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### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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#### 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

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#### 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

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#### 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

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[\*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

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

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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**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**

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*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

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*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

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### 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**

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### **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**

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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**

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