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CURRENT POSITION

David L. and Ann Brennan Professor of Law

Associate Dean for Diversity and Inclusion Jul 2020-June 2025

EDUCATION BACKGROUND

Juris Doctor (J.D.), Case Western Reserve University School of Law (CWRU Law)

Master of Arts (M.A.), Mass Communication Law and Regulation (political science concentration),
Purdue University

Bachelor of Science (B.S.), Mass Communication and Bachelor of Philosophy (B.Phil.),
Interdisciplinary Studies (political science concentration), Miami University (Ohio)

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES

United States Supreme Court; Federal District Court Western District of Washington; Washington
State; Michigan; Ohio (inactive)

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Associate Dean for Diversity and Inclusion, CWRU Law Jul 2020 - present

Responsibilities: provide leadership to develop and implement strategic diversity, equity,
inclusion and belonging (DEIB) initiatives that engage the law school community; strategic
student, faculty, and staff recruitment; design and implement learning experiences, courses,
programs, and workshops for students, faculty, and staff; strengthen minority alumni engagement

Innovations:

- designed and implemented JumpStart program, which allows incoming 1Ls to enroll in Criminal Law in advance of Fall academic year
- designed and implemented the Backus Scholars program, which enables incoming minoritized, first generation, and/or military service veterans enroll in JumpStart tuition-free, with an intensive legal writing seminar and skills-building workshops
- negotiated Strategic Partnerships with HBCUs, HSIs, and NA/ANSIs to offer matriculants scholarships and other incentives to attend CWRU Law
- designed and implemented The Academy for Inclusive Leadership Development, a multimodule learning experience for lawyers, business professionals, and law students to impart skills and tools to implement effective DEIB programs in their legal and business organizations

Dean Cabinet for Diversity and Inclusion (DCDI), CWRU Law Jul 2020 - present

DCDI generates, explores and supports the implementation of initiatives for CWRU Law to grow a diverse, equitable and inclusive environment. To that end, led the DCDI development, recruitment and placement initiatives.

Director, Ronald A. Peterson Law Clinic, Seattle University School of Law (SU Law) Jul 2002-Jun 2006; Jul-Dec 2009

Responsibilities: Managed office of 8-12 full-time and visiting faculty (and 4 adjunct faculty) and 50-75 student-attorneys per semester. Liaison with SU Law, University, donors, legal community, and public. Developed strategic plan and budgets, oversaw staff hiring, monitored grants

Innovations:

- Fortified local and national impact to advance SU Law's clinical program into the top 20 clinical programs nationwide (U.S. News and World Report)
- Founded SU Law's first Predatory Lending Clinic and Re-Entry Clinic
- Founded SU Law's first Community Development and Entrepreneurship Clinic
- Developed Mortgage Mediation Practicum

Assistant Dean for Student Services, CWRU Law Jul 1997- Jul 2001

Responsibilities: conducted student counseling; student-centered policy, organization, and program development and oversight; coordinated faculty advising program; created academic support system; co-managed disability accommodations; ensured student bar examination compliance; investigated student disciplinary matters; hired adjunct faculty; aided in student recruitment and alumni relations; co-coordinate orientation and commencement programs Report generation on student service activities, budget metrics, bar passage rate and law school performance

correlations, first-year law student performance predictors and law school success

Innovations:

- designed and implemented CWRU Law's first programs on diversity and inclusion
- designed and implemented Academic Enrichment Program and Bar Examination Workshop
- established partnerships with local organizations to grow law student public service

PROGRAM DESIGN

Academy for Inclusive Leadership Development Oct 2022-Apr 2023; Oct 2023

Created 19 two or three-hour seminar sessions to educate lawyers, business professionals, and students who wish to guide their organizations as they begin, or seek to fortify, their diversity, equity, and inclusive belonging efforts. Modules include structural inequities in the legal profession, the science of bias, performing organizational assessments, micro-aggressions and interrupting bias, climate assessment, the economics of law practice, laws impacting DEIB, developing strategic plans, and transformational leadership

JumpStart Summer 2021, 2022, 2023-present

Provides incoming 1L students the opportunity to embark upon their law school career beginning in the prior summer, with an eight-week Criminal Law course along with legal writing and law school skills development workshops

Strategic Partnerships Jul 2020-present

Negotiated pipeline agreements with HBCUs, HSIs, NASIs, and AN/API serving institutions to encourage more under-represented minority students to attend the CWRU Law, including Hampton University, Morehouse College, Spelman College, Dillard University, Xavier University (Louisiana), Tuskegee University, Tougaloo College, University of Alaska Anchorage, Dominican University, Bemidji State University, the University of North Carolina-Pembroke, and John Jay College of Criminal Justice

AALS Conference on the Future of the Law School Curriculum, and Conference on Clinical Legal Education “Learning for Transfer: (Re)conceptualizing What We Do in Clinics and Across the Curriculum,” Seattle Jun 2011 (first of its kind to convene clinical and non-clinical professors in conference on pedagogy), Planning Committee Member

Brown Undone? The Future of Integrated Primary and Secondary Education After PICS, SU Law Feb 2008 (convened over 30 national scholars to present on education and constitutional law), Symposium Developer and Coordinator

“Back to Basics/Back to The Future” 2004 AALS Clinical Conf., San Diego (four-day conference examining the future of clinical legal education as impacted by globalization, specialization, expanding technology, interdisciplinary, multi-jurisdictional and multidisciplinary practices), Program author

SCHOLARSHIP

Lead Article: Advancing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Legal Education, the Legal Profession, Law, 75 Wash. U. J. L. & Pol’y and Under the 1 (2024) at <chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/file:///C:/Users/Bryan%20Adamson/Downloads/lawpolicy-8930-adamson.pdf>

Debt Bondage: How Private Collection Agencies Keep the Formerly Incarcerated Tethered to the Criminal Justice System Nw. J. L. & Soc. Pol’y Vol. 15, Issue 4 (2020) (examines constitutional infirmities of Washington State’s legal financial obligations referrals to private debt collection agencies)

Tribute to Professor Judith P. Lipton, 70 Case W. Res. L. Rev. 239 (2019)

Lead Article: The ‘Blurred Lines’ of Marvin Gaye’s ‘Here, My Dear’: Music as a Tortious Act, Divorce Narrative and First Amendment Totem 36 Cardozo Arts & Ent L. J. 1 (2018) (analyzes communication torts available to Marvin Gaye’s ex-wife Anna Gordy for his album detailing their meeting, marriage, and estrangement)

Lead Article: Reconsidering Pre-Indictment Media Publicity: Racialized Crime News, Grand Juries and Tamir Rice 8 Ala. Civ. Rts. & Civ. Liberties L. Rev. 1 (2017) (critiques grand jury access to predecisional media publicity)

Tribute to Professor Jonathan L. Entin, 67 Case W. Res. L. Rev. 999 (2017)

“Thugs,” “Crooks,” and “Rebellious Negroes”: Racist and Racialized Distortions in Media Coverage of Michael Brown and the Ferguson Demonstrations 32 Harv. J. on Racial & Ethnic Justice 189 (2016) (examines media accounts of Michael Brown’s death and subsequent protests as privileging White majoritarian ideologies of social order and color-blindness while perpetuating institutional anti-Black racism in response to Black socio-political grievance)

Lead Article: Michael Sam: Upending Heteronormativity with a Piece of Cake 17 Texas Rev. of Enter’t and Sports L. 1 (2015-16) (analyzes media construction of masculinity and responses to Michael Sam draft)

“Case Rounds: Timekeeping, Client Billing and Ethics,” chapter in THEORY AND PRACTICE IN CLINICAL PEDAGOGY (Elliott Milstein, Ann Shalleck, Susan Bryant, eds.), Carolina Press (2014)

“A Criminal Practitioner’s Guide to the Media in Client Representation,” chapter in MEDIA COVERAGE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE CASES 139 (Andrew E. Taslitz, ed.), American Bar Ass’n (2013) (constitutional, federal and state law explication of media law for reporters and lawyers)

Clinical Faculty in the Legal Academy: Hiring, Promotion, and Retention 62 J. of Legal Educ. 4 (Vol. 1) (2012) (with Calvin Pang, Bradford Colbert, Kathy Hessler, Katherine Kruse, Robert Kuehn, Mary Helen McNeal and David Santacrose) republished as The Status Of Clinical Faculty In The Legal Academy: Report Of The Task Force On The Status Of Clinicians And The Legal Academy 36 J. Legal Prof. 353 (Spring 2012) (argues for status and security of position equity between clinical and “podium” law school professors)

The Muslim Manchurian Candidate: Barack Obama, Rumors, and Quotidian Hermeneutics Vol. 25, Issue 4, Journal of Civil Rights and Econ’c Dev’t (2011) (explores media treatment of accusations of President Obama’s race, religion, and ethnicity; how rumors are discussed in everyday conversations, and effective rumor management)

Ricci v. DeStefano: Procedural Activism(?) 40th Anniversary Issue, Vol. 24 The National Black Law Journal (UCLA) (2011) (critiques remand and evidentiary procedure)

Lead Article: The Homeowners’ Illusory Safety Net: Mortgage Broker Surety Liability 47 Gonz. L. Rev. 1 (2011) (critiques surety provisions to protect homeowners against mortgage brokers)

Lead Article: Critical Error: The Supreme Court’s Refusal to Recognize Intentional Race Discrimination Findings as Constitutional Facts 28 Yale L. & Pol. Rev. 1 (2009) (critiques Supreme Court’s inconsistent application of constitutional fact doctrine)

Can the Professor Come Out to Play? Scholarship, Teaching, and Theories of Play 58 J. of Legal Educ. 481 (2008) (with John Mitchell, Marilyn Berger, Lisa Brodoff, Paula Lustbader and Anne Enquist) (extols effectiveness of games and play in law school learning)

Rule 52(a) As an Ideological Weapon? 34 Fla. State Univ. L. Rev. 1026 (2007) (examines use of fact typology to determine standard of appellate review)

A Thousand Humiliations: What *Brown* Could Not Do 9 St. Mary's Law Rev. on Min'y Issues 187 (Feb. 2007) (critique of *Brown v. Board of Education* decision which asserts that entrenched residential segregation, politics, and highway construction policy explains continued education disparities)

The H'aint In The (School) House: *Brown v. Board of Education*, Interest Convergence Re-contextualized, and Continuing the Struggle for Racial Justice 43 Cal. Western L. Rev. 1 (Fall 2006) (illustrates impact of suburbanization and state politics on continued black-white education disparities)

All Facts Are Not Created Equal 13 Temple Pol. & Civ. Rights L. Rev. 629 (2004) (examines Sixth Circuit's *Grutter v. Bollinger* treatment of standard of review)

OP-EDS

Huffington Post in Politics, "Donald Trump's Incitement to Lawless Action, True Threats, and the First Amendment," Mar 21 2016

Cleveland Plain Dealer, "Chic Again? Add Chic To The Rock And Roll Hall Of Fame, Already!" Dec 12 2014

Huffington Post in Black Voices, "Don't Understand the Connection Between Tamir Rice's Killing and His Parents' History? Join the Club," Dec 2 2014

Seattle Times, "After Ferguson, Crawl Out of Safe Comfort Zones," Nov 25 2014

The Everett Herald, "How to Lighten Slide Victims' Financial Burden," Apr 20 2014

Seattle Times, "The Racial Self-Policing That African American Men Already Do," Jul 29 2013

NOTABLE CASES

State v. Gaines, 16 Wn. App. 2d 52 (2021)(with Re-Entry Clinic students, successfully argued appeal concluding that trial courts have the statutory authority to review and modify legal financial obligations—an authority that no Washington appellate-level court had ever before recognized—which resulted in the cancellation of client's \$739,000 debt to the private debt collection vendor)

U.S. SUPREME COURT AMICUS ADVISING AND DRAFTING

Gay Rights: Amicus Advisor, *Hollingsworth v. Perry*, Appellate Brief drafted by Lieff, Cabraser, Heimann & Bernstein, LLP 2010 and 2013 (supporting trial court's finding against Proposition 8 unconstitutionality based upon appropriate appellate standard of review doctrine) (cited in Justice Alito's *United States v. Windsor* dissent)

Civil Rights: Researcher, co-author, Amicus Brief on behalf of Clinical Legal Educ. Association (CLEA) in *Grutter v. Bollinger* 2002 (supporting Univ. of Michigan affirmative action program)

TEACHING

Case Law, Professor 2020-present

- **Civil Procedure** 2020-present

1L study of history and cases of federal civil rules and litigation process

- **Race, Law & Society** Aug 2020-present
One-credit 1L elective seminar to explore systemic inequities along identity dimensions (e.g., race, sex) in our legal, social, economic, political and cultural institutions
- **Mass Media Law and Policy** 2020- present
Examine the constitutional, statutory, common law, public and private regulation of media: television, cable, radio, telephony, newspaper, satellite and internet; media representation of race, gender and LGBTQ identities
- **Protest, Policing & the First Amendment** 2020-present
Seminar to examine First, Fourth and Fourteenth Amendment doctrine involving rights of speech, assembly, and association. Students also examine media construction of racialized narratives centered on Black dissent and officer-involved shootings

The University of Michigan Law School, Visiting Professor Winter 2019 • Civil-Criminal Litigation Clinic

Worked with students in pro bono representation of tenants in landlord-tenant actions

SU Law, Professor Jul 2002- Jun 2020

- **Ronald A. Peterson Law Clinic Consumer Advocacy and Re-Entry Clinic** 2017-2020, SU Law
Pro bono representation of clients seeking remittance or waiver of legal financial obligations
- **Predatory Lending Clinic** 2003-2016
Pro bono representation of homeowner clients in residential foreclosures, unfair debt collection practices, and formerly incarcerated citizens in legal financial obligations relief
- **Mass Media Law and Policy** 2007-2020 • **Protest, Policing & the First Amendment** 2017-2020
- **Civil Procedure** 2012-2013; 2015-2018

Case Law, Professor Jan 1995-Jun 2002

- **Milton A. Kramer Law Clinic Center**
Clinical courses: Administrative Law, Civil, and Criminal Defense clinics
- **Mass Media Law and Policy** Spr 2002
- **Appellate Advocacy** (as Adjunct Instructor) Fall 1993; Fall 1994
Instructed law students in appellate civil procedure, writing, argumentation and critique

OTHER COURSES Broadcast in the Internet Age Spring 2014, SU Law

Mass media law, policy and regulation examined through multi-platform content distribution businesses and broadband service providers

The 2012 Elections Spring 2012, SU Law

Mass communication visual and rhetorical theory in campaign speech, advertising, and campaign finance law and policy

Media and Wartime Propaganda, Visiting Professor, Washington University at St. Louis School of Law Jan 2010 (Intersession course)
History of media use by government and private entities during international military conflict

COURSE DESIGN Critical Race Theory Spring 2022

Two credit hour seminar which explores the foundations and central tenets of Critical Race Theory from its origins in Critical Legal Studies to current applications, debates, and evolutions

Poverty Law Spring 2022

Two credit hour seminar whose aim is to grow students' understanding of the framing of poverty, and how the concept is reified in legal, social, and political structures.

Race, Law & Society Spring 2020

One credit, 1L seminary covering topics (race, gender, LGBTQ identity) using diverse texts (novels, autobiographies, documentaries, music recordings) which interrogate structural inequities in the law and legal institutions

Introduction to Practice Spring 2015, SU Law

1L course on interviewing, counseling and negotiation skills through simulation

Law Practice Management Spring 2006, SU Law

Upper-level course on professional, legal, business, and ethical issues in creating and maintaining a small or solo law practice

Community Development and Entrepreneurship Clinic Fall 2005, SU Law

Law students and MBA candidates provide pro bono representation to new and existing businesses in the Seattle's Central District

OTHER EMPLOYMENT

ASS'T PROSECUTOR, CIVIL DIVISION Cuyahoga Cty Prosecutors Office, Cleveland Jan 1994- Jan 1995

Represented and advised county agencies, townships, commissioners, and judges in state and federal courts regarding eminent domain, labor, human services and public benefits, mandamus actions, bankruptcy, and county Treasury investment program. Drafted appellate briefs, court documents, memoranda, advisory letters; defended and took depositions, negotiated settlements, handled pretrials and trials

ASSOC ATTORNEY, LITIGATION DEPT Squire, Sanders & Dempsey, L.L.P. (Squire Patton Boggs) Cleveland Sep 1990-Dec 1993

Counsel on contract disputes, arbitration, property rights, torts, business, constitutional, and communications law litigation in federal and state courts. Drafted court documents, memoranda, advisory letters; assisted in trials; defended and conducted depositions, negotiated settlements, conducted pre-trials and bench trials

INSTRUCTOR, HONORS PROGRAM Purdue Univ., Dept of Communication, West Lafayette IN Jul 1985- Jun 1987

Taught persuasive speaking, argumentation, interpersonal communication, negotiation, and interviewing skills to undergraduate Honors and mainstream students

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES

United States Supreme Court; Federal District Court Western District of Washington; Washington State; Michigan; Ohio (inactive)

PRESENTATIONS AND LECTURES

CIVIL RIGHTS AND RACE

Academy for Inclusive Leadership Development II, various sessions, Oct 19-21, 2023
SFFA v. Harvard: Impacts on Law School Admissions, Nat'l HBCU Pre-Law Summit, Sep 22, 2023
SFFA v. Harvard, Siegal Lifelong Learning Center, Oct 3, 2023
Moderator, *SFFA v. Harvard*, CWRU, July 17, 2023
Academy for Inclusive Leadership Development II, various sessions, Oct 2022- Apr 2023
Solutions to Over-incarceration, Federalist Society, CWRU Law Oct 2022
What is Critical Race Theory? Squire Patton Boggs, Cleveland Apr 2022
Debt Bondage and Legal Financial Obligations, Birmingham Bar Association Dec 2021
Possible Crimes of January 6, 2021, A Less Perfect Union, CWRU Jan 2021
Media Construction of Racialized Narratives, Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association Dec 2020
George Floyd and BLM Protests: The Intersection of the First and Second Amendments, CWRU Law, Cleveland Jun 2020
Protesting While Black: The Fourth Estate, Protest Scripts, and How Mass Media Legitimizes State Violence Against Marginalized Groups, City Club, Cleveland Apr 2019
The Criminalization of Poverty, Wealth Extraction from Communities of Color, and the Threats to Democracy, 4th National People of Color Conference, Washington D.C. Mar 2019
Gun Violence: When Thoughts and Prayers Aren't Enough, SU May 2018
Educating for Justice in Complex Times, SU May 2018
Eternal Light – 50 Years After the Assassination of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., SU Apr 2018
Let's Take a Break from the Conversation About Race, Debate with Deroy Murdock, sponsored by the Federalist Society, SU Law Sep 2017
"Thugs," "Crooks," and "Rebellious Negroes": Media Narratives on Black Crime and Protest, SU Feb 2017
"Thugs," "Crooks," and "Rebellious Negroes": Media Narratives on Black Crime and Protest, Indiana University School of Law, Bloomington, IN Nov 2016
What African-Americans Say about *Obergefell*, American Men's Studies Ass'n 24th Annual Conf. on (Un)Masking Masculinities: Constructing and Deconstructing Representations of Masculinities, Ann Arbor MI Apr 2017
The Ethics and Impact of Pre-indictment Publicity in the Tamir Rice Grand Jury Proceedings, Univ. of Alabama Sch. of Law Symposium Re-defining Clearly Established Rights After Ferguson: Sect. 1983 Claims and Community Policing, Tuscaloosa AL Mar 2016
With/Out Privilege, With/Out Prejudice: Teaching #BlackLivesMatter in the classroom, Southern Clinical Conf., Memphis TN Oct 2015
#BlackLivesMatter, AALS Clinical Conference, Rancho Mirage CA May 2015
#BlackLivesMatter: A Living Room Conversation, SU Law Jan 2015
The First and Ferguson, Constitution Day, SU Law Sept 2014
The Supreme Court's 2013-14 Term in Review, NAACP Annual Convention, Las Vegas Jul 2014

Does Marriage Equality Matter Equally: Conversations with African-Americans, Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Mid-Year Meeting on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Issues, Washington, D.C. Jun 2014

Mortgage Crisis Impact on African-American Women, United States Attorneys, Seattle Mar 2014

Towards a Feminist Economic Justice Ethic, Univ. of Cincinnati Oct 2012

Black-on-Black Crimes(?) The Color of the Economic Crisis: Exploring the Downturn From the Bottom Up, XV Annual LatCrit Conf., Denver Oct 2010

Race Across the Curriculum-Post Racial Civil Rights Law, Politics and Legal Education: New and Old Color Lines in the Age of Obama, AALS, New York Jun 2010

Best Practices for the Recruitment of Minority Law Professors, AALS Annual Meeting, Reassessing Our Role as Scholars and Educators in Light of Change, New York Jan 2008

Residential Segregation in Seattle, Symposium: *Brown* Undone? The Future of Integrated Primary and Secondary Education After PICS, SU Law Feb 2008

Community Conversations: A Renewed Legacy of Segregation, SU Law Oct 2007

Parents Involved in Community Schools v. Seattle School District and *Meredith v. Jefferson Cty Board of Education*, Constitution Day, SU Law Sept 2007

Community Conversations: A Renewed Legacy of Segregation, SU Law Oct 2007

The H'aint In The (School) House: *Brown v. Board of Education*, Interest Convergence Re- contextualized, and Continuing the Struggle for Racial Justice, Western Law Professors of Color Conf., California Western Sch. of Law, San Diego CA Mar 2006

The Legacy of *Brown v. Board of Education*, Washburn Univ., Topeka, KS Oct 2005

Difficult Discussions: Same Sex Marriage, SU Law Feb 2005

Commemorating *Brown*/Celebrating *Grutter* and *Lawrence*—Opening Remarks, AALS Clinical Legal Educ. Conf., San Diego May 2004

Distinguishing Racial Integration (*Brown*) From Affirmative Action (*Grutter*), Symposium From *Brown* to *Grutter*: Racial Integration and the Law in the Northwest, SU Law Apr 2004

Guest Lecture: Race and Law, Professor Tayyub Mahmud, SU Law Feb, Mar 2004

MEDIA LAW, CULTURE AND POLICY

The 'Blurred Lines' of Marvin Gaye's 'Here, My Dear': Music as a Communication Tort and Divorce Narrative, CWRU Law CLE program, Apr 2023

The 'Blurred Lines' of Marvin Gaye's 'Here, My Dear': Music as a Communication Tort and Divorce Narrative, Influential Voices, CWRU Nov 2022

The 'Blurred Lines' of Marvin Gaye's 'Here, My Dear': Music as a Communication Tort and Divorce Narrative, Influential Voices, The University of Michigan Mar 2010

Net Neutrality-Two Views, The Federalist Society, SU Law Feb 2014

Re-evaluating Atticus Finch as the Moral Archetype for Rethinking Harper Lee's "To Kill a Mockingbird" Fifty Years Later: A Critical Race Perspective on Atticus Finch, Tom Robinson, and Maycomb Cty, Alabama, SU Law Mar 2012

The Muslim Manchurian Candidate: Barack Obama, Rumors, and Quotidian Hermeneutics, Symposium, Making History: Race, Gender and The Media In The 2008 Elections, St. John's Law School New York Sep 2008

A History of Racial Stereotypes and Tropes in Popular Media, Wismer Center, Center for the Study of Justice in Society, SU Law May 2007

Guest Lecture, Comparative Racial and Gender Tropes in “To Kill A Mockingbird” and “Do the Right Thing” for Film and the Law, Professor Marilyn Berger, SU Law 2004-2013
Superbowl XXXVIII: Racial and Gender Tropes in Images from the Justin Timberlake/Janet Jackson Performance, SU Law Mar, Apr 2013
The Muslim Manchurian Candidate: Barack Obama, Rumors, and Quotidian Hermeneutics, SU Alumni Program, New York Univ., New York Oct 2008

LEGAL EDUCATION

Leadership and Character in the Law, Wake Forest Law School, Winston-Salem March 2025
Fred D. Gray Symposium-Education, Fred D. Gray Institute for Human and Civil Rights, Montgomery Jan 2025
Oops! I Did it Again: Risk-Taking and Mistake-Making in the Classroom, AALS, San Francisco, Jan 2025
Teaching in the Crosshairs: Attacks on DEI and the Future of Legal Pedagogy, AALS, San Francisco, Jan 2025
The State of the Black Pre-Law Student, Black Pre-Law Conference, New York New York Nov 2024
Navigating the First Class, Midwest Clinical Conference, Madison, Nov 2024
Diversity, Inclusion & Leadership, Washington University Law Review, St. Louis Apr 2024
Addressing Identity Issues in Classroom Discussions, Pennsylvania State University Law School, State College Apr 2024
Organizing for Democracy and Liberation: The Right to Learn, The Right to Teach, The Right to Thrive, Critical Legal Collective, Duke Law School Nov 2023
Educating for Justice in Complex Times, sponsored by the Office of Diversity and Inclusion, SU May 2018
Keynote Address: History of Clinical Legal Education, AALS New Clinicians Workshop, Chicago, Apr 2018
Navigating the Academy, AALS New Clinicians Workshop, Chicago, Apr 2018
Access to Justice in the Age of Technology, Television, and Trump, AALS Conference, San Diego Jan 2018
On the Front Line: The Role and Position of Clinical Faculty of Color in Challenging Times, AALS Conference, San Diego Jan 2018
Consumer Protection Clinics as Sites for Blurring Boundaries, AALS Mid-Year Meeting on Blurring Boundaries in Financial and Corporate Law, Washington, D.C. Jun 2014
Outside the In-House Clinic: Teaching Students to Learn from Practice Settings, AALS Clinical Conf., San Juan, PR May 2013
The Future of Clinical Legal Education, Univ. of Maryland Sch. of Law, Baltimore MD Apr 2009
Teaching Social Justice, Society of American Law Teachers Teaching Conf., Univ. of California-Berkeley Mar 2008
The Critical Role of ‘Play’ in Legal Scholarship and Teaching, AALS Annual Meeting, Reassessing Our Role as Scholars and Educators in Light of Change, New York Jan 2008
Teaching Supervision Skills, AALS, New Law Teachers Workshop, Washington, D.C. Jun 2006
Post-Graduate Careers for Law Students, National Black Law Students Ass’n Annual Convention, Seattle Feb 2005
Paradigm Shift in Clinical Legal Education, Second National People of Color Legal Scholarship

Conf., The George Washington Univ. Sch. of Law, Washington, D.C. Oct 2004
How Do We Teach?, AALS, New Teacher Training Conf., Washington, D.C. Jun 2004
Discovery(ing) the 21st Century: E-vidence, AALS Clinical Legal Educ. Conf., San Diego May 2004

CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

“The ‘Blurred Lines’ of Marvin Gaye’s ‘Here, My Dear’: Music as a Communication Tort and Divorce Narrative,” CWRU Law Apr 2023
“Legal Financial Obligations,” Black Transcends Blue Conf., CWRU Law Mar 2022
“Housing Justice and Mortgage Lending in Seattle,” KCBA, Seattle May 2016
“New Rules and Good Tools: Building Your Civil Procedure Toolbox,” SU Law Nov 2015
“Valuing, Negotiating, and Settling a Mortgage Lending Case,” KCBA, Seattle Mar 2008
“Subpoenas—Washington Rules and Practices,” Washington State Bar Ass’n, SU Law Apr 2007
“Credit Reporting and Credit Discrimination,” KCBA, Seattle Jun 2006
“Ethical and Practical Considerations of Working with Diverse Clients,” KCBA, Seattle Mar 2005
“Why Diversity Matters: Perspectives from a Teacher/Practitioner,” KCBA, Seattle Mar 2004

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

“Financial Literacy for Parents and Teens,” Youth and The Law Forum, Seattle Apr 2005 “Credit and Debt Issues” Tent City Project, Seattle Feb 2005
“Poverty and Alternative Financial Services,” Academic Salon on Consumption and Poverty, SU Feb 2005
“Predatory Mortgage Lending Practices,” Urban League, Seattle Apr 2004
“Predatory Mortgage Lending Practices,” Solid Ground, Seattle Mar 2004
“Credit and Debt Issues,” Catholic Comm’y Servs Center, Seattle Mar 2005, Apr, Oct 2004

MEDIA INTERVIEWS

“Jerry Springer and Racial Exploitation,” Huffington Post May 8 2023
“The Spike in White Supremacist Propaganda,” WEWS TV May 5 2023
“Getting Unsolicited Offers to Buy Your Home? How to Know if It’s an Opportunity or a Scam,” Time Magazine Mar 14, 2022
“Ahmaud Arbery’s Killers Convicted On Federal Hate Crimes Charges,” Vox Feb 22 2022
“I Covered The Rodney King And Freddie Gray Riots. This Moment Feels Different. That’s Why I’m Afraid,” CNN Jun 12 2020
“What Masterpiece Cakeshop Means for Arlene’s Flowers,” The Impact, TVW, Jun 13 2018
“Online Reviews and Defamation,” KIRO TV Seattle Nov 6 2015
“The Ferguson Protests,” KOMO News (Television and Radio), Seattle Dec 2 2014
“Impact of Supreme Court’s Seattle School District Decision,” Northwest Cable News, Seattle Jun 28 2007
“Justice Sandra Day O’Conner Retires from the Supreme Court,” Northwest Cable News, Seattle Jul 1 2005
“President Bush Introduces Judge Roberts as Candidate for Supreme Court,” Northwest Cable News, Seattle Jul 19 2005

SERVICE

ACCREDITATION

American Bar Association (ABA) Accreditation Committee Site Visit Team Member

Univ. of Miami (forthcoming Feb 2024) Villanova
School of Law Feb 2018
Catholic Univ. of America/Columbus Sch. Of Law Apr 2016
Concordia Univ. Sch. of Law Oct 2013
Univ. of San Diego Law Sch. Mar 2012
Duke Univ. Sch. of Law Oct 2007
Faulkner Univ., Jones Sch. of Law Oct 2005
Cornell Univ. Mar 2004

LEGAL EDUCATION

Member, Planning Committee, AALS Section on Clinical Legal Educ., Joint Conf. with Section on Curriculum 2011
Co-Chair, Taskforce on the Future of Clinical Legal Educ. (part of the AALS Section on Clinical Legal Educ.) Appointed Jan 2005-10
Member, Taskforce on Minorities in Clinical Legal Educ. CLEA 2008-present
Member, Advisory Board The JD Project (minority student pipeline project) 2007-present
Board Member, Society of American Law Teachers 2006-2010 Co-Chair, Affirmative Action Committee Jan 2006-2010
Member, Planning Committee, Jan 2008 AALS Section on Clinical Legal Educ. Program (“Teaching the Art of Listening”)
Invitee, Carnegie Foundation Report on the Future of Legal Education Conf., Univ. of South Carolina Sch. of Law Nov 2007
Chair, Committee on Clinical Legal Educ., AALS Oct 2006-2009
Member, Best Practices Implementation Committee 2005-2009
Board Member, CLEA 2001-2004
Chair, AALS Section on Clinical Legal Educ. 2003
Member, Executive Board, AALS Section on Clinical Legal Educ. 1999-2002
Chair, Clinicians of Color, AALS Section on Clinical Legal Educ. 1998-2002

COMMUNITY

Board Member, Greater Seattle Business Ass’n, Seattle May 2016-2020
Public Policy Chair Jan 2018-2020
Policy Council Chair Jan 2017-2020
Member, Our Best Advisory Council, Seattle Apr 2017-2020
Member, Athletic Advisory Board, SU 2015-2018
Co-Chair, African-American Council (Dan Satterberg Advisory group on improving African-American Male outcomes), Seattle May 2018-2019
Member, African-American Council Sep 2016-2019
Founding Board Member, Northwest Consumer Law Center (First not-for-profit in Northwest exclusively dedicated to housing rights litigation and advocacy) Seattle Jun 2012-Dec 2018
Member, Washington State Minority and Justice Commission, Seattle Jan 2006- Dec 2010
Volunteer Attorney, Justice Works Secured 501(c)(3) status for prisoner re-entry organization, Seattle 2003
Volunteer Attorney, King County Bar Association (KCBA), Seattle Aug 2003-May 2005
Chair, Public Policy Committee, Coalition to Monitor Medicare Managed Care, Cleveland Jan 1998-Dec 2001

Board Member, Ohio State Bar Ass'n Committee on Continuing Legal Educ., Cleveland May 2001-Jun 2002

Board Member, The Open House (AIDS Counseling and Assistance), Cleveland Jan 1999-Jun 2002

Board Member, BlackOut Unlimited (African-American LGBTQ organization), Cleveland Jan 1999-June 2002

Board Member, American Civil Liberties Union—Cleveland Chapter Jan 1994-Dec 2000

LAW SCHOOL Case Law School and CWRU

2020-Present Ad Hoc Committees on Faculty and Staff Appointments; Admissions, Promotion and Tenure, and Law School Diversity Committees; CWRU SCOTUS Advisory Group; CWRU Civil Discourse Group; CWRU Diversity Executive Advisory Committee; CWRU Diversity Leadership Council

1995-2002 Law Alumni Board; Curriculum and Appointments Committees

SU Law and SU

Faculty Appointments, Strategic Planning, Budget, Faculty and Curriculum Committees, Alumni Advisory Board; SU Engaging Our Diversity Task Force, D1Task Force, Academic Salon on Consumption and Poverty

POLITICAL WORK

Facilitator, Roundtable of LGBTQI People of Color for Mayoral Candidate Jenny Durkan, Oct 2017 Organizer (Michigan), Hillary for America, Aug-Nov 2016

Co-Moderator, Town Hall, City Council Debate, Pamela Banks and Kshama Sawant, Seattle, Oct 2015

Organizing For America, Voter Protection Initiative, Seattle Aug-Nov 2012

Obama Fellow, Chicago May-Aug 2012

Policy Researcher, Jay Inslee (as gubernatorial candidate), Seattle Apr-May 2012

Steering Committee Washington—Obama For America, Seattle 2007-2008

Spokesman, Raymond Pierce for Mayor, Cleveland 2001

AWARDS

Society of Benchers, CWRU Law 2021

Outstanding Faculty Service Award, CWRU Law 2021

Think Big Leadership Award, CWRU 2021

Institutional Advocate of the Year, Black Law Students Association, Western Region 2021

William Pincus Award for Excellence in Clinical Legal Education, AALS 2016

Provost's Award for Excellence in Research and Scholarship, SU 2016

Faculty Award for Leadership, Black Law Students Association, SU Law 2016

Wisner Fellow, Center for the Study of Justice, SU 2007

Dean's Award of Excellence, SU Law 2006

King County Bar Association, Pro Bono Service Recognition 2004, 2005

Administrator of the Year, CWRU Law 1999

Outstanding Educator, Alpha Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

1999 Outstanding Graduate, Warren Western Reserve High School 1999 Pursuit of Justice Award, Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office 1994 Who's Who in American Law, 1994 ed.

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