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ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

West Virginia University College of Law, Morgantown, West Virginia
Associate Professor of Law, 2012 – Present
Deputy Director of the Clinical Law Program; Chair of the West Virginia Innocence Project

Creator and Director: LL.M. in Forensic Justice
University of Chicago-WVU Franklin D. Cleckley Fellowship

Courses: Criminal Procedure I, Post-Conviction Remedies, Innocence Clinic
Faculty Advisor: StreetLaw, ACLU Law School Chapter

University of Colorado Law School, Boulder, CO
Visiting Scholar, Spring 2015

University of Texas School of Law, Austin, TX
Big XII Faculty Fellow, October - November 2013

University of Mississippi School of Law, University, Mississippi
Senior Staff Attorney, Mississippi Innocence Project, 2009 – 2012
Adjunct Professor of Law, 2010 – 2012

Courses: Identity and Criminality, Civil Rights and Prisons, Innocence Clinic
Faculty Advisor: Reproductive Justice Dinner Club, Law Students for Reproductive Justice

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS

The Honorable Martha Craig Daughtrey, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
Law Clerk, 2007 – 2008

The Honorable Chief Judge James G. Carr, U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio
Law Clerk, 2006 – 2007

EDUCATION

University of Chicago Law School, J.D., 2006.

Staff Member, UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO LAW REVIEW
President, *ACLU Law School Chapter*
Co-Founder, *Student Advocates for Marriage Equality*
Student Lawyer, *Mandel Legal Aid Clinic, Juvenile and Criminal Justice Project*

Fellow, *University of Chicago Law School Stonewall Fellowship*
Fellow, *The Alfred B. Teton Civil and Human Rights Scholarship*
PIILS Public Interest Award 2004, 2005, 2006, *Top Student*

University of Chicago, the College, B.A., Anthropology, *with Honors*, 2002.

Richter Grant for Undergraduate Research, *Chicago Legal Aid for Incarcerated Mothers*
Metcalf Fellow, *Governor's Commission on the Status of Women in Illinois*

Advocate, 2000-2002, *Rape Victim Advocates of Chicago*
Dean's List, 1998-2002

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia, Washington, D.C.

Assistant U.S. Attorney, Washington, D.C. 2008 – 2009

- Represented the United States in criminal matters in the D.C. Superior Court
- First-chaired seventeen jury and bench trials

Miner, Barnhill, & Galland, PC, Chicago, IL

Summer Associate, Summer 2006

- Researched and wrote memos on qui tam cases and employment discrimination

American Civil Liberties Union Women's Rights Project, New York, NY

Legal Intern, Summer 2005

- Prepared legal responses to *Castle Rock v. Gonzales*, for enforcement of orders of protection
- Evaluated current laws on trafficking of women, mandatory arrest in immigrant communities, and public housing benefits for survivors of domestic violence

United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, Arusha, Tanzania

Legal Intern in the Office of the Prosecutor, Summer 2004

- Aided planning of ICTR Conference on Sexual Violence
- Analyzed trial evidence of sexual violence and wrote memos connecting it to indictments

Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, Chicago, IL

Legal Extern for Project to Combat Bias Violence, Fall 2004

- Assisted with intake for potential clients; wrote summaries of client depositions
- Helped create pattern jury instructions for hate crimes in Illinois civil court

Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, Midwest Office, Chicago, IL

Legal Intern, Winter 2004

- Wrote memos evaluating potential legal cases of LGBTQ discrimination

Lycée Fernand Darchicourt, Henin-Beaumont, France

Fullbright/ IIE Teacher, 2002-2003

Chicago Legal Advocacy for Incarcerated Mothers, Chicago, IL

Advocacy Intern, Fall 2001

- Prepared fact sheet on HIV/AIDS occurrence and primary care in female prisons
- Participated in GirlTalk, a mentoring program for girls in the Detention Center

Governor's Commission on the Status of Women in Illinois, Chicago, IL

University of Chicago Metcalf Fellow, Summer 2001

- Initiated and developed state-wide program concerning violence against girls
- Analyzed the Illinois Gender Violence Act

AWARDS AND HONORS

Appointed to the *University of Chicago Law School Visiting Committee* (2014).

Appointed to the *University of Chicago Law School Public Interest Advisory Board* (2014).

Elected as a *board member of the Innocence Network* (2014).

Appointed to Governor Earl Ray Tomblin's *West Virginia Indigent Defense Commission* (2014).

One of six faculty members selected to represent West Virginia University as a *Big XII Faculty Fellow* (2013-2014).

Received *WVU Faculty Senate Travel Grant* to present book chapter at MAPOC (January 2014).

Received *WVU Faculty Senate Travel Grant* to present at "The Taslitz Galaxy" (September 2014).

BLSA Faculty Member of the Year, University of Mississippi College of Law (2011-2012).

SCHOLARSHIP

Judicial Clemency (work-in-progress).

Clemency and Innocence (work-in-progress).

Book Review: Identifying the Culprit, Assessing Eyewitness Identification (work-in-progress).

Expungement Law in West Virginia, __ W. VA. L. REV. __ (forthcoming 2015) (co-author Judge Michael Alo).

Introduction to The New Color Lines: What Will It Mean to Be An American, __ W. VA. L. REV. __ (symposium edition for Mid-Atlantic People of Color Conference, forthcoming 2015) (co-author Atiba Ellis).

Protecting West Virginia's Innocent, THE WEST VIRGINIA LAWYER (Dec. 2013) (co-author Ifeoma Ike).

Risk and Execution: The Local Impact of Capital Cases on Mississippi Counties, 82 MISS. L. J. 133 (2013).

Criminal Justice and Corpulence: Weight Bias in the Courtroom, 11 SEATTLE J. OF SOC. JUST. 523 (2013).

The Case of Trayvon Martin and the Need for Eyewitness Identification Reform, 90 DENVER U. L. REV. 331 (2012).

Ethics and Economics: The Death Penalty in Mississippi, 81 MISS. L. J. 1437 (2012).

Mississippi Initiative 26: Personhood and the Criminalization of Intentional and Unintentional Acts by Pregnant Women, 81 MISS. L. J. SUPRA 55 (2011), <http://mslj.law.olemiss.edu/supra/index.html>.

Reframing Asylum Standards for Mutilated Women, 11 J. GENDER RACE & JUST. 239 (2008).

SELECTED CASES, LEGISLATION, AND AMICUS BRIEFS

Legislation

West Virginia Senate Bill 200, established best practices police protocols for interviewing eyewitnesses (enacted 2013).

Mississippi House Bill 922/Senate Bill 2435, created an apolitical board to oversee the Mississippi State Medical Examiner's Office, established the State Medical Examiner as a University of Mississippi Medical School Faculty Member (enacted 2011).

Mississippi House Bill 1466, required state pathologists to be board certified (enacted 2010).

Sample Appellate Cases

Joseph Lavigne v. Plumley, 3:13-cv-29691 (S.D.W.V.) (federal pleading after petitioner's conviction was reversed in a habeas hearing and then reinstated by the WV Supreme Court)
Joseph Osborne v. State of Mississippi, 2012 M 01845 (one of six joint pleadings alleging forensic fraud by Dr. Steven Hayne)
Willie Pittman v. State of Mississippi, 2012 M 00780 (evidentiary hearing granted on newly discovered evidence of innocence)
Leigh Stubbs, Tammy Vance v. State of Mississippi, 2011 M 00492, 2011 M 00398 (new trial granted in sexual assault case based on Brady violation and fraudulent bite mark evidence)
Sherrod Davis v. State of Mississippi, 2010 M 01401 (post-conviction motion for DNA testing granted)
Christopher Brandon v. State of Mississippi, 2009 KA 01761 COA (direct appeal petition based on forensic fraud in Shaken Baby Syndrome case denied; post-conviction still pending)

Amicus Briefs

Melanie Ross v. Daniel Day, S08C1295, *Amicus Curaie*, Students Active For Ending Rape (SAFER), Inc. (Georgia 2008).
Rumsfeld v. Forum for Academic and Institutional Rights, 2004 U.S. Briefs 1152, *Amici Curaie*, Natl. Lesbian and Gay Law Association and Law Student Associations (2004).

SELECTED MEDIA WORK

After Ferguson: What can we do?, CHARLESTON GAZETTE (Nov. 30, 2014)

Interview: False Confessions and Recording Police Interrogations, Guest, WCHS radio show "Ask the Expert", (January 30, 2014)
http://stationcaster.com/player_skinned.php?s=88&c=815&f=2373463.

Interview: False Confessions, Guest, PBS television show "The Law Works," (September 27, 2013)

Interview: Eyewitness Identification Reform, Guest, PBS television show "The Law Works," (February 21, 2013)

Buffey Case Shows W.V.a. Must Record Police Interrogations, CHARLESTON GAZETTE (Dec. 20, 2012)
<http://www.wvinnocenceproject.law.wvu.edu/r/download/152604>

Interview: The West Virginia Innocence Project, Guest, PBS television show "The Law Works," (December 7, 2012)

The Cost of Death, JACKSON FREE PRESS (July 14, 2010)
http://www.jacksonfreepress.com/index.php/site/comments/beety_the_cost_of_death_071410/

Georgia Rape Case Dismissed Because of Victim's Sexual History? FEMINISTING (May 15, 2008)
http://feministing.com/2008/05/15/georgia_rape_case_dismissed_be/

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Could Ferguson/NYC/Cleveland Happen Here?, invited moderator for open forum, **West Virginia University College of Law**, Morgantown, West Virginia, December 9, 2014.

Implicit Racial Bias and Policing, presentation at **WVU Race Symposium: Discussion of the Events in Ferguson, Missouri**, Morgantown, West Virginia, November 18, 2014.

Andrew Taslitz and the Innocence Revolution, presentation at **The Taslitz Galaxy: A Gathering of Scholars at Howard University School of Law**, Washington, D.C., September 19, 2014.

Shaken Baby Syndrome: A Model for Cross-Fertilization, **AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education**, Chicago, Illinois, April 30, 2014.

Judicial Clemency, paper presentation at the **University of Minnesota Robina Institute of Criminal Law & Criminal Justice Workshop**, Minneapolis, Minnesota, April 25, 2014.

How to Start an Innocence Effort, invited panel presentation at **Innocence Network Conference**, Portland, Oregon, April 11, 2014.

Criminal Justice and Prison Reform in West Virginia, invited presentation at **West Virginia University Conference on Educational Justice and West Virginia Prisons**, Morgantown, West Virginia, April 5, 2014.

Trayvon Martin, Violence, and Implicit Racial Bias, paper presented at the **Mid-Atlantic People of Color Conference**, University of Baltimore, Baltimore, Maryland, January 24, 2014.

Judicial Clemency in West Virginia and Texas, paper presented at **University of Texas Law School Faculty Colloquium**, Austin, Texas, November 7, 2013.

Judicial Clemency in West Virginia and Texas, paper presented at **West Virginia University College of Law Faculty Colloquium**, Morgantown, West Virginia, October 22, 2013.

Clemency and Criminal Justice, paper presented at the **University of Virginia Law School Criminal Justice Roundtable**, Charlottesville, Virginia, June 3, 2013.

Clemency and Criminal Justice, paper presented at the **AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education**, San Juan, Puerto Rico, May 1, 2013.

NAS Report and the Path Forward: Four Years Later, invited panel presentation at **Innocence Network Conference**, Charlotte, North Carolina, April 20, 2013.

The Trayvon Martin Case: A Discussion, invited speaker, **University of Mississippi School of Law**, Oxford, Mississippi, April 10, 2012.

Eyewitness Identification: Enhancing Law Enforcement's Ability to Ensure Accurate Convictions, Panel Moderator and Organizer, **Mississippi Association of Chiefs of Police Winter Conference**, Oxford, Mississippi, Dec. 15, 2011.

Challenging Forensic Evidence and Experts, lecture presented to **Mississippi Public Defenders Conference**, Choctaw, Mississippi, October 26, 2011.

Using Strategies of Deceit in Innocence Work, paper presented at the **AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education**, Seattle, Washington, June 16, 2011.

Fatism and Criminal Justice: Examining Bias Against Defendants, paper presented at the **Law & Society Annual Meeting**, San Francisco, California, June 3, 2011.

Sexual Violence & the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, Guest Lecturer, **University of Mississippi Honors College**, International Conflict Course (Prof. Megan Shannon, instructor), University, Mississippi, April 25, 2011.

Forum on Mississippi's Current Medical Examiner Office, Forum Organizer, **University of Mississippi Medical Center**, Jackson, Mississippi, November 4, 2010.

Sexual Violence and Human Rights Law, Guest Presenter, **Citizens for Global Solutions Mid-South Annual Meeting**, Oxford, Mississippi, April 29, 2010.

The International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda: Shaping International Law, Guest Lecturer, **University of Mississippi Honors College**, Introduction to International Law Course (Prof. Megan Shannon, instructor) University, Mississippi, April 28, 2010.

Stopping Dating Violence: Strategies on Campus and in Courts, Invited Campus Speaker, **Slippery Rock University**, Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania, November 19, 2009.

Addressing Dating Violence on Campus, Facilitator of Faculty Discussion, **Slippery Rock University**, Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania, November 18, 2009.

The Moratorium on the Death Penalty in Illinois, Facilitator for event with speaker Governor George Ryan, **University of Chicago Law School**, Chicago, Illinois, November 25, 2004.

SERVICE

Board Member, Innocence Network, 2014–present.

Director, Forensic Justice LL.M. Program, 2014–present.

Chair, University of Chicago-WVU Franklin D. Cleckley Fellowship, 2012–present.

Member, Organizing Committee for 2015 Mid-Atlantic People of Color Conference, 2014–2015.

Chair, Subcommittee on Creation of Forensic Justice LL.M., 2013–2014.

Member, Academic Planning Committee, 2013–2014.

Member, Faculty Development Committee, 2013–2014.

Invited Reviewer, BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES & THE LAW, October 2013.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Bar Admissions: Southern District of West Virginia (2013), West Virginia (2012), Mississippi (2010), Washington D.C. (2009), Illinois (2008), New York (2007).