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EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley School of Law, Berkeley, California

J.D., (2009)

Law and Technology Certificate, (2009)

- *Berkeley Technology Law Journal* 2007-09
- Yee Scholarship 2006-09
- Morgan Lewis Book Scholarship 2006

University of California Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, California

Ph.D., Religious Studies, (2006)

Dissertation Title: God Behind Bars: Race, Religion & Revenge

Certificate of College and University Teaching, Interdisciplinary Studies, (2003)

- Teaching Fellow, Law and Society Program 2002-06
- Eugene Cota-Robles Fellowship 2000-05
- STIA Fellow, Office of Instructional Consultation 2005
- Excellence in Teaching Award, Graduate Student Association 2004
- TA Development Grant, Instructional Development 2002-03

Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, Massachusetts

Master of Theological Studies, (2000)

- Fredrick Sheldon Traveling Fellowship 2000
- Carmen Fellowship 1998-00

University of Houston, Houston, Texas

B.A., Major in Philosophy and Minor in Psychology, *Magna Cum Laude*, (1998)

- Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society 1998

PROFESSIONAL WORK

Visiting Professor , University of Pittsburgh School of Law	2021 to present
Affiliated Faculty , Center for Security, Race, Rights, Rutgers University	2021 to present
Professor of Law , Thurgood Marshall School of Law	2018 to present
Member , American Bar Association Corrections Committee	2014 to present
Contributing Editor , JOTWELL Criminal Law	2015 to present
Contributing Editor , The Islamic Monthly	2016 to present
Editorial Board , Race and the Law Prof Blog	2020 to present
Executive Committee , AALS Section on Law & Religion	2018 to 2021
Executive Committee , AALS Section on Minority Groups	2018 to 2021
Associate Professor of Law (Tenured 2017), Thurgood Marshall School of Law	2013-18
Fellow , Institute for Social Policy & Understanding	2012-16
Board of Governors , Society of American Law Teachers	2012-15
Advisory Board , The Prison Program, Saint Louis University	2011-13
Assistant Professor , Saint Louis University School of Law	2010-13

TEACHING INTERESTS

Criminal Law, Evidence, Criminal Procedure, Professional Responsibility, Race and Law, Law & Religion, Death Penalty, Corrections Law, Sentencing Law, Wrongful Convictions, Civil Rights, Criminal Justice

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PUBLICATIONS

--et al., *The U.S. Constitution: Reimagining "We the People" as an Inclusive Construct*, 6 THE BRIDGE: INTERDISC'Y PERSPECTIVES ON LEGAL AND SOC. POL. 1 (2021).

"Muslim Radicalization in Prison: Responding with Sound Penal Policy or the Sound of Alarm," in ISLAMOPHOBIA AND THE LAW (Cyra Akila Choudhury & Khaled Beydoun, eds., Cambridge University Press 2020)(republished from 49 Gonzaga L.R. 37 (2014)).

"Implicit Bias in Criminal Justice: Growing Influence as an Insight to Systemic Oppression," in THE STATE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE 2020 (American Bar Association 2020).

Reimagining the Death Penalty: Targeting Christians, Conservatives, 68 BUFF. L. REV. 93 (2020).

"The Catholic Church Sex Scandal and the Dying Death Penalty: Issues at the Intersection of Religion, Crime, and Punishment," in THE STATE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE 2019 (American Bar Association 2019).

"Pushing Pro Bono for the Incarcerated and Those Reentering Society," in THE STATE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE 2018 (American Bar Association 2018).

AMERICAN PRISONS: A CRITICAL PRIMER ON CULTURE AND CONVERSION TO ISLAM (FIRST EDITION DESIGN PUBLISHING 2017).

Firepower to the People! Gun Rights and the Law of Self-defense to Curb Police Misconduct, 85 TENN. L. REV. 191 (2017).

"Uncertainty Ahead: Update on Pell Grant Funding for Prisoners," in THE STATE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE 2017 (AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION 2017).

"Drafting Legal Documents in a Doctrinal Class," in EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION IN THE LAW SCHOOL CURRICULUM (CAROLINA ACADEMIC PRESS 2017).

Not for Free: Exploring the Collateral Costs of Diversity in Legal Education, 48 U. PACIFIC L. REV. 887 (2017).

Legal Punishment as Civil Ritual: Making Cultural Sense of Mass Incarceration, 5 E.C.I. INTERDISC'Y. J. L. & SOC. POL'Y. 1 (2017) (abridged republication from 82 MISS. L.J. 1 (2013)).

"Restoring the Pell Grant for Prisoners: Growing Momentum for Reform," in THE STATE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE 2016 (AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION 2016).

Keeping It REAL: Why Congress Should Act to Restore Pell Grant Funding for Prisoners, 11 U. MASS. L. REV. 26 (2016).

Sonic Jihad: Muslim Hip Hop in the Age of Mass Incarceration, 11 FL. INTL. U. L. REV. 201 (2015).

"Raza Islamica: Prisons, Hip hop & Converting Converts," in HIP HOP AND THE LAW (CAROLINA ACADEMIC PRESS 2015)(republished from 22 BERKELEY LA RAZA L.J. 175 (2012)).

Evolving Standards of Domination: Abandoning a Flawed Legal Standard and Approaching a New Era in Penal Reform, 90 CHICAGO-KENT L. REV. 495 (2015).

"How Mass Incarceration Underdevelops Latino Communities," in U.S. LATINOS AND CRIMINAL INJUSTICE (MICHIGAN STATE U. PRESS 2015).

Shackles Beyond the Sentence: How Legal Financial Obligations Create a Permanent Underclass, 1 N.Y. L. SCH. IMPACT CENTER FOR PUBLIC INTEREST L. 46 (2015).

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Redefining Gender Violence—Transcript from Converge! Reimagining the Movement to End Gender Violence, 5 MIAMI RACE AND SOC. JUST. L. REV. 289 (2015).

Foreword: From LatCrit to LatCrit 2.0—Institutionalizing a Movement and Cultivating Next-Generation Scholarship, 47 JOHN MARSHALL L. REV. 1167 (2014).

Economic Interest Convergence in Downsizing Imprisonment, 75 U. PITTSBURGH L. REV. 1 (2014).

Muslim Radicalization in Prison: Responding with Sound Penal Policy or the Sound of Alarm?, 49 GONZAGA L. REV. 37 (2013/14).

“Religion in Prisons,” in RELIGION AND AMERICAN CULTURES: TRADITION, DIVERSITY AND POPULAR EXPRESSION (2ND ED.) (ABC-CLIO 2014).

--and Stephanie Smith Ledesma, *Experiential Education as Critical Pedagogy: Enhancing the Law School Experience*, 38 NOVA L.J. 249 (2014).

Spectacular or Specious? A Critical Review of The Spectacular Few: Prisoner Radicalization and the Evolving Terrorist Threat, 39 T. MARSHALL L. REV. 225 (2014).

--and Mary Rachel Gould, *Introduction—20 Years after the Education Apocalypse: The Ongoing Fall Out from the 1994 Omnibus Crime Bill*, 33 SAINT LOUIS U. PUB. L. REV. 283 (2014).

Legal Punishment as Civil Ritual: Making Cultural Sense of Harsh Punishment, 82 MISS. L.J. 1 (2013).

FACTS AND FICTIONS ABOUT ISLAM IN PRISON: ASSESSING PRISONER RADICALIZATION IN POST-9/11 AMERICA, INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL POLICY & UNDERSTANDING (2013).

Religion as Rehabilitation: Reflections on Islam in the Correctional Setting, 34 WHITTIER L. REV. 29 (2012).

Priorities of Pedagogy: Classroom Justice in the Law School Setting, 48 CAL. WEST. L. REV. 467 (2012).

Raza Islamica: Prisons, Hip Hop & Converting Converts, 22 BERKELEY LA RAZA L.J. 175 (2012).

Why Obama is Black: Language, Law & Structures of Power, 1 COLUM. J. RACE & L. 468 (2012).

Enslaved by Words: Legalities and Limitations of ‘Post-Racial’ Language, 2011 MICH. ST. L. REV. 705 (2011).

Child Pornography Sentencing & Demographic Data: Reforming through Research, 24 FED. SENT’G REP. 102 (2011).

Gender Violence in Prison & Hyper-masculinities in the ‘Hood, 37 WASH. U. J. L. & POL’Y. 89 (2011).

“Gang Intervention in the United States: Legal and Extra-Legal Attempts at Peacemaking,” in Andrea Bartoli et al. eds., PEACEMAKING: FROM THEORY TO PRACTICE (Praeger Security International, 2011).

“Criminal Justice,” in Richard Hecht and Vincent Biondo, eds., RELIGION IN THE PRACTICE OF DAILY LIFE (Praeger, 2010).

Mental Illness in Prison: Inmate Rehabilitation & Correctional Officers in Crisis, 14 BERKELEY J. OF CRIM. L. 277 (2009).

Manufacturing Social Violence: The Prison Paradox & Future Escapes, 11 BERKELEY J. OF AFRICAN-AM. L. & POL’Y 84 (2009).

God Behind Bars: Race, Religion & Revenge, 37 SETON HALL L. REV. 497 (2007).

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God Behind Bars: Race, Religion, & Revenge (Sept. 16, 2006) (Ph.D. dissertation, University of California, Santa Barbara) (UMI Publishing 2006).

Book Reviews/Op-eds/Short Pieces:

Unveiling Religion's Challenge to the Carceral State, JOTWELL CRIMINAL LAW, April 26, 2021.

America's Glaring Double Standards, RACE AND THE LAW PROF BLOG (1/11/21).

BLM, Blacks & The Elephant in the Room, RACE AND THE LAW PROF BLOG (8/3/20).

The New Rap Sheet: Prosecuting Crimes, Chilling Free Speech, JOTWELL CRIMINAL LAW, May 7, 2020. Republished in 104 JUDICATURE (2020).

Images of Irony, RACE AND THE LAW PROF BLOG, 4/27/20.

Latino Muslim Prisoners: An Interview with Professor SpearIt, ISLAMIC HORIZONS (Juan Galvan, ed. Jan./Feb. 2020).

A Most Vicious Cycle: Mass Shootings, Gun Rights, and Police Killings of Blacks, RACE AND THE LAW PROF BLOG, 10/21/19.

Same-Sex Voting and Phallogocentric Legislation—Toward Next Era Democracy?, FEMINIST LAW PROFESSORS, 10/7/19.

Excusing Racism: The Persecution of Donald Trump, RACE AND THE LAW PROF BLOG, 10/5/19.

Give Prisoners a Voice to Increase Prison Accountability, JOTWELL CRIMINAL LAW, 4/8/19.

Alabama Executes a Muslim and Extinguishes Religious Rights, THE ISLAMIC MONTHLY, 2/28/19.

What's Implicit about Implicit Bias, RACE AND THE LAW PROF BLOG, 2/06/19.

Kavanaugh's Confirmation and the Legal Underpinnings of Rape Culture, AMERICAN CONSTITUTION SOCIETY BLOG, 12/12/18.

Thinking about Trump's "Wall" through Pink Floyd's, THE ISLAMIC MONTHLY, 11/29/18.

The DOJ is Finally Investigating Catholic Church Sex Crimes, and it Could Catalyze Other Lawsuits, JURIST, 11/13/18.

Islam in America: Salve for Strained Race Relations, MAYDAN, 11/6/18.

Why We Punish: Lessons in Indeterminacy, JOTWELL CRIMINAL LAW, 4/2/18.

Repackaging Abolition: Targeting Christians, Conservatives, THE HUFFINGTON POST, 12/14/17.

#TakeAKnee: Sports, Politics & Civil Religion, THE ISLAMIC MONTHLY, 10/1/17.

Prison: A Sacred Space in American Islam, THE ISLAMIC MONTHLY, 8/23/17.

Finding Islam in Prison, THE SAINT LOUIS AMERICAN, 8/16/17.

Color Coded Criminal Procedure—Exploring How Law Enables Racism, Disparate Treatment, Violence, JOTWELL CRIMINAL LAW, 6/19/17.

Radical, Jihadist, Terrorist: The Difference and Why it Matters, THE ISLAMIC MONTHLY, 2/13/17.

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Growing Support for Restoring Pell Grants to Prisoners, 22 CORRECTIONS MANAGERS' REPORT 37 (2016).

How Implicit Bias Drags Down Clinton, THE ISLAMIC MONTHLY, 10/7/16.

The Orlando Massacre and Death of Muhammad Ali: Lessons in Love & Hate for the 2016 Presidential Election, THE ISLAMIC MONTHLY, 10/7/16.

Trump Stabs Supporters with Kaepernick, HUFFINGTON POST, 9/6/16.

Exorcizing Trump: Time's up for Religious Leaders, HUFFINGTON POST, 9/6/16.

The Wrath of Khan: Immigrants Shatter the Trump Narrative, THE ISLAMIC MONTHLY, 8/4/16.

Muhammad Ali's Death is Right on Time for Muslims, THE ISLAMIC MONTHLY, 6/10/16.

Trump Threatens to Awaken a Sleeping Giant, HUFFINGTON POST, 6/9/16.

Sonic Jihad, THE ISLAMIC MONTHLY, Fall/Winter 2015-16 (print edition).

Foreword, 6 THURGOOD MARSHALL S. L. J. GENDER RACE & JUST. 1 (2016).

Fort Wayne Killings: Fostering Distrust in Policing, THE ISLAMIC MONTHLY, 3/4/16.

Crimmigration Law Comes of Age, JOTWELL CRIMINAL LAW, 3/4/16.

Concealed Handgun Laws: (Fire)power to the People?, HUFFINGTON POST, 11/18/15.

Ben Carson: Islamophobe Extraordinaire, THE ISLAMIC MONTHLY, 9/23/15.

Rethinking Proportionality in Punishment, JOTWELL CRIMINAL LAW, 6/10/15.

Protesting Islam—American Style, THE ISLAMIC MONTHLY, 6/3/15.

Revamping the Texas Rules of Evidence: Style Over Substance, TEXAS YOUNG LAWYERS ASSOCIATION, 2/26/15.

Arkansas Muslim Prisoner Wins a Case, Adds to Legal Legacy, THE ISLAMIC MONTHLY, 1/26/15.

Restore Pell Grants for Prisoners, HUFFINGTON POST, 1/16/15.

Prisons, Muslim Memory and the Making of a Terrorist, THE CONVERSATION, 1/9/15.

Experiential Education and the Law School Experience, 21 THE LAW TEACHER 52 (2014).

Religion and Revolution: The Promise of a Fresh Look, HUFFINGTON POST, 10/20/14.

ISIS, Latinos & the Brunt of Border Politics, HUFFINGTON POST, 10/10/14.

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The Muslim Vote: Down by Law, HUFFINGTON POST, 10/31/13.

What If They Force-fed Gandhi?, HUFFINGTON POST, 9/2/13.

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- Classroom Justice: Beyond Paper-Chase Pedagogy*, 33 THE LAW TEACHER 35 (2013).
- Supremacist Terror Rising, Islamic Extremism on the Decline*, HUFFINGTON POST, 4/9/13.
- The Waning Pulse of Islamic Radicalization in America*, THE ISLAMIC MONTHLY, 3/12/13.
- Growing Faith: Prisons, Hip Hop & Islam*, HUFFINGTON POST, 3/7/13.
- Model Rule 6.1: A Lawyer's Duty to Increase Access to Justice*, THE YOUNG LAWYER, 11/5/12.
- Questions about East Saint Louis Curfew*, SAINT LOUIS BEACON, 10/5/2012.
- Legalize Marijuana for Racial-Justice Reasons*, SEATTLE TIMES, 10/2/2012.
- False Alarms on Islam*, SAINT LOUIS AMERICAN, 8/9/2012.
- Islam, Prisons and Latinos*, SAINT LOUIS AMERICAN, 2/2/2012.
- Legal Omission: A Reaction to Asian Americans and Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure*, 2 GEORGETOWN J. L. & MOD. CRIT. RACE PERSP. 207 (2011).
- "Prison Religion," "Girard, Rene" and "Prayer Beads" in Mark Juergensmeyer and Wade Clark Roof, eds., ENCYCLOPEDIA OF GLOBAL RELIGIONS (Sage Publications, 2011).
- Obama Chokes on Medical Marijuana*, ARIZONA STATE LAW JOURNAL BLOG, 9/12/2011.
- Made in the U.S.A.*, ST. LOUIS POST DISPATCH/STLTODAY.COM, 6/30/2011.
- Radical Islam in Prison: Made in the USA*, HUFFINGTON POST, 6/21/2011.
- Islam in American Barrios & Prisons: Converts Reclaim Moorish Spain, Reject Church*, JADALIYYA.COM, 1/7/2011.
- Complexions of Crime: Politics and the Power to Punish*, 19 BERKELEY LA RAZA L.J. 177 (2008) (reviewing JONATHAN SIMON, GOVERNING THROUGH CRIME: HOW THE WAR ON CRIME TRANSFORMED AMERICAN DEMOCRACY AND CREATED A CULTURE OF FEAR (2007)).
- Visions of Victory: Secure the Hispanic Vote—and Win*, 19 BERKELEY LA RAZA L.J. 181 (2008) (reviewing LESLIE SANCHEZ, LOS REPUBLICANOS: WHY HISPANICS AND REPUBLICANS NEED EACH OTHER (2007)).
- The Genetics Debate from a Philosopher's View*, 19 BERKELEY LA RAZA L.J. 185 (2008) (reviewing RONALD M. GREEN, BABIES BY DESIGN: THE ETHICS OF GENETIC CHOICE (2007)).
- The Browning of America: The Impacts of Latinos on the Law and in Legal Discourse*, 19 BERKELEY LA RAZA L.J. 189 (2008) (reviewing CARLOS R. SOLTERO, LATINOS AND AMERICAN LAW: LANDMARK SUPREME COURT CASES (2006)).
- Reimagining Revolution: A Critical Review of Simon Schama's Rough Crossings: Britain, the Slaves, and the American Revolution*, 9 BERKELEY J. OF AFRICAN-AM. L. & POL'Y 74 (2007).
- Book Review, 33 CONTEMP. SOC. 478 (2004) (reviewing STEVE BRUCE, POLITICS AND RELIGION (2004)).

TEACHING & LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Gonzaga University School of Law

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<i>Visiting Professor</i>	Criminal Law, Professional Responsibility	2018-19
Seattle University School of Law		
<i>Visiting Professor</i>	Criminal Law	Sum. 2013, 18
	Professional Responsibility	Sum. 2015
University Of Arkansas School of Law—Plus Program, Fayetteville, Arkansas		
<i>Visiting Professor</i>	Legal Systems and Processes	Sum. 2014
Saint Louis University School of Law, Saint Louis, Missouri		
<i>Assistant Professor</i>	Criminal Law, Sentencing, Corrections, Entertainment Law	2010-13
Webster University, Saint Louis, Missouri		
<i>Adjunct Professor</i>	God Behind Bars: Race, Religion & Converting Converts	2012
Starlight Beats Records		
<i>Executive Music Producer</i>	Heavy Heights, <i>Truth and Rights</i>	2009
	Karina Nistal, <i>Nistyle</i>	2006
Lowe Law, Los Angeles, California		
<i>Summer Associate</i>		Sum. 2008
Patten University, Prison University Project, San Quentin State Prison, California		
<i>Assistant Instructor</i>	<i>Philosophy</i>	2008
	<i>English Composition 101</i>	2008
UC Berkeley, Berkeley, California		
<i>Graduate Student Instructor</i>	<i>Law and Chinese Society</i>	2008
	<i>Moral Politics and Law</i>	2007
UC Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, California		
<i>Instructor of Record</i>	<i>Criminal Justice</i>	2003-08
	<i>Law & American Society</i>	2004-05, 08
	<i>Introduction to Law & Society</i>	2007
	<i>God Behind Bars: Race, Religion & Revenge</i>	2004, 06
	<i>Social Theory & Law</i>	2003
<i>Teaching Assistant</i>	<i>Law & American Society</i>	2001-03, 06
	<i>Gender & Law</i>	2004
	<i>Media Law</i>	2003
	<i>Interdisciplinary Studies</i>	2002
	<i>Criminal Justice & Communities</i>	2002
	<i>Introduction to Chicana Women's Study</i>	2001
	<i>Introduction to Native American Traditions</i>	2001
	<i>Chicano Studies</i>	2001
<i>Teaching Consultant</i>	Office of Instructional Consultation	2001-03
Santa Barbara City College, Santa Barbara, California		
<i>Instructor of Record</i>	<i>World Religions</i>	2005
Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts		
<i>Teaching Fellow</i>	<i>Introduction to Hindu Scriptures</i>	1999
<i>Research Assistant</i>	<i>For Professor Edwin Bryant</i>	1999

Miscellaneous

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<i>Grader</i>	<i>Feminist Critiques of Inquiry</i> , UC Santa Barbara	2001
	<i>Introduction to Buddhism</i> , Harvard University	2000
	<i>English Composition</i> , Massachusetts Institute of Technology	1999
	<i>Ethics/Honors Ethics</i> , University of Houston	1998

OTHER EXPERIENCE, AWARDS & TRAINING

Academic

- Faculty Excellence Award, Texas Southern University 2014-15
- Policy Impact Award, Institute for Social Policy & Understanding 2013
- Writing Competition, Berkeley Journal of African-American Law & Policy 2008
- Student Scholar, Latino Critical Legal Theory (LatCrit) 2004
- Critical Global Classroom, Baltimore School of Law, Chile 2004
- Hispanic Scholarship Fund 2000-02
- Columbia/UC Santa Barbara Panjabi Studies Fellow, India 2001
- Chevron Bovay Engineering Ethics Debate 1st place, Texas A&M Univ. 1998

Language Training

- University courses in French, Hindi, Panjabi, Sanskrit, Spanish

Selected Professional Presentations

Moderator, “Mitigation in the 21st Century,” American Bar Association Section on Criminal Justice, April 21, 2021.

Panelist, “Police Reform: From Prisons to the Streets, How Far We Have Come and How Far We Still Have to Go,” Indiana University School of Law, March 26, 2021.

Speaker, “Reimagining the Death Penalty, Targeting Christians, Conservatives,” Pittsburgh University School of Law, 2/16/2021.

Panelist, “The U.S. Constitution: Reimagining ‘We the People’ as an Inclusive Construct,” Center for Justice & Research, Texas Southern University, 2/4/2021

Speaker, “Muslims in Prison: A Story of Conversion, Litigation & Rehabilitation,” Advancing Real Change, 1/26/21.

Panelist, “Reimagining ‘We the People’ as an Inclusive Construction,” Thurgood Marshall School of Law, September 17, 2020.

Panelist, “Criminal (In)justice, Policing, Power,” LatCrit Fridays 9/4/20.

Speaker, “Reimagining the Death Penalty: Targeting Christians, Conservatives,” South Texas College of Law, Houston, TX (4/13/20).

Panelist, “AALS Section on Minority Group Q&A,” 2019 AALS New Law Teachers Workshop, Washington, D.C. (6/7/19).

Speaker, “Repackaging Death: Targeting Christians, Conservatives,” Gonzaga University School of Law, Spokane, WA (1/24/19).

Speaker, “Repackaging Death: Targeting Christians, Conservatives,” Suffolk University School of Law, Boston, MA (11/08/18).

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Participant, 2018 American Bar Association / AALS Criminal Justice Section Academic Roundtables, Washington D.C. (November 1, 2018).

Panelist, "All Electronic Legal Document Drafting," SALT Law Teaching Conference, Penn State University School of Law, University Park, PA (October 6, 2018).

Moderator, "Racial Bias in the Criminal Justice System," Pursuit of Justice Conference, Gonzaga University School of Law, Spokane, WA (September 27, 2018).

Speaker, "Firepower to the People: Gun Rights & the Law of Self-defense to Curb Police Misconduct," Gonzaga University School of Law, Spokane, WA (January 18, 2018).

Panelist, "Critical Interventions for Critical Times," AALS Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA (January 6, 2018).

Speaker, "American Prisons," Thurgood Marshall School of Law, Houston, TX (October 25, 2017).

Speaker, "Prisons, Islam, Hip hop," University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA (October 26, 2017).

Speaker, "American Prisons," FAMU School of Law, Orlando, FL (November 2, 2017).

Panelist, "Knowledge is Power," Lone Star College, Houston, TX (April 13, 2017).

Speaker, "Firepower to the People: Gun Rights and Law of Self-defense to Curb Police Misconduct," FAMU School of Law, Orlando, FL (April 7, 2017).

Panelist, "Socio-Economics of Law School Pedagogy," AALS Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA (January 4, 2017).

Panelist, "Communities Policing: How Communities Monitor Law Enforcement," Villanova Law Review Norman J. Shachoy Symposium, Villanova Law School, Malvern, PA (October 28, 2016).

Panelist, "Instruments of Social Justice: Assessments and Drafting Room," 2016 SALT Law Teaching Conference, John Marshall School of Law, Chicago, IL (October 1, 2016).

Speaker, "Drafting Legal Documents in a Doctrinal Course," Houston College of Law, Houston, TX (September 9, 2016).

Webinar Presenter, "Integrating Experiential Learning in the Classroom," American Bar Association Section on Legal Education, (May 4, 2016).

Panelist, "Religion and Law," Thurgood Marshall School of Law, Houston, TX (April 7, 2016).

Speaker, "Shackles Beyond the Sentence: How Criminal Monetary Sanctions Create a Permanent Underclass," Seattle University School of Law, Seattle, WA (February 20, 2016).

Keynote Speaker, "Sonic Jihad: Muslim Hip Hop in the Age of Mass Incarceration; Speaker, "Shackles Beyond the Sentences: How Criminal Monetary Sanctions Create a Permanent Underclass," Fairhaven College, Bellingham, WA (February 17, 2016).

Speaker, "Concealed Handgun Laws: (Fire)Power to the People?," South Texas School of Law, Houston, TX (February 5, 2016).

Speaker, "Concealed Handgun Laws: (Fire)Power to the People?," Thurgood Marshall School of Law, Houston, TX (February 3, 2016).

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Moderator/Panelist, “Reforming Law and Scholarship by Disciplinary Design,” AALS Annual Meeting, New York, NY (January 8, 2016).

Speaker, “Sonic Jihad: Muslim Hip Hop in the Age of Mass Incarceration,” University of Memphis School of Law, Memphis, TN (November 6, 2015).

Speaker, “Structural Harm in the Age of Mass Incarceration,” Lone Star College, Houston, TX (October 29, 2015).

Panelist, “Freedom of Religion and Expression,” CLE—Religion and the Law, Florida International University, Miami, FL (October 23, 2015).

Panelist, “Law and Religion: The Legal, Secular & Religious Issues of Same Sex Marriage,” CLE—Fostering Equality, University of Houston Law Center, Houston, TX (October 16, 2015).

Moderator, “Lawyer’s Panel,” CLE—Death Penalty Practicum: Revisiting the Death Penalty 40 Years after Jurek, Thurgood Marshall School of Law, Houston, TX (October 13, 2015).

Panelist, “Prison Reform,” 2015 LatCrit Conference, Santa Ana, CA (October 2, 2015).

Presenter, “Scientific Sentencing: Recalibrating the Scale based on Defendant Attributes,” Texas Legal Scholars Workshop, University of Houston Law Center, Houston, TX (August 29, 2015).

Presenter, “Scientific Sentencing: Recalibrating the Scale with Research,” Seattle University School of Law, Seattle, WA (July 22, 2015).

Presenter, “Drafting Legal Documents in Your Casebook Course,” Institute for Law Teaching and Learning Conference, Gonzaga University School of Law, Spokane, WA (June 13, 2015).

Chair/Discussant, “Critical Justice: Legal Frontiers in Theory, Society and Praxis,” Law and Society Association Conference, Seattle, WA (May 30, 2015).

Panelist, “Open Forum with Federal Bureau of Prisons Director Charles E. Samuels and Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee,” Thurgood Marshall School of Law, Houston, TX (April 9, 2015).

Moderator, “Scholarship Beyond These Four Walls: How to Emerge, Engage, and Excite,” Thurgood Marshall School of Law, Houston, TX (April 7, 2015).

Speaker, “Recalibrating the Scale: Using Research to Reform Prison Sentencing,” Research Week 2015, Texas Southern University, Houston, TX (April 1, 2015).

Speaker, “Expanding Religious Freedom for Prisoners and Beyond,” Thurgood Marshall School of Law, Houston, TX (March 11, 2015).

Moderator, “The Crisis: Criminal Justice 2015,” Thurgood Marshall School of Law, Houston, TX (January 28, 2015).

Speaker, “Structural Harm in the Age of Mass Incarceration,” 2014 Lassiter Conference, University of Kentucky School of Law, Lexington, KY (November 21, 2014).

Speaker, “Convictions, Corrections & Communities: How Imprisonment Underdevelops Latino Communities,” Thurgood Marshall School of Law, Houston, TX (November 19, 2014).

Speaker, “The Nuts and Bolts of Legal Academic Writing,” Thurgood Marshall School of Law, Houston, TX (November 12, 2014).

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Panelist, “Criminal Justice: Targeting Race and Poverty,” Civil Rights Symposium, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX (November 6, 2014).

Speaker, “Sonic Jihad: Muslim Hip Hop in the Age of Mass Incarceration,” Thurgood Marshall School of Law, Houston, TX. (October 29, 2014).

Speaker, “Evolving Standards of Domination: Abandoning a Flawed Legal Standard and Approaching a New Era in Penal Reform,” Southern University, Baton Rouge, LA (October 23, 2014).

Discussant, “Faculty-Student Collaboration as Social Justice Pedagogy,” SALT Teaching Conference, University of Nevada, Las Vegas School of Law, Las Vegas, NV (October 10, 2014).

Keynote Speaker, “Sonic Jihad: Muslim Hip Hop in the Age of Mass Incarceration,” Sixth Annual International Crime, Media & Popular Culture Studies Conference,” Indiana State University, Wayne, ID (September 22, 2014).

WIP Presenter, “Evolving Standards of Domination: A Case for Killing Doctrine and Reinterpreting Cruel and Unusual,” John Mercer Langston Writing Conference, University of Nevada, Las Vegas School of Law, Las Vegas, NV (July 11, 2014).

Presenter, “Evolving Standards of Domination: A Case for Killing Doctrine and Reinterpreting Cruel and Unusual,” Developing Ideas Conference, University of Kentucky School of Law, Louisville, KY (May 21, 2014).

Speaker, “Latinos and Criminal Injustice,” Thurgood Marshall School of Law, Houston, TX (April 3, 2014).

Panelist, “Contemporary Issues in Critical Race Theory and Interest Convergence,” Challenging Authority: A Symposium in Honor of Derrick Bell, University of Pittsburgh School of Law, Pittsburgh, PA (March 28, 2014).

Panelist/Moderator, “The Educational Divide in the United States: Embracing Inclusion, not Exclusion”; WIP Commentator, “Are you My Great and Worthy Opponent?: Rethinking Compassionate Release Policies,” SE/SW POC Legal Scholarship Conference, Thurgood Marshall School of Law, Houston, TX (March 1-2, 2014).

Panelist, “How to break in: The Role of Legal Organizations—AALS, Bar Associations, Alumni Networks, Pro Bono, and Fellowships,” Breaking In: How to Get a Job in the Legal Academy—Responsibilities and Skills,” Thurgood Marshall School of Law, Houston, TX (February 28, 2014).

Plenary Speaker, “Redefining Gender Violence,” Converge! Reimagining the Movement to End Gender Violence, University of Miami College of Law, Miami, FL (February 7, 2014).

Panelist, “Say What?: Hip Hop Theorizes the Political,” Mid-Atlantic People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, Baltimore University School of Law, Baltimore, MD (January 24, 2014).

Panelist, “Post Fisher Fallout: Reframing the Debate,” B.A. to J.D. Pipeline, University of Houston Law Center, Houston, TX (October 11, 2013).

Discussant, “Policing Masculinities,” Latino Critical Legal Theory (LatCrit) Conference, Chicago, IL (October 5, 2013).

Speaker, “Muslim Radicalization in Prison: Responding with Sound Penal Policy or Sounds of Sirens?,” Seattle University School of Law, Seattle, WA (July 24, 2013).

Work in Progress Presentation, “Muslim Radicalization in Prison: Responding with Sound Penal Policy or Sounds of Sirens?,” AALS Midyear Criminal Justice Conference, San Diego, CA (June 10, 2013).

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Panel Facilitator, “Collaboration Beyond Campus: Building Connections Between the Prison and University,” National Conference on Higher Education in Prison, Saint Louis University, Saint Louis, MO (April 27, 2013).

Speaker, “Cruel and Unusual Punishment,” American Constitution Society, Brown Bag Series, Saint Louis University School of Law, Saint Louis, MO (April 24, 2013).

Panelist, “Race, Justice & the Law,” Pursuit of Justice Conference, Gonzaga University School of Law, Spokane, WA (April 19, 2013).

Panelist, “Dealing with Islamophobia & Radicalization,” Association of Muslim Chaplains Conference, Yale University, New Haven, CT (March 9, 2013).

Speaker, “Facts & Fictions about Islam in Prison,” City Hall, Seattle WA, (February 1, 2013).

Speaker, “Facts & Fictions about Islam in Prison,” Seattle University School of Law, Seattle, WA (January 31, 2013).

Speaker, “Facts & Fictions about Islam in Prison,” World Issues Forum, Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA (January 30, 2013).

Discussant, “Islam in U.S. Prisons,” Institute for Social Policy & Understanding, Washington D.C. (January 17, 2013).

Briefing, “Facts & Fictions about Islam in Prison,” Department of Justice Office of Faith Based and Neighborhood Partnerships, Washington D.C. (January 16, 2013).

Briefing, “Facts & Fictions about Islam in Prison,” National Counterterrorism Center Global Engagement Group, McLean, VA (January 16, 2013).

Speaker, “Facts & Fictions about Islam in Prison,” Texas Southern University Thurgood Marshall School of Law, Houston, TX (November 19, 2012).

Speaker, “Facts & Fictions about Islam in Prison,” Thomas Jefferson School of Law, San Diego, CA (November 5, 2012).

Speaker, “Facts & Fictions about Islam in Prison,” Suffolk University School of Law, Boston, MA (October 22, 2012).

Discussant, “Removing Hierarchy from the Classroom,” SALT Teaching Conference, University of Baltimore School of Law, Baltimore, MD (October 5, 2012).

Speaker, “Assessing Prisoner Radicalization,” Hispanic Law Students Association (HLSA), Saint Louis University School of Law, Saint Louis, MO (October 10, 2012).

Speaker, “Race, Politics, Language and the Law: A Discussion,” Black Law Students Association (BLSA), Saint Louis University School of Law, Saint Louis, MO (September 21, 2012).

Panelist, “Mass Incarceration & Faith Communities,” ACLU of Seattle, WA (July 24, 2012).

Panelist, “Gender Violence in Prison & Hyper-masculinities in the Hood,” Gender & Politics Conference, Saint Louis University, Saint Louis, MO (May 4, 2012).

Panelist, “Filling the Void: Religion as Rehabilitation,” Law, Culture & Humanities Conference, Texas Wesleyan School of Law, Fort Worth, TX (March 16, 2012).

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Panelist, “The State, Religious Narrative & Punishment Power,” Law, Culture & Humanities Conference, Texas Wesleyan School of Law, Fort Worth, TX (March 16, 2012).

Speaker, “Legal Punishment as Civil Ritual: Making Cultural Sense of Mass Incarceration,” University of Washington School of Law, Seattle, WA (March 9, 2012).

Speaker, “Legal Punishment as Civil Ritual: Making Cultural Sense of Mass Incarceration,” City Council Chambers, Seattle, WA, (March 8, 2012).

Roundtable Participant, “Meeting with Community Leaders on Initiative 502,” American Civil Liberties Union, Seattle, WA, (March 8, 2012).

Panelist, “Sound Public Policy or Sounds of Panic?,” Invisible Constitutions: Culture, Religion & Memory, Saint Louis University School of Law, Saint Louis, MO (March 2, 2012).

Speaker, “Incarceration & Collateral Damage in America’s Ghettos & Barrios,” Center for Interdisciplinary Study of Law, Saint Louis University School of Law, Saint Louis, MO (February 23, 2012).

Panelist, “Black Spirit, Black Body: Roundtable on Health, Culture and Religion,” African-American Studies, Saint Louis University, Saint Louis, MO (February 16, 2012).

Speaker, “Gender Violence in Prison & Hyper-masculinities in the Hood,” Department of Sociology & Criminal Justice, Saint Louis University, Saint Louis, MO (February 15, 2012)

Keynote Speaker, “Islam and Rehabilitation of Inmates,” Muslims in the United States and Beyond Symposium, Whittier Law School, Costa Mesa, CA (February 10, 2012).

Speaker, “Civil Ritual: Making Cultural Sense of Mass Incarceration, Whittier Law School, Costa Mesa, CA (February 9, 2012).

Plenary Speaker, “Prison Families,” Exploring the American Family Conference, Hofstra Law School, Long Island, NY (November 4, 2011).

Speaker, “Child Pornography Sentencing and Demographic Data: Reforming through Research,” Women’s Studies Program, Saint Louis University, Saint Louis, MO (October 11, 2011).

Plenary Speaker, “From Student Activist to Scholar Activist: The LatCrit Student Scholar Program The First Decade,” Sixteenth Annual Latina & Latino Critical Legal Theory (LatCrit) Conference, San Diego, CA (October 8, 2011).

Panelist, “On Pedagogy: Critical and Progressive Teachers in the Classroom,” Society of American Law Teachers (SALT) Junior Faculty Development Workshop, Sixteenth Annual LatCrit Conference, San Diego CA (October 7, 2011).

Panelist, “Prison Penile-Colon(ies) and Hyper-Masculinity in the Hood,” Sixteenth Annual LatCrit Conference, San Diego, CA (October 7, 2011).

Panelist, “Legal Punishment as Civil Ritual: Making Cultural Sense of Mass Incarceration,” Race & Criminal Justice in the West Conference, Gonzaga University School of Law, Spokane, WA (September 24, 2011).

Panelist, “Different Paths in: How to Break into the Academy,” John Marshall Law School, Chicago, IL (September 16, 2011).

Speaker, “Legal Punishment through a Ritual Lens,” University of Buffalo School of Law, Buffalo, NY (May 5, 2011).

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Panelist, “The State of Black Men in the Law,” Mound City Bar Association, Harris Stowe State University, Saint Louis, MO (April 15, 2011).

Speaker, “Men Can Stop Rape,” UNA, Saint Louis University, Saint Louis, MO (April 11, 2011).

Speaker, “Enslaved by Words: Legalities and Limitations of “Post-racial” Language,” Moving Beyond “Racial Blindsight”? Symposium, Michigan State University College of Law, East Lansing, MI (April 8, 2011).

Speaker, “Cycles of Destructive Masculinity,” Access to Equal Justice Colloquium, Washington University School of Law, Saint Louis, MO (March 28, 2011).

Speaker, “Memory, Slavery, Civil Rights,” Law, Culture & Humanities Conference, University of Nevada School of Law, Las Vegas, NV (March 11, 2011).

Speaker, “Breaking into the Legal Academy,” Society of American Law Teachers (SALT), National Black Law Students Conference, Houston, TX (March 10, 2011).

Speaker, “Why Obama is Black: Language, Law and Structures of Power,” Indiana University School of Law Indianapolis, ID (November 2, 2010).

Moderator, “Put on the New Man,” Black Law Students Association (BLSA), Saint Louis University School of Law, Saint Louis, MO (October 21, 2010).

Panelist, “Outsider’s Theory Inside: The Next Generation,” Student Scholars Program, Fifteenth Annual LatCrit Conference, Denver, CO (October 9, 2010).

Speaker, “Raza Islamica: Prisons, Hip Hop, and Converting Converts,” Al-Ghazali Legal Society, Saint Louis University School of Law, Saint Louis, MO (October 6, 2010).

Speaker, “Teaching at San Quentin State Prison,” Hispanic Law Students Association (HLSA), Saint Louis University School of Law, Saint Louis, MO (September 14, 2010).

Panelist, “Enslaved by Words”; WIP Commentator, “Litigating the Schism and Reforming the Canon: Orthodoxy, Property & The Modern Social Gospel of the Episcopal Church” National People of Color Conference, Seton Hall University School of Law, Newark, NJ (2010)

Speaker, “Raza Islamica: Prisons, Hip Hop, and Converting Converts,” University of Southern California School of Law, Los Angeles, CA (April 15, 2010).

Speaker, “Surviving First Year Law School,” Phi Alpha Delta, Pre-Law, University of Houston, Houston, TX (April 4, 2010).

Speaker, “Islam in Prison,” Summer Institute, University of California – Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, CA (2006-2007).

Speaker, “First Day in the Classroom,” Instructional Development, University of California – Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, CA (2005).

Speaker, “Teaching Styles and Learning Styles,” Summer Institute, University of California – Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, CA (2005).

Panelist, “God Behind Bars: Race, Religion, and Revenge,” Ninth Annual LatCrit Conference, Malvern, Pennsylvania, (April 30, 2004).

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