

ACADEMIC & RESEARCH APPOINTMENTS

Brooklyn Law School, <i>Associate Professor</i>	2024 - Present
<i>Dean's Research Scholar</i>	2023 - Present
<i>Co-Director, Center for Criminal Justice</i>	2022 - Present
<i>Assistant Professor</i>	2021- 2024
Honors: Faculty Member of the Year (2023-24, 2021-22)	
Constitutional Accountability Center, <i>Scholar-in-Residence</i>	2024 - 2025
Cornell Law School, <i>Visiting Professor of Law</i>	Fall 2023
Vanderbilt Law School, <i>Adjunct Professor of Law</i>	Fall 2022
Honors: Hall-Hartman Award for Outstanding Teaching (2022-23)	
Columbia Law School, <i>Associate Research Scholar & Lecturer</i>	2019 - 2021

RESEARCH & TEACHING

Evidence, Criminal Law & Procedure, Constitutional Law, Abolition, Death Penalty

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Defining Expertise: Applying a Critical Lens to FRE 701 & 702, in Critical Evidence

Conflicting Interests and the Sixth Amendment Right to Counsel

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Universal Public Defense, 60 HARVARD CIVIL RIGHTS-CIVIL LIBERTIES LAW REVIEW __ (forthcoming 2025)

Robust Counseling in Post-Conviction, 104 BOSTON UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW __ (forthcoming 2024)) (responding to Angelo Petrich, *Counseling Oppression*, 104 B.U. L. REV. __ (2024)) (invited essay)

Back to the Future: (Re)constructing Ineffective Assistance of Counsel, 58 UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA DAVIS LAW REVIEW __ (forthcoming 2024)

[Community Responsive Public Defense](#), 92 FORDHAM LAW REVIEW 1309 (2024) (invited essay)

[White is Right: The Racial Construction of Effective Assistance of Counsel](#), 98 NEW YORK UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 770 (2023)

- AALS, Criminal Law Section Junior Scholars Paper Competition, Runner-Up

[*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)

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

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

- Summarized in Sanford H. Kadish, Stephen J. Schulhofer, Rachel E. Barkow, *Criminal Law and Its Processes* (Aspen 2022)

OTHER WRITING

The Ineffective Assistance of Counsel in State Court, 46 AMICUS JOURNAL 5 (2024)

Beyond Gideon: Choice of Counsel, [INQUEST](#) (Mar. 9, 2023)

Cruz v. Arizona Case Coverage: [Case Preview](#); [Argument Recap](#); [Opinion Analysis](#), SCOTUSblog (October 2022 Term)

Op-ed, [*Professors Protest Nomination of LaSalle*](#), NY AMSTERDAM NEWS, Jan. 12, 2023 (w/ Jocelyn Simonson & Kate Mogulescu)

Blaming the Poor for the Lawyers They Were Given: Shinn v. Ramirez and the Right to Effective Capital Defense Counsel, 44 AMICUS JOURNAL 8 (2023) (w/ Russell Stetler)

[*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](#)

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

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

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

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., 2004
American Studies, *with distinction*

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., New York, NY
Senior Counsel 2018-19
Assistant Counsel 2017-18

Office of the Federal Public Defender-Capital Habeas Unit, Nashville, TN
Assistant Federal Public Defender 2015-17
Staff Attorney 2012-15
Research & Writing Attorney 2009-12

Hon. John T. Nixon, U.S. District Court, Middle District of Tennessee, Nashville, TN
Judicial Clerk 2008-09

GUEST LECTURES

- *Race and the Law*, Cardozo Law School, Nov. 21, 2024 (*expected*)
- *Criminal Procedure Adjudication*, Brooklyn Law School, April 8, 2024
- *Advanced Criminal Law: Death Penalty Seminar*, Columbia Law School, Mar. 18, 2024
- *Criminal Law*, Columbia Law School, Feb. 27, 2024
- *Mass Incarceration & Public Health*, Columbia School of Public Health, Sept. 14, 2023
- *Criminal Law*, Cardozo Law School, Apr. 24, 2023
- *Critical Race Theory & the Law*, Vanderbilt Law School, Mar. 8, 2023
- *Criminal Law*, Columbia Law School, Feb. 21, 2023
- *Constitutional Theory*, Brooklyn Law School, Nov. 30, 2022
- *Criminal Procedure Investigation*, Vanderbilt Law School, Oct. 4, 2022
- *Appellate Litigation Seminar*, NYU School of Law, Sept. 27, 2022
- *Criminal Law*, Cornell Law School, Apr. 26, 2022
- *Constitutional Theory*, Brooklyn Law School, April 6, 2022
- *Critical Race Theory*, Cardozo Law School, Feb. 22, 2022
- *Professional Ethics*, Brooklyn Law School, Nov. 17, 2021
- *Criminal Legal Process, Policing & Abolition*, Vanderbilt Law School, Oct. 25, 2021
- *Legal Methods*, Columbia Law School, Aug. 27, 2021

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Conflicting Interests and the Sixth Amendment Right to Counsel

- Maurice Deane School of Law, Hofstra University, Apr. 2, 2025 (*expected*)

Co-host & panelist, *Black Public Defender Leadership Institute*, Brooklyn Law School Mar. 6 & 7, 2025 (*expected*)

Presenter, *Client Centered Representation*, California Office of the State Public Defender, Dec. 10, 2024 (*expected*)

Presenter, *Back to the Future: Embracing the Progressive Aims of the Constitution*, Constitutional Accountability Center, Dec. 4, 2024 (*expected*)

Presenter, *Litigating Sixth Amendment Claims Outside Strickland's Framework*, Michigan State Appellate Defender Office, Oct. 30, 2024 (*expected*)

Presenter, *How to Handle Race Issues in Capital Cases*, Arizona Public Defender Service Capital Appeals, Oct. 30, 2024 (*expected*)

Commentator, *Professor Angelo Petrih's Counseling Oppression*, AALS Criminal Procedure Junior Scholars Conference, Sept. 13, 2024

Panelist, *What to do with Dew: Litigating Trial Counsel's Racial Animus*, NAACP Legal Defense & Educational Fund, Inc., Capital Airline, Warrenton, VA, July 12, 2024

Presenter, *Reimagining the Federal Rules of Evidence*, Law & Society Association, June 7, 2024

Universal Public Defense

- The Ohio State College of Law Faculty Workshop, Jan. 30, 2025
- George Washington University Law School, Oct. 7, 2024
- Abolishing the Criminal Legal System Colloquium, Cardozo Law School, Oct. 1, 2024
- Brooklyn Law Summer Faculty Workshop, July 30, 2024
- CrimFest Conference, Cardozo Law School, July 15, 2024
- Lutie A. Lytle Black Women Law Faculty Workshop, June 27, 2024
- Decarceration Law Professors Workshop, June 13, 2024
- Law & Society Association, June 6, 2024

Commentator, *Criminal Justice Roundtable*, Columbia Law School, May 3 & 4, 2024

Co-host, keynote, & panelist, *Black Public Defender Leadership Institute*, Brooklyn Law School Mar. 8, 2024

Discussant, *Eunice Carter Lecture: Michelle Alexander*, Fordham Law School, Feb. 22, 2024

Presenter, *Race & Indigent Defense*, Ohio Public Defender Legal Summit, Dec. 7, 2023

Presenter, *Racial Concordance in Legal Representation*, NYU School of Medicine, Psychiatry Grand Rounds Lecture, Dec. 7, 2023

Panelist, [*The Death Penalty in America*](#), American Constitution Society and European Law Institute Webinar, Oct. 27, 2023

Presenter, *Public Defenders and Social Change*, Fordham Law Review Colloquium, Fordham Law School, Oct. 20, 2023

Co-host & panelist, *Race & Ethnicity for Defense Lawyers*, Brooklyn Law School, Sept. 8-10, 2023

Panelist, *Amplify Our Voices*, Lutie A. Lytle Black Women Law Faculty Workshop, June 23, 2023

Presenter, *Race & Ineffective Assistance of Counsel in Post-Conviction*, Habeas Corpus Resource Center, May 9, 2023

Back to the Future: (Re)constructing Ineffective Assistance of Counsel

- University of Houston School of Law Faculty Workshop, Mar 25, 2024
- University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School Faculty Workshop, Mar. 12, 2024
- Cornell Law School Faculty Workshop, Nov. 20, 2023
- CrimFest Conference, Brooklyn Law School, July 18, 2023
- Decarceration Law Professors Workshop, July 5, 2023
- Lutie A. Lytle Black Women Law Faculty Workshop, June 24, 2023
- Criminal Justice Ethics Schmooze at Fordham School of Law, June 8, 2023
- Brooklyn Law Faculty Summer Workshop, June 6, 2023
- University of Michigan Law School, Legal Theory Workshop, Apr. 6, 2023
- University of New Mexico School of Law Faculty Workshop, Mar. 27, 2023

Panelist, [*Diversity in Indigent Defense Research*](#), Indigent Research Association & SMU Law Deason Center, Feb. 17, 2023

Panelist, [*Eradicating the Badges & Incidents of Slavery \(Criminal Justice\)*](#), University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School, Feb. 3, 2023

Panelist, [*The State of the Death Penalty: Fifty Years After Furman*](#), The NYU Law Forum, Feb. 1, 2023

Presenter, *Race, Racism, & Appellate Advocacy*, Michigan State Appellate Defender Office, Oct. 11, 2022

Moderator, [*The Legitimacy of Law at a Crossroads*](#), Brooklyn Book Festival, Oct. 2, 2022

Presenter, *The Racial Construction of Effective Assistance of Counsel* and Panelist, *Race & the Jury*, Race Matters Conference, National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Sept. 9, 2022

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

- Washington & Lee University School of Law Faculty Workshop, Nov. 18, 2022
- Cornell Law School Faculty Workshop, Nov. 11, 2022
- CrimFest Conference, Cardozo Law School, July 18, 2022
- Law & Society Association, July 15, 2022
- Brooklyn Law School Summer Faculty Workshop, July 12, 2022

- Lutie A. Lytle Black Women Law Faculty 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 & Judge Pamela Chen*, Brooklyn Law School, Mar. 3, 2022

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

Presenter, *Qualified Immunity & 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

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

Black on Black Representation

- CrimFest, July 15, 2021
- Lutie A. Lytle Black Women Law Faculty Workshop, July 2, 2021

SELECT MEDIA APPEARANCES

Television

- *Trump Trial Begins*, CNN News Night, April 22, 2024
- *Trump Investigation*, CNN This Morning, June 6, 2023
- [*Race & Policing in America*](#), CBS Mornings, Jan. 30, 2023
- [*Deadly Encounter: Tyre Nichols*](#), CNN This Morning, Jan. 30, 2023
- [*What more can be done to reduce police violence in US?*](#), Al Jazeera Inside Story, Jan. 29, 2023
- [*Tyre Nichols Arrest Footage Released to Public*](#), CBS News, Jan. 27, 2023
- [*Diversity in Police Rans Isn't Only Solution to Use-of-Force*](#), CBS News, Jan. 27, 2023
- *Investigating Trump*, The Lead CNN, Sept. 1, 2022
- [*Investigating Trump*](#), CNN New Day, Aug. 18, 2022
- [*January 6 Hearings*](#), CNN New Day, July 13, 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

Newspaper & Online Media

- [*If High Court Upends Jan. 6 Conviction, What Happens Next?*](#), Law360, May 2, 2024
- [*She Took a Picture of the Man Who Attacked Her. It Didn't Matter*](#), N.Y. Times, Feb. 2, 2024
- [*Lawyer's Racist Posts Tests Conflict of Interest Standards*](#), Bloomberg News, Feb. 7, 2023
- [*Justice Sonia Sotomayor: 'There is going to be a lot of disappointment in the law, a huge amount.'*](#) CNN, Oct. 7, 2021

Radio & Podcasts

- [*The Right to an Attorney*](#), Throughline, NPR, Feb. 29, 2024
- [*Criminal Law & Procedure*](#), Broken Law Podcast, American Constitution Society, July 5, 2023
- [*Gideon at 60: The Unfunded Mandate*](#), Center for Justice Innovation, March 2023
- [*Policing After Tyre Nichols*](#), WNYC, The Brian Lehrer Show, Jan. 31, 2023
- [*Unpacking the Parkland Shooter Verdict*](#), WNYC, The Takeaway, Oct. 14, 2022
- [*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

LAW SCHOOL & PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Brooklyn Law School

- Art Law Association Faculty Advisor, 2023-present
- Student Diversity & Inclusion Committee, 2023-present
- OUTLaws Faculty Advisor, 2022-present
- Dean's Search Committee, 2022-2023

- Clerkship Committee, 2021-present
- Sparer Public Interest Fellowship Committee, 2021-present

Professional

- Member, Reform Leadership Council, Vera Institute of Justice, 2024-present
- Advisory Board, The Eighth Amendment Project, 2022-present
- Member, American Law Institute, 2021-present
- Executive Committee, Board, Death Penalty Information Center, 2021-present
- Co-Chair, NYC Bar Association Capital Punishment Committee, 2020-2023
- Editor, Amicus Journal, 2019-2024
- Board Member, NYU School of Law Alumni of Color Association, 2008-present

HONORS

2023 [Legal Teaching Award](#), NYU Law Alumni Association
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)