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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

### **INDIANA UNIVERSITY BLOOMINGTON**

Maurer School of Law

Professor of Law

Kinsey Institute for Sex Research

Senior Scientist

Bloomington, Indiana

*July 2021-present*

*July 2021-present*

### **WIDENER UNIVERSITY**

Delaware Law School

Associate Professor of Law

**Wilmington, Delaware**

*July 2020-June 2021*

### **CALIFORNIA WESTERN SCHOOL OF LAW**

Associate Professor of Law

Assistant Professor of Law

**San Diego, California**

*November 2018-July 2020*

*July 2017-November 2018*

### **HARVARD UNIVERSITY**

W.E.B. Du Bois Institute Fellow

**Cambridge, Massachusetts**

*February 2015-July 2015*

## EDUCATION

### **Ph.D. University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa (December 2017)**

Social Anthropology and Law & Society

Awards: JC Carstens Scholar, University of Witwatersrand Postgraduate Merit Award

Activities: *South African Journal of Human Rights* (student editor), Research Assistant: Justice Yacoob of the Constitutional Court of South Africa (2014), Research Assistant: Centre for Applied Legal Studies (2013-2015)

### **J.D. Fordham University School of Law, Cum Laude, New York, NY (2007)**

Awards: Crowley Scholar, *Summa Cum Laude* Archibald Murray Award, Leitner Fellow, Dean's List (2005-2007), Best Oralist: Wormser Moot Court Competition

Activities: *Fordham Urban Law Journal* (staff editor), Research Assistant to Professors Brian Glick and Bruce Green, Quarterfinalist: Black Law Students Association, Northeast BLSA Mock Trial Competition

### **B.A. Emory University, Atlanta, GA (2003) Anthropology and English**

Awards: National Merit Scholar, Dean's List, Social Entrepreneur Prize, Lambda Alpha Anthropology Honor Society, Phi Eta Sigma College Freshman Honor Society, National Dean's List

Activities: NAACP (president), Racial and Cultural Educational Source (president), Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. (philanthropy chair), *Creative Bipedalism* anthropology journal (editor)

Thesis: *Fallen Angels: An Ethnography of the Hunts Point Chapter of the Bloods Gangs*

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books

- *Policing Bodies*, STANFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS (December 21, 2021)

### Scholarly Articles, Essays, & Book Chapters

- *Toward an Abolitionist Future*, with Allegra McLeod & Jamelia Morgan, forthcoming in UCLA LAW REVIEW (2023)
- *The Racialized History of Vice Policing*, forthcoming in UCLA LAW REVIEW (2023)
- *The Pathological Whiteness of Prosecution*, CALIFORNIA LAW REVIEW (2022)
  - Selected for 2021 Junior Scholars Equality Law Forum
- *Girls, Assaulted*, NORTHWESTERN LAW REVIEW (2022)
  - Featured in The Crime Report
- *Policing Is Not a Good*, GEORGETOWN LAW JOURNAL (2022)
- *Reality Porn*, NEW YORK UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW (2021)
  - Selected for 2020 Stanford/Harvard/Yale Junior Faculty Forum
  - Cover Story on First Amendment News
  - Recommended in Professor Lawrence Solum's Blog
- *Feminist Scripts for Punishment*, HARVARD LAW REVIEW (2021) (reviewing Aya Gruber, THE FEMINIST WAR ON CRIME)
  - Recommended in Professor Lawrence Solum's Blog
- *The Biopolitics of Maskless Police*, OHIO STATE JOURNAL OF CRIMINAL LAW (2021)
- Revised Majority Opinion for *Erotic Services Provider Legal Education and Research Project v. Gascon*, REVISED FEMINIST JUDGMENTS: CRIMINAL LAW (Cambridge University Press) (2021)
- *On Beauty & Policing*, NORTHWESTERN LAW REVIEW (2020)
  - Honorable Mention, John Hope Franklin Award, Law & Society Association (2021)
  - Reviewed in Anthropoliteia Blog and Racism & Law Blogs
- *Blue Lives & the Permanence of Racism*, CORNELL LAW REVIEW ONLINE (2020)
- *Harm, Sex, and Consequences*, UTAH LAW REVIEW (2019)
- *Radical Feminist Harms on Sex Workers*, LEWIS & CLARK LAW REVIEW (2018)
- *Policing Sex: The Colonial, Apartheid, and New Democracy Regulation of Sex Work in South Africa*, FORDHAM INTERNATIONAL LAW JOURNAL (2015)
- *Evaluating the Systemic Causes of the School-to-Prison Pipeline*, JOURNAL OF LAW & SOCIETY (2011)
- *Deconstructing the Marginalization of "Underclass" Students: Disciplinary Alternative Education*, UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO LAW REVIEW (2010)
- *Reasonably Predictable: The Reluctance to Embrace Judicial Discretion for Substantial Assistance Departures*, FORDHAM URBAN LAW JOURNAL (2005)

### **Works In Progress**

- *Corpor(e)al Punishment*
- *Sexual Intimacy in the Metaverse*
- *A Constitutional Theory of Prostitution*
- *The Color of Blame*
- *Y.O.* (book manuscript)

### **Other Writing**

- *Critical Race Theory Communications Toolkit*, The Opportunity Agenda (with 2021 Critical Race Theory seminar students) (2022) (communications and policy report)
- *Beyond Policing*, The Opportunity Agenda (2020) (policy report)
- *Human Rights in State Courts*, The Opportunity Agenda (with Martha F. Davis) (2017)
- *Transforming the System*, The Opportunity Agenda, TransformingtheSystem.org (2016) (policy report)
- *Policing in Schools*, American Civil Liberties Union (with Catherine Y. Kim) (2009) (policy report)

### **SELECTED HONORS**

- Fulbright U.S. Global Scholar (2020-2023)
- Emory University Top 40 Alumni Under 40 (2020)
- Stanford/Harvard/Yale Junior Faculty Forum (2020)
- California Western School of Law Research Award for Extraordinary Scholarship (2020)
- ABA Young Lawyers Division, On the Rise – Top 40 Young Lawyer (2019)
- Andrew W. Mellon Doctoral Fellow in the Humanities (2013-2015)
- Social Sciences Research Council Next Generation African Scholar (2014-2015)

### **TEACHING INTERESTS**

Criminal Procedure, Criminal Law, Constitutional Law, Regulation of Vice, Abolition Theory, Policy & Praxis, and Critical Race Theory.

### **JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS**

#### **Justice van der Westhuizen, Constitutional Court of South Africa**

##### Law Clerk

*August 2010-December 2010*

Conducted typical law clerk duties for South Africa's highest court. In addition to these duties, drafted public report on the conditions of two prisons in the Western Cape region of South Africa and a memorandum on the implementation of socioeconomic rights in South Africa.

#### **Honorable Damon J. Keith, United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit**

##### Law Clerk

*August 2009-August 2010*

Conducted the research for all the cases on the "criminal docket." In addition to typical law clerk duties, managed internal docket and conducted other administrative tasks as the "Senior" Law Clerk.

**Honorable Robert L. Carter, United States District Court for the Southern District of New York**  
Law Clerk *September 2007-September 2008*

In addition to typical law clerk duties, provided substantial research assistance on a law review article that is available here: *Civil Procedure as a Vindicator of Civil Rights: The Relevance of Conley v. Gibson in the Era of Plausibility Pleading*, 52 HOWARD L. J. 17 (2008).

**OTHER LEGAL EXPERIENCE**

**The Opportunity Agenda**

Legal Fellow

Associate Counsel & Robert L. Carter Fellow

Served as Associate Counsel for criminal justice matters. Drafted comprehensive report and legal briefs with solutions for reducing incarceration and discriminatory policing that was discussed by Kerry Washington on the *Tonight Show* and featured as a must read by the Obama Foundation.

**New York, NY**

*July 2017-present*

*August 2015-June 2017*

**South African Department of Human Settlements**

Senior Legal Advisor

Served as an administrative arbitrator and resolved land claims brought pursuant to the Restitution of Land Act on behalf of the South African Department of Land and Rural Development, restoring indigenous land rights to thousands of indigenous South Africans. Drafted report providing alternatives to evictions in response to unlawful occupations of land on behalf of the South African Department of Human Settlements. Conducted research on the implementation of socioeconomic rights in South Africa.

**Johannesburg, South Africa**

*January 2013-February 2015*

**Legal Resources Centre of South Africa**

Researcher

Researched norms governing the right to education in South Africa and assisted in developing a litigation strategy for addressing the inadequate education that is currently being provided by the South African school system.

**Johannesburg, South Africa**

*December 2010-January 2011*

**American Civil Liberties Union, National Legal Department**

Marvin M. Karpatkin Fellow & Racial Justice Attorney

Conducted impact litigation, challenging racially discriminatory policing, overcriminalization in schools, and affirmative action. Drafted a report on the use of police in schools.

**New York, New York**

*September 2008-August 2009*

**Human Rights Watch**

Legal Intern

Provided research assistance for the following report: *Mexico's National Human Rights Commission: A Critical Assessment*, Human Rights Watch, Vol. 2, No. 1(B) (February 2008). Researched human rights abuses by paramilitary groups in Colombia.

**New York, New York**

*January 2007-May 2007*

**Center for Constitutional Rights**

Legal Intern

Researched discriminatory policing and the FBI COINTELPRO program.

**New York, New York**

*August 2006*

**Hogan Lovells**

Summer Associate

**New York, New York**

*June 2006-August 2006*

**Lincoln Square Legal Services**

*Immigrants' Rights and Advocacy Clinic*

Student Attorney

Drafted an amicus brief on the immigration consequences of a criminal conviction for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, which was quoted by the court and adopted in its opinion.

**New York, New York**

*Spring 2007*

*Federal Litigation Clinic*  
Student Attorney

*Spring 2006*

Provided criminal defense in federal court and argued on behalf of a *habeas corpus* petitioner in the Southern District of New York; the court agreed with the argument, in part, and requested supplemental briefing.

**Honorable John Gleeson, United States District Court Judge, Eastern District of New York**  
Judicial Extern

*Summer 2005*

### **LAW SCHOOL & LEGAL ACADEMY SERVICE**

- Co-Chair, ABA Criminal Justice Section Academics Committee (2018-present)
- Appointments Committee, Indiana University Maurer School of Law (2022-present)
- Policy Committee, Indiana University Maurer School of Law (2022-present)
- Faculty Development Committee, Indiana University Maurer School of Law (2021-2022)
- Faculty Development Committee, Delaware Law School (2020-2021)
- Appointments Committee, California Western School of Law (2019-2020)
- Faculty Development and Research Committee, California Western School of Law (2017-2020)
- Visiting Professors Appointments Committee, California Western School of Law (2018-2019)
- Gender Sidelining Symposium Committee, California Western School of Law (2017-2018)

### **SELECTED EDITORIALS & MEDIA**

- *What Prosecutors Get Wrong About Sex Trafficking*, The Voice of San Diego (May 16, 2018).
- *Trump exploits Parkland shooting by trying to push more kids out of school*, Salon (March 21, 2018).
- *Protecting DACA and Our Dreams*, The Opportunity Agenda Blog (September 1, 2017).
- *Jeff Sessions is stuck in the police work of the past*, The Hill (July 19, 2017).
- *5 policy changes needed in the wake of the Alton Sterling case*, The Hill (May 4, 2017).
- *Trump and Sessions peddle fear instead of solutions to crime*, The Hill (Apr. 26, 2017).
- *Trump shouldn't stop momentum for criminal justice reform*, The Hill (Nov. 23, 2016).
- *Why is Sessions doubling down on a failed drug war?*, The Hill (May 12, 2017).
- *10 Ways to Hold Police Who Kill Blacks Accountable*, Ebony (Dec. 9, 2016).

### **SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

“Policing Bodies,” Indiana University Indianapolis Law School, Faculty Talk (April 2022).

“Policing Bodies,” Michigan State University Law School, Dean Invited Speaker Series (March 2022).

“Policing Bodies,” The Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality Annual Conference, Plenary (November 2021).

“Policing Bodies,” Fordham University School of Law, Leitner Center Talks (November 2021).

“Policing Bodies,” Anthropology Department, Indiana University Bloomington, Faculty Workshop

(October 2021).

“The Pathological Whiteness of Prosecution,” SMU Law School Criminal Justice Workshop (October 2021).

“Policing Bodies,” University of Cape Town, Institute for Humanities in Africa, Book Launch Series (September 2021).

“Policing Bodies,” University of Arizona Law School, Faculty Workshop (September 2021).

“The Pathological Whiteness of Prosecution,” Culp Colloquium, Hosted by University of Chicago (September 2021).

“The Pathological Whiteness of Prosecution,” Decarceral Law Professors Papers Workshop (July 2021).

“Katz As Originalism” by Orin Kerr, Privacy Law Scholars, Paper Commentator (July 2021).

“Reality Porn,” Law & Society Association Annual Conference (June 2021).

“The Pathological Whiteness of Prosecution,” Crim Justice WIP Series (June 2021).

“Girls, Assaulted,” Catholic University Columbus School of Law, Faculty Workshop (April 2021).

“Reality Porn,” Washington & Lee Law School, Faculty Workshop (February 2021).

“Reality Porn,” University of Baltimore Law School, Faculty Workshop (January 2021).

“Girls, Assaulted,” Academy for Justice-AALS-ABA Criminal Justice Section Academics Committee Workshop, Washington, D.C. (November 12, 2020).

“Policing Is Not a Good,” University of Connecticut Law School, Faculty Workshop (September 2020).

“Girls, Assaulted,” Southern California Criminal Law Professors Workshop (August 2020).

“Girls, Assaulted,” Decarceral Law Professors Papers Workshop (July 2020).

“Girls, Assaulted,” Duke Law School, Culp Colloquium (June 2020).

“The Color of Blame,” Brooklyn Law School, AALS Criminal Justice Section CrimFest, Brooklyn, New York (July 2019).

“Reality Porn,” Penn State Law School, Lutie Lytle Conference, State College, Pennsylvania (June 2019).

“Reality Porn,” Duke Law School, Culp Colloquium, Durham, North Carolina (May 2019).

“Harm, Sex, & Consequences,” Suffolk University College of Law, Faculty Workshop, Boston, Massachusetts (April 2019).

“On Beauty and Policing,” AALS-ABA Criminal Justice Section Academics Committee Workshop, Washington, D.C. (November 1, 2018).

“Blurring the Line Between Prostitution and Pornography,” California Western School of Law Faculty Workshop Series, San Diego, California (September 23, 2018).

Commentator, Southern California Criminal Justice Scholars Workshop, University of California Irvine School of Law (August 2018).

“Blurring the Line Between Prostitution and Pornography,” AALS Criminal Justice Section CrimFest 2018, Cardozo Law School, New York, NY (July 16, 2018).

“On Beauty and Policing,” Lutie Lytle Conference, SMU School of Law, Dallas, Texas (July 13, 2018).

“Harm, Sex, and Consequences,” Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada (June 7-10, 2018).

“Gender Sidelining and Popular Culture,” Gender Sidelining Symposium, California Western School of Law (April 17-18, 2018).

“Policing Sex,” University of Witwatersrand Anthropology Lecture Series, Invited Lecturer, Johannesburg, South Africa (March 20, 2018).

“Harm, Sex, and Consequences,” New England Regional Junior Faculty Workshop, Boston, Massachusetts (February 2, 2018).

“Juveniles, Incarceration, and Constitutional Law,” Invited Panelist, AALS Annual Meeting, San Diego (January 5, 2018).

“Harm, Sex, and Consequences,” AALS-ABA Criminal Justice Section Academics Committee Workshop (November 2, 2017).

“Harm, Sex, & Drugs,” California Western School of Law Faculty Workshop Series San Diego, California (October 2017).

“On Harm and Consequences,” Lutie Lytle Conference, University of Michigan School of Law (July 6- 8, 2017).

“Radical Feminist Harms on Sex Workers,” Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Mexico City, Mexico (June 15-17, 2017).

“On Harms and Consequentialism,” AALS Criminal Justice Section Mid-Year Meeting (June 13-15, 2017).

“White Collar Crime Panel,” CrimFest 2016, Moderator (July 12, 2016).

“Policing Sex,” Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA (June 2-5, 2016).

“Policing Sex,” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington D.C. (December 3-7, 2014).

“Policing Sex,” Oxford Human Rights Hub Seminar on Gender, Race and Poverty: addressing multiple identities through law, Sao Paulo, Brazil (November 12-14, 2014).

“Lessons Social Engineering: Understanding the role of lawyer as social architect,” 2014 Society of American Law Teachers Annual Conference, UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law (October 11-13, 2014)

“Whiteness as Property and Overcriminalization,” 2014 UCLA School of Law Critical Race Studies Symposium (October 2-4, 2014).

“On Beauty and Policing,” Curating the Afropolitan City Conference, Wits Centre from Social and Economic Research (August 13, 2014).

“On Beauty and Policing,” Anthropology Southern Africa Annual Conference, Rhodes University, Grahamstown, South Africa (June 30, 2014).

“Policing Sex,” African Centre of Migration Studies Seminar on Sex Work (August 2013).

“Marching Toward Justice exhibit at Columbia Law School,” provided remarks regarding the role of civil rights law in promoting equality, Columbia Law School (October 10, 2012) (Opening Remarks).

“The Constitution Under Attack: Understanding the Continued Relevance of the 14th Amendment under Domestic and International Law,” West Virginia State University (April 14, 2011) (Public Lecture).

“Deconstructing the School-to-Prison Pipeline” Wayne State Journal of Law in Society Symposium, March 25, 2011 (Panel Discussion)

### **BAR ADMISSIONS**

New York, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York.