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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

CUNY School of Law, Long Island City, NY 2020-2022

Interim Director, Fulltime Lawyering Seminar Program (2021-2022)

Course: Lawyering Seminar

Adjunct Professor (2020-2021)

Courses: Lawyering Seminar; Supreme Court and the New Jim Crow (new course)

Baruch College, New York, NY 2019-2021

Adjunct Lecturer:

Courses: Evolution and Expression of Racism; Civil Rights Legislation and Litigation

Rockland Community College, Suffern, NY 2012

Interim Director of Forensics

EDUCATION

CUNY School of Law, Long Island City, NY

J.D., *magna cum laude*, May 2015

Honors:

Dave Fields Prize for Student Achievement and Leadership, Class of 2015

Charles H. Revson Public Interest Fellow, Summer 2013

Activities:

President, Moot Court – 2014-2015

Social Action Chair, Black Law Student Association – 2013-2014

Co-Facilitator, Luis DeGraffe Racial and Social Justice Orientation – Summer 2013

Baruch College, New York, NY

B.B.A., Entrepreneurship, *magna cum laude*, May 2012

SUNY Rockland Community College, Suffern, NY

A.S., Entrepreneurship, *magna cum laude*, December 2009

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

National Association for Public Defense (NAPD) 2021-Present

Course Creator, "Warrior Motion Practice"

Robert P. Patterson Mentorship Program, The Bronx Defenders 2017-2019

Mentor

Legal Aid Society , New York, NY <i>Staff Attorney, Community Justice Unit, 2019-2022</i> <i>Staff Attorney, Bronx Criminal Trial Office, 2015-2019</i>	2015-2022
Main Street Legal Services, CUNY School of Law , Long Island City, NY <i>Student Advocate, Defenders Clinic</i>	2014
New York County Defender Services , New York, NY <i>Legal Intern</i>	2014
Legal Aid Society , New York, NY <i>Legal Intern, Manhattan Criminal Trial Office, June-December 2014</i> <i>Legal Intern, Special Litigation Unit, August 2013-May 2014</i>	2013-2014
CUNY School of Law , Long Island City, NY <i>Teaching Assistant, Professor Stephen Loffredo, Fall 2014 (Constitutional Structures)</i> <i>Teaching Assistant, Professor Paula Berg, Spring 2014 (Torts)</i> <i>Research Assistant, Professor Babe Howell, 2013-2014</i> <i>Teaching Assistant, Dean Michelle Anderson, 2013 (Criminal Law)</i>	2013-2014
Department of Correction, Programs, Law Libraries , East Elmhurst <i>Legal Intern</i>	2013

PUBLICATIONS AND WORKS IN PROGRESS

Articles:

Reimagining Justice: People v. Charles and the Myth of Criminal Justice Without Police Accountability in New York City, New York University Journal of Law and Social Change (forthcoming 2022)

Breaking the Backbone of Unlimited Power: The Case for Abolishing Absolute Immunity for Prosecutors in Civil Rights Lawsuits, 73 Rutgers U. L. Rev. 1373 (2021)

Taylor v. Riojas: *Anatomy of a Supreme Court Intervention That Should Not Have Been Necessary*, 5 Nev. L.J. Forum 23 (2021)

When True Colors Come Out: Pretrial Reforms, Judicial Bias, and the Danger of Increased Discretion, 64 How. L.J. 83 (2020)

Law and Order Without Justice: A Case Study of Gravity Knife Legislation in New York City, 21 CUNY L. Rev. 177 (2018)

Miscellaneous Writings:

Juneteenth and the Struggle for Racial Equality, CUNY School of Law (Jun. 18, 2021)

Opinion: Fear Prevailed in the Crusade to Undo New York's Bail Reform, City Limits (Apr. 7, 2020)

Opinion: Cuomo is exploiting a pandemic to roll back bail reform, Brooklyn Eagle (Mar. 30, 2020)

PRESENTATIONS, PANELS, TRAININGS AND WORKSHOPS

Founder and Trainer, “Warrior Motion Practice” – National Association for Public Defense

- May 2022
- March 2022
- October 2021
- September 2021

Co-Creator and Co-Presenter, “BALA Anti-Racism Training” – Legal Aid Society (Mar. 1, 15-16, 22-23, 2021)

Co-Creator and Co-Presenter, “BALA Anti-Racism Training” – Legal Aid Society (Nov. 9, 16-17, 2021; Dec. 1-2, 2021)

Panelist, “Criminalizing Protest” – Formerly Incarcerated Law Students and Advocates Association (FILSAA) (Mar. 3, 2022)

Presenter, “Table Talk Episode 2: Importance of Studying as a Means of Racial Healing” – CUNY Law (Nov. 9, 2021)

Panelist, “Anti-Racism and the Law” – CUNY Law (Aug. 12, 2021)

Panelist, “Coping with the Language of the Law” – CUNY Law (Aug. 11, 2021)

Panelist, “BLM/Palestine Panel Discussion” – CUNY Law, Luis DeGraffe Racial and Social Justice Orientation (Jul. 28, 2021)

Presenter, “Warrior Motion Practice” – Black Public Defender Association Summer Conference: “Reckon & Rise” (Jun. 17, 2021)

Co-Presenter, “Prosecutors, Power and Racial Injustice: Building an Anti-Racist Prosecutorial System” – Rutgers Law School (Apr. 9, 2021)

Presenter, “Warrior Motion Practice” – National Public Defense Virtual Conference (Mar. 19, 2021)

Presenter, “Racism in Plea Bargaining” – ABA Criminal Justice Section Plea Bargaining Task Force (Sep. 25, 2020)

Panelist, “Embedded in the Law Panel Discussion: Deconstructing Race in A Legal Career” – Vermont Law School (Aug. 6, 2020)

Co-Presenter, “Black Lives Matter” – Community Oriented Defender (COD) Conference – National Legal Aid & Defender Association (Jul. 15, 2020)

BAR ADMISSIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

Bar Admissions:

Admitted in New York (2016)

Bar Memberships:

- New York State Defender Association (board member since July 2021)
- Black Public Defender Association
- National Legal Aid and Defender Association
- New York City Bar Association
- Metropolitan Black Bar Association
- New York State Academy of Trial Lawyers