

FRANCESCA PROCACCINI

Vanderbilt Law School
131 21st Ave S, Room 276, Nashville, TN 37203

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Vanderbilt Law School | *Assistant Professor* | 2022-present

Courses: Civil Procedure (Fall 2022)

Harvard Law School | *Climenko Fellow & Lecturer on Law* | 2020-2022

Courses: Legal Research & Writing

Yale Law School Information Society Project | *Fellow* | 2019-2022

Research: modern applications of First Amendment law to digital political speech

Yale Law School | *Lecturer in Law* | 2019-2021

Course: The Roberts Court & Freedom of Speech (co-taught with Floyd Abrams)

TEACHING & RESEARCH INTERESTS

Constitutional Law, First Amendment, Federal Courts, Civil Procedure, Civil Rights Law

PUBLICATIONS

(E)rasing Speech in School, 57 HARV. CIV. RTS-CIV. LIB. L. REV. (solicited article, forthcoming 2023)

Equal Speech Protection, 108 VIRGINIA L. REV. 353 (2022)

Reconstructing State Republics, 89 FORDHAM L. REV. 2157 (2021)

Faithfully Executed? The Legal and Rational Imperative of Declining to Seek the Federal Death Penalty in Abolitionist States, 53 HARV. J. ON LEGIS. (2016)

Stemming the Rising Risk of Credit Inequality: The Fair and Faithful Interpretation of the ECOA's Disparate Impact Prohibition, 9 HARV. L. & POL'Y REV. S43 (2015)

EDUCATION

Harvard Law School | J.D., *cum laude*, 2015

Barnard College | B.A. in Political Science and Italian, *summa cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa, 2010

SELECTED ADDITIONAL WRITINGS

RBG's Greatest Insight, THE ATLANTIC (Sept. 22, 2020)

White Paper: The Protective Order Problem, MEDIA FREEDOM AND INFORMATION ACCESS CLINIC, YALE LAW SCHOOL (Oct. 2020)

Partisan Gerrymandering: State Courts Come to Bat on the Free Speech Issue of Our Day, 2 M.D. BAR J. 128 (2020)

Brief of the Abrams Institute of Freedom of Expression as Amicus Curiae, *Rucho v. Common Cause*, 588 U.S. __ (2019) (Nos. 18-422, 18-726) (arguing partisan gerrymandering is speech discrimination in violation of the First Amendment)

Brief of Scholars of First Amendment and Information Law as Amici Curiae, *Animal Legal Defense Fund v. Reynolds*, No. 19-1364 (8th Cir. 2019) (arguing a law against using deception to access an agricultural facility violates the First Amendment right of newsgathering)

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Lies, Free Speech, and the Law, Knight First Amendment Institute, Columbia University, April 2022 (with Prof. Heidi Kitrosser, Artur Pericles Lima Monteiro, and Prof. Joseph Uscinski)

Equal Speech Protection, Freedom of Expression Scholars Conference, Yale Law School, May 2021; Information Society Project Workshop, Yale Law School, January 2021; Law and Tech Scholars Workshop, July 2020

Hate Speech and Free Speech, Frontiers of Free Speech course, Harvard Law School, Guest Lecturer for Prof. Martha Minow, October 2020, and Evelyn Douek, February 2021

Empires or Umpires? Political Questions, Separations of Powers, and Judicial Legitimacy, Connecticut Law Review Symposium, University of Connecticut School of Law, October 2020 (with Hon. Richard A. Robinson and Prof. Chad Oldfather)

Supreme Court Preview, Harvard Law School, October 2020 (with Professors Stephanie Barclay, Benjamin Eidelson, and Lawrence Lessig)

Trump, Twitter, and the First Amendment, The First Amendment Salon, January 2020 (with Professors Noah Feldman and Jameel Jaffer)

Democracy and Dysfunction, Faculty Book Talk Series, Yale Law School, November 2019 (with Professors Jack Balkin, Sanford Levinson, Justin Driver, Jacob Hacker, and Robert Post)

The Impact of Money, Politics, and Censorship on a Free Press, United Nations Association of Southwestern Connecticut, May 2019 (with Congressman Jim Himes)

LEGAL WORK EXPERIENCE

U.S. Dept. of Justice, Civil Rights Division, Appellate Section | *Attorney* | 2016-2019

Handled government appeals and appellate oral arguments in federal civil rights cases; drafted Supreme Court merits and cert. stage briefs; provided legal counsel on novel civil rights issues.

Media Freedom & Information Access Clinic, Yale Law School | *Fellow* | 2019-2020

Supervised student litigation in free press, free speech, and government transparency case; co-taught clinical course on media and information law.

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, Hon. Jerome Farris | *Law Clerk* | 2015- 2016

BAR ADMISSION

Admitted to the Bar of New York (2016)