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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

BROOKLYN LAW SCHOOL **Incoming July 2022**

Assistant Professor of Law
Criminal Procedure, Evidence, Criminal Law

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN LAW SCHOOL **July 2021-Present**

William H. Hastie Research & Teaching Fellow
Law and Society Fellow

EDUCATION

COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL, LL.M., May 2017

Harlan Stone Fiske scholar, Public Interest Honoree

Activities: Criminal Justice Action Network, Prisoner's Health Initiative, LL.M. Representative

PH.D. CANDIDATE, FREE UNIVERSITY, Berlin, 2016-Present (thesis submitted)

Ph.D. scholarship from the state of Berlin (Else-Neumann Stipendium des Landes Berlin)

Comparative Criminal Law

Dissertation Topic: Discriminatory Effects of Plea Bargaining in Germany and the US

Ph.D. Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Carsten Momsen

HUMBOLDT UNIVERSITY, Berlin, Magister Iuris, 2012-2016

Top 2% in the State of Berlin/ Brandenburg

Ranked third place in a class of 486 candidates

Full Scholarship from the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung

Participated in the Humboldt Law School Human Rights Law Clinic

TEACHING INTERESTS

Criminal Procedure; Criminal Law; Evidence; Poverty Law; Family Law;

Comparative Legal Studies; Race and the Law; Social Movements and the Law;

Anti-Carceral Feminism; Feminist Legal Theory; Epistemic Injustice

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

CARDOZO LAW SCHOOL FAMILY DEFENSE CLINIC, NY **July 2020-July 2021**

Co-Director

Developed curriculum and lesson plans, teach substantive family law for abuse and neglect proceedings. Taught procedural law, litigation skills, and evidentiary rules. Organized panel discussions and guest lectures. Supervised law students of the clinic in family court and administrative hearings. Interviewed and select students for the clinic.

FREE UNIVERSITY, Berlin
2021

May 2020-July

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Lecturer in Law

Conducted virtual lectures for the Criminal Defense Law Clinic and the Post-Conviction Law Clinic.

FREE UNIVERSITY, Berlin

Spring 2016

Teaching Assistant

Assisted Professor Dr. Carsten Momsen in teaching criminal procedure. Taught criminal procedure to first-year law students. Conducted research on criminal law and criminal procedure.

Prepared seminar for the first criminal defense clinic in Germany.

KONTAKT UND BERATUNGSSTELLE FÜR FLUCHTLINGE (KUB), Berlin **2011-2012**

Taught a German language class for refugees from West Africa and Syria. KUB is a non-profit organization that provides legal, language, and social work assistance for refugees in Berlin.

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

THE BRONX DEFENDERS, FAMILY DEFENSE PRACTICE, NY **March 2018-July 2021**

Staff Attorney

Defended indigent parents in abuse, neglect, and termination of parental rights proceedings in Bronx family court with a holistic defense approach. Litigated trials and hearings on behalf of clients. Litigated medically complex res ipsa abuse cases. Researched, wrote, and argued motions and orders to show cause. Used cross-practice holistic advocacy to assist clients with issues regarding housing, public benefits, social work, immigration and criminal defense. Conducted trainings for other attorneys. Active member of the Educational Working Group (cross practice group) and the Domestic Violence Working Group within the Family Defense Practice. Participated in hiring committee. Mentor in the Mentorship of Color Program. Supervised multiple interns and externs.

THE BRONX DEFENDERS, CRIMINAL DEFENSE PRACTICE, NY **August 2017-March 2018**

Columbia Law School Public Interest Fellow

Trained with the 2017 training team class. Conducted interviews with clients on early defense criminal cases. Arranged surrenders and accompanied clients to meetings with the District Attorney's office in cross complaint cases. Drafted motions to seal criminal convictions as part of the Rap Sheet Error Project. Appeared on the record regarding the acceptance of plea agreements in Bronx criminal court.

PROF. FRED DAVIS, COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL, NY. **Spring 2017**

Research Assistant

Conducted research on comparative criminal procedure. Assisted in preparing lectures.

Prof. Fred Davis is part of Columbia Law School's adjunct faculty. His research and teaching focuses on international comparative criminal law, international criminal law, and transnational investigations.

PROF. DR. TOBIAS SINGELNSTEIN, FREE UNIVERSITY, Berlin **October 2013-April 2016**

Research Assistant

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Assisted in academic research and lectures. Assisted in the developing the first criminal defense law clinic in Germany. Prof. Dr. Singelstein is a full-time faculty member at Ruhr University (RUB) in Bochum, Germany. Prior to working at RUB, he was a full-time faculty member at the Free University in Berlin. Prof. Singelstein's areas of focus are criminology, criminal law, criminal procedure, and policing.

SPECIAL LITIGATION UNIT OF THE WORLD BANK, D.C.

Summer 2014

Legal Intern

Worked on a case involving allegations of fraud and corruption committed by a European country conducting business with World Bank funding. Drafted a statement of accusation and evidence. Researched anti-corruption law.

MAX PLANCK-INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL & FOREIGN CRIMINAL LAW, Freiburg

Fall 2013

Legal Intern

Conducted comparative research on European Union privacy law in criminal proceedings. Conducted research on European Union criminal law. Attended scholarly workshops.

THE CAMPAIGN FOR VICTIMS OF POLICE VIOLENCE (KOP), Berlin

**Spring
2013**

Legal Intern

Conducted research on racial profiling. Attended and debriefed court appearances with victims of police violence. Organized participatory defense strategies. Provided legal guidance for refugees in their interactions with the German federal police.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS & WORKS IN PROGRESS

Pathology Logics, 117 NW. U. L. REV. (Forthcoming 2023).

Weaponizing Fear, YALE LAW JOURNAL FORUM (Forthcoming 2022)

Survived & Coerced: Epistemic Injustice in the Family Regulation System, 122 COLUM. L. REV. 1097 (2022).

How the Carceral State Punishes Survivors, THE REGULATORY REV. (invited essay) (April 14, 2022)

Proportionality of Punishment in Anglo-American and German Law (co-authored with Carsten Momsen, Richard Frase, and Thomas O'Malley), CORE ISSUES IN CRIMINAL LAW AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE, Volume 1 (Kai Ambos et al., eds.), pp. 213-260 (Cambridge University Press).

Conspiracy als Beteiligungsmodell Teil 1 (In German, co-authored with Carsten Momsen), ZIS 2019, pp. 182-203.

Conspiracy als Beteiligungsmodell Teil 2 (in German, co-authored with Carsten Momsen), ZIS 2019, pp. 243-251.

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Wahrnehmungsverzerrungen im Strafprozessrecht – die Beweisprüfung im Zwischenverfahren der StPO und im US-amerikanische Alternativen (In German, co-authored with Momsen), FESTSCHRIFT FÜR ULRICH EISENBERG, Berlin 2019, 453.

Racial Profiling kostet, Eine Schwarze Selbstorganisation und ihr Einsatz gegen rassistische Polizeikontrollen (in German), Juridikum 2014, 9.

SELECTED ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

Law and Society Retreat 2021 at the University of Wisconsin
Pathology Logics in the Family Regulation System **October 2021**

ABA Criminal Justice Workshop 2021 **November 2021**
Carceral Intersections

Junior Faculty Forum at the University of Richmond **September 2021**
Pathology Logics in the Family Regulation System

CrimFest **July 2021**
Survived and Coerced: Epistemic Injustice in the Family Regulation System

Criminal Defense Law Clinic at Free University Berlin **July 2020**
Rikers Island During COVID-19 – A Death Sentence?

Transnational Program on Criminal Justice at UCLA **September 2019**
Bail as a Larger Criminal Justice Reform Effort – A Comparative Perspective

ABA Conference for Parent Representation **April 2019**
A Trauma-Informed Group for Fathers with Dual Criminal and Family Court Involvement

National People of Color Conference at American University **March 2019**
Mass Incarceration and Fathers of Color – The Myth of The Absent Black Father

AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND RECOGNITIONS

Full Scholarship from the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung for Academic Achievement
Gifted Students Program

Ph.D. Scholarship from the State of Berlin
Else Neumann Stipendium des Landes Berlin

Research and Travel Scholarship from the Free University Berlin
Department for Advancement of Women

Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar
Columbia Law School

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PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Member of the Broadway Advocacy Project at Columbia Law School (reentry working group)
Member of Anglo-German Dialogue Scholarship Network
Center for Intersectional Justice

BAR ADMISSION

Admitted to New York State Bar
Magister Iuris in Germany

LANGUAGES

Bilingual German and English
French (Good)
Latin