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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Current Position:	Associate Professor of Law (tenured Spring 2013)
Research Interest:	Civil Rights/Black Power Legal History; Critical Race Theory; Law and Hip Hop; Race and Punishment.
Teaching Interest:	Criminal Law; Criminal Procedure; Race and the Law, Critical Race Theory, Law and Hip Hop.

EDUCATION

LL.M. 2007 Hastie Law Teaching Fellow
University of Wisconsin Law School, Madison, WI

Thesis Title: *Inmate Discipline In Wisconsin: How Law "Works" Behind Prison Walls*
Thesis Committee: Walter Dickey, Peter Carstensen, Gerald Thain

PhD 2004 School of Justice and Social Inquiry
Interdisciplinary Ph.D. Program, Committee on Law and the Social Sciences
Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ

Dissertation Title: *Black Power and Prison Power: The Prisoner Union Movement in North Carolina, 1968-1979*
Dissertation Committee: Thomas J. Davis (Chair), James Riding-In, Cheree Carlson, Peniel Joseph

J.D. 1996 University of Pittsburgh School of Law, Pittsburgh, PA

Graduating Paper: *Fear of Black Crime: More on Stereotypes and Black Male Criminality*
Graduating Committee: Kevin Deasy (Chair), Jody Armour, Robert Harper

B.S. 1990 Department of Criminal Justice
Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA

Senior Thesis: *Victim Solidarity: Investigating Crimes for the Fulton County Public Defender's Office*
Senior Advisor: James L Maddex, Jr.

1985 Business Administration
Morehouse College, Atlanta GA

Transferred to Georgia State University due to financial reasons.

RESEARCH INTERESTS AND TEACHING STATEMENT

My research interests include: race and the law; civil rights/black power legal history; law and popular culture; difference and power; law and punishment; racial capitalism, Marxist theory, and black radicalism; social movements and cultural resistance; incarceration, criminalization, law and social control.

My approach to teaching comes out of a commitment to education as praxis for freedom. I draw from three related traditions of praxis. First, holistic legal pedagogy, which recognizes that there is a direct connection between how students feel and how they learn, underscoring the necessity of dealing with students' complex lives in order to create environments where creativity, compassion, and critical thought can flourish. Secondly, adult transformative education in which people seeking to make life changes (e.g., addiction, disease status, political empowerment) require a delicate balance between leadership and freedom, revealing how student development comes only by living this tension through open dialogue. Finally, I am instructed in my teaching by the praxis of liberation movements, or the praxis of freedom, which finds that social change can never occur when teachers pretend to be the exclusive subjects of knowledge and power, thus reducing students to mere objects; rather, growth happens when all who are involved help each other mutually, sharing the effort to understand the reality they seek to transform.

UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATION

Director
Institute for Civil Rights and Justice
Southern University Law Center, Baton Rouge, LA, Fall 2005 – Spring 2008
Responsible for Managing Institute Programs, Curriculum, Speakers' Series, and Budget

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Associate, Civil Rights and Criminal Trial Division
Law Offices Of Pamela A. Hunter & Associates, Charlotte, North Carolina, 1996-1998

Intern, Neighborhood Legal Services (assigned to Law Offices of Ed Feingold), Pittsburgh, PA, 1995

Intern, Office of General Counsel, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA, 1994

Research Assistant, Dean. W. Edward Sells, Professor Emeritus, University of Pittsburgh School of Law, Summer 1994 – Spring 1996

TEACHING

Associate Professor of Law
Drexel University School of Law — Philadelphia, PA, Fall 2008 - Present
- Law 625 Criminal Procedure
- Law 612 Criminal Law
- Law 833 Race and the Law
- Law 849 Critical Race Theory
- Law 849 Hip Hop and the Law

Assistant Professor of Law
Director, Institute for Civil Rights and Justice
Southern University Law Center, — Baton Rouge, LA, Fall 2005 – Spring 2008
- Law 404 Criminal Law
- Law 419 Criminal Procedure

Law 623 Civil Rights

Lecturer
Department of Criminal Justice
University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Charlotte, NC, Spring 2003
CJUS 6000 Ethics in Criminal Justice

Lecturer
Department of African American Studies
Arizonal State University, Tempe, AZ, Summer(s) 2000, 2001, 2002
Developed original syllabus for each course
AFR 394 Stereotypes, Prejudice, and the Law
AFR 394 Law and Racial Identity Resistance
AFR 394 Supreme Court, Race, and Civil Rights

Lecturer
School of Justice and Social Inquiry
Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ, Spring 2000
Developed original syllabus for the course
JUS 394 Critical Race Theory

Graduate Teaching/Research Assistant
Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ
Dr. James Riding-In, History of Civil Rights, JUS 301, Fall 2000
Dr. Peg Bortner, Introduction to Justice Studies, JUS 101, Fall 1999
Marjorie Zatz, "Anti-Gang Statutes and Racial Politics," Fall 1998

Guest Lectures

"Criminal Law, Procedure, and the War on Drugs as Represented in *The Wire*," Drexel University, Honors College Seminar on *The Wire* (May 23, 2012) (Invited by Dr. Paula Cohen).

"Trayvon Martin and the Presence of Anti-Blackness in American Law," Rhode Island College, Introduction to African Studies (April 19, 2012) (Invited by Dr. Tryon Woods).

"Understanding Black Power: Including But Not Limited to the Black Panther Party," Drexel University, Civil Rights Seminar (October, 18, 2011) (invited by Professor Rose Corrigan).

"Crime and Community: Between Hip Hop and the Criminal Courtroom," Drexel University Earle Mack School of Law, Crime and Community Seminar, September 22, 2011 (invited by Professor Dan Filler)

"Remembering Your Rights: Talking Through the Fourth Amendment with the Local Police," Science Leadership Academy, in conjunction with the Marshall-Brennan Program, Drexel University Earle Mack School of Law, November 3, 2010.

"*From Beyond the Color Line: Dubois, Mexican Immigrants, and the Fourth Amendment*"
Sonoma State University, Current Issues in Criminal Justice: The Politics of Policing, Sonoma, CA, April 2, 2009

"*What Huey P. Newton Taught Us About Law and Black Power*" San Quentin Prison, San Quentin, CA, April 2, 2009

"*Thinking Critically About Law and Legal Education: From Legal History to Critical Race Theory*"

Drexel University School of Law, Orientation Fall 2008 (Invited by Director Jennifer Rosato)

"Race and the Law." Introduction to Sociology 101
University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI, Spring 2004 (Invited by Professor Matthew Desmond)

"Reasonable Racism and the Racial State." Race, Gender and Class 301
Long Beach State University, Long Beach, CA, Spring 2001 (Invited by Professor Tryon Woods)

"Race Matters: Cornell West on Understanding of the Problem of the Color Line." History of Civil Rights 301, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ, Fall 2000 (Invited by Dr. James Riding-In)

"Jim Crow Politics and the Racial State, 1910-1921." History of Civil Rights 301
Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ, Fall 2000 (Invited by Dr. James Riding-In)

"Race-ing To Law School: Being a Student of Color in Law School." Black Student's Pre-Law Association, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ, Fall 1999 (Invited by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.)

"Understanding the Feminist Voice: Rape, Gangs, and Race." Critical Race Feminism 494
Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ, Fall 1999 (Invited by Professor Sahi Kil)

"*Racial Themes in Justice Studies."* Introduction to Justice Studies 105
Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ, Fall 1999 (Invited by Dr. Peg Bortner)

"Where Does Critical Race Theory Fit in Justice Theory? Justice Theory 301
Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ, Spring 1999 (Invited by Dr. Marjorie Zatz)

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

FROM BLACK POWER TO PRISON POWER: The Making of Jones v. North Carolina Prisoners' Labor Union (Palgrave MacMillan Press, 2012)

ARTICLES

"From Black Power to Hip Hop: Discussing Anti-Blackness, Policing, and the Fourth Amendment Through the "War On" Paradigm," 15 J. GENDER, RACE, & JUST. 47-79 (Winter 2012)

"Who Killed Oscar Grant?: A Legal-Eulogy of the Cultural Logic of Black Hyper-policing in the Post-Civil Rights Era," 1 S.U. J. RACE, GENDER, AND POVERTY 1-33, (2010).

"The Jena 6 and Black Punishment: Law and Raw Life in the Domain of Non-Existence" 7 SEATTLE J. SOC. JUST. 235-283 (2008)

"Peeking Behind the Iron Curtain: How Law 'Works' Behind Prison Walls," 67 S. CAL. INTER. L. J.137-182 (2006)

WORKS IN PROGRESS

BOOK MANUSCRIPTS

HIP HOP AND THE LAW (in conjunction with Professor andre douglas pond cummings) (forthcoming; Carolina Academic Press, 2014)

REACHING HIP HOP, TEACHING LAW: RACE, RIGHTS, AND THE AMERICAN CONSTITUTION. (manuscript in progress)

ARTICLES

Teaching Terry, Teaching Race: Navigating the Supreme Court's "Raceless" Fourth Amendment Jurisprudence . . . And Why It Matter to Students of Color (forthcoming Fall 2014).

BOOK REVIEWS, ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES, AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS PUBLICATIONS

Review Essay: Akinyele Omowale Umoja, WE WILL SHOOT BACK: ARMED RESISTANCE IN THE MISSISSIPPI FREEDOM MOVEMENT (New York: University Press, 2013).

Review Essay: Julie Novkov, RACIAL UNION, LAW, INTIMACY, AND THE WHITE STATE IN ALABAMA, 1865-1954 (Ann Arbor: University Press, 2008).

"Huey P. Newton and Bobby Seale," (with Thomas J. Davis), ICONS OF BLACK AMERICA (Greenwood Press, 2009).

"Judge Nathianiel R. Jones," AFRICAN AMERICAN NATIONAL BIOGRAPHY (Oxford University Press (2007)

"Jones v. North Carolina Prisoners' Labor Union, Inc., 433 U.S. 119 (1977)," ENCYCLOPEDIA OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES (MacMillan-Thompson 2008)

"Pollock v. Williams, 322 U.S. 4 (1944)," ENCYCLOPEDIA OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES (MacMillan-Thompson 2008)

"Taylor v. Georgia, 315 US. 25 (1942)," ENCYCLOPEDIA OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES (MacMillan-Thompson 2008)

PRESENTATIONS, FORUMS, and KEYNOTE ADDRESSES

"Uncovering Brown v. Board of Education: A Lesson for the Minority (Future) Lawyer," Annual Lawyer for a Day, Philadelphia Bar Association, Philadelphia, PA, May 2, 2014.

"Hip Hop, Mass Incarceration, and the Private Prison Industrial Complex," University of Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor, Michigan, March 14, 2014.

"A Questionable Verdict: Trayvon Martin, George Zimmerman and the Great (Racial) Divide in American Law," ANNUAL MARTIN LUTHER KING LECTURE, Westminster College, February 6, 2014.

"Hip Hop Cops: Rap Music Vibes on What's Wrong About Policing Black Men Through Art," Chicago Bar Association, Chicago, Illinois, October 16, 2013.

"Examining Anti-Blackness: The Case of Trayvon Martin and George Zimmerman, University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth, September 25, 2013.

"Trayvon Martin and The Trial of The Century," Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, September 14, 2013.

"From Black Power to Prison Power: The Making of Jones v. North Carolina Prisoners' Labor Union,"

- *Africana Studies Lecture Series*, Rhode Island College, April 19, 2012
- *Law Faculty Lecture Series*, Albany Law School, March 7, 2012.

"The Scottsboro Boys: The Trial of the Century," *American Constitutional Society*, Earle Mack School of Law, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, February 7, 2012.

"Gangsta Rap and the Criminal Courtroom: Music's Affect on Contemplative Lawyering," *Mid-Atlantic People of Color in Legal Scholarship*, Annual Conference, Howard University Law School, January, 27, 2012.

"Hip Hop and the Law," *Black Law Students Association*, Earle Mack School of Law Diversity Awareness Week 2011, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, March 9, 2011.

"Owed to Black Power: Hip Hop, Gangsta Rap, and Anti-Blackness in American Law," Cultural Studies Association, Chicago, Illinois, March 25, 2011.

"From Black Power to Hip Hop: Discussing Anti-Blackness, Policing, and the Fourth Amendment Through the "War On" Paradigm," *15th Annual Symposium for the Journal of Gender, Race, and Justice*, Iowa City, Iowa, March 5, 2011.

"Knowledge Reigns Supreme Over Nearly Everybody: Black Power, Hip Hop, and the Colorblindness of the Boyz in the Hood," *Third National People of Color Conference*, Seton Hall University, Newark, New Jersey, September 10, 2010.

"Law, Literature, and Hip Hop: Native Sons, Black Souls, Invisible Men, and Jay Z," *Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Conference*, West Palm Beach, Florida, August 2, 2010.

"Who Killed Oscar Grant?: A Legal-Eulogy of the Cultural Logic of Black Hyper-policing in the post-Civil Rights Era,"

- Panel: State of the Union: The Progress Report, *First Annual Symposium Journal of Race, Gender, and Poverty*, Southern University Law Center, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, February 19, 2010.

- Panel: "Law and Culture: Self, Community, and State," Thirteenth Annual Conference for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities, Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, March 19, 2010.

"A Bigger's Dilemma: Richard Wright's Native Son, Bigger Thomas, and the Influence of Jim Crow Segregation on Protest Literature," *Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Conference*, West Palm Beach, Florida, August 3, 2009.

"More Than Free Speech, Black Power: Race and Radicalism in Jones v. North Carolina Prisoners' Labor Union," *Africana Studies Speaker Series*, Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA, June 2, 2009.

"E-racing Invisibility: Richard Wright's Lessons on Punishing the Black Body in *Native Son*"
SE/SW People of Color in Legal Scholarship, Phoenix, Arizona, March 26 – 29, 2009

"Teaching (Law) to Transgress: Abolitionist Strategies in Legal Education," *Critical Resistance 10 Annual Meeting*, Oakland, CA, September 26 – 28, 2008

"From Grassroots to Prison Suits: The Hidden Issue of Race and Black Power in *Jones v. North Carolina Prisoners Labor Union*," *Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting*, Amelia Island, Florida, July 30 - August 4, 2007

MEDIA APPEARANCES

Guest Interview, BILL O'REILLY AND THE O'REILLY FACTOR, "Race and Violence in America," November, 2013

Guest Interview, CBS NEWS, "The George Zimmerman Verdict," August, 2013

Panelist, FRESH OUTLOOK TELEVISION. 2013-2014

- "Issues Surrounding the Shooting of Trayvon Martin and the Stand Your Ground Law"
- "The George Zimmerman Verdict"
- "Race and Stop and Frisk Laws"
- "The Bankruptcy of Detroit, Michigan"
- "The 50 Anniversary of the March on Washington"

Panelist, "Issues Surrounding the Shooting of Trayvon Martin and the Stand Your Ground Law," WASHINGTON WATCH WITH ROLAND MARTIN. 25 March 2012.

Selected Quotes and News Articles Appearances (available on request)

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, and PROFESSIONAL HONORS

Award. DREXEL UNIVERSITY CAREER DEVELOPMENT AWARD, Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA (June 2011).

Award. DEAN JENNIFER L. ROSATO EXCELLENCE IN THE CLASSROOM AWARD, Drexel University Earle Mack School of Law, Philadelphia, PA (May 2011)

Fellow. HARRY S. GOLDEN VISITING CIVIL RIGHTS SCHOLAR, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Charlotte, North Carolina, (June 2007)

Fellow, WILLIAM H. HASTIE LAW TEACHING FELLOWSHIP, University of Wisconsin-Madison Law School, Madison, Wisconsin (January 2004- August 2005)

Fellow, J. WILLARD HURST SUMMER INSTITUTE IN LEGAL HISTORY, Institute for Legal Studies at University of Wisconsin-Madison Law School, Madison, Wisconsin (June 2003)

Fellow, PREPARING FUTURE FACULTY, Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona (August 1999-May 2001)

Fellow, *GRADUATE COLLEGE ACADEMIC SUPPORT PROGRAM*, Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona (August 1998 - May 2001)

SHEILA S. SKIPPER OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT, Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona (2001)

GRANTS

"Hip Hop and the American Constitution: Critical Learning, Pedagogy, and Interpretation of American Law, Drexel University Career Development Award, Fall 2011-Spring 2012. Funded: $7,500. Matching grant (100%) from the Earle Mack School of Law.

"From Black Power to Hip Hop: Discussing Anti-Blackness, Policing, and the Fourth Amendment

Through the "War On" Paradigm," Faculty Research Grant, Drexel University Earle Mack School of Law, Summer 2011. Funded: $15,000.
Status: 15 J. GENDER, RACE, & JUST. ____ (Spring 2012)

"Who Killed Oscar Grant?: A Legal-Eulogy of the Cultural Logic of Black Hyper-policing in the Post-Civil Rights Era," Faculty Research Grant, Drexel University Earle Mack School of Law, Summer 2010. Funded: $15,000.
Status: 1 J. RACE, GENDER & POV. 1-33, (2010).

"From Black Power to Prison Power: The Making of Jones v. North Carolina Prisoners' Labor Union," Faculty Research Grant, Drexel University Earle Mack School of Law, Summer 2009. Funded: $15,000
Status: PALGRAVE MACMILLAN PRESS (2012).

"The Jena 6 and Black Punishment: Law and Raw Life in the Domain of Non-Existence," Faculty Research Grant, Drexel University Earle Mack School of Law, Summer 2008. Funded: $10,000
Status: 7 SEATTLE J. SOC. JUST. 235-283 (2009)

Research on Hip Hop and the Law, Faculty Research Grant, Southern University Law Center, Summer 2007. Funded: $10,000
Status: Completed

"Peeking Behind the Iron Curtain: How Law 'Works' Behind Prison Walls," Faculty Research Grant, Southern University Law Center, Summer 2006. Funded: $10,000
Status: 67 S. CAL. INTER. L. J.139 (2006)

CONFERENCE WORK

Member, Program Committee, Annual Meeting, American Society of Legal History, Atlanta, GA, November 10-13, 2011.

Chair, Local Accommodations Committee, Annual Meeting, American Society of Legal History, Philadelphia, PA, November 18-21, 2010.

Panel Moderator, Author's Roundtable, *Our Country, Our World in a Post-Racial Era*, 3rd National People of Color in Legal Scholarship Conference, Seton Hall Law School, Newark, NJ, September 9-12, 2010.

Chair, Student Writing Competition, *Equality and Justice in the Obama Era*, Southeast/Southwest People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, University of South Carolina Law School, Colombia, SC, March 25-28, 20010

Chair, Student Writing Competition, *At the Intersection: Culture, Race & Class*, Southeast/Southwest People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, Phoenix Law School, Phoenix, AZ, March 26 – 29, 2009.
Panel Moderator, "Applied Legal History," Southeastern Association of Law Schools, West Palm Beach, FL, July 26 – August 3, 2008.

Panel Chair, "The Jena 6 and the Era of Civil Rights and Black Power," Teaching for Change: Training Leaders in the Social Justice Movement, Southeast/Southwest People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, North Carolina Central University School of Law, Durham, NC, April 11-13, 2008.

Chair, Student Writing Competition, Teaching for Change: Training Leaders in the Social Justice Movement, Southeast/Southwest People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, North Carolina Central University School of Law, Durham, NC, April 11-13, 2008.

Panel Chair, "Racism, Classism, and State-Sponsored Social Control," Law and Society Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, May 30, 2004.

Panel Moderator, "Shades of Darkness: Thinking Critically About the Problem of the Color Line," Roundtable Discussion on Intra-Group Racism, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Arizona State University, February 15, 2001.

Panel Moderator, "Racial Politics and Social Control within the Legal System," 2nd Annual Interdisciplinary Conference, University of Southern California, April 15, 2000

Panel Moderator, "Economic Exclusion, Public Control, and the Hidden Apartheid." National Conference on Prison and Welfare Policies, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ, April 8-9, 1999.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

DREXEL UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

Faculty Advisor, CRIMINAL LAW SOCIETY, Drexel University School of Law, 2010- Present.

Faculty Advisor, BLACK LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION, Drexel University School of Law. 2008-Present.

Moderator, Yes We Can: American Civil Rights from Martin Luther King, Jr. to President Obama, Drexel University Office of Multi-Cultural Diversity, January 18, 2009.

Faculty Advisor, Twentieth Annual Criminal Procedure Moot Court Competition, San Diego, CA., October 16-18, 2008.

Member, Faculty Appointments Committee, Drexel University School of Law, Philadelphia, PA, Fall 2008, Fall 2009, Fall 2011, Fall 2012.

Member, Admissions Committee, Drexel University School of Law, Philadelphia, PA, Fall 2010.

Guest Lecturer (in class and local High Schools), Marshall-Brennan Project in Constitutional Literacy, Drexel University School of Law, Philadelphia, Pa, Spring 2008 - Present

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER

Chair, Formation Committee, Journal of Race, Gender, and Poverty, Southern University Law Center, Baton Rouge, LA, Fall 2007

Faculty Advisor, Journal of Race, Gender, and Poverty, Southern University Law Center, Baton Rouge, LA, Spring 2008

Faculty Advisor, Black Law Students Association, Southern University Law Center, Baton Rouge, LA, Fall 2006 – Spring 2008

Faculty Advisor, Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, Southern University Law Center, Baton Rouge, LA Fall 2005 – Spring 2008

Organizer – Meet the Author: Debating Politics and Race with American Civil Rights Authors, Southern University Law Center, Baton Rouge, LA, Fall 2006

Dr. Albert Samuels, Associate Professor of Political Science, Southern University

Is Separate Unequal: Black Colleges and the Challenges to Desegregation (University of Kansas Press, 2004)

Dr. Thomas J. Davis, Professor of Law and History, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ, Race Relations in America: A Reference Guide with Primary Documents (Greenwood Press, 2006)

Organizer - Preserving the Power: Protecting Katrina Voting Rights and Renewing the Voting Rights Act. A Symposium on the Aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, Southern University Law Center. Baton Rouge, LA, March 24-26, 2006

MEMBERSHIPS

Executive Committee (Chair) Southern/Southwestern People of Color in Legal Scholarship
Executive Committee (Chair) American Society for Legal History (ASLH)
Law and Society Critical Research Network on Race and Law
Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP)
Society for Law Teachers (SALT)

REFERENCES

Available upon request.