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### About

Title of thesis: **Gender in Intimate Relationships: A Socio-Legal Study**

Supervisor: **[Dr Rosie Harding \(/staff/profiles/law/harding-rosie.aspx\)](/staff/profiles/law/harding-rosie.aspx)**

### Qualifications

- Associate Fellow of the Higher Education Academy
- MSc Socio-Legal Studies, University of Bristol
- MA Jurisprudence, University of Oxford (Corpus Christi College)

### Biography

I have been admitted to the roll of solicitors of England and Wales. I have also previously worked in publishing, having been employed as the Assistant Editor of *Archbold: Criminal Pleading, Evidence and Practice* and *Criminal Law Week*.

### Teaching

- Public Law

### Doctoral research

**PhD title** Gender in intimate relationships: a socio-legal study.

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**Course** **[Law PhD / PhD by Distance Learning / MPhil / MJur \(/postgraduate/courses/research/law/law.aspx\)](/postgraduate/courses/research/law/law.aspx)**

### Research

I am conducting doctoral research exploring how civil partnerships and same sex marriage can help to challenge social and legal constructions about the gendered nature of roles in intimate relationships. My research is looking at how legal professionals negotiate gender in their interactions with their lesbian and gay clients in the ancillary relief context, and whether they have attempted to apply the traditional norms of masculinity and femininity (i.e breadwinning versus homemaking) to this new scenario. It is additionally examining whether civil partners feel obliged, when going to the 'law', to claim that their relationships are like heterosexual ones, and asking how reflective they perceive such a claim to be of the way that they conduct their relationships in reality.

### Other activities

I am the Socio-Legal Studies Association's Postgraduate Representative, as well as representing Birmingham Law School's Teaching Associates at Staff Student Consultative Committee meetings.

I am a tutor for Access to Birmingham, a fair access scheme for local students from families and communities who have little or no experience of Higher Education.

I have additionally been awarded a £1500 bursary from the Universitas 21 doctoral scholarships scheme for a research visit to the law schools at McGill University, Montreal and the University of British Columbia in September 2014.

### Publications

#### Articles/ case notes

- C. Bendall (2014) 'Some are more 'equal' than others: heteronormativity in the post-*White* era of financial remedies', *Journal of Social Welfare and Family Law* (forthcoming).
- C. Bendall (2013) 'A break away from the (hetero)norm?: *Lawrence v Gallagher* [2012] 1 FCR 557; [2012] EWCA Civ 394', *Feminist Legal Studies*, 21(3): 303-310.
- C. Bendall (2010) '*Myerson*: The impact of the credit crunch on preexisting divorce settlements', *Journal of Social Welfare and Family Law*, 32(3): 299-307.
- C. Bendall (2009) 'The demise of the enhanced standard of proof in child protection cases: *Re B* [2008] UKHL 35', *Journal of Social Welfare and Family Law*, 31(2):

## Conference papers

- C. Bendall (2014) 'The making and breaking of UK civil partnerships: narratives on dissolution', Centre for Feminist Legal Studies lunchtime lecture series, University of British Columbia'
- C. Bendall (2014) 'Domestic division in same sex households: shifting conceptual understandings of gender in marriage', Roles sexuality and gender conference, University of Birmingham.
- C. Bendall (2014) 'Rethinking familial 'equality': a study of domestic division in same sex relationships', Socio-Legal Studies Association annual conference, Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen.
- C. Bendall (2013) 'Ancillary relief and the construction of vulnerability', PECANS workshop 'Encounters with vulnerability', University of Newcastle.

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