Books, Foreclosures in Action: An Empirical Investigation of Homeowners' Actions in Response to Foreclosure*, Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA (June 2016).
- *The Tournament Unveiled*, Conference of the Research Group on Legal Diversity of the American Bar Foundation, Chicago, IL (May 2016).
- *Legal Representation in the Foreclosure Crisis*, Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, St. Louis, MO (October 2015).
- *Reacting to Naming, Blaming, and Claiming: Defendant Homeowners' Actions in Response to Foreclosure*, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL (August 2015).
- *Reacting to Naming, Blaming, and Claiming: Defendant Homeowners' Actions in Response to Foreclosure*, Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA (May 2015).
- *Going it Alone: Legal Representation in the Foreclosure Crisis*, Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN (June 2014).
- *Strategy and Constraint: Legal Representation for Homeowners Facing Foreclosure*, 2014 Social Science Works-in-Progress Conference, Cornell University (March 2014).

ACADEMIC SERVICE

University of California, Irvine School of Law

- Promotion & Tenure Committee, Elected Member (2024/2025).
- Strategic Plan Drafting Committee, Chair (2022/2023).
- Student Success Committee, Chair (Spring 2022, Fall 2023); Member (2020/2021, 2021/2022).
- Strategic Planning Committee, Member (2018/2019).
- Intellectual Life Committee, Member (2017/2018, 2018/2019).
- Ad Hoc Bar Passage Committee, Data Subcommittee, Chair (Spring 2020).
- Ad Hoc Development Committee, Member (2018/2019).

University of California, Irvine

- University Committee on Committees, Elected Member (Aug. 2024 – present)
- University Council on Research, Computing and Libraries, Elected Member (Jan. 2020-Aug. 2022)

Service to the Field

- Editorial Advisory Board, Law and Society Review, Member (2019-2023, 2025-present)
- Editorial Board, Law & Social Inquiry, Member (2023-present)
- Association of American Law Schools, Trusts and Estates Section, Elected Secretary (2025-present)
- New Legal Realism Collaborative Research Network, Law and Society Association, Co-Chair (2020-2024)
- American Sociological Association, Sociology of Law Section, Elected Council Member (2021-2023)
- American Sociological Association, Sociology of Law Section, Mentoring Committee Chair, (2022-2023)

Award Committees

- American Sociological Association, Sociology of Law Section, Undergraduate Paper Award Committee, Chair (2020, 2021)
- American Sociological Association, Sociology of Law Section, Book Award Committee, Member (2019)
- American Sociological Association, Sociology of Law Section, Graduate Paper Award Committee, Chair (2018)
- Law and Society Association, Stan Wheeler Memorial Prize Committee, Member (2016)

Referee

Dutch Research Council (NWO), Journal of Empirical Legal Studies, Journal of Law and Courts, Law & Social Inquiry, Law & Society Review, RAND, Sociological Science, Yale Law Journal

WORK EXPERIENCE

Harvard Business School, Boston, MA

Associate Director of Planned Giving, 2007-2009

McDermott, Will & Emery LLP, Chicago, IL

Associate, Private Client Department, 2004-2007

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Association of American Law Schools: Law and the Social Sciences; Empirical Study of Legal Education and the Legal Profession; Civil Procedure; Trusts and Estates
- American Sociological Association
- Law and Society Association
- Society for Empirical Legal Studies

BAR ADMISSION

Illinois (inactive status)