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**Joseph F. Rice
School of Law**

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

APPOINTMENTS

University of South Carolina, Joseph F. Rice School of Law

Associate Professor of Law (with tenure), 2023 – Present

Assistant Professor of Law, 2021 – 2023

Courses: Contracts; Business Associations; Secured Transactions; Law and Political Economy; The Reconstruction Constitution; Critical Legal History (1 credit); Dignity Law (1 credit)

University of the District of Columbia, David A. Clarke School of Law

Assistant Professor of Law, 2017 – 2021

Co-Director, Community Development Law Clinic, 2017 – 2021

Courses: Contracts; Business Organizations; Law & Economy; Law & Literature (1 credit); Community Development Law Clinic (small business & non-profit law; cooperative housing finance; worker cooperatives & community-based businesses)

The George Washington University Law School

Visiting Associate Professor of Clinical Law & Friedman Fellow; 2015 – 2017

Course: Small Business & Community Economic Development Clinic (small business & non-profit law; social enterprises; worker cooperatives & community-based businesses)

EDUCATION

The George Washington University Law School, LL.M., Advocacy, 2019

Friedman Clinical Law Teaching Fellowship, 2015 – 2017

Selected Coursework: Critical Race Theory; Feminist Legal Theory

Harvard Law School, J.D., 2012

Editor, *Harvard Environmental Law Review*; Vice-President, Board of Student Advisors

Clinics: Harvard Defenders; Transactional Law Clinic; Human Rights Law Clinic

The Johns Hopkins University, M.S.E., Environmental Engineering, 2009

Graduate Teaching Fellowship, 2007– 2009; Graduate Advisor, Engineers Without Borders

Selected Coursework: Environmental Policy Analysis; Political Ecology

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, B.S., Mechanical Engineering, 2007

Honors: Ronald McNair Scholar, 2006 & 2007; Distinguished Collegiate Award &

Educational Foundation Scholar, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., 2007

SCHOLARSHIP

Book Chapters

4. [*Negotiating Trauma in the Business Law Classroom*](#) in HOW TO ACCOUNT FOR TRAUMA AND EMOTIONS IN LAW TEACHING, edited by Mallika Kaur and Lindsay M. Harris, Edward Elgar Publishing Ltd. (2024) (with Susan R. Jones).
3. [*The Mandatory Arbitration of Hazing Lawsuits*](#) in THE LAW OF FRATERNITIES AND SORORITIES, edited by Gregory S. Parks, Carolina Academic Press (2024).
2. [*Green Capitalism: The Case of The Environmental Impact Bond*](#) in INVESTING FOR SOCIAL IMPACT, ECONOMIC JUSTICE, AND RACIAL EQUITY, edited by Dorcas R. Gilmore, Lisa Green Hall, and Susan R. Jones, American Bar Association (2023).
1. [*The Message: Resisting Cultures of Poverty in Urban America*](#) in FIGHT THE POWER!: LAW AND POLICY THROUGH HIP HOP SONGS, edited by Frank R. Cooper and Gregory S. Parks, Cambridge University Press (2022).

Articles

17. [*The Spirit of Oligarchy in American Agriculture*](#), 126 **Columbia Law Review** 249 (2026)
16. *The Engine of Racial Capitalism*, 16 **UC Irvine Law Review** ____ (forthcoming 2026)
15. [*The energy transition's double democratic gap: Household needs and regulatory realities in energy policy in the United States' South*](#), **Energy Research & Social Science** 135 (2026) (with Shelley Welton, Nikki Luke, Caroline Hamilton, and Elena Louder) (peer-reviewed)
14. [*Afrofuturism in Protest: Dissent & Revolution*](#), 125 **Columbia Law Review** 1375 (2025)
13. [*Afrofuturism at Work: Critique & Praxis*](#), 112 **The Georgetown Law Journal** 1491 (2024)
12. [*The Abolition of Food Oppression*](#), 111 **The Georgetown Law Journal** 1043 (2023)
11. [*Measuring the Effectiveness of Food Policy Councils in Major Cities in the United States*](#), 12 **foods** 1854 (2023) (with Camille Range, Sabine O'Hara, and Tia Jeffery) (peer-reviewed)
10. [*The Color of Law Review*](#), 103 **B.U. Law Review** 181 (2023) (with Gregory S. Parks)
9. [*The Purpose of Legal Education*](#), 111 **California Law Review** 1 (2023)
8. [*Tragedies of the Cultural Commons*](#), 110 **California Law Review** 1777 (2022)
7. [*The Miseducation of Public Citizens*](#), 29 **Georgetown J. Poverty Law & Policy** 3 (2022)

6. [*Black Urban Ecologies and Structural Extermination*](#), 45 **Harvard Environmental Law Review** 448 (2021)
5. [*Of American Fragility: Public Rituals, Human Rights, and the End of Invisible Man*](#), 52 **Columbia Human Rights Law Review** 826 (2021)
4. [*Food Access in Crisis: Food Security and COVID-19*](#), 180 **Ecological Economics** (2021) (with Sabine O'Hara) (peer-reviewed)
3. [*Dismantling the Master's House: Toward A Justice-Based Theory of Community Development*](#), 53 **University of Michigan Journal of Law Reform** 337 (2019)
2. [*The New Gospel of Wealth: On Social Impact Bonds and The Privatization of Public Good*](#), 56 **Houston Law Review** 1 (2018)
1. [*Incarceration to Incorporation: Economic Empowerment for Returning Citizens*](#), 25 **ABA Journal of Affordable Housing & Community Development Law** 61 (2016)

Essays

8. [*The Law and Political Economy of Food Oppression*](#), **Southwestern Law Review** (forthcoming 2026)
7. [*After the Comet: Du Bois, Afrofuturism, and Constitutional Renewal*](#), **NYU Law Review Online** (forthcoming 2026)
6. [*Abolition, Dignity, and Amazing Grace*](#), **Villanova Law Review** (2024)
5. [*The Sound of the Beast*](#), 72 **UCLA Law Review Discourse** 214 (2024)
4. [*On the Cultivation of Black Letter Law*](#), 124 **Columbia Law Review Forum** 151 (2024)
3. [*For Every Rat Killed*](#), 9 **CAL Journal** 1(2022)
2. [*Monuments of American Sorrow*](#), 69 **UCLA Law Review Discourse** 129 (2021)
1. [*Blackness as Fighting Words*](#), 106 **Virginia Law Review Online** 124 (2020)

Opinion Editorials, Magazine Features, Blogs

14. [*How Bitter Root Heals*](#), **Current Affairs**, March/April (2026)
13. [*How Ta-Nehisi Coates Helped Me See Palestine*](#), **Current Affairs**, July/August (2025)
12. [*Afrofuturism and the Fight for Liberation*](#), **Current Affairs**, Nov./Dec. (2024)
11. [*Octavia Butler and Afrofuturist Legal Critique*](#), **LPE Blog**, October 10, 2024.

10. [Abolitionism as a Question of Citizenship](#), **LPE Blog**, February 29, 2024.
9. [Black Faces in White Spaces: The Rise of the Black Law Review Editor in Chief](#), **LSSE**, February 13, 2024 (with Gregory S. Parks).
8. [Criminal Contempt and “Rule by Law” in New York: Trial Monitors Reflect on US v. Donziger, Slaw](#), March 22, 2022 (with Catherine Morris and Stephen Rapp).
7. [American Fugitive](#), **Current Affairs**, Jan./Feb. (2021)
6. [Food, Fitness, and Fatalities](#), **ABA Human Rights**, December 14, 2020 (with Sabine O’Hara).
5. [Trump executive order on race and diversity a big step backwards](#), **CommonWealth**, October 15, 2020 (with Y. Connor, L. Flier, Y. Tekleab, W. Harris).
4. [Running From COVID-19: How Food Insecurity and Racial Capitalism Threaten Black America](#), **UDC Law Blog**, August 24, 2020 (with Sabine O’Hara).
3. [What Does Freedom Mean for Black America? A Reflection on Social Injustice and Call to Action](#), **BAMIT Review**, July 15, 2016.
2. [The Silenced Minority: On Selma, Voting Rights, and The Clinton You Never Heard About](#), **LinkedIn**, Mar. 11, 2016.
1. [From Incarceration to Incorporation: D.C.’s Bold Plan for Economic Mobility](#), **The Synapse**, Mar. 1, 2016.

Policy Reports, Testimony, Letters

6. [Letter of Enthusiastic Support](#), from Black Male Law Deans and Law Professors for the Senate’s Confirmation of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to Serve as Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court, to **United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary**, March 14, 2022.
5. [Written Testimony](#), Critical Race Theory and the Future of Education in South Carolina, *Public Hearing on H. 4325, H. 4343, H. 4392, H. 4605, and H. 4799*, **South Carolina House Education and Public Works Committee**, Columbia, S.C., Feb. 16, 2022 (with Jada Wilson and the USC M.J. Perry Black Law Students Association).
4. [Report of Trial Monitors](#), *Donziger Criminal Contempt Proceedings Violated International Human Rights Law and Standards: Final Observations and Conclusions on the Criminal Contempt Proceedings against Steven Donziger in the Trial Division, 2019-2021*, **Pilot Project to establish International Monitoring Panels to Evaluate Trials in the United States (IMPETUS)**, January 24, 2022 (with Stephen Rapp and Catherine Morris).
3. [Report of Trial Monitors](#), *United States v. Steven Donziger, No. 19-CR-561 (LAP); 11-CIV-691 (LAK)*, *United States Federal Court, South New York Trial Division*, **Pilot Project to establish**

International Monitoring Panels to Evaluate Trials in the United States (IMPETUS), October 27, 2020 (*with Stephen Rapp, Catherine Morris, and Nykeeba Brown*).

2. [Written Testimony](#), *Public Hearing on B23-390, The Urban Farming Land Lease Amendment Act of 2019*, **Council of the D.C. Committee on Transportation & the Environment**, Washington, D.C., Nov. 18, 2019 (*with Sabine O'Hara*).
1. [Written Testimony](#), *Public Hearing on B21-463, D.C. Incarceration to Incorporation Entrepreneurship Program Act of 2015*, **Council of the D.C. Committee on Business, Consumer, and Regulatory Affairs**, Washington, D.C., Jan. 28, 2016.

External Grants and Funding Received

3. 2023-2027. [NSF EPSCoR RII Track-2 FEC](#): An interdisciplinary program for research, education, and outreach on climate change and adaptive resilience in the Yazoo - Mississippi Delta (with Mississippi State University) \$3,999,169; USC Sub-award \$942,782.
2. 2024. [NSF Convergence Accelerator Track K](#): COMPASS: Comprehensive Prediction, Assessment, and Equitable Solutions for Storm-Induced Contamination of Freshwater Systems, \$650,000.
1. 2021-2025. [Alfred P. Sloan Foundation: Energy Insecurity, Distributional Equity, and Just Transitions](#), "As Goes the South: Community and Worker Solutions for a Just Transition in South Carolina & Tennessee" (with University of Tennessee and University of Pennsylvania), \$499,438

In Progress

The City as Freedom (Article)

The Indignity of Energy Vulnerability in the American South (Article)

Racial Capitalism and Environmental Racism in the Mississippi Delta (Article)

The Enduring Paradox of Ideological Origins (Historiographical Essay)

The Hidden Tax: Addressing Hair Discrimination in the Legal Profession (Book Chapter)

Flesh That Weeps: Toni Morrison, Hair Discrimination, and Embodied Exclusion (Essay)

From Being Torn Asunder: A Story of Awakening in Modern America (Book Project)

Prophets of Rage: Public Enemy, Critical Race Theory, and the Sound of Legal Resistance (Book Project, Co-Editor); *Digital Resistance and Afrofuturist Futures* (Book Chapter)

Afrofuturist Legal Critique: Law, Labor, and Liberation in Parable of the Sower (Book Chapter)

"*The Price of the Ticket*": *James Baldwin's Rage as Afrofuturist Praxis* (Article)

PRESENTATIONS

Colloquia, Research Lectures & Scholarship Workshops

48. *The Spirit of Oligarchy in American Agriculture*, **Washington and Lee University School of Law**, Farming for the Future Works-in-Progress Roundtable, March 13-14, 2025.
47. *From Being Torn Asunder*, CRT and Humanities Workshop, Center for Intersectional Studies, **Columbia Law School**, December 9, 2024.

46. *The Unequal Protection of Black Farmers*, **Northwestern University School of Law**, John Mercer Langston Writers Law Conference, June 28, 2024.
45. *The Unequal Protection of Black Farmers*, **Washington and Lee University School of Law**, Faculty Scholarship Colloquium, March 25, 2024.
44. *The Nature of Essential Work*, **Seattle University School of Law**, Faculty Scholarship Colloquium, October 31, 2023.
43. *The Unequal Protection of Black Farmers*, **Vanderbilt Law School**, Faculty Scholarship Colloquium, October 11, 2023.
42. *On the Cultivation of Black Letter Law*, **Yale Law School**, 2023 **Harvard/Stanford/Yale Junior Faculty Forum**, June 29-30, 2023.
41. *On the Cultivation of Black Letter Law*, **Georgetown Law Center**, 2023 **Law & Humanities Interdisciplinary Workshop** for Junior Scholars, May 24-25, 2023.
40. *The Nature of Essential Work*, **The George Washington University Law School**, Faculty Scholarship Colloquium, April 5, 2023.
39. *The Nature of Essential Work*, **American University Washington College of Law**, Faculty Scholarship Colloquium, April 4, 2023.
38. *The Nature of Essential Work*, **The University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School**, Inaugural **Junior Faculty Business and Financial Law Workshop**, December 8, 2022.
37. *The Abolition of Food Oppression*, **Wake Forest School of Law**, Faculty Scholarship Colloquium, November 17, 2022.
36. *The Miseducation of Public Citizens*, **Cleveland-Marshall College of Law**, Faculty Scholarship Colloquium, September 14, 2022.
35. *The Abolition of Food Oppression*, **University of Nebraska College of Law**, Faculty Scholarship Colloquium, March 29, 2022.
34. *The Debt of Colorblind Constitutionalism*, **AALS Section on Poverty Law**, Spring 2022 Poverty Law Pop-Up Conference, March 25, 2022.
33. *The Abolition of Food Oppression*, **University of Houston Law Center**, Faculty Scholarship Colloquium, February 21, 2022.
32. *Fair Housing After Technology*, **Washington and Lee University School of Law**, Lutie-Langston Writers Workshop, December 17, 2021.
31. *The Spirit of Racial Capitalism in Colonial America*, **APPEAL & CLASS Crits**,

December 10, 2021.

30. *The Abolition of Food Oppression*, **The University of Utah, S.J. Quinney College of Law, 17th Annual Stegner Center Young Scholar Lecture**, November 17, 2021.
29. *Affordable Housing, Algorithms, and Afrofuturism*, **Yale Law School**, Information Society Project, Incubator Paper Presentation, November 16, 2021.
28. *Everyday Discrimination: Residential Discrimination and Mental Health*, **Law and Rurality Workshop**, Incubator Paper Presentation, Oct. 29, 2021 (with Ebony Toussaint).
27. *Tragedies of the Cultural Commons*, **Willamette University College of Law**, Faculty Scholarship Colloquium, October 27, 2021.
26. *Tragedies of the Cultural Commons*, **University of South Carolina School of Law**, Faculty Workshop Series, October 20, 2021.
25. *The Abolition of Food Oppression*, **AALS Section on Poverty Law**, 2021 Summer Poverty Law Workshop, June 29, 2021.
24. *The Code of Contract*, **2021 AALS Annual Clinical Conference**, Work-in-Progress Scholarship Workshop, virtual, April 30, 2021.
23. *Blackness as Fighting Words*, **The University of the District of Columbia**, UDC Research Week University Presentation, April 21, 2021.
22. *The Abolition of Food Oppression*, Barry University School of Law, **Sixth Annual ACS Constitutional Law Scholars Forum**, March 26, 2021.
21. *Black Urban Ecologies and Structural Extermination*, **Thomas R. Kline School of Law, Drexel University**, Faculty Scholarship Workshop, February 11, 2021.
20. *The Indignity of Food Insecurity*, **University of Baltimore School of Law**, Mid-Atlantic Clinicians Writing Workshop, November 13, 2020.
19. *Toward A Radical Imagination of Law and Political Economy*, **NYU Law School**, Clinical Law Review Writers Workshop, October 3, 2020.
18. *Of American Fragility*, **Albany Law School**, Faculty Workshop Series, September 23, 2020.
17. *Of American Fragility*, **AALS Section on Poverty Law**, 2020 Summer Poverty Law Workshop, July 27, 2020.
16. *Of American Fragility*, **American University Washington College of Law**, Mid-Atlantic Clinicians Workshop, June 5, 2020.
15. *Land of Opportunity Zones*, **American University Washington College of Law**, Mid-Atlantic Clinicians Workshop, April 17, 2020.

14. *The Purpose of Legal Education*, **Washington and Lee University School of Law**, Lutie-Langston Writers Workshop, Nov. 1-2, 2019.
13. *The Purpose of Legal Education*, **NYU Law School**, Clinical Law Review Writers Workshop, Sept. 21, 2019.
12. *Dismantling The Master's House*, **University of Miami School of Law**, Legal Theory Workshop Series, Sept. 12, 2019.
11. *The Purpose of Legal Education*, **Howard Law School**, John Mercer Langston Writers Law Conference, July 18-21, 2019.
10. *The Purpose of Legal Education*, **2019 AALS Annual Clinical Conference**, Work-in-Progress Scholarship Workshop, San Francisco, CA, May 7, 2019.
9. *Dismantling The Master's House*, **UDC, David A. Clark School of Law**, Faculty Colloquium Workshop Series, Jan. 9, 2019.
8. *Dismantling The Master's House*, **Marquette Law School**, Sixth Annual Junior Faculty Works-In-Progress Symposium, Oct. 4-6, 2018.
7. *The Purpose of Legal Education*, **American University Washington College of Law**, Mid-Atlantic Clinicians' Workshop, Sept. 28, 2018.
6. *Dismantling The Master's House*, **UCLA Law School**, John Mercer Langston Writers Law Conference, July 5, 2018.
5. *The Purpose of Legal Education*, **2018 AALS Annual Clinical Conference**, Scholarship Workshop, Chicago, IL, Apr. 30, 2018.
4. *The New Gospel of Wealth*, **UDC, David A. Clark School of Law**, Faculty Colloquium Workshop Series, Apr.4, 2018.
3. *The New Gospel of Wealth*, **The George Washington University Law School**, 22nd Mid-Atlantic People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, Jan. 27, 2017.
2. *The New Gospel of Wealth*, **The George Washington University Law School**, Mid-Atlantic Clinicians Workshop, Nov.18, 2016.
1. *The New Gospel of Wealth*, **Boston University School of Law**, 2nd Annual New England Clinician's Conference, Oct.22, 2016.

Conference & Symposium Presentations

62. **2026 AALS Annual Meeting**, Panel Presentation, *From Exception to the Rule? Palestine, Campus Speech, and the Future of Academic Freedom*, Section on Minority Groups, Jan. 9, 2026.

61. **2026 AALS Annual Meeting**, Moderator, *MAHA: Facts and Fictions*, Section on Agriculture and Food Law, Jan. 7, 2026.
60. **2026 AALS Annual Meeting**, Moderator and Panel Presentation, *Radical Legal Imaginaries: Law, Literature, and Speculative Futures*, Section on Minority Groups, Jan. 6, 2026.
59. **National Conference of Black Lawyers**, Panel Presentation, *The Solidarity Economy and Corporate Law as Tools for Building Black Self-Determination*, Atlanta, GA, November 14, 2025.
58. **Association for the Study of the Arts of the Present Annual Conference**, Panel Presentation, *Disturbing the Peace: James Baldwin and the Intersection of Art and Activism*, Houston, TX, October 25, 2025.
57. **Think. Teach. Transform: The 25th Anniversary Symposium and Celebration of UCLA School of Law's Critical Race Studies Program**, Panel Presentation, *Sound as Legal Resistance: Hip-Hop's Role in CRT's Future*, Los Angeles, CA, October 25, 2025 (virtual).
56. **Southwestern Law School Law Review Symposium**, Paper Presentation, *The Law and Political Economy of Food Oppression*, Los Angeles, CA, October 3, 2025.
55. **2025 Weaving It All Together: Hair, Health, Law, and Policy Conference, Drexel University Thomas R. Kline School of Law**, Panel Presentation, *Flesh That Weeps: The Professional Politics of Hair in Legal Workplaces*, Philadelphia, PA, September 27, 2025.
54. **2025 Twenty-Seventh Annual Conference, Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities**, Stories of the End, Panel Presentation, *After the Comet: Du Bois, Afrofuturism, and Constitutional Renewal*, Washington, D.C., June 17, 2025.
53. **2025 AALS Annual Meeting**, Panel Presentation, *Graffiti: Property Rights v. Artist Rights*, Art Law, Co-Sponsored by Property Law, Jan. 9, 2025.
52. **Columbia Law School**, Panel Participant and Contributing Author, *Protests Through History, Afrofuturism in Crisis: Dissent & Revolution*, November 15, 2024.
51. **UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law**, Black Legal Futurism: If Law Centered African American Interests, Panel Presentation, *Arts, Culture, and Black Legal Futurism*, April 5, 2024.
50. **2024 AALS Annual Meeting**, Panel Presentation, *Exploring the Taboo*, Women in Legal Education, Jan. 6, 2024.
49. **University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law**, Panel Presentation, *The Duty to Protect Food Sovereignty*, Food Justice Symposium, March 1, 2024.
48. **2024 AALS Annual Meeting**, Panel Presentation, *The Exigent Mental Health Impact*, Section on Minority Groups, Jan. 6, 2024.

47. **2024 AALS Annual Meeting**, Panel Presentation, *The Role of Self-Narrative in Legal Scholarship*, Law Professors with Disabilities and Allies Joint Program, Jan. 5, 2024.
46. **2024 AALS Annual Meeting**, Panel Presentation, *Democracy in Crisis: A Pedagogical Response in the Legal Academy*, Section on Minority Groups, Jan. 4, 2024.
45. **The Georgetown Law Journal**, Co-Organizer and Panel Participant, *Afrofuturism and the Law*, Money, Power, and Respect in the Afrofuture(s), November 10, 2023.
44. **Fordham Law School**, Panel Discussant, *Hip-Hop and the Law*, Center on Race, Law, and Justice, October 18, 2023.
43. **Southwestern Law Review**, Panel Discussant, [*COVID Caregiving*](#), October 6, 2023.
42. **Mitchell Hamline Law Review**, Panel Discussant, [*Furtive Blackness & The Afterlives of Slavery*](#), April 28, 2023.
41. **2023 AALS Annual Meeting**, Panel Presentation, *AALS Arc of Career Program: The COVID Care Crisis in Legal Academia*, Jan. 6, 2023.
40. **2023 AALS Annual Meeting**, Panel Presentation, *Teaching Towards Equity: The Use of Pedagogy to Overcome Barriers*, Section on Women in Legal Education, Co-Sponsored by Balance in Legal Education, Jan. 6, 2023.
39. **2023 AALS Annual Meeting**, Panel Presentation, *Experiential Mainstreaming in the Law Curriculum*, Section on Clinical Legal Education, Jan. 5, 2023.
38. **Fordham Law School**, Presentation, *Fair Housing After Technology*, Afrofuturism and the Law Symposium, November 11, 2022.
37. **2022 AALS Clinical Conference**, Panel Presentation, *Incorporating Clinical Lessons in the Broader Law School Curriculum*, May 12, 2022 (with Tianna Gibbs, Jacqueline Láinez Flanagan, Zina Makar, and Jenny Roberts).
36. **34th Annual RPTE National CLE Conference**, Panel Presentation, *Law Professors' Update: Affordable Housing and Algorithmic Technology*, April 29, 2022 (virtual).
35. **UDC Law Review**, Panel Discussant, *Activism & the Law: A UDC Law Review Symposium on Critical Race Theory*, Community Development/Community Health Law Panel, April 2, 2022.
34. **The Georgetown Journal of Poverty Law & Policy**, Keynote Speaker, *The Miseducation of Public Citizens*, 2022 Symposium: Community Poverty and the University, April 1, 2022.
33. **2022 AALS Annual Meeting**, Panel Presentation, *The Purpose of Legal Education*, Section on Profession Responsibility, New Voices in Professional Responsibility, Jan. 7, 2022.

32. **2022 AALS Annual Meeting**, Panel Presentation, *A Tragedy of the Cultural Commons*, Joint Program State & Local Government Law Section, Community Economic Development Section, Progressive Perspectives on Local Economic Development Moving Forward, Jan. 6, 2022.
31. **2022 AALS Annual Meeting**, Panel Presentation, *The Indignity of Food Insecurity*, Section on Agricultural and Food Law, New Voices in Agriculture & Food Law, January 5, 2022.
30. **2021 CSLSA Annual Conference**, Panel Presentation, *The Purpose of Legal Education*, September 25, 2021.
29. **2021 Law and Society Conference**, Comparative Perspectives on Police use of Force, Panel Presentation, *Blackness as Fighting Words*, May 28, 2021 (virtual).
28. **2021 AALS Clinical Conference**, Presentation, *2020 Vision(aries)*, April 29, 2021 (with Eric Amarante, Christine Cerniglia, Anna Cominsky, Brian Krumm, Hiroko Kusuda).
27. **Georgetown Environmental Law Society**, Symposium: Environmental Justice, Panel Presentation, *The Local Impacts of Federal Inaction*, April 20, 2021 (virtual).
26. **Harvard Environmental Law Review**, Symposium, Paper Presentation, *Black Urban Ecologies and Structural Extermination*, April 15, 2021 (virtual).
25. **University of South Carolina School of Law**, Black Law Students Association, A Tale of Two Pandemics Symposium, Moderator, *Racial Pandemic*, March 26, 2021 (virtual).
24. **South Carolina Law Review**, Taxation, Finance, and Racial (In)Justice Symposium, Moderator & Panelist, *Work, Race, and Tax Panel*, Feb. 19, 2021 (virtual).
23. **The COVID Care Crisis Symposium, Theorizing Power and Ethics in the Pandemic**, Presentation, [*How To Survive A Pandemic: An Elegy to America*](#), Jan. 14, 2021 (virtual).
22. **2021 AALS Annual Meeting**, Presentation, *Black Urban Ecologies and Structural Extermination*, Section on Poverty Law: New Voices Poverty Law, Jan. 9, 2021.
21. **2021 AALS Annual Meeting**, Presentation, *Of American Fragility*, Section on International Human Rights: New Voices in International Human Rights, Jan. 8, 2021.
20. **Coalition of Urban & Metropolitan Universities: Learning & Sharing Series**, Presentation, [*Defining the New Urban Commons: Food Security and Urban Land-Use*](#), December 3, 2020 (virtual) (with Sabine O'Hara).
19. **Columbia Journal of Race and Law**, 10th Annual Symposium: How the Law Underdeveloped Racial Minorities in the United States, Panel Presentation, [*How Contract Law Underdeveloped Black America*](#), November 20, 2020.
18. **The Washington and Lee Journal of Civil Rights and Social Justice**, Symposium: Race and the Pandemic, Panel Presentation, *Stay*, October 29, 2020.

17. **2020 AALS Annual Meeting**, Presentation, Section on Agency, Partnership, LLC's and Unincorporated Associations, *Entity Selection in the 21st Century*, Washington, D.C., Jan. 2020.
16. **Loyola University New Orleans College of Law**, Presentation, *Brave New World: A Dystopian Retrospective on Life Without Law Clinics*, Southern Clinical Conference, Oct. 2019 (with Eric Amarante, Christine Cerniglia, Anna Cominsky, Brian Krumm, Hiroko Kusuda)
15. **2019 IILWG/Grunin Conference**, Moderator, *The Ethical Implications of Impact Bonds*, Grunin Center for Law and Social Entrepreneurship, NYU School of Law, June 4, 2019.
14. **2019 AALS Annual Clinical Conference**, Panel Presentation, *Rebellious Transactional Lawyering: Innovative Pedagogical Tools to Advance Economic Justice in a Time of Political Polarization*, San Francisco, CA, May 6, 2019 (with Paul Tremblay, Susan Jones, Casey Faucon)
13. **American University Washington College of Law**, Panel Presentation, *Democracy & Activism through Scholarship, Teaching & Service*, 4th National People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, Mar. 21-24, 2019.
12. **2019 AALS Annual Meeting**, Discussant, *Building Bridges Between Theory and Practice: Incorporating Lawyering Skills into Doctrinal Courses*, New Orleans, LA, Jan. 5, 2019.
11. **2019 AALS Annual Meeting**, Panel Presentation, *Property, Capitalism, and Structural Inequality*, New Orleans, LA, Jan. 4, 2019.
10. **West Virginia University Law School**, Presentation, *Community Economic Development*, ClassCrits XI, Rising Together for Economic Hope, Power, and Justice, Nov. 2-3, 2018.
9. **University of Tennessee College of Law**, Panel Presentation, *Solidarity Economies*, The Urgency of Poverty, Tennessee Journal of Race, Gender & Social Justice, Oct. 25, 2018.
8. **University of South Carolina School of Law**, Panel Presentation, *Teaching Intersectional Lawyering in the Clinic Seminar: Pedagogical Tools to Strengthen Student Engagement with Marginalized Communities*, Southern Clinical Conference, Oct.19-20, 2018 (with Tameka Lester, Nakia Davis, Tianna Gibbs).
7. **SALT Teaching Conference**, Panel Presentation, *Teaching Intersectional Lawyering in the Clinic Seminar: Pedagogical Tools to Strengthen Student Engagement with Marginalized Communities*, Oct.19, 2018 (with Tameka Lester, Nakia Davis, Tianna Gibbs).
6. **American University Washington College of Law**, Panel Presentation, *Toward a Pentecostal Pedagogy: Transforming Legal Education with the Principles and Practices of Faith*, The Project for Spirituality, Law, and Politics, Oct.12, 2018 (with Jenna Cobb).
5. **ABA Forum on Affordable Housing and Community Development Annual Meeting**, Panel Moderator and Presentation, *CED Practice Clinic*, Washington, D.C., May 24, 2018.

4. **IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law**, Panel Presentation, *The Art of Counseling Entrepreneurs*, Transactional Clinical Conference, Chicago, IL, Apr. 28, 2018.
3. **American University Washington College of Law**, Presentation, *Beyond People, Beyond Place: Toward a Justice-Based Framework for Economic Development*, Poverty States: Federalism, Rights, and State Anti-Poverty Efforts Conference, Washington, D.C., Mar. 2018.
2. **2016 AALS Annual Clinical Conference**, Presentation, *Social and Economic Justice in Action: Community Collaboration and Engagement through an Action Research Project on Entrepreneurship for Returning Citizens*, Baltimore, MD, May 2, 2016 (with Susan Jones)
1. **University of Baltimore School of Law**, Presentation, *On Critical Race Theory, Design Thinking and the Future of Transactional Legal Education*, Annual Transactional Clinical Conference, Apr. 29, 2016.

Community Presentations & Workshops

57. Presentation, [*Crafting Solutions, Conclusions & Scholarly Impact: Law Review Launchpad*](#), **Justia Connect**, April 20, 2025 (virtual).
56. Presentation, [*Framing the Problem & Building Your Arguments: Law Review Launchpad*](#), **Justia Connect**, April 6, 2025 (virtual).
55. Presentation, [*From Research Idea to a Compelling Thesis: Law Review Launchpad*](#), **Justia Connect**, March 30, 2026 (virtual).
54. Panelist, [*The Role of Public Citizen and the Rule of Law*](#), **AALS**, December 3, 2025 (virtual).
53. Presentation, [*Becoming a Law Professor: What Aspiring Academics Need To Know*](#), **Justia Connect**, July 30, 2025 (virtual).
52. Presentation, [*Breaking Barriers, Building Belonging: Thriving in Law School as a First-Generation Student*](#), **Justia Connect**, June 25, 2025 (virtual).
51. Commentator, *Markets for Black Pain and Implications for Reform*, **Chicago-Kent College of Law, AALS Section on Race & Private Law**, May 24, 2025 (virtual).
50. Moderator, *By Understanding Reconstruction, You Understand the United States*, **ABA Section of Civil Rights and Social Justice and Center for Human Rights**, April 16, 2025 (virtual).
49. Panelist, [*The Importance of Teaching Reconstruction and the Law Today*](#), **ABA Section of Civil Rights and Social Justice and Center for Human Rights**, March 5, 2025 (virtual).
48. Guest Speaker, *The Spirit of Oligarchy in American Agriculture*, **Professor Molly Van Houweling's "Food Law & Policy" Seminar, UC Berkeley Law**, February 12, 2025.

47. Guest Lecturer, *The Spirit of Oligarchy in American Agriculture*, **UC Berkeley Law, Thelton E. Henderson Center for Social Justice & Berkeley Food Institute**, February 13, 2025.
46. Moderator, [*Reconstructing and Deconstructing the Constitution: A Conversation with Scholar and Author Aziz Rana*](#), **ABA Section of Civil Rights and Social Justice and Center for Human Rights**, February 5, 2025 (virtual).
45. Lecturer, *The Unfinished Struggle: Race, Capitalism, and Economic Justice in America*, **Center for Civil Rights and Social Justice, Emory Law School**, January 29, 2025.
44. Moderator, [*The Rise, Fall, and Renewal of Reconstruction: Lessons for Today and Tomorrow – An Introduction to Reconstructionism and Its Potential*](#), **ABA Section of Civil Rights and Social Justice and Center for Human Rights**, December 17, 2024 (virtual).
43. Presentation, Faculty Development Series, *The Purpose of Legal Education*, **University of Massachusetts School of Law**, December 6, 2024 (virtual).
42. Speaker, *Afrofuturism & the Law*, **Microsoft Corporation**, February 22, 2024 (virtual).
41. Keynote Speaker, *To Save a Wretch Like Me*, Celebrating the Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., **Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law**, February 8, 2024.
40. Guest Speaker, *Legal Education and Access to Justice*, **Professor Jasmine Harris’s “Access to Justice” Seminar, University of Pennsylvania Law School**, March 27, 2023 (virtual).
39. Guest Lecturer, *First Amendment, Fighting Words, and Protest*, **First Amendment Clinic, University of Georgia School of Law**, March 22, 2023 (virtual).
38. Panelist, [*Teaching First Generation Law Students*](#), **Harvard Law**, March 10, 2023 (virtual).
37. Speaker, *Afrofuturism & the Law*, **Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP**, February 21, 2023 (virtual).
36. Presentation, *Justice-Based Community Economic Development*, **American Bar Association, Commission of Homelessness & Poverty**, December 11, 2022 (virtual).
35. Speaker, [*Racial Capitalism & Food Insecurity in the United States*](#), **Institute for Racial Justice, Loyola University of Chicago School of Law**, November 8, 2022 (virtual).
34. Guest Lecturer, *On Liberty, Dignity, and Food Insecurity*, Seminar taught by Professor Benjamin Means, **University of South Carolina School of Law**, October 27, 2022.
33. Discussant, [*Afrofuturism and the Law*](#), **Centre for Ethics, University of Toronto & Center on Race, Law and Justice, Fordham Law School**, May 13, 2022 (virtual).
32. Guest Lecturer, *Discussing Critical Race Theory and “For Every Rat Killed”*, **Cardozo School of Law**, April 7, 2022 (virtual).

31. Keynote Speaker, [*The Debate on Critical Race Theory: What, Where, Why*](#), Anna Arnold Hedgeman Social Justice Symposium, **Hamline University**, April 6, 2022 (virtual).
30. Discussant, [*Critical Race Theory: Fact v. Fiction*](#), **Tompkins County Office of Human Rights**, March 29, 2022 (virtual) (with Cedric M. Powell).
29. Panelist, *Career Transitions: Practitioner Turned Professor*, Greater Washington Area Chapter, Women Lawyers Division, **National Bar Association**, March 22, 2022 (virtual).
28. Discussant, [*How to Help Students Understand Their Publicity Rights*](#), **The University of Mississippi School of Law**, A Series of Conversations on Name, Image, & Likeness and the Future of Intercollegiate Athletics, March 17, 2022 (virtual) (with Brian L. Frye).
27. Panelist, [*Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson and the United States Supreme Court*](#), **Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.**, Midwestern Region, March 13, 2022 (virtual).
26. Speaker, *The Message: Resisting Cultures of Poverty in Urban America*, Fight the Power: Law and Policy through Hip-Hop Songs Virtual Book Celebration, **William S. Boyd School of Law University of Nevada**, Las Vegas, March 12, 2022 (virtual).
25. Public Testimony, [*Critical Race Theory and Public Education in South Carolina*](#), Public Hearing on H. 4325, H. 4343, H. 4392, H. 4605, and H. 4799, **South Carolina House Education and Public Works Committee**, Columbia, S.C., March 8, 2022.
24. Panelist, [*Governing Conversations/Platform Governance: Equity & Accountability*](#), **Information Society Project, Yale Law School**, February 23, 2022 (virtual).
23. Panelist, [*Beyond Redlining: Black Lives Matter and Community Development*](#), Part Four, **ABA Section of Civil Rights and Social Justice**, February 18, 2022 (virtual).
22. Panelist, [*Race and Justice in America: From Ahmaud Arbery to Kyle Rittenhouse*](#), **Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. & Wake Forest University School of Law**, Nov. 29, 2021 (virtual).
21. Panel Discussant, *Beyond the Clinic: Exploring the Social Determinants of Health*, **Atrius Health, Race to Better Health, & MIT Hacking Racism**, October 29, 2021 (virtual).
20. Panelist, *Race and Contract Law*, **Marquette University Law School**, Oct. 22, 2021 (virtual).
19. Panelist, [*Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Legal Scholars on Critical Race Theory*](#), **Wake Forest University School of Law**, Sept. 11, 2021 (virtual).
18. Panelist, “A Pledge With Purpose” Book Celebration, **Wake Forest University School of Law**, September 25, 2021 (virtual).
17. Speaker, [*Black to The Future: A Conversation About Policing And The First Amendment*](#), **The Initiative for a Representative First Amendment, Harvard Law School**, June 17, 2021 (virtual).

16. Guest Lecturer, *First Amendment, Urban Development, and Hip-Hop Music*, **First Amendment Clinic, University of Georgia School of Law**, March 31, 2021 (virtual).
15. Panelist, *Health, Inequities, and the (Mis)Use of Data: A Fireside Chat with RBH*, **Apple & Race to Better Health**, March 11, 2021 (virtual).
14. Panelist, *Professors' Corner: Community Development After the Pandemic*, **The ABA Section of Real Property, Trust & Estate Law**, March 9, 2021 (virtual).
13. Panelist, [*Addressing Racial Uplift in the Context of Broader Historical and Political Dynamics*](#), **Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Black History Program**, Feb. 16, 2021 (virtual).
12. Panelist, *Critical Race Theory and Urban Farming*, **The Justice Initiative, Harvard Law School & Howard University Law School**, October 17, 2020 (virtual).
11. Guest Lecturer, *Social Determinants of Health: Food Access and Security*, **Public Health and the Law Seminar, University of Maryland School of Law**, October 14, 2020 (virtual).
10. Panelist, [*Take the Phirst Step: Law & Social Justice Panel*](#), **Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Rho Nu Chapter**, August 30, 2020 (virtual).
9. Panelist, [*Beyond Redlining: Black Lives Matter and Community Development, Part 3*](#), **ABA Section of Civil Rights and Social Justice**, July 22, 2020 (virtual).
8. Public Testimony, [*Public Hearing on B23-390, The Urban Farming Land Lease Amendment Act of 2019*](#), **Council of the D.C. Committee on Transportation & the Environment**, Washington, D.C., Nov.18, 2019.
7. Panelist, *America's Tense Partnership: Democracy and Capitalism*, **UDC Institute for Politics, Policy and History**, Nov. 7, 2019.
6. Research Presentation, *Surviving in The Desert: Opportunities and Challenges for Urban Farming in the District of Columbia*, **UDC CAUSES**, Oct. 25, 2019.
5. Plenary Panel Moderator, *From Chocolate City to Cappuccino City: The Historical, Legal and Cultural Implications of D.C.'s Housing Transformation*, **The Fair Housing Act @ 50: Renewing our Commitment to Housing Equity Conference, UDC Law**, Apr. 20, 2018.
4. Panelist, [*Data, Justice & Opportunities*](#), **Google**, Washington, D.C., Feb. 6, 2017.
3. Panelist, *Black Lives and Blue Lives*, **Q Commons: Engaging Our Divided Nation, National Community Church**, Washington, D.C., Oct. 13, 2016.
2. Keynote Speaker, *Fueling Transformation: Agents of Change at MIT*, **The 4th Annual MIT Multicultural Awards Banquet, MIT**, Cambridge, Massachusetts, May 11, 2016.

1. Public Testimony, *Public Hearing on B21-463, D.C. Incarceration to Incorporation Entrepreneurship Program Act of 2015*, **Council of the District of Columbia Committee on Business, Consumer, and Regulatory Affairs**, Washington, D.C., Jan. 28, 2016

Media Interviews

12. Podcast, [On Afrofuturism, Agriculture, Law and Grace](#), **Race Matters with Edward Carson and Jeff Baker**, March 25, 2026.
11. Podcast, [Afrofuturism + the Future of Work](#), **Future-Ready Fridays with Raven Solomon**, February 20, 2026.
10. Podcast, [On the Cultivation of Black Letter Law](#), **Columbia Law Review**, 2025.
9. Podcast, [Constitutional Right to Be Free From Food Insecurity](#), **Legal Tenzer**, Sept. 28, 2023.
8. Podcast, [The Purpose of Legal Education](#), **California Law Review**, March 14, 2023.
7. Podcast, [Never Silence Your Voice](#), **Conversate with Akeem D. Earle**, November 30, 2022.
6. Podcast, [Blackness as Fighting Words](#), **Ipse Dixit Podcast hosted by Professor Maybell Romero**, April 6, 2021.
5. Podcast, [On Justice and Community Economic Development](#), **Ipse Dixit Podcast hosted by Professor Brian L. Frye**, November 13, 2020.
4. Interview, [Food Policy in Washington, D.C., Part 2](#), **UDC-TV**, July 13, 2020.
3. Interview, [Food Access & Security in Washington, D.C., Part 1](#), **UDC-TV**, July 13, 2020.
2. Interview, [Food Insecurity in Washington, D.C.](#), **UDC-TV**, Nov. 21, 2019.
1. Interview, [“Sound Advice” Interview with Professor Shelley Broderick](#), **UDC-TV**, Oct. 2017.

Media Mentions

3. Scott Cummings, [A Critical Approach To Legal Pedagogy](#), **JOTWELL**, February 1, 2023 (reviewing Etienne C. Toussaint, *The Miseducation of Public Citizens*, 29 Geo. J. Pov. L. & Pol’y 287 (2022)).
2. Rob Schaller, [Professor leads campaign in support of Supreme Court nominee](#), **University of South Carolina School of Law**, March 18, 2022.
1. Marc-Tizoc González, [Visibly Fragile America](#), **JOTWELL**, January 4, 2021 (reviewing Etienne C. Toussaint, *Of American Fragility: Public Rituals, Human Rights, and The End of Invisible Man*, 52 Colum. Hum. Rts. L. Rev. 826 (2021)).

AWARDS & HONORS

- 2026 USC Educational Foundation Research Award for Professional Schools**, part of the University of South Carolina's Russell Research Awards, which is the university's most prestigious recognition for research and scholarship, Columbia, S.C., March 20, 2026.
- 2026 Keynote Speaker**, *Walls and Bridges*, Regis High School Career Day, New York, NY, March 10, 2026.
- 2025 Keynote Speaker**, Plenary Session, 2025 Twenty-Seventh Annual Conference, Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities, Washington, D.C., June 17, 2025.
- 2025 Eboni S. Nelson Faculty Member of the Year**, University of South Carolina, Joseph F. Rice School of Law, Matthew J. Perry Black Law Students Association, March 6, 2025
- 2024 40 Under 40 Award**, National Bar Association, July 13, 2024
- 2024 Keynote Speaker**, *To Save a Wretch Like Me*, Celebrating the Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law, February 8, 2024
- 2023 Fellow**, American Bar Foundation (elected)
- 2023 Harvard/Stanford/Yale Junior Faculty Forum**, Presenter, Yale Law School
- 2023 Faculty Diversity Leadership Award**, University of South Carolina, School of Law
- 2023 Faculty Scholarship Award**, University of South Carolina, School of Law
- 2022 Faculty Service Award**, University of South Carolina, School of Law
- 2022 Keynote Speaker**, *The Miseducation of Public Citizens*, The Georgetown Journal of Poverty Law & Policy, 2022 Symposium: Community Poverty and the University, April 1, 2022
- 2022 Keynote Speaker**, *The Debate on Critical Race Theory: What, Where, Why*, Anna Arnold Hedgeman Social Justice Symposium, Hamline University, April 6, 2022
- 2022 Keynote Speaker**, University of South Carolina, Joseph F. Rice School of Law, Matthew J. Perry Black Law Students Association Banquet, April 2022
- 2022 Junior Great Teacher Award**, Society of American Law Teachers
- 2021 Stegner Center Young Scholar**, Wallace Stegner Center for Land, Resources & the Environment, The University of Utah, S.J. Quinney College of Law
- 2021 Recognition for Service & Scholarship**, Black Law Students Association, David A. Clarke School of Law, University of the District of Columbia

- 2019 Great Dome Award**, presented to Black Alumni of MIT (BAMIT) Capstone Committee for distinguished service to Association of Alumni and Alumnae of MIT, Sept. 27, 2019
- 2018 Outstanding Neophyte Law Professor Award**, Student Bar Association, David A. Clarke School of Law, University of the District of Columbia, Mar. 28, 2018
- 2016 Keynote Speaker**, *Fueling Transformation: Agents of Change at MIT*, The 4th Annual MIT Multicultural Awards Banquet, MIT, Cambridge, Massachusetts, May 11, 2016

INTERNAL SERVICE

University of South Carolina School of Law, Faculty Committees

- *Member*, Faculty Senate: Fall 2025 to Present
- *Member*, Curriculum Committee: Fall 2025 to Present
- Faculty 1L Advisor – Fall 2025 to Present
- Faculty 1L Advisor – Fall 2024 to Spring 2025
- Faculty Advisor for BLSA – Fall 2024 to Present
- *Member*, Library & Technology Committee: Fall 2024 to Spring 2025
- *Member*, Faculty Appointments Committee: Fall 2023 – Spring 2024
- *Member*, Faculty Advisory Committee: Fall 2022 – Spring 2023
- *Member*, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee: Fall 2021– Spring 2022

University of South Carolina School of Law, Student Legal Research Advising

In Progress

- Denise Strickland, *Aphasia and Legal Access* (Fall 2025 --)
- Virginia Nickles-Osborne, *Constitutional Issues of Gender Affirming Care for Minors* (Fall 2025 --)

Completed

- Alyssa Chapin, *Colonial Constitutionalism: The Founding Document's Commitment to Colonization and Revolutionary Visions* (Fall 2025)
- Kelly Simmons, *Viewing the American Plea-Bargaining System through a Human Dignity Lens* (Spring 2025)
- Vanessa Rodrigues, *Let the People Dance* (Spring 2025)
- Joseph McNeila, *Issues With Access To Public Transportation In The Midlands: How The Comet's Policies Marginalize Columbia's Low-Income Population* (Fall 2023)
- LaBarron Sledge, *The Not So Minor Setback's on Literature and Minority Culture Awareness: Evolving Times Calls for Evolving Measures* (Fall 2023)

University of South Carolina School of Law, Law School Events & Activities

- Moderator, Mellon Grant Capstone Conference: Civic Engagement and the Constitutional Order, April 14, 2026

- Planning Chair, *2026 Annual Celebration of the Life and Legacy of Dr. MLK*
- Presenter, *Preparing for Final Exams*, USC BLSA, October 29, 2025
- Panelist, *Empowering Communities through Farming*, USC Rice School of Law Family and Small Business Program, March 27, 2025.
- Judge, *Pro Bono's Annual Chili Cook Off*, Feb. 25, 2025
- Planning Chair, [2025 Annual Celebration of the Life and Legacy of Dr. MLK](#)
- Panelist, *Conversation with Law Faculty*, USC BLSA, Sept. 17, 2024
- Discussion Moderator, *2024 USC MLK Commemorative Breakfast*, Jan. 12, 2024
- Planning Chair, [2024 Annual Celebration of the Life and Legacy of Dr. MLK](#)
- Panelist, *Conversation with Law Faculty, Minority Pre-Law Summit*, Nov. 4, 2023
- Judge, *Annual Pro Bono Hunger is Not a Crock-Pot Benefit*, Oct. 30, 2023
- Planning Chair, [2023 Inaugural Celebration of the Life and Legacy of Dr. MLK](#)
- Panelist, *The World of Lawyer-Leaders*, USC Law Orientation, Aug. 2022
- Co-Moderator, *USC BLSA Book Club, "Invisible No More"*, Spring 2022
- Keynote Speaker, *USC BLSA Spring 2022 Banquet*, Apr. 2022
- Moderator, *USC BLSA Spring 2022 Symposium: The Great Debate*, Apr. 2022

UDC, David A. Clarke School of Law, Faculty Committees & Student Advising

- Faculty Advisor, UDC Black Law Students Association, 2019– 2021
- *Member*, Curriculum Committee: 2017-2018; 2019-2020; Fall 2020
- *Member*, Clinical Affairs Committee: 2018-2019 (*Co-Chair*, Spring 2019); Spring 2021
- *Member*, Appointments Committee: 2019-2020 (*Co-Chair*, Fall 2019)
- *Member*, Admissions, Retention, and Financial Aid Committee: 2018– 2019
- *Member*, Bar Review Task Force: 2017-2018

UDC, David A. Clarke School of Law, Law School Events & Activities

- Moderator, *BLSA Book Club Reading Baldwin & Coates*, UDC BLSA, Spring 2021
- Panelist, *Finals? Interning? Clerking? Make It Make Sense!!*, UDC SBA, Nov 18, 2020
- Speaker, *Finals Prep Workshop*, UDC APALSA & LLSA, Nov 11, 2020
- Panelist, *Lawyering Practice: Client Interviewing Panel*, Jan. 8, 2020
- Moderator, *Pathways to Practice: Transactional Law Careers Panel*, Apr. 18, 2019

EXTERNAL SERVICE

Legal Academia

- 2025-Present *Board Member, President*, The John Mercer Langston Group, Inc.
- 2024-Present *Executive Committee Member & Officer (Chair)*, AALS Minority Section
- 2025-Present *Executive Committee Member*, AALS Agriculture and Food Law Section
- 2024-2026 *Chair*, Michael A. Olivas Award Nominating Committee, AALS
- 2022-2025 *Executive Committee Member*, AALS Business Associations Section
- 2022-2025 *Board Member, Vice President*, The John Mercer Langston Group, Inc.
- 2023-2024 *Executive Committee Member & Officer (Secretary)*, AALS Minority Section
- 2022-2024 *Executive Committee Member*, AALS Professional Responsibility Section
- 2020-2021 *Co-Chair*, AALS Clinical Section, Annual Meeting Planning Committee

June 2020 *Small Group Facilitator, CLEA New Clinicians Conference*

Legal Profession

2022-Present *Member, ABA Dignity Rights Initiative, ABA Center for Human Rights*
2021-2023 *Member, ABA Commission on Homelessness and Poverty*
2020-2022 *Member, Pilot Project to establish International Monitoring Panels to Evaluate Trials in the United States (IMPETUS)*
2019-2021 *Board Member, Communications Co-Chair, Washington Council of Lawyers*
2017-2020 *National Advisory Board Member, National Black Law Students Association*

Non-Legal Profession

2015-2019 *Board Member, Communications Chair, Black Alumni of MIT (BAMIT)*
2015-2017 *Board Member, Two Rivers Charter School, Washington D.C.*
2015-2016 *Ministry Executive Board Member, Greater Mt. Calvary Holy Church, D.C.*

Community

2025-Present Founder & Writer, [“Freedom Papers” Personal Development Newsletter](#)
2024-Present Founder & Writer, [“The Tenure Track” Career Development Newsletter](#)
July 2024 Volunteer Judge, NAACP ACT-SO Conference
July 2022 Lecturer (virtual), Miami Law Summer Legal Academy
July 2022 Volunteer, NAACP ACT-SO Conference
2014-2020 Usher Ministry, Greater Mt. Calvary Holy Church, Washington D.C.
2014-2019 S.O.N.S Ministry, Greater Mt. Calvary Holy Church, Washington D.C.
2013-2015 BUILD D.C. (High school entrepreneurship/mentoring program)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Poverty & Race Research Action Council, Washington, D.C., 2014 – 2015

Law & Policy Fellow

Drafted policy briefs, regulatory comment letters and critical analysis of fair housing policy issues, both locally and nationally. Engaged coalitions of researchers, advocates, and practitioners to inform and support policymaking toward progressive law reform.

Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP, Washington, D.C., 2012 – 2014

Project Finance Associate

Reviewed, analyzed, negotiated, and drafted structured finance and loan agreements for international energy and infrastructure projects in emerging markets. Provided legal counsel to social enterprises, small businesses, and non-profits in Washington D.C.

MIT MOSTEC Program, Cambridge, MA, 2013 – 2016

Assistant Head Online Content Facilitator; Education Consultant

Mentored high school students in competitive online STEM education program at MIT. Developed and implemented a web-based college preparation and professional development curriculum while managing a teach of instructors/mentors.

MIT SEED Academy, Cambridge, MA, 2010 – 2012

Life Mastery Class Instructor; Educational Consultant

Lead teacher for life skills and college preparation course for 80 students during academic year. Developed and implemented a college preparation and professional development curriculum.

Harvard Law School, Transactional Law Clinic, Cambridge, MA, Fall 2011

Student Attorney

Researched and drafted report for a nonprofit environmental organization regarding potential risks and liability in acquiring title to a contaminated parcel of land for conservation purposes; provided legal counsel to various organizations on nonprofit entity formation, prepared entity formation documents, and drafted applications to the IRS for tax exemption status.

Harvard Law School, Human Rights Clinic, Cambridge, MA & Accra, Ghana, Fall 2010

Student Attorney

Alongside community-based advocates, documented human rights violations, researched community engagement with Ghana's national healthcare system, facilitated grassroots health education and empowerment workshops, and drafted proposed amendments to existing legislation and regulations.

Booz Allen Hamilton, Arlington, VA, 2008 – 2009

Strategy Consultant, Global Civil Group

Conducted research, strategic analysis, and consulting for government clients on environmental sustainability and climate change issues, both domestically and abroad.

U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., Summer 2005

Science & Technology Policy Fellow, Committee on Science, Space and Technology

Under Chief Minority Counsel, conducted research and crafted member briefings on relevant issues in the 2005 Energy Bill, the Transportation Authorization Act, and the NASA Authorization Act.

BAR LICENSE

New York, 2013 – Present

District of Columbia, 2014 – Present