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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Texas A&M School of Law, Fort Worth TX

Associate Professor and Director, Criminal Defense Clinic, September 2017 – present

Courses Taught: Criminal Defense Clinic Seminar, Criminal Law, Advanced Clinic Seminar.

Criminal Defense Clinic: Developed clinic focused on the impacts of over-criminalization. Students work with clients affected by municipal legal regulation and litigate municipal criminal law matters. The clinic also collaborates on advocacy projects developed with local justice advocates. Clinic students represented and worked with national clemency advocates on behalf of a client in a successful grant of federal clemency. The clinic has secured release for individuals seeking compassionate release from prison during the COVID-19 pandemic, including a person sentenced to life in prison for a first-time drug offense.

Widener University Delaware Law School, Wilmington, DE

Visiting Assistant Professor and Director, Veterans Law Clinic, July 2015 – June 2017

Courses Taught: Criminal Procedure I, Veterans Law Clinic Seminar.

Veterans Law Clinic: Directed law clinic, working with students and four staff attorneys to address the needs of local veterans, ranging from appealing denied disability benefits to criminal record expunctions.

The Community Justice Project, Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, DC

Clinical Teaching Fellow and Supervising Attorney, July 2013 – July 2015

Courses Taught: Co-teacher in Community Justice Project clinic, Externship Classes, and First-year Clinical Teaching Fellows' seminar.

EDUCATION

Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, DC

Master of Laws (Advocacy) with distinction, October 2015

New York University School of Law, New York, New York

Juris Doctor, May 2006

Honors: Dean's Award Scholarship; Ann Petluck Poses Memorial Prize (outstanding work in a clinical course)

Activities: National Lawyers Guild; Black Law Students' Association; Clinics: Community Defender Clinic, Comparative Criminal Defense Clinic

Columbia University, New York, New York

Bachelor of Arts, History, May 2002

Honors: John F. Kluge Scholar; Kluge Research Grant Recipient

PUBLICATIONS

Design Justice and Municipal Criminal Law, __ N.M. L. REV. __ (forthcoming, Spring 2021)

Boynton v. Virginia *and the Anxieties of the Modern African-American Consumer*, STETSON L. REV. (Fall 2019).

Centering Women in Prisoners' Rights Litigation, 25 MICH. J. GENDER & L. 109 (2018).

Developing a Pedagogy of Beneficiary Accountability in the Representation of Social Justice Non-Profit Organizations, 45 SW. L. REV. 825 (2016) (with Daria Fisher Page).

#SayHerName Captured: Updates on Use of Video in Challenging Law Enforcement Violence Against Women, ABA, THE STATE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE 2016, Ch. 10 (2016).

Beyond the Visiting Room: A Defense Counsel Challenge to Conditions in Pretrial Confinement, 14 CARDOZO PUB. L. POL'Y & ETHICS J. 1 (2015).

Changing Punishments for Property Offenses, to Change the Lives of Women in Need, ABA, THE STATE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE 2015, Ch. 12 (2015).

A Free Start: Community-based Organizations as Antidote to the Mass Incarceration of Women Pretrial, 21 HASTINGS WOMEN'S L.J. 51 (2015).

SELECTED ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

State Your Case: The Influence of State Court Decisions, Tribal Courts, and State and Local Level Reforms on Criminal Practice (Criminal Justice Roundtable) (Presenter), Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, virtual (August 2020).

Beyond "Cultural Competency" (Presenter) & New Clinicians of Color (Panelist), AALS/CLEA Conference on Clinical Legal Education, virtual (July 2020).

Rio Grande Valley Legal Needs Assessment: Preliminary Results (Presenter), TAMU Health Sciences, McAllen, Texas (March 2020).

Forging Clinic Collaborations with Non-Legal Partners: How Working Alongside Non-Lawyers Advances Student Learning (Panelist), AALS Annual Conference on Clinical Legal Education, San Francisco, CA (May 2019).

Conversations on the Warren Court's Impact on Criminal Justice (Presenter), Stetson Law Review Symposium, Tampa, Florida (April 2019).

Centering Women in Prisoners' Rights Litigation (Keynote), Texas A&M University Women's Research on Women, College Station, Texas (March 2019).

Criminalization of Poverty and Extraction of Wealth from Communities of Color (Panelist), National People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, American University, Washington, DC (March 2019).

Borrowing from Participatory Design to Enhance Collaborative Lawyering, Southern Clinical Law Conference, University of South Carolina (October 2018).

Conversations on the Warren Court's Impact on Criminal Justice (Criminal Justice Roundtable) (Presenter) & New Scholars Panel, Participatory Design of Municipal Courts (Presenter), Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, Fort Lauderdale, FL (August 2018).

Committing To Change: Building Intentional Uncertainty and Fluidity Into Clinic Design (Panelist), AALS Annual Conference on Clinical Legal Education, Chicago, IL (April 2018).

A Trifold View of the Cost of Misdemeanor Charges (Panelist), American University Washington College of Law's Economic Justice Program Poverty Law Conference, Washington, D.C. (March 2018).

Narrative of a Freed Litigious Woman (Presenter), Lutie Lytle Conference, University of Michigan School of Law (July 2017).

Women's Agency and Resistance (Panelist), Feminist Legal Theory Conference, University of Baltimore School of Law (March 2017).

Narrative of a Freed Litigious Woman, Mid-Atlantic People of Color Conference, George Washington University School of Law (January 2017).

Visual Advocacy in 21st Century Community Lawyering: Teaching and Using Documentaries, Photographs, and Mapping Technologies to Advance Social Justice Agendas (Panelist), Society of American Law Teachers (SALT) Teaching Conference, The John Marshall Law School (October 2016).

AALS Hot Topic Program - Beyond Cellphone Evidence: Video Advocacy in Criminal Proceedings (Presenter), AALS Annual Meeting, New York, NY (January 2016).

Building with Power: Developing a Pedagogy of Community (Beneficiary) Accountability in the Representation of Social Justice Non-Profit Organizations (Presenter), ClassCrits VIII, University of Tennessee College of Law (October 2015).

Challenges to Doing or Teaching the Production of Visual Work in Law Schools (Panelist), Production of Visual Advocacy and Scholarship Working Group, University of Pennsylvania School of Law (October 2014).

Teaching Lawyering Values (Roundtable), SALT: Legal Education in a Time of Change, University of Nevada William S. Boyd School of Law (October 2014).

SELECTED NON-ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

New Policies to Support the Protests: Breaking Down the Budget (Panelist), hosted by Dallas arts coalition, virtual (July 2020).

Know Your Rights for Protestors (Panelist), hosted by Texas State Rep. Lorraine Birabil, virtual (July 2020).

Dallas Urban Futures Series (Speaker), University of Texas, Dallas (September 2019).

How Looks Influence Courtroom Bias (Presenter), Grayson County Bar Association CLE, Texas (April 2019).

Mitigation on Non-Capital Criminal Cases (Presenter), Aggie Bar Association CLE, San Antonio, Texas (April 2018)

A Social Justice Veterans Day (Presenter), Graterford State Correctional Institution, Graterford, PA (November 2015).

Criminal Record Expungements for Job-seekers (Presenter), Union League Veterans Career Seminar Day, Philadelphia, PA (September 2015).

Gideon's Heroes, Brennan Center for Justice Community-Oriented Defender Network Conference (August 2013) (*Presenter*; screened video oral history, *All That I Still Believe In: Segments from an Oral History, Weldon Brewer and the Legal Aid Strike of 1982*).

Manhattan Criminal Court Practice, Sullivan and Cromwell LLP (June 2012).

Stop and Frisk Forum (Panelist), hosted by New York Assembly Member Jeffrion Aubry, Elmhurst, New York (April 2012).

MEDIA

Panelists Call for Changes to Dallas' Police Budget, DALLAS NEWS OBSERVER, July 17, 2020.

Odessan Receives Clemency after 12 years in Prison, MIDLANDS REPORTER-TELEGRAM, February 23, 2020.

Trump Grants Clemency to McKinney Construction Firm Founder and West Texas Mother of Two, DALLAS MORNING NEWS, February 18, 2020.

Mistake or Murder? Trial Opens of Ex-Dallas Officer who Killed Neighbor in His Own Home, NBCNEWS.COM, September 22, 2019.

State Law Criminalizing Unsolicited Lewd Photos Takes Effect, THE BATTALION, September 8, 2019.

West Texas Woman Submits Petition to President Trump for Sentence Reduction, MIDLANDS REPORTER-TELEGRAM and CBS7.com, June 4, 2019.

Law Professors Discuss What to Expect if Officer's Shooting Case Goes to Trial, MIDLANDS REPORTER-TIMES, March 7, 2019.

Hopeless to Hopeful, FORT WORTH WEEKLY, January 16, 2019.

Why the Dallas Officer who Killed her Neighbor Might Have Trouble with a 'Deadly Force' Defense, WASHINGTON POST, September 13, 2018.

Are Face Tattoos a Mark that can Cause a Jury to Prejudge a Defendant in Court Cases? CORPUS CHRISTI CALLER-TIMES, March 8, 2018.

Quoted in *How Looks can Influence Courtroom Bias*, VOX, October 31, 2018.

WDEL News Radio (interview on uprising at Vaughn Correctional Facility), February 3, 2017.

Dover Man Trying to Free ISIS Captives Faced Ordeal, THE NEWS JOURNAL (Delaware), May 17, 2016.

WDEL News Radio (interview on police dashboard camera video and Dover police assault trial), December 1, 2015.

LEGAL PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

The International Legal Foundation, Ramallah, West Bank-Palestine, *Kathryn Wadia Fellow*,

August - November 2012

Developed and led training programs for public defense attorneys in the West Bank-Palestine.

Supervised and developed litigation strategies with attorneys.

Neighborhood Defender Service of Harlem, New York, New York, *Staff Attorney*

February 2008 - July 2012

Served as lead defense counsel in felony and misdemeanor jury trials in New York Supreme Court and New York Criminal Court. Litigated constitutionality of searches, arrests, interrogations, and identifications at pre-trial suppression hearings. Worked with clients and families in preserving their rights through pre-arrest representation. Assisted in representation on related, non-criminal legal matters, such as eviction defense.

Federal Defenders of San Diego, Inc., San Diego, California, *Trial Attorney*

October 2006 - February 2008

Defended indigent clients charged in federal court with felonies (e.g., re-entering the country after deportation, assisting others in entering the country without permission, and transporting illegal substances) in jury trials; Conducted investigations for cases in Southern California and Northern Mexico.

BPI Chicago, Chicago, Illinois, *Legal Intern*, Summer 2005.

United Nations Environment Programme, Nairobi, Kenya, *Policy Intern*, Summer 2004.

LAW SCHOOL SERVICE

Faculty Development Committee (current); Admissions Committee (current); Public Interest Law working group, ad hoc; Criminal Law Society, advisor (current); 1L Advisor; Law School Student Conduct Panel.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

DFW National Lawyers Guild, Mass Defense Committee Co-Chair (2020-present); P.E.P. Steering Committee, 2019- present (Texas Criminal Justice Coalition campaign addressing school-to-prison pipeline); Black Public Defender Association, Law School Committee (2019-present); Delaware SMART Grant on Juvenile Justice, Post-Conviction Working Group (2016-2017).

BAR ADMISSIONS

California (inactive) (2006); New York (2008); District of Columbia (2013); Texas (2018).

ADDITIONAL LEGAL TRAINING

Gideon's Promise Public Defender Trainer's Training, Atlanta, Georgia (January 2018)

National Criminal Defense College Trial Practice Institute, Macon, Georgia (May 2009)

National Criminal Defense College Themes and Theories Training, Atlanta, Georgia (July 2009)