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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT DAVIS, SCHOOL OF LAW

Professor of Law, July 2021 – Present (Acting Professor of Law, July 2016 – June 2021)

Research: Criminal Law & Procedure | Professional Responsibility | Jury Selection

Courses: Criminal Law | Criminal Procedure | Professional Responsibility | Comparative Criminal Justice | Criminal Trials: Theory & Practice | Voir Dire | Orientation to USA Law – Legal Ethics | Public Defenders in the Era of Mass Incarceration (First-Year Undergraduate Seminar)

Service: Faculty Appointments Committee [2021 – Current] | Admissions Committee [2020 - 2021] | Teaching and Learning Advisory Committee [2020-] | Faculty Affiliate Aoki Center for Critical Race & Nation Studies [2017-] | Academic Appeals Committee [2017-2019] | Awards and Scholarship Committee [2018-] | Faculty Advisor – Criminal Law Association | Intellectual Enrichment Committee [2018-2020] | AALS Section on Professional Responsibility – Executive Committee [2019-2022] | Academic Senate Representative (Alternate) [2019-] Criminal Law Certificate Advisor [2021-]

Awards: Public Scholarship Faculty Fellows Program (Inaugural Fellow) – 2020-2021 | Faculty Commencement Speaker - 2020 | Distinguished Teaching Award Nominee – 2018, 2019, 2021 | King Hall Legal Foundation Faculty Graduation Speaker - 2017

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT LOS ANGELES, SCHOOL OF LAW

Binder Teaching Fellow & Visiting Assistant Professor, July 2013 – June 2016

Courses: Ethics of Criminal Justice | Intensive Voir Dire Clinic | Trial Advocacy

PUBLICATIONS

LAW REVIEW PUBLICATIONS

- *Hard Questions about Soft Skills: A Celebration of Deborah Rhode's Scholarship*, 74 STAN. L. REV. ONLINE (2021)
- *The Reform Blindspot*, 74 SMU L. REV. 555 (2021) (invited contribution)
- *Probable Cause and Performing "For the People"*, 70 DUKE L.J. ONLINE 138 (2021) (invited contribution)
- *When the Public Defender Falls Short*, 54 UC DAVIS L. REV. 1763 (2021) (presentation transcript)
- *Structuring the Public Defender*, 106 IOWA L. REV. 113 (2020) (selected for Michigan Young Scholars Conference)
- *Regulating Implicit Bias in Federal Criminal Court*, 108 CAL. L. REV. 101 (2020) (invited contribution)
- *Regulating Mass Prosecution*, 53 UC DAVIS L. REV. 1175 (2020) (selected for 11th Annual Fred C. Zacharias Memorial Prize for Scholarship in Professional Responsibility (*Honorable Mention*))

- *The Prosecutor's Client Problem*, 98 B.U. L. Rev. 885 (2018) (invited contribution)
- *Rethinking Misdemeanor Neglect*, 64 UCLA L. Rev. 738 (2017)
- *Systematizing Public Defender Rationing*, 93 DENV. L. REV. 389 (2016)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS & PUBLIC COMMENTARY

- Commentary, *As Law Enforcement Laud Derek Chauvin Conviction, Others Warn Against Complacency, Urge Police Reform*, Capitol Public Radio, (April 2021)
- Commentary, *We've Got to Figure Out What's Going on with Policing*, KCRA Sacramento TV (Apr. 2021)
- Op-Ed, *Defend the Public Defenders*, The Atlantic (Mar. 2021)
- Commentary, *Racially Charged: America's Misdemeanor Problem* (documentary film produced by Brave New Films) (March 2021)
- Report, *When Every Sentence is a Possible Death Sentence: Public Defenders Speak from the Front Lines about Covid-19*, The Justice Collaborative Institute (April 2020) (co-authored with Ben Miller)
- Commentary, *Could Gigi Hadid Actually be a Juror in the Weinstein Trial?*, Slate (Jan. 2020)
- Commentary, *Politifact California Cross Examines Kamala Harris*, Capitol Public Radio (Jan. 2019)
- Commentary, *East Area Rapist Trial in Sacramento Presents Legal Challenges*, CBS Local (Aug. 2018)
- Commentary, *Man Charged in Terror Plot Wants Trump Voters on Jury*, Washington Post (Dec. 2017)
- Commentary, *How Trump's Death Penalty Tweets Can Affect a Criminal Trial*, ABC10 (Nov. 2017)
- Op-Ed, *Like Many Immigrants, I Owe a Debt to the Republican Party...of the 1980s*, LA TIMES (Oct. 2016)

WORKS IN PROGRESS

- *Learning from Mistakes* – describing how public defenders and public defender leaders could better respond to death row exonerations of defendants whose convictions arose from their offices.
- *Mercy's Workers* (chapter in forthcoming book on Catholicism and Criminal Justice Reform)
- *Catholicism and Criminal Justice Reform* – co-editor along with Cecelia Klingele (University of Wisconsin Law School)

EDUCATION

STANFORD UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, Stanford, CA, J.D., *pro bono distinction*, 2006

Awards: Imelda Rosenthal Scholarship (awarded by State Bar of California)

Activities: President, Black Law Students Association, 2004-2005

Lead Article Editor, Stanford Journal of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN, Austin, TX, B.A., *cum laude*, 2003

Majors: Government (with special departmental honors)
African and African American Studies (with special departmental honors)

Minor: Philosophy

Awards: William Jennings Bryan Award (awarded to best Government undergraduate honors thesis)

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

2021

- *The Law on Police Officer Use of Force*, Archdiocese of Philadelphia, African Congress Conference (October 2021)
- *Learning from Mistakes*, America Bar Foundation, Chicago, IL (September 2021)
- *Learning from Mistakes*, Southwest Criminal Law Scholars (May 2021)
- *Learning from Mistakes*, National Public Defense Virtual Conference (March 2021)
- *Prosecutors, Power, and Racial Justice: Building an Anti-Racist Prosecutorial System*, panelist, Rutgers University Law Review Symposium (March 2021)
- *Learning from Mistakes*, Faculty Workshop, Cardozo School of Law (February 2021)
- *Learning from Mistakes*, Faculty Workshop, George Washington University School of Law (February 2021)
- *Examining Legal Praxis Among Prosecutors and Public Defenders and Their Capacity Towards Systems Change*, panelist, Society for Social Work and Research (January 2021)
- *Looking Inward: Public Defenders and Implicit Racial Bias*, Miami-Dade County Public Defender Office (January 2021)

2020

- *Looking Inward: Public Defenders and Implicit Racial Bias*, Yolo County Public Defenders Office (December 2020)
- *How the Public Defender Falls Short*, Racial Justice Speakers Series, UC Davis School of Law (November 2020)
- *Responding to Exonerations*, Criminal Justice as an Administrative System Roundtable, Vanderbilt Law School (November 2020)
- *Looking Inward: Public Defenders and Implicit Racial Bias*, Minnesota Board of Public Defense (October 2020)
- *Responding to Exonerations*, Administrative Law New Scholarship Roundtable, Yale Law School (August 2020)
- *Responding to Exonerations*, Center for Empirical Research on the Legal Profession, University of California at Irvine (July 2020)
- *Challenges in Legal Representation*, Southeastern Association of Law Schools (“SEALS”) (July 2020)
- *The Public Defender Discretion Problem*, Culp Colloquium, Stanford University School of Law (June 2020)
- *Structuring the Public Defender*, University of California at Irvine – Junior Faculty Exchange (February 2020)

2019

- *U.S. Legal Ethics*, China University of Political Science and Law, Beijing, China (June 2019)
- *Regulating Mass Prosecution*, Korea University, Seoul, South Korea (May 2019)
- *Who the Public Defender Should Be*, Culp Colloquium, Duke University School of Law
- *Who the Public Defender Should Be*, Michigan Young Scholars Conference, University of Michigan School of Law (April 2019)
- *Federal Judiciary Reform Working Group*, Berkeley Judicial Institute, UC Berkeley School of Law (April 2019)
- *Critiquing Justice Reforms*, Race, Gender, and Policing Program, panelist, UNLV School of Law (April 2019)
- *Regulating Mass Prosecution*, Junior Faculty Roundtable, Boston College School of Law (February 2019)
- *Who the Public Defender Should Be*, AALS Professional Responsibility Scholars Works-in-Progress, New Orleans, LA (January 2019)

2018

- *The Ethics of Mass Prosecution*, International Legal Ethics Conference at University of Melbourne School of Law (December 2018)
- *Public Defender Ethics in the Era of Mass Incarceration*, guest lecture for Professor Deborah Rhode, Stanford University School of Law (November 2018)
- *Who the Public Defender Should Be*, Junior Faculty Works-in-Progress, Marquette University Law School (October 2018)
- *Representing the Difficult (or Mentally Ill) Client*, Federal Defender Training Program, Los Angeles (August 2018)
- *Conflicts in Federal Immigration Defense*, Federal Defender Training Program, San Antonio (August 2018)
- *Who the Public Defender Should Be*, Culp Colloquium, Stanford University School of Law (June 2018)
- *A Primer for Effective Community Participation*, Engage Sacramento (April 2018)
- *Featured Luncheon Speaker*, Women Lawyers of Sacramento
- *Faculty*, Louisiana Public Defender Board's Defender Training Institute

2017

- *The Prosecutor's Client Problem*, Misdemeanor Machinery Symposium, Boston University Law Review (November 2017)
- *Reorienting the Prosecutor*, Culp Colloquium at Duke Law School (May 2017)
- *Ethics of Mass Prosecution*, Legal Ethics Schmooze at UCLA School of Law (July 2017)
- *Presenter*, "Ethics of Mass Prosecution," Law and Society Annual Meeting in Mexico City (June 2017)

2016

- *Criminal Justice in the USA*, Lecture at Mediterranean University of Reggio Calabria, Italy (April 2016)

HONORS & AWARDS

- *Fellow*, The Justice Collaborative Institute
- *Fellow*, National Institute for Teaching Ethics and Professionalism, University of Melbourne Law School 2018 Workshop
- *Travel Scholar Award*, University of Memphis School of Law Martin Luther King Jr. 50th Anniversary Commemoration

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIP

LAW CLERK TO THE HONORABLE NAPOLEON A. JONES, JR. San Diego, CA (2007-2008)
U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California

LEGAL PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

LOUISIANA PUBLIC DEFENDER BOARD, Baton Rouge, LA 2011-2013

Assistant Training Director

Developed and delivered high quality, interactive training programs to indigent defenders statewide. Determined and fulfilled the educational needs of forty-two district public defender offices and nine non-profit indigent defender program offices. Provided legal research, briefs, and other technical assistance through training materials and presentations for attorneys, investigators, and administrative support staff throughout the state. Supervised and trained in-office staff and support personnel. Assisted in needs assessment and implementation of the agency's overall five-year strategic plan. Invited to train public defenders in Alabama, Ohio, and South Carolina.

ORLEANS PUBLIC DEFENDERS, New Orleans, LA 2008- 2011

Assistant Special Litigation Counsel (trial division staff attorney from 2008-2010)

Assisted in creating and developing the special litigation division of the Orleans Public Defenders. Engaged in a wide variety of criminal justice litigation and legislative advocacy. Directly supervised special litigation staff attorneys and provided litigation support for all trial division attorneys. Developed and maintained a personal docket of special litigation projects and priorities for indigent persons in Orleans Parish. Maintained an active trial division caseload and served as lead or co-counsel in high-level felony trials ranging from distribution of narcotics to second-degree murder.

EQUAL JUSTICE INITIATIVE OF ALABAMA, Montgomery, AL 2006-2007

Fellowship Attorney

Represented indigent clients in capital post conviction litigation. Drafted and submitted appellate briefs in both state and federal courts for Alabama inmates on death row and Arkansas and Florida children sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole. Successfully represented clients in parole hearings who were sentenced to harsh and excessive punishments under the Alabama Habitual Offender Act. Organized and led presentations educating the general public and community leaders about various capital punishment and civil rights issues.

BAR ADMISSIONS

- State Bar of California, December 2006
- State Bar of Louisiana, October 2008

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- *Faculty*, Pennsylvania Public Defender Training in Carlisle, Pennsylvania [2016-]
- *Faculty*, National Defender Training Project in Dayton, Ohio [2012-]
- *Faculty*, Defender Association of Philadelphia Trial Practice Skills Training [2014-]