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CURRENT POSITION

University of South Carolina School of Law, Columbia, SC (2006-present)
Associate Dean for Diversity and Inclusion, 2016-present
Professor of Law, 2013-present
Associate Professor of Law (with tenure), 2006-2013
Visiting Associate Professor of Law, Fall 2005
Courses: Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, Conflict of Laws, Federal Courts, Law and Social Justice
National and University Honors:
Michael J. Mungo Graduate Teaching Award, 2014
Social Justice Award (Faculty), 2014
Named as one of 26 “best law teachers” and featured in *What the Best Law Teachers Do* (Harvard University Press, 2013).
Law School Honors:
Eboni S. Nelson Award, 2017
Outstanding Faculty Publication Award, 2014
Best Classroom Teacher Award, 2014
Outstanding Faculty Member Award, 2008 and 2010

University of Alabama School of Law, Tuscaloosa, AL
Visiting Associate Professor of Law, Fall 2011

University of Iowa College of Law, Iowa City, IA
Visiting Associate Professor of Law, Spring 2011

PAST POSITIONS

Northern Illinois University College of Law, DeKalb, IL (1998-2006)
Associate Professor of Law (with tenure), 2004-2006
Associate Professor of Law, 2002-2004
Assistant Professor of Law, 1998-2002
Courses: Criminal Law, Conflict of Laws, Federal Courts, Race, Racism and the Law
Law School Honors:
Honorary Alumnus of the Year, 2006 (awarded by the NIUCOL Alumni Council)
Professor of the Year, 2000, 2002, 2005, and 2006
Best Faculty Advisor 2003-04, 2004-05

The University of Toledo College of Law, Toledo, OH (1997-1998)
Visiting Assistant Professor
Courses: Civil Procedure I, Civil Procedure II, Race, Racism, and the Law

The Honorable Eugene E. Siler, Jr. (1996-1997)
United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, London, Kentucky
Judicial Law Clerk
Researched and wrote legal memoranda; drafted court opinions.

The United States Attorney's Office, Atlanta, Georgia (1995-1996)
Special Assistant United States Attorney
Researched and wrote seizure warrants, restraining orders, complaints for forfeiture, and other legal documents for the Asset Forfeiture Unit; reviewed case reports; deposed witnesses; appeared in court for trials and hearings pertaining to items seized for forfeiture.

The Honorable Robert H. Hall (1994-1995)
United States District Court, Northern District of Georgia, Atlanta, Georgia
Judicial Law Clerk
Researched and wrote legal memoranda; drafted court orders and jury charges.

EDUCATION

Vanderbilt University Law School, Nashville, Tennessee
J.D.
American Jurisprudence Awards (Corporations, Professional Responsibility)
Executive Research Editor, *Vanderbilt Journal of Transnational Law*

Duke University, Durham, North Carolina
A.B., (Comparative Area Studies and Sociology) *cum laude*
National Merit Scholar

SCHOLARLY WORKS

The Political Economy of Corporate Exit, 71 VAND. L. REV. 1293 (2018) (with Benjamin Means).

The Uneasy Case for Disaster Buyouts in CLIMATE DISASTER LAW: BARRIERS AND OPPORTUNITIES (Rosemary Lyster & Robert R.M. Verchick, eds. 2018) (Edward Elgar) (book chapter).

Collective Coercion, 57 B.C. L. REV. 1599 (2016) (with Benjamin Means).

After the Storm: The Vulnerability and Resilience of Locally Owned Business in VULNERABILITY: REFLECTIONS ON A NEW ETHICAL FOUNDATION FOR LAW AND POLITICS (Martha Albertson Fineman & Anna Grear, eds. 2013) (Ashgate) (book chapter) (with Benjamin Means).

Disaster Tradeoffs: The Doubtful Case for Public Necessity, 54 B.C. L. REV. 127 (2013).

Chapter 8: Social Justice Implications of Internment Redress in ERIC K. YAMAMOTO ET AL., *RACE, RIGHTS AND REPARATION: LAW AND THE JAPANESE AMERICAN INTERNMENT* (2d ed. 2013) (Aspen Law & Business) (contributing editor).

“Not Only Injurious to Individuals, but Dangerous to the State”: *A Theory of Disaster Crime*, *DISASTERS, HAZARDS, AND LAW* (Mathieu Deflem, ed. 2012) (Emerald) (part of *Sociology of Crime, Law, and Deviance* series) (book chapter).

Corporate Social Responsibility After Disaster, 89 *WASH. U. L. REV.* 973 (2012) (with Benjamin Means).

Engaging the Legal Academy in Disaster Response, 10 *SEATTLE J. FOR SOC. JUST.* 211 (2011) (with Davida Finger, Laila Hlass, Anne Hornsby, and Rachel Van Cleave).

Preserving Public Peace, Protecting Private Property, *THE PUBLIC NATURE OF PRIVATE PROPERTY* (Michael Diamond & Robin Malloy, eds. 2011) (Ashgate) (book chapter).

Speaking in Tongues: Mandating Multilingual Disaster Warnings in the Public Interest, 14 *WASH. & LEE J. C.R. & SOC. JUST.* 3 (2007) (lead article for symposium issue on *Race and Class in the 21st Century: Through the Lens of Hurricane Katrina*).

In Prosecutors We Trust: UK Lessons for the Illinois Disclosure Rule (co-authored with Dr. Chris Taylor at Bradford University, UK), 38 *LOY. U. CHI. L.J.* 695 (2007) (lead article for *Illinois Judicial Symposium*).

Official Indiscretions: Considering Sex Bargains with Government Informants, 38 *U.C. DAVIS L. REV.* 1643 (2005).

Culture Clash: Teaching Cultural Defenses in the Criminal Law Classroom, 48 *ST. LOUIS U. L.J.* 1297 (2004) (invited article for symposium issue on *teaching criminal law*).

Bringing in the State: Toward a Constitutional Duty to Protect from Mob Violence, 79 *IND. L.J.* 177 (2004).

A Little Privacy, Please: Should We Punish Parents for Teenage Sex?, 89 *KY. L.J.* 135 (2000-01).

PRESENTATIONS

ON TEACHING AND PEDAGOGY

“Teaching Tips,” Center for Teaching Excellence, University of South Carolina (March 2018)

“Teaching Techniques,” Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Workshop for New Law Teachers (June 2017)

“Becoming a Good Classroom Teacher,” Southeastern Association of Law Schools (SEALS) 2013, 2014, and 2016 Meetings (August 2013, 2014, 2016)

“Strategies from USC’s Award-Winning Teachers,” New Faculty Academy, Center for Teaching Excellence, University of South Carolina (September 2015)

“Eighteen Years as a Traffic Cop: Rules of the Road,” Women’s Leadership Institute, University of South Carolina (April 2015)

“Advice for Aspiring Faculty Members: An Afternoon with the 2013-2014 Mungo Award Winners,” Center for Teaching Excellence, University of South Carolina (October 2014)

“Fifteen Years as a Traffic Cop: Rules of the Road,” What the Best Law Teacher’s Do: Educators in Action, Northwestern Law School (June 2014)

“What Makes for Good Teaching,” Department of Justice Office of Legal Education National Advocacy Center, Columbia, SC (January 2014)

“Becoming a Great Law Teacher,” Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Workshop for New Law Teachers (June 2013)

“Effective Teaching Techniques in Criminal Law,” AALS Mid-Year Conference on Criminal Justice (June 2013)

“Why We Teach What We Teach in Law School,” First-Year Orientation Program, University of South Carolina School of Law (August 2012)

“How to Teach Disaster as Part of a Torts Curriculum,” AALS Mid-Year Meeting, Workshop on Torts, Environment and Disaster (June 2012) (selected from request for proposals)

“Teaching about Race, Gender, and Sexual Orientation in the Classroom,” Women’s Faculty Organization Speaker Series, University of South Carolina (September 2010)

“Incorporating Issues of Race and Ethnicity into Law School Teaching,” Best Practices in Teaching Presentation, Florida Coastal School of Law (May 2008)

“Teaching Race as, or, with, Doctrine in the Criminal Law Context,” panel presentation at the Second National People/Law Faculty of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, George Washington University Law School (October 2004)

“Multicultural Curriculum: Incorporating Issues of Race and Ethnicity,” presentation at the Multicultural Curriculum Transformation Institute, Northern Illinois University (May 2003) (May 2002) (May 2001) (May 2000) (May 1999)

“Learning Using Simulation and Role Playing,” presentation for Teaching Effectiveness Institute, Northern Illinois University (August 2002)

**PRESENTATIONS
ON DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION**

Panelist, “Best Practices for Practicing Diversity and Inclusion in Your Workplace,” South Carolina Bar Convention (January 2019, anticipated)

Speaker and Facilitator, “Law Firms and Diversity and Inclusion,” Robinson, Gray, Stepp & Laffitte (formerly Sowell, Gray, Robinson, Stepp & Laffitte) (June 2018)

Speaker and Facilitator, “Building a Culture of Inclusion,” South Carolina Appellate Judges Conference (March 2018)

Panelist, “Diversity is a State of Mind,” CLE Program, South Carolina Bar, Diversity Committee (March 2018)

Presenter/Facilitator, “Diversity and Inclusion Overview and Group Exercises,” South Carolina Court of Appeals, Judges’ Retreat (March 2017)

Speaker, “Diversity and Inclusion,” Diversity Video Series, South Carolina Bar, Diversity Committee (December 2017)

Panelist, “Best and Worst Practices in Law School Diversity Initiatives,” Webinar, American Bar Association, Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar (November 2017)

Speaker and Facilitator, Peer Mentor Diversity and Inclusion Training, University of South Carolina School of Law (2017, 2018)

Speaker and Facilitator, “Diversity and Inclusion Overview and Group Exercises,” South Carolina Bar Leadership Academy (February 2017 and 2018)

Speaker and Facilitator, “The Law School Community,” University of South Carolina School of Law (2016, 2017, 2018)

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Presenter/Teacher, “Historical/Legal Context,” South Carolina Supreme Court Institute (June 2016, June 2017, June 2018)

Presenter/Facilitator and Moderator, “Effective Communication Strategies,” Konduros Leadership Development Program, University of South Carolina (September 2015, February 2016, January 2018)

Presenter, “South Carolina Criminal Law and Procedure,” South Carolina Component of the Uniform Bar Examination, South Carolina Board of Bar Examiners (October 2016)

“Substantive Overview of Most Common Criminal Offenses,” Media Law School, University of South Carolina and the American Board of Trial Advocates (September 2015, 2016, and 2018 (anticipated))

Interacting with Law Enforcement: Your Rights and Your Safety,” South Carolina Young Lawyers Division Diversity Committee (July 2016)

“A Public Order Theory of Punishment,” 78th Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, LA (March 2015)

“Understanding the Work of the U.S. Supreme Court: Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure Developments,” University of South Carolina School of Law (October 2016) (November 2015) (October 2014) (October 2013) (February 2012) (September 2010), (October 2007) (September 2006)

Speaker and Moderator, Panel on True Confessions, Symposium on Prosecutorial Ethics and Duties, University of South Carolina School of Law (March 2012)

“Corporate Social Responsibility After Disaster,” Faculty Speakers Series, University of Alabama School of Law (October 2011)

“Social Capital and Disaster Recovery,” Annual Meeting of Southeast Association of Law Schools, Hilton Head, SC (August 2011)

“Corporate Social Responsibility After Disaster,” Faculty Speakers Series, University of Iowa College of Law (April 2011)

“Social Networks After Disaster: The Role of Locally Owned Business, Annual Meeting of the Conference of Asian Pacific Law Faculty (CAPALF) and Western Law Teachers of Color (WLTC) Conference, The University of Hawaii Law School (December 2010) (with Benjamin Means)

“Helping Corporations Mitigate Disaster Harm,” Vulnerability and the ‘Corporation’ Workshop, Feminism and Legal Theory Project, Emory University School of Law (October 2010) (with Benjamin Means)

“Disaggregating Disaster Vulnerability,” Race and the Family Conference, University of South Carolina School of Law (October 2010)

“Disaggregating Disaster Vulnerability,” Third National People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, Seton Hall University School of Law (September 2010)

“Susceptibility and Resilience in the Face of Disaster,” Annual Meeting of Southeast Association of Law Schools, West Palm Beach, FL (July 2010)

“Riot Insurance,” The Scholar Advocates Project, University of Hawaii Law School (December 2009)

“Protecting the Peace by Insuring Riots,” Prawfsfest, Southwestern Law School (December 2009)

“Preserving Peace, Protecting Property,” The Public Nature of Private Property Workshop sponsored by the Center on Property, Citizenship, and Social Entrepreneurism and Georgetown University Law Center (November 2008)

“Fifty Bucks and a Bus Ticket: Rethinking Crime and Punishment,” paper presentation at Joint Western Law Teachers of Color (WLTC) Conference and Annual Meeting of the Conference of the Asian Pacific American Law Faculty (CAPALF), University of Denver Sturm College of Law (April 2008)

“Rehabilitating Punishment,” panel presentation at Southeast/Southwest People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference at North Carolina Central University School of Law (April 2008)

“(Pontius) Pilate of the Airwaves: How the FCC Helped Exclude Minorities From Ownership of the Airwaves,” paper presentation at Southeast/Southwest People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference at North Carolina Central University School of Law (April 2008)

“Speaking in Tongues: Mandating English-Only Disaster Warnings in the Public Interest,” paper presentation at Texas Wesleyan School of Law (October 2007)

“Speaking in Tongues: Equal Access to Public Warnings for Non-English Speakers,” panel presentation at “Race and Class in the 21st Century: Through the Lens of Hurricane Katrina,” Feature Symposium jointly sponsored by the Frances Lewis Law Center and the Journal of Civil Rights and Social Justice, Washington and Lee University School of Law (April 2007)

“Rethinking the Role of the Asian-American Lawyer: Asians in Academia,” panel presentation at the Sixth Annual Mid-Atlantic Conference of Asian Pacific American Law Students, The University of Pennsylvania Law School (January 2007)

“Invisible, with Liberty and Justice for All?: Evaluating English-Only Disaster Warnings,” paper presentation at Northern Illinois University College of Law (January 2006)

“Bringing in the State: Towards a Constitutional Duty to Protect from Mob Violence,” paper presentation at University of South Carolina School of Law (October 2005)

“Bringing in the State: Towards a Constitutional Duty to Protect from Mob Violence,” paper presentation at Mercer University School of Law (December 2005)

“Redressing Civil Rights Violations,” panel presentation at the Mid-Atlantic People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, University of Louisville School of Law (February 2005)

“Bringing in the State: Extending the Constitutional Duty to Protect from Mob Violence,” paper presentation at the Conference of the Asian Pacific American Law Faculty, Michigan State University College of Law (September 2004)

“Reparations and the Minority Community,” presentation for Law Day Program, Rainbow/PUSH Coalition, Chicago, IL (May 2002)

“Bringing in the State: Legislative Solutions to Mob Violence and the Thinning Blue Line,” paper presentation at Midwest People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, Loyola University Chicago Law School (April 2002)

“Bringing in the State: Legislative Solutions to Mob Violence and the Thinning Blue Line,” paper presentation for Northern Illinois University College of Law Board of Visitors (April 2002)

“Domestic Violence and Law Enforcement,” presentation for Northern Illinois University College of Law Domestic Abuse Brown Bag (October 2001)

“Asian America and the Civil Rights Movement,” presentation at Asian American Welcome Night, Northern Illinois University (September 2001)

“Official Obligations to Meet the Mob: Reading the Riot Act into 14 U.S.C. § 1986,” Conference of Asian Pacific American Law Faculty (CAPALF) Academic Retreat, Santa Clara University School of Law (June 1999)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Chair, 2019 Workshop for New Law Teachers Planning Committee, Association of American Law Schools (AALS) (2018-2019)

Member, President’s Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee (DIAC), University of South Carolina (2018-present)

Invited Participant, Design Thinking Workshop, Elon University Law School (2017)

Member, Council of Academic Diversity Officers, USC (2016-present)
Member, Graduate Student Recruitment Working Group (2017-present)

Fellow, Southeastern Conference (SEC) Academic Leadership Development Program (2016-2017)

Speaker, “Business as Pre-Law Major,” Business at Moore, USC (2016)

Fellow, Pipeline for Academy Leaders (PAL) Program, USC (2015-2016)

Outside Reviewer for Tenure Applicants
(University of Mississippi School of Law 2016)
(Georgia State University College of Law 2015)
(Seattle University School of Law 2012)
(Florida A&M University College of Law 2012)
(St. John's University Law School 2007)

Chair, Mungo Graduate Teaching Award Committee, USC (2016-2018)
Member (2015-present)

Invited Participant, Leading Edge Conference, Wolters Kluwer (2014-2018)

Member, Faculty Welfare Committee, USC (2014-2017)

Affiliated Researcher, Hazards and Vulnerability Research Institute, USC (2013-present)

Member, Interview Committee for Outstanding Woman of the Year Award, USC (2014, 2015)

Faculty Chair, Provost's Advisory Committee for Women's Issues USC (2013-2014)
Chair, New and Current Policy Subcommittee (2012-2013)
Member (2014-2015)

Board member, East Point Academy of South Carolina (South Carolina's First Chinese Immersion Elementary School), Cayce, SC (2013-2016)
Secretary and Board Member (2013-2015)

Commissioner, City of Columbia Municipal Election Commission (2013-present)

Affiliate Equity Officer and Board Member, American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of South Carolina, Charleston, SC (2013-2016)

Member, SEALS Resource Team for Criminal Law (2016-2017)

Chair, SEALS Inclusiveness Committee (2018-present)
Co-Chair (2017-2018)
Member (2013-present)

Speaker, AALS Faculty Appointments Registrants Workshop, Washington, DC (2012)

Member, SEALS Beginning and Newer Law Teachers Workshop Committee (2012-present)

Member, SEALS Program Committee (2011-2013)

Board Member, South Carolina HIV/AIDS Council, Columbia, SC (2008-2014)

Member, SEALS Moderator Committee (2008-2011)

Member, Minority Media and Telecommunications Council Telecom Policy Working Group, Washington, DC (2008-2009)

Alumna Interviewer, Duke University Alumni Admissions Advisory Committee (2007-2014)

USC School of Law Representative, Society of American Law Teachers (2007-2012)

Executive Board Member and Treasurer, Southeast/Southwest People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference (SESWPOC) (2007-2010)

Member, SESWPOC Conference Planning Committee (2007-2010)

Member, Conference of Asian Pacific American Law Faculty (CAPALF)/Northeast People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference Planning Committee (2011)

Speaker, SEALS Workshop on Curricular Development (2011)

Moderator, SEALS panel (Theories of Equality) (2009)

Guest Blogger, PrawfsBlawg (December 2008, September 2010)

Guest Blogger, Concurring Opinion (October 2008)

Moderator, SEALS New Scholars Panel (Labor and Employment Law) (2008)

Moderator, SEALS panel (Tort Reform in the Southeastern States) (2007)

South Carolina Supreme Court's Task Force on Public Access to Electronic Court Records, Columbia, SC (2006-2007)

Faculty, CLEO Sophomore Summer Institute Program, NIU College of Law (2004, 2005)

Executive Board, CAPALF, Inc. (2003-2013)

CAPALF Conference Planning Committee (2003-2006)

Member, Preservation of Locke, California Ad Hoc Legal Advisory Team (2003)

Peer Reviewer for Aspen Legal Publications (1998-2008)

Member, APALM Regional Conference Planning Committee, Chicago, IL (1999-2000)

Invited Speaker, Career Workshop, Vanderbilt University Law School (February 2002)

Invited Speaker, Career Workshop, Duke University CASMU (February 1999)