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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Brooklyn Law School	
<i>Professor of Law</i>	2020 – present
<i>Associate Professor of Law</i>	2018 – 2020
<i>Assistant Professor of Law</i>	2015 – 2018
<i>Co-Director, Center for Criminal Justice</i>	2016 – present
Columbia Law School	
<i>Visiting Professor of Law</i>	Spring 2021
Harvard Law School	
<i>Visiting Associate Professor of Law</i>	Fall 2019
New York University School of Law	
<i>Acting Assistant Professor of Lawyering</i>	2012 – 2015

EDUCATION

Harvard Law School, J.D., *cum laude*, 2006
Editor-in-Chief, *Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review*
Irving Oberman Memorial Writing Prize in Law and Social Change

Yale College, B.A. in Sociology, *magna cum laude*, 2001
Thesis: *Juvenile Injustice: Racial Disparities in America's Juvenile Justice System*

PUBLICATIONS

Book

SAFETY MEANS FREEDOM: HOW SOCIAL MOVEMENTS CONTEST MASS INCARCERATION (The New Press, forthcoming 2023)

Articles & Essays

Police Reform Through a Power Lens, 130 YALE LAW JOURNAL 778 (2021)

Movement Law, 73 STANFORD LAW REVIEW 821 (2021) (w/Amna Akbar & Sameer Ashar)

The Institutional Design of Community Control, 108 CALIFORNIA LAW REVIEW 679 (2020) (w/Sabeel Rahman)

The Place of “the People” in Criminal Procedure, 119 COLUMBIA LAW REVIEW 249 (2019)

Bail Nullification, 115 MICHIGAN LAW REVIEW 585 (2017)

- Selected as “Must Read” article by NACDL Getting Scholarship Into Courts Project
- Discussed in the *Atlantic*, *New Yorker*, *Pacific Standard*, *Ringer*, *Associated Press*, & more

Copwatching, 104 CALIFORNIA LAW REVIEW 391 (2016)

- Quoted in *Fields v. City of Philadelphia*, 862 F.3d 353 (3rd Cir. 2017)

The Criminal Court Audience in a Post-Trial World, 127 HARVARD LAW REVIEW 2173 (2014)

- Cited in *Weaver v. Massachusetts*, ___ U.S. ___ (2017)

Thinking Like a Public Interest Lawyer: Theory, Practice, and Pedagogy, 34 N.Y.U. REVIEW OF LAW & SOCIAL CHANGE 455 (2010) (with Nisha Agarwal)

- Excerpted in ALAN K. CHEN & SCOTT L. CUMMINGS, PUBLIC INTEREST LAWYERING: A CONTEMPORARY PERSPECTIVE (2013)

Rethinking “Rational Discrimination” Against Ex-Offenders, 13 GEORGETOWN JOURNAL ON POVERTY LAW & POLICY 283 (2006)

Shorter Pieces & Solicited Contributions

Democratizing Criminal Justice through Contestation and Resistance, 111 NORTHWESTERN U. LAW REVIEW 1609 (2017) (invited symposium essay)

Beyond Body Cameras: Defending a Robust Right to Record the Police, 104 GEORGETOWN LAW JOURNAL 1559 (2016) (invited symposium essay)

- Cited in *Nieves v. Bartlett*, ___ U.S. ___ (2019) (Sotomayor, J., dissenting)

Breaking the Silence: Legal Scholarship as Social Change, 41 HARVARD CIVIL RIGHTS-CIVIL LIBERTIES LAW REVIEW 289 (2006) (symposium introduction)

Selected Blog Posts

Blurring the Line Between Public Health & Public Safety, Bill of Health blog (Aug. 5, 2021)

Law and Political Economy blog posts (selected):

- *The Academy and the (Undoing of) the Carceral State*, LPE Blog (Oct. 14, 2020) (w/Shawn Ossei-Owusu)
- *What Comes After Money Bail? An LPE Perspective on Pretrial Detention*, LPE Blog (Feb. 10, 2020)
- *Movement Visions for a Renewed Left Legalism & Movement Visions for a Renewed Left Politics*, LPE Blog (Mar. 4 & 5, 2019) (w/Amna Akbar & Sameer Ashar)
- *Rethinking Criminal Law*, LPE Blog (Oct. 24, 2018) (w/Amna Akbar)

Popular Writing

The Power of Community Bail Funds, NEW YORK TIMES (Aug. 23, 2020) (w/ Mary Hooks)

The Bail Fund Moment, N + 1 (June 22, 2020)

Power Over Policing, BOSTON REVIEW (June 8, 2020)

The Danger of “Dangerousness,” N.Y. DAILY NEWS (March 10, 2020)

Don't let fear mongering sabotage criminal justice reforms, ALBANY TIMES UNION (Feb. 19, 2020)
(w/Laurny Gouldin & Elizabeth Nevins)

Discovery reform will bring true justice without threatening safety, N.Y. DAILY NEWS (Dec. 11, 2019)

Kamala Harris Says her Campaign is “For the People,” THE NATION (Feb. 5, 2019)

In the Name of Public Safety, BOSTON REVIEW (Oct. 2, 2018)

#SwipeItForward & the Decriminalization of Farebeating in New York City, IN JUSTICE TODAY / THE APPEAL (Aug. 30, 2017)

What is Community Justice?, N + 1 (July 2017)

Bail keeps these moms in jail on Mother’s Day, so strangers are posting it for them, WASHINGTON POST (May 12, 2017)

Why the Ferguson Consent Decree Matters for the First Amendment, JURIST (Mar. 29, 2016)

Let Citizens Film the Police, SALON (Apr. 16, 2015)

LAW SCHOOL TEACHING

Courses: Criminal Law; Criminal Procedure (Investigations & Adjudication); Evidence
Seminars: Contesting the Carceral State; Criminal Justice?: Making a Murderer

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

The Bronx Defenders

Supervising Attorney & Team Leader 2010 – 2012
Staff Attorney 2007 – 2010

Harvard Law School

Affiliate Fellow, Program on the Legal Profession 2010 – 2012
Co-Director and Co-Founder, Harvard Summer Theory Institute 2008 – 2010

Hon. Barrington D. Parker, Jr., U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit

Judicial Clerk 2006 – 2007

Center for Court Innovation

Planner, Red Hook Community Justice Center 2001 – 2003

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS & LECTURES

Presenter, *People’s Budgets*, Criminal Justice Ethics Schmooze, June 2021 (virtual)

Panelist & co-organizer, *Abolitionist Epistemologies*, Law & Society Conference, May 2021 (virtual)

Lecture, *Defunding the Police, Redefining Public Safety*, Illinois Law School Program in Constitutional Theory, Oct. 2020

Police Reform Through a Power Lens, presented at:

- Columbia Law School Faculty Workshop, Jan. 2021 (virtual)
- Stanford Law School Faculty Workshop, Oct. 2020 (virtual)
- Vanderbilt Law School Faculty Workshop, Sept. 2020 (virtual)
- Duke Law School Center for Science & Justice, July 2020 (virtual)
- Law & Society Conference, Denver, CO, May 2020 (virtual)
- University of Chicago Public Law Workshop, May 2020 (virtual)
- Hofstra Law School Faculty Workshop, Feb. 2020
- Symposium on Criminal Procedure, Wisconsin Law School, Dec. 2019
- Criminal Justice Roundtable, Vanderbilt Law School, Nov. 2019
- Brooklyn Law School Faculty Workshop, July 2019
- Crimfest Conference, Brooklyn Law School, July 2019
- Junior Criminal Justice Roundtable, Harvard Law School, May 2019
- Law of the Police Conference, University of South Carolina, March 2019

Movement law, presented at (w/Amna Akbar & Samer Ashar):

- UC-Irvine Socio-Legal Studies Workshop, October 2020 (virtual)
- Law and Political Economy Summer Series, July 2020 (virtual)

Panelist, *Beyond the Carceral State: Critically Teaching Criminal Law & Criminal Procedure*, CLEA Teaching Justice series, Oct. 2020 (virtual)

Panelist, *Beyond Reform: Reenvisioning the Role of Police*, U. Penn Law School, June 2020 (virtual)

Panelist, *A Critical Approach to the Canonical First Year Law School Courses*, Boston University Law School, Feb. 2020 (virtual)

Panelist, *The Criminalization of Poverty*, Ohio State L. J. Symposium, Feb. 2020

Panelist, *Community Voice*, Symposium on Bail Reform, Wake Forest Law School, Jan. 2020

Panelist, *Agency, Dignity, and Race in the Formation and Implementation of Criminal Procedure*, AALS Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., Jan. 2020

Panelist, *Roundtable on Decarceration, Criminal Procedure, & Reform*, Law & Society Conference, Washington, D.C., May 2019

The Institutional Design of Community Control, presented at:

- University of Virginia Law School Faculty Workshop, Oct. 2019
- Criminal Justice Roundtable, Yale Law School, April 2019
- Cardozo Law School Faculty Workshop, April 2019
- Critical Justice Workshop, Oct. 2018
- Brooklyn Law School Faculty Workshop, July 2018
- CrimFest Conference, Cardozo Law School, July 2018
- Brooklyn Law School Junior Faculty Workshop, August 2017

Commentator, (*Arguments for*) *Police Abolition* by Amna Akbar, Law and Public Affairs Seminar, Princeton University, Dec. 2018

Panelist, *New Movements for Bail Reform*, Practicing Public Interest Law in the South Conference, Vanderbilt Law School, Oct. 2018

The Place of “the People” in Criminal Procedure, presented at:

- Faculty Workshop, UConn School of Law, October 2018
- Criminal Justice Ethics Schmooze, Brooklyn Law School, June 2018
- Faculty Workshop, Willamette University College of Law, March 2018
- AALS Criminal Law & Procedure Works in Progress, San Diego, CA, January 2018
- Junior Criminal Justice Roundtable, Brooklyn/St. John’s Law Schools, July 2017
- AALS/CrimFest Conference, American University Law School, June 2017
- Junior Criminal Professors Roundtable, U. Chicago School of Law, June 2017

Moderator, *Community & Racial Justice*, Democratizing Criminal Law Conference, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, Nov. 2016

Panelist, *Toward Solutions*, Symposium on Money Bail, University of Baltimore School of Law, Nov. 2016

Moderator & Organizer, *Blood in the Water: The Attica Prison Uprising of 1971 and Its Legacy*, Brooklyn Law School, Nov. 2016

Bail Nullification, presented at:

- ACS Public Law Workshop, AALS Annual Conference, Jan. 2017
- Fordham Law School Criminal Law & Procedure Speaker Series, Nov. 2016
- St. John’s Law School Faculty Workshop, Oct. 2016
- New York Area Junior Faculty Colloquium, Oct. 2016
- Junior Criminal Law Scholars Roundtable, Harvard Law School, May 2016
- Critical Justice Roundtable, Brooklyn Law School, May 2016
- Brooklyn Law School Faculty Workshop, May 2016
- Twentieth Anniversary LatCrit Conference, Anaheim, CA, Oct. 2015
- CrimFest Conference, Cardozo School of Law, July 2015

Panelist, *Cops, Prosecutors, and Community*, “Reckoning With Force” Conference, NYU Law School, April 2016

Presenter, *Filming the Police as an Act of Resistance*, Journal of Law and Public Policy Symposium, “Smartphoned: Legality of Filming the Police,” University of St. Thomas School of Law, Minneapolis, MN, March 2016

Panelist & moderator, *Responding to the Money Bail Crisis*, 2016 AALS Annual Meeting, New York, NY, Jan. 2016

Presenter, *Beyond Body Cameras: Defending a Robust Right to Record the Police*, Georgetown Law Journal Symposium, “Police/State: Race, Power, and Control,” Nov. 2015

Copwatching, presented at:

- California Law Review Lecture Series, Berkeley Law School, Oct. 2015
- CrimFest Conference, Rutgers School of Law-Newark, July 2014
- NYU Lawyering Scholarship Colloquium, July 2014

Panelist, *Policing the Police & the Community*, Seton Hall Law School Symposium, Oct. 2015

The Criminal Court Audience in a Post-Trial World, presented at:

- NYC Criminal Theory Colloquium, Brooklyn Law School, Sept. 2013
- NYU Lawyering Scholarship Colloquium, Jan. 2013
- Roundtable, ABA & AALS Criminal Justice Colloquium, Oct. 2012

Plenary Panelist, *Critical Lawyering: Bridging Theory and Practice for Social Change*, Critical Lawyering Conference, Harvard Law School, Mar. 2012

SELECTED PRESS & MEDIA APPEARANCES

Newspapers & online media:

- *Only One Mayoral Candidate Says Moving Money From Police To Social Services Is A Top Priority*, WGHB-TV (Aug. 4, 2021) (quoted)
- *Is Black Lives Matter Causing a Police Shortage?*, SLATE (Sept. 24, 2020) (quoted)
- *Bail Funds, Flush With Cash, Learn to ‘Grind Through This Horrible Process,’* N.Y. TIMES (June 26, 2020) (quoted)
- *Where Bail Funds Go From Here*, NEW YORKER (June 23, 2020) (quoting article *Bail Nullification*)
- *“It Changes Who Has the Power”: How Bail Funds Across the Country Are Responding to Protests,*” THE RINGER (June 8, 2020) (interview & quoting article *Bail Nullification*)
- *Why It Matters That So Many People Are Donating to Bail Funds*, THE ATLANTIC (June 3, 2020) (quoting article *Bail Nullification*)
- *George Floyd and the Origins of Modern Law Enforcement*, SLATE (June 5, 2020) (quoting article *The Institutional Design of Community Control*)
- *Bail Reform is About Safety & Well-being*, THE APPEAL (Feb. 10, 2020) (discussing & quoting scholarship on bail)
- *DA Hopeful Reversed Over Handling of DA Bias in Jury Selection*, NEW YORK LAW JOURNAL (Jan. 14, 2019) (quoted)
- *Groups Begin Bailing Out Strangers to Free Poor From Jail*, ASSOCIATED PRESS (Jan. 30, 2017) (quoted & discussing article *Bail Nullification*)
- *How Communities Are Rising Up Against the Bail System*, PACIFIC STANDARD (Jan. 18, 2017) (featuring & quoting article *Bail Nullification*)
- *SCOTUS Double Jeopardy Case Could Impact Prosecutor Discretion*, CRIMINAL LAW REPORTER (Oct. 6, 2016) (quoted)
- *We Protect Our Communities: Cop Watchers Speak out*, NBC NEWS (May 12, 2016) (quoted)
- *Overloaded Court System Brings Pain & Delays*, N.Y. TIMES (Feb. 1, 2016) (quoted)
- *Why are cops afraid of body cameras?*, WASHINGTON POST (Oct. 9, 2015) (quoted)
- *Will New York Scrap Its Broken Bail System?*, VICE (Oct. 8, 2015) (quoted)
- *Secrecy Behind Police Misconduct Investigations*, HUFFPOST LIVE (Sept. 4, 2014) (guest)

Radio & podcasts:

- *Power-shifting in Policing*, Yale Law Journal Podcast (Apr. 23, 2021) (interview)
- *Both Sides of the V*, Oral Argument Podcast (Jan. 12, 2019) (interview)
- *Bloomberg Law: Rise in Police Violence*, BLOOMBERG RADIO (July 8, 2016) (interview)
- *Own the Block*, Oral Argument Podcast (Apr. 15, 2016) (interview)
- *The Killing of Samuel DuBose*, THE BRIAN LEHRER SHOW (WNYC) (Jul. 31, 2015) (interview)
- *New police monitoring app offers direct line to ACLU*, MARKETPLACE (NPR) (May 8, 2015) (interview)

LAW SCHOOL & PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Brooklyn Law School, Selected Committee Work:

- Center for Criminal Justice (2015-present) (Chair & Co-Director of the Center)
- Public Safety Committee (2020-present); Appointments Committee (2017-2019); Diversity Committee (2015-2018, 2020-present); Public Interest Committee (2015-present); Long Range Planning Committee (2016-17) (elected position)

Professional Service & Activities:

- Core Contributor, Law and Political Economy blog, 2018-present
- Advisory Board, Community Justice Exchange, 2018-present
- Advisory Board, Institute to End Mass Incarceration at Harvard Law School, 2021-present
- Founding Member, Guerrilla Guides to Law Teaching
- Academic Advisory Board, Supreme Court Fellows Program, 2017-2018

BAR ADMISSION

New York (since 2007)