
ACADEMIC & RESEARCH APPOINTMENTS

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| Brooklyn Law School, <i>David Dinkins '56 Professor</i> | 2025 - Present |
| <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 |
| Columbia University, <i>Practitioner-in-Residence, Eric H. Holder Jr. Initiative for Civil & Political Rights</i> | 2019 - 2021 |

RESEARCH & TEACHING

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

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Sixth Amendment Conflict-of-Interest

Critical Pedagogy of Evidence Law

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Presumed Credible: Police Officer Testimony, in CRITICAL EVIDENCE (I. Bennett Capers, Jasmine Harris, & Julia Simon-Kerr eds., Cambridge University Press) (*forthcoming* 2026)

[Token Triumph: Esteras v. United States Reinforces, Rather Than Restraints Carceral Logic](#), 135 YALE L.J. FORUM 439 (2026) (invited)

[Universal Public Defense](#), 60 HARV. C.R.-C.L. L. REV. 661 (2025)

[Client Counseling in Post-Conviction](#), 104 B.U. L. REV. 1963 (2024) (responding to Angelo Petrigh, *Counseling Oppression*, 104 B.U. L. REV. 1895 (2024)) (invited)

[Back to the Future: \(Re\)constructing Ineffective Assistance of Counsel](#), 58 U.C. DAVIS L. REV. 111 (2024)

Community Responsive Public Defense, 92 FORDHAM L. REV. 1309 (2024) (invited)

White is Right: The Racial Construction of Effective Assistance of Counsel, 98 N.Y.U. L. REV. 770 (2023)

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

The Color of Justice, 120 MICH. L. REV. 977 (2022) (reviewing SARA MAYEUX, FREE JUSTICE (2020)) (invited)

Black on Black Representation, 96 N.Y.U. L. REV. 1493 (2021)

- Cited in *United States v. Johnson*, 2021 WL 717052 (6th Cir. Feb. 24, 2020)
- Excerpted in Premal Dharia, James Forman Jr., & Maria Hawilo, *Dismantling Mass Incarceration: A Handbook for Change* (Farrar, Straus & Giroux 2024)

Comment – 10th Annual Symposium: How the Law Underdeveloped Racial Minorities in the United States, 11 COLUM. J. RACE & L. FORUM 33 (2021) (symposium closing remarks)

Abolition as the Solution: Redress for Victims of Excessive Police Force, 48 FORDHAM URB. L.J. 721 (2021) (invited)

An Unbroken Thread: African American Exclusion from Jury Service, Past and Present, 81 LA. L. REV. 55 (2020) (invited)

Valuing Black Lives: A Case for Ending the Death Penalty, 51 COLUM. HUM. RTS. L. REV. 985 (2020) (invited)

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

OTHER WRITING

Villarreal v. Texas, No. 24-557 (U.S. Supreme Court, 2025), amicus curiae brief

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

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

Cruz v. Arizona Case Coverage: Case Preview; Argument Recap; Opinion Analysis, SCOTUSblog (Oct. 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 J. 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*](#), HARV. L. REV. 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*
Roosevelt L. Thompson Prize for Commitment to and Capacity for Public Service

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

- *Access to Justice*, University of Pennsylvania Carey Law, Mar. 16, 2026
- *Evolution of Holistic Defense*, Vanderbilt Law, Oct. 30, 2025
- *Advanced Criminal Law: Death Penalty Seminar*, Columbia Law, Mar. 26, 2025
- *Efforts in Criminal Minimalism*, Northeastern Law, Feb. 13, 2025
- *Race and the Law*, Cardozo Law, Nov. 21, 2024
- *Race and the Death Penalty*, Columbia Law, Nov. 1, 2024
- *Critical Evidence*, University of Pennsylvania Carey Law, Oct. 21, 2024
- *Criminal Procedure Adjudication*, Brooklyn Law, April 8, 2024
- *Advanced Criminal Law: Death Penalty Seminar*, Columbia Law, Mar. 18, 2024
- *Criminal Law*, Columbia Law, Feb. 27, 2024
- *Mass Incarceration & Public Health*, Columbia School of Public Health, Sept. 14, 2023
- *Criminal Law*, Cardozo Law, Apr. 24, 2023

- *Critical Race Theory & the Law*, Vanderbilt Law, Mar. 8, 2023
- *Criminal Law*, Columbia Law, Feb. 21, 2023
- *Constitutional Theory*, Brooklyn Law, Nov. 30, 2022
- *Criminal Procedure Investigation*, Vanderbilt Law, Oct. 4, 2022
- *Federal Appellate Litigation Seminar*, NYU Law, Sept. 27, 2022
- *Criminal Law*, Cornell Law, Apr. 26, 2022
- *Constitutional Theory*, Brooklyn Law, April 6, 2022
- *Critical Race Theory*, Cardozo Law, Feb. 22, 2022
- *Professional Ethics*, Brooklyn Law, Nov. 17, 2021
- *Criminal Legal Process, Policing & Abolition*, Vanderbilt Law, Oct. 25, 2021
- *Legal Methods*, Columbia Law, Aug. 27, 2021

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Panelist, *Innocence Work as a Catalyst of Change*, California Western Law School, Mar. 25, 2026 (*expected*)

Work-in-Progress

- University of Kansas School of Law Faculty Workshop, Apr. 9, 2026 (*expected*)
- Albany Law Faculty Workshop, Mar. 25, 2026 (*expected*)
- Maryland Carey Law Legal Theory Workshop, Feb. 19, 2026 (*expected*)

Presenter, *Capital Defense & Abolition and Defenders' Implicit Bias & the Impact on Capital Representation*, CA Capital Defense Seminar, Feb. 15-16, 2026 (*expected*)

Panelist, *Critical Engagement with Criminal Law: Scholarship & Teaching*, AALS, Jan. 2026

Presenter, *Client Counseling in Post-Conviction*, Habeas Corpus Resource Center, Nov. 19, 2025

Presenter, *Token Triumph*, John Mercer Langston Midwest Scholars Workshop, Washington University School of Law-St. Louis, Oct. 11, 2025

Panelist, [*American Constitution Society's National Annual Supreme Court Preview*](#), Sept. 20, 2025

Discussant, *Structural Injustice, and the Possibility of Transformational Change*, Brooklyn Book Festival, Sept. 21, 2025

Presenter, *Client Centered Representation Part II*, CA Office of the State Public Defender, July 24, 2025

Keynote, [*Nancy Bergeon Ardent Advocate Lecture Series*](#), Oregon Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, July 17, 2025

Presenter, *How Racial Bias Impacts Effective Representation*, CA Office of the State Public Defender, May 20, 2025

Sixth Amendment Conflict-of-Interest

- Markelloquium, Criminal Law Theory Colloquium, Jan. 23, 2026
- CrimFest Conference, Univ. Pennsylvania Carey Law School, July 15, 2025
- Brooklyn Law Summer Faculty Workshop, June 24, 2025
- Decarceration Law Professors Workshop, June 13, 2025

- Law & Society Association, May 24, 2025
- Criminal Justice Ethics Schmooze, Fordham Law School, Apr. 4, 2025
- Maurice Deane School of Law, Hofstra University, Apr. 2, 2025
- New York Law School Faculty Workshop, March 25, 2025
- Constitutional Accountability Center Spring Workshop, March 21, 2025
- LPE NYC Junior Scholars Workshop, Jan. 12, 2025
- AALS Criminal Law Section Junior Scholars Workshop, Jan. 8, 2025
- ABA-AALS Criminal Justice Section Roundtables Workshop, Dec. 2, 2024

Panelist, *Racial Equity in Global Justice Systems: Addressing Disparities and Strengthening Accountability*, Side Event, 36th Session of United Nations Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent, April 23, 2025

Presumed Credible: A Critical Approach to Police Officer Testimony

- [Critical Race Studies Symposium](#), UCLA Law, Oct. 23, 2025
- Law & Society Association, May 23, 2025
- Critical Evidence Colloquium, Fordham Law School, Mar. 27, 2025
- John Mercer Langston Midwest Scholars Workshop, University of Chicago Law School, Oct. 26, 2024

Panelist, *Federal Government's Role in Protecting the Civil Rights of Marginalized Communities*, SALT Webinar Series, March 14, 2025

Presenter, *Ineffective Assistance of Counsel*, New Federal Public Defender Conference, Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, Dec. 11, 2024

Presenter, *Client Centered Representation Part I*, CA Office of the State Public Defender, Dec. 10, 2024

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

Presenter, *How to Handle Race Issues in Capital Cases*, AZ Public Defender Service Capital Appeals, Oct. 30, 2024

Commentator, *Professor Angelo Petrich'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 Airlie, July 12, 2024

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

Universal Public Defense

- The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law Faculty Workshop, Jan. 30, 2025
- University of Georgia Faculty Workshop, Jan. 17, 2025
- George Washington University Law School Faculty Workshop, 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

Commentor, *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

- [*Back to the Future: Embracing the Progressive Aims of the Constitution*](#), Constitutional Accountability Center, Dec. 4, 2024
- 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

- *"Bizarre and Quite Kafkaesque": Experts Call Out Supreme Court's "Absurd" Death Penalty Hearing*, Salon, Oct. 11, 2024
- *Experts: Marcellus Williams Execution Shows 'How Much Politics Factors into Capital Punishment'*, Salon, Sept. 27, 2024
- *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

- *Real Talk: What Project 2025 Means for Your Life*, Justice Above All, Feb. 17, 2025
- *Should We Have Universal Public Defense?*, Public Defenseless, Feb. 11, 2025
- *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

- Black Law Student Association Faculty Advisor, 2025-present
- Career Services Committee, 2025-present
- BLS Legal Services Corp, Board Member, 2024-present
- Art Law Association Faculty Advisor, 2023-present
- OUTLaws Faculty Advisor, 2022-present
- Student Diversity & Inclusion Committee, 2023-204, 2025-present
- Clerkship Committee, 2021-present
- Sparer Public Interest Fellowship Committee, 2021-present
- Dean's Search Committee, 2022-2023

Professional

- Abolitionist Law Center Board, 2025-Present
- Constitutional Accountability Center Board, 2025-present
- Reform Leadership Council, Vera Institute of Justice, 2024-present
- The Eighth Amendment Project Advisory Board, 2022-present
- American Law Institute, 2021-present
- Death Penalty Information Center Board, Chair, 2026-present, Member, 2021-present
- NYC Bar Association Capital Punishment Committee, Co-Chair, 2020-2023
- NYU School of Law Alumni of Color Association, Advisory Board (2025-Present), Board Member (2008-2025)

HONORS

- 2025 [Derrick A. Bell Jr. Award](#), AALS Section on Minority Groups
- 2025 Faculty in Excellence Award, Brooklyn Law School Black Law Students Association
- 2024 Faculty Excellence Award, Brooklyn Law School OUTLaws
- 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 Law Students Association
- 2019 [Woman of Distinction](#), NYU Law Women of Color Collective

BAR ADMISSIONS

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