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### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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#### Brooklyn Law School

<i>Associate Dean for Research &amp; Scholarship</i>	2022 – present
<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
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#### Harvard Law School

<i>Visiting Associate Professor of Law</i>	Fall 2019
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#### New York University School of Law

<i>Acting Assistant Professor of Lawyering</i>	2012 – 2015
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### PUBLICATIONS

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#### Book

[RADICAL ACTS OF JUSTICE: HOW ORDINARY PEOPLE ARE DISMANTLING MASS INCARCERATION](#) (The New Press, August 2023)

- Excerpted in *the Nation*, *Hammer & Hope*, & *Inquest*
- Symposia/response essays in *Inquest*, the *Columbia Center for Contemporary Critical Thought*, & the *Law and Political Economy Blog*

#### 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)

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

### Shorter Pieces & Solicited Contributions

*The Idea and the Practice of Prison Abolition*, CRIMINAL LAW & PHILOSOPHY (forthcoming 2024)  
(book review essay)

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

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

*Bail Funds are Essential to Democracy. A Georgia Bill Threatens to Stifle Them.*, TIME (Feb. 27, 2024)  
(w/John Legend)

*Forget Trump, the Latest Georgia RICO Case is a Disaster for Civil Liberties*, SLATE (Sept. 7, 2023)

*The Details of the Atlanta Bail Fund Arrest Are More Horrific Than First Described*, SLATE (June 1, 2023)

*Tracy McCarter and the “Interests of Justice,”* N.Y. LAW JOURNAL (Sept. 11, 2022)

*What Movements Do to Law*, BOSTON REVIEW (May 2022) (w/Amna Akbar & Sameer Ashar)

*"They Are Throwing New Yorkers Into Cages on Rikers Island in Our Name!,"* THE NATION (Oct. 11, 2021)

*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/Lauryn 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

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

## EDUCATION

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**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*

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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**The Bronx Defenders**

*Supervising Attorney & Team Leader*

2010 – 2012

*Staff Attorney*

2007 – 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

**LAW SCHOOL & PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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**Brooklyn Law School, Selected Committee Work:**

- Center for Criminal Justice (2015-present) (Chair & Co-Director of the Center)
- Faculty Advisor, Journal of Law & Policy (2022-present)
- Public Safety Committee (2020-2022); 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:**

- Advisory Board, Community Justice Exchange, 2018-present
- Advisory Board, Institute to End Mass Incarceration at Harvard Law School, 2021-present
- Advisory Board, Appalachian Justice Research Center at University of Tennessee, 2024-present.
- Founding Member, Guerrilla Guides to Law Teaching
- Academic Advisory Board, Supreme Court Fellows Program, 2017-2018

**BAR ADMISSION**

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New York (since 2007)