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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Brooklyn Law School,

Assistant Professor of Law

2021-Present

Co-Director, Center for Criminal Justice

2022-Present

Courses: Criminal Procedure (Adjudication); Evidence; Abolition

Honors: Faculty Member of the Year (2021-22)

Vanderbilt Law School,

Adjunct Professor of Law

Fall 2022

Course: Abolition: Imagining a Decarceral Future (short course)

Columbia Law School,

Associate Research Scholar and Lecturer

2019 – 2021

Courses: Abolition; Movement Lawyering;

Capital Post-Conviction Defense

EDUCATION

New York University School of Law, J.D., 2008

Associate Editor, *Review of Law and Social Change*

Dean John Sexton Prize for Outstanding Service to the Law School Community;

Derrick Bell Public Interest Scholar

Yale University, B.A. in American Studies, *with distinction*, 2004

Thesis: *The Death of Vincent Chin and the Galvanization of Asian-Americans*

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Works-in-Progress

White is Right: The Racial Construction of Effective Assistance of Counsel

Articles & Essays

The Color of Justice, 120 MICHIGAN LAW REVIEW 977 (2022) (reviewing SARA MAYEUX, FREE JUSTICE (2020)) (invited book review)

Black on Black Representation, 96 NEW YORK UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 1493 (2021)

- Cited in *United States v. Johnson*, 2021 WL 717052 (6th Cir. Feb. 24, 2020)

[*Comment – 10th Annual Symposium: How the Law Underdeveloped Racial Minorities in the United States*](#), 11 COLUMBIA JOURNAL OF RACE & LAW FORUM 33 (2021) (symposium closing remarks)

[*Abolition as the Solution: Redress for Victims of Excessive Police Force*](#), 48 FORDHAM URBAN LAW JOURNAL 721 (2021) (invited essay)

[*Derrick Bell's Interest Convergence and the Permanence of Racism: A Reflection on Resistance*](#), HARVARD LAW REVIEW BLOG (Aug. 24, 2020) (invited essay)

[*An Unbroken Thread: African American Exclusion from Jury Service, Past and Present*](#), 81 LOUISIANA LAW REVIEW 55 (2020) (symposium essay)

[*Valuing Black Lives: A Case for Ending the Death Penalty*](#), 51 COLUMBIA HUMAN RIGHTS LAW REVIEW 985 (2020) (invited essay)

OTHER WRITING

[*Shinn v. Ramirez and Jones*](#), Op-ed, American Constitution Society (2021)

The Right to Culturally Competent Counsel, 41 [AMICUS JOURNAL](#) 22 (2021)

[*Reclaiming Reconstruction*](#), in LAYING CLAIM TO THE CONSTITUTION, Constitutional Accountability Center (2021)

State v. Frazier Glenn Cross, Jr., No. 15-114919-S (Kan. 2021), [amicus curiae brief](#)

Anibal Canales, Jr., v. Bobby Lumpkin, No. 20-7065 (U.S. Supreme Court 2021), [amicus curiae brief](#)

COVID-19 and Prisoners' Rights, co-author, in [LAW IN THE TIME OF COVID-19](#), ed. Katharina Pistor (Columbia Law School, 2020)

TEACHING & RESEARCH INTERESTS

Criminal Law & Procedure; Evidence; Critical Race Theory; Abolition; Death Penalty

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., New York, NY

Senior Counsel 2018- 2019

Assistant Counsel 2017- 2018

Office of the Federal Public Defender-Capital Habeas Unit, Nashville, TN

Assistant Federal Public Defender 2015-2017

Staff Attorney 2012-2015

Research & Writing Attorney

2009-2012

Hon. John T. Nixon, U.S. District Court, Middle District of Tennessee, Nashville, TN
Judicial Clerk

2008- 2009

GUEST LECTURES

Criminal Law, Cornell Law School, Apr. 26, 2022

Critical Race Theory, Cardozo Law School, Feb. 22, 2022

Professional Ethics, Brooklyn Law School, Nov.17, 2021

Criminal Legal Process, Policing and the Abolition Movement, Vanderbilt Law School, Oct. 25, 2021

Legal Methods, Columbia Law School, Aug. 27, 2021

Abolish or Reform: The Future of U.S. Justice, Louisiana State University Law Center, Apr. 15, 2021

Capital Punishment, CUNY School of Law, Mar. 29, 2021

Advanced Criminal Law: Death Penalty, Columbia Law School, Mar. 24, 2021

Critical Race Theory and the Law, Vanderbilt Law School, Mar. 22, 2021

Criminal Law, Columbia Law School, Feb. 18, 2021

Anti-Discrimination Law, Columbia Law School, Feb. 1, 2021

Theater of Change, Columbia Law School, Jan. 28, 2021

[*Contemporary Critical Thought: Abolition 8/13*](#), Columbia Law School, Jan. 18, 2021

[*Contemporary Critical Thought: Abolition 1/13*](#), Columbia Law School, Sept. 24, 2020

Criminal Law, Columbia Law School, Feb. 25, 2020

Advanced Criminal Law: Death Penalty Seminar, Columbia Law School, Nov. 13, 2019

Challenging the Consequences of Mass Incarceration, Columbia Law School, Oct. 1, 2019

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

White is Right: The Racial Construction of Effective Assistance of Counsel, presented at:

- University of Michigan Law School, Legal Theory Workshop, March 7, 2023
- Washington & Lee University School of Law Faculty Workshop, Spring 2023
- Cornell Law School Faculty Workshop, Nov. 11, 2022
- Race Matters, National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Sept. 9, 2022
- CrimFest Conference, July 18, 2022
- Law & Society Association, July 15, 2022
- Brooklyn Law School Summer Faculty Workshop, July 12, 2022
- Lutie Lytle Writing Workshop, June 24, 2022
- Carolina Speakers Series, University South Carolina Law School, Feb. 18, 2022
- Seton Hall Faculty Colloquium, Feb. 2, 2022
- Markelloquium, Criminal Law Theory Colloquium, Dec. 3, 2021

Facilitator, *Abolition*, Community Justice Collective, Brooklyn Law School, June 15, 2022

Moderator, *Representation on the Bench: Conversation with Chief Judge Margo Brodie and Judge Pamela Chen*, Brooklyn Law School, Mar. 3, 2022

Presenter, *Race, Police, and Injustice*, Talks on Law, Feb. 16, 2022

Presenter, *Qualified Immunity and Law Enforcement*, University of Nevada Las Vegas William S. Boyd School of Law, Jan. 20, 2022

Presenter, *Litigating Racial Discrimination in Capital Cases*, Ohio Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Death Penalty Seminar, Nov. 19, 2021

Facilitator, *Access to Justice & the Federal Judiciary with Judge Alistair Newbern*, Brooklyn Law School, Nov. 3, 2021

Panelist, *The Death Penalty*, Public Interest Law Journal, Boston University School of Law, Nov. 1, 2021

Keynote, *Edward V. Sparer Public Interest Fellowship Luncheon*, Brooklyn Law School, Oct. 20, 2021

Presenter, *Death Penalty - Torture, Death Penalty, Imprisonment: Beccaria & His Legacies*, Columbia Law School, Oct. 16, 2021

Panelist, [Book Talk: Privilege and Punishment, by Matthew Clair](#), Brooklyn Law School Center for Criminal Justice, Sept. 29, 2021

Panelist, [Supreme Court Preview](#), American Constitution Society, Sept. 21, 2021

Panelist, [Laying the Claim](#), Constitutional Accountability Center, Sept. 21, 2021

Panelist, *The Future of Qualified Immunity*, Lawyers Association for Women, Marion Griffin Chapter, July 20, 2021

The Color of Justice, presented at:

- Brooklyn Law Faculty Summer Workshop, June 29, 2021
- Washington University School of Law Faculty Workshop, Oct. 6, 2021

Presenter, *Navigating Race in Capital Post-Conviction*, Phillips Black, June 7, 2021

Black on Black Representation, presented at:

- [Indigent Defense Research Association](#), June 4, 2021
- Touro Law Faculty Workshop, Feb. 3, 2021
- Clinical Law Review Workshop, Oct. 3, 2020
- CrimFest Conference, July 15, 2020
- Lutie Lytle Writing Workshop, July 2, 2020

Panelist, *A Radical Review of the Biden Administration's First 100 Days in Office*, Law for Black Lives, Apr. 29, 2021

Panelist, [The Domestic Gaze: Fight to Protect Women's Rights](#), Columbia Global Centers, Columbia University, Mar. 18, 2021

Presenter, [Teaching Justice Through Abolition](#), Clinical Legal Education Association: Teaching Justice Webinar Series, Mar. 15, 2021

Panelist, *Abolition: Dispelling the Violent Offender Myth*, Fordham Urban Law Journal Symposium, Fordham Law School, Mar. 5, 2021

Panelist, [Kill the Death Penalty: Federal Executions & the Struggle for Abolition](#), American Constitution Society, Boston College Law School, Mar. 2, 2021

Panelist, *Abolition of the Death Penalty*, 27th Annual Paul Robeson Conference, Black Law Student Association, Columbia Law School, Feb. 18, 2021

Panelist, [Impact of Race on the Criminal Justice and Prison Systems](#), University of Pennsylvania Journal of International Law, University of Pennsylvania Law School, Feb. 18, 2021

Abolition as the Solution: Redress for Victims of Excessive Police Force, presented at:

- Columbia Law Faculty Workshop, Dec. 1, 2020

Closing Remarks, [How the Law Underdeveloped Racial Minorities in the US](#), Columbia Journal of Race & Law Symposium, Columbia Law School, Nov. 21, 2020

Presenter, *Recognizing & Litigating Racial Bias throughout the Criminal Justice System*, Ohio Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Death Penalty Seminar, Nov. 20, 2020

Panelist, *Racial Injustice and Reimagining Criminal Justice*, Columbia Law School, Oct. 19, 2020

Panelist, [*A Fear of Too Much Justice: Confronting Systemic Racism in the Death Penalty*](#), American Constitution Society, Oct. 1, 2020

Panelist, [*Unfinished Work: Black Lives Matter and Policing after the Protests*](#), Fordham Law School, Sept. 10, 2020

Facilitator, *A Conversation on Qualified Immunity with U.S. District Judge Carlton Reeves*, Columbia Law School, Sept. 2, 2020

Panelist, [*A 'Black Aug.' Roundtable on the Thirteenth Amendment*](#), Columbia University, Aug. 31, 2020

Facilitator, *Anti-Racism and the Court System: A Conversation with U.S. District Judge Richard Franklin Boulware II*, Columbia Law School, Aug. 24, 2020

Valuing Black Lives: A Case for Ending the Death Penalty, presented at:

- ABA Section on Civil Rights & Social Justice, Aug. 18, 2020
- The Long Summer of 2020: Race and Death in the United States—Valuing Black Lives, Washington University School of Law, July 21, 2020
- *Furman's Legacy: New Research on the Overbreadth of Capital Punishment*, Human Rights Law Review Symposium, Columbia Law School, Oct. 11, 2019

Presenter, [*Defund the Police*](#), Tamer Center for Social Enterprise, Columbia Business School, July 9, 2020

Moderator, [*End Qualified Immunity: A Supreme Court Briefing*](#), Demand Justice, June 15, 2020

Facilitator, [*Judge Leo Sorokin and Alexis Hoag: A Conversation about Restorative Justice in Federal District Court*](#), Columbia Law School, Feb. 27, 2020

An Unbroken Thread: African-American Exclusion from Jury Service, Past and Present, presented at:

- Louisiana Law Review Symposium, LSU Paul M. Herbert Law Center, Jan 31, 2020

Moderator, [*The Legacy of Slavery in the Struggle for Environmental Justice*](#), Legacy of 1619, Columbia Law School, Nov. 12, 2019

Panelist, [*America's Death Penalty Problem*](#), ACLU at Cooper Union Great Hall, Oct. 10, 2019

SELECT MEDIA APPEARANCES

Television

- *January 6 Hearings*, CNN New Day, July 12, 2022
- *Judge Jackson Confirmation Hearing*, Democracy Now, Mar. 23, 2022
- *Judge Jackson Confirmation Hearing*, CNN Newsroom, Mar. 21, 2022
- [*Roe v. Wade in Doubt*](#), CNN New Day, Dec. 2, 2021
- [*McMichaels/Bryan Trial in Ahmaud Arbery Shooting*](#), CNN New Day, Nov. 23, 2021
- [*Ahmaud Arbery Shooting Trial*](#), CNN Newsroom, Nov. 18, 2021
- [*Rittenhouse Trial: Closing Arguments*](#), CNN Newsroom, Nov. 15, 2021
- [*Kenosha Trial: Closing Argument Preview*](#), CNN New Day, Nov. 15, 2021
- [*Kenosha Trial: Rittenhouse Testifies*](#), CNN New Day, Nov. 11, 2021
- [*Chauvin Sentenced*](#), Al Jazeera News Live, June 25, 2021
- *Chauvin Sentenced to 22.5 Years for George Floyd's Murder*, CBS News Special Report, June 25, 2021
- [*Chauvin Trial Closing Arguments*](#), CBS This Morning, Apr. 19, 2021
- [*What to Expect with Week Three of Derek Chauvin Trial*](#), PoliticsNation with Al Sharpton, MSNBC, Apr. 11, 2021
- [*Legal expert on Derek Chauvin Trial*](#), Cross Connection with Tiffany Cross, MSNBC, Apr. 3, 2021
- [*George Floyd Killing: The Trial*](#), Al Jazeera News Live, Mar. 31, 2021
- [*Derek Chauvin Murder Trial: Day One*](#), CBS This Morning, Mar. 30, 2021
- *President Trump's Executive Order and Colorado's Police Reform Bill*, Weekends with Alex Witt, MSNBC Live, June 20, 2020
- [*Derek Chauvin Court Appearance*](#), BBC News, June 8, 2020

Newspaper & Online Media

- [*Justice Sonia Sotomayor: 'There is going to be a lot of disappointment in the law, a huge amount'*](#), CNN, Oct. 7, 2021
- [*A Year After the Nationwide Protests, Some Signs of Progress—But Police Are Still Killing People*](#), Salon, May 28, 2021
- [*Chauvin, Ex-Officers Face Civil Rights Charges Over Floyd*](#), Law360, May 7, 2021
- [*What Derek Chauvin's Guilty Verdict Means*](#), CBS News, Apr. 24, 2021
- [*Biden Takes Careful Approach to Police Reform*](#), The Hill, Apr. 24, 2021
- [*Chauvin Jurors Will Grapple with Videos, Expert Opinions*](#), Law360, Apr. 18, 2021
- [*Biden Faces Pressure to Take Action on Racial Justice Issues*](#), The Hill, Dec. 13, 2020
- [*Trump's Final Cruelty: Executing Prisoners*](#), The New Yorker, Nov. 25, 2020
- [*Jacob Blake's Shooting Shows America Has a Long Way to Go in Its Journey Toward a Racial Reckoning*](#), CNN, Sept. 4, 2020
- [*Louisville Police Suppressing Protests 'To Mute Criticism,' Attorneys Say*](#), Louisville NPR WFPL 89.3, Aug. 17, 2020
- [*Do Black \(Victims'\) Lives Matter?*](#) Crime Report, Aug. 10, 2020
- [*In the Wake of George Floyd, a Question Looms: Who Should be an Officer?*](#), Times Herald, Aug. 3, 2020

- [*Alexis Hoag on 'Movement Lawyering' as a Tool for Justice*](#), Law360, July 26, 2020
- [*From Vehicle Rammings to Verbal Tirades, Videos Capture a Spike in Racist Attacks*](#), LA Times, July 10, 2020
- [*Police Unions Blamed for Rise in Fatal Shootings Even as Crime Plummeted*](#), Salon, June 27, 2020
- [*A Civil Rights Expert Explains the Social Science of Police Racism*](#), Scientific American, June 4, 2020

Radio & Podcasts

- [*On the 35th Anniversary of McCleskey v. Kemp, Prof. Alexis Hoag Discusses the Decision's Legacy*](#), Death Penalty Information Center Podcast, May 11, 2022
- [*Supreme Court Reimposes a Death Sentence for the Boston Bomber*](#), NPR, Mar. 4, 2022
- [*Batson Part I – Scholarly Edition*](#), Measured Justice, Arizona State University College of Law Academy for Justice, Sound Cloud, Dec. 14, 2021
- [*High Profile Legal Cases & the Impact of their Outcomes*](#), Town Square with Ernie Manouse, Houston Public Media, NPR, Nov. 16, 2021
- [*In Pursuit of Death Penalty Abolition*](#), Broken Law Podcast, American Constitution Society, June 22, 2021
- [*A Closer Look at Criminal Cases Against Cops*](#), MPR News with Kerri Miller, Apr. 1, 2021
- [*Did America's Slavery Past Set Foundation for Systemic Racism?*](#), VOANews, June 22, 2020
- [*Columbia Law Prof. Analyzes Pittsfield Police Use of Force Policy*](#), WAMC Radio, June 11, 2020
- [*WBAI News with Paul DeRienzo: Philonise Floyd, Trump thumps Bible, NYC Spy Cops, Defund the Police*](#), WBAI Radio, June 10, 2020
- [*WNYC Live: Ongoing Special Coverage with Brian Lehrer on Anti-Police Protests*](#), The Brian Lehrer Show, June 8, 2020

LAW SCHOOL & PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Brooklyn Law School

- Clerkship Committee, 2021-present
- Deans Search Committee, 2022-present

Columbia Law School

- Practitioner-in-Residence, Eric H. Holder Jr. Initiative for Civil & Political Rights, 2019-2021
- Faculty Advisory Group, Public Interest/Public Service Fellows Program, 2020-2021
- Faculty Advisor, Slavery Research Project, 2020-2021

Professional Service & Activities

- Advisory Board, The Eighth Amendment Project, 2022-present
- Member, American Law Institute, 2021-present
- Board of Directors, Death Penalty Information Center, 2021-present
- Co-Chair, NYC Bar Association Capital Punishment Committee, 2020-present

- Editor, Amicus Journal, 2019-present
- Board Member, NYU School of Law Alumni of Color Association, 2008-present

HONORS

2022 [Constance Baker Motley Award](#), Columbia Law School Empowering Women of Color
2022 Distinguished Alumni Honoree, NYU Law Black Allied Law Students Association
2019 [Woman of Distinction](#), NYU Law Women of Color Collective
2018 NYU Law Alumni of Color Association 40 Under 40 Rising Star

BAR ADMISSIONS

New York (2009), Tennessee (2010), U.S. Supreme Court (2016)