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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor of Law, Drexel University,
Thomas R. Kline School of Law

2025 - Present

Faculty Fellow, Drexel University, School of Education
Supervisor: Dr. Ayanna Allen-Handy

2025 - Present

Invited Lecture: Mixed Methods. Foundations of Research in Education
(EDUC 850), Drexel University, invited by Monét V.F. Harbison, Ph.D.,

Fall 2025

Research Fellow, Drexel University, School of Education
Supervisor: Dr. Ayana Allen-Handy

2023 - 2025

Teaching Assistant, Drexel University, Department of Criminology &
Justice Studies.
Supervisor: Dr. Jordan Hyatt

2024 - 2025

- ◆ “Drexel Spring Break in Sweden & Norway: Scandinavian Perspectives on Humanity & Justice”

Research Assistant, Drexel University, School of Education
Supervisor: Dr. Kathleen Provenzano

2021 - 2023

Elms College, Adjunct Professor, Chicopee, Massachusetts

1996 – 2002

- ◆ Taught “Employment Law,” “Diversity and the Law,” “Civil Litigation” and “Family Law”

Springfield College, Adjunct Professor, Springfield, Massachusetts

1996 – 2002

- ◆ Taught “African American History,” “Racial Perspectives in Literature,” “Race, Religion & Culture,” “Introduction to Criminal Justice,” “Sexual Harassment Workshop”

Instructor, Committee for Public Counsel Jury Skills Training

2001 – 2002

Judicial Youth Corps, Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts

1999 – 2001

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Drexel University, Educational Leadership and Policy Research Focus: Policy reform regarding Educational and Work Skills Provisions In Wrongful Conviction Compensation Statutes	2025
M.S. Drexel University, Special Education and the Law	2021
M.Ed. Springfield College, Counseling Psychology	1997
J.D. The University of Chicago, The Law School	1993
B.A. Wellesley College, Political Science/Black Studies	1990

ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Educational Research Association (AERA)
 Law and Education
 Mixed Methods Research
 Special Education Research
 Research Focus on Black Education
 Politics of Education
 Critical Examination of Race, Ethnicity, Class, and Gender in Education
 Critical Educators for Social Justice
 Division G: Social Context of Education
 Division L: Educational Policy and Politics

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

Hurst, T. D. , Mid-Atlantic Law & Society. Education Interrupted: An Explanatory Sequential, Mixed Methods, Multiple Case Study to Explore the Education and Training Needs of Exonerated Individuals. <i>Mid-Atlantic Law and Society Association. Mahwah, NJ</i>	2025
Hurst, T. D. , Metzger, R. R., Samuel-Evans, K. R., Hawkins, T., Co-housing Solutions for Community Seniors and Anchor Institution Students. <i>Coalition of Urban and Metropolitan Universities (CUMU) Conference. Baltimore, MD</i>	2025
Hurst, T. D. , Metzger, R. R., Escalante, K. A., Allen-Handy, A., Kirby, J. Barron, L., Lassiter, I. L., Hawkins, T., Samuel-Evans, K. R. Developing Anti-Racism Community Dialogues: A Community-Driven Participatory Action Research Project. <i>American Educational Research Association (AERA) Conference. Denver, Colorado</i>	2025

- Hurst, T. D.**, Metzger, R. R., Samuel-Evans, K. R., Hawkins, T., Dunn, D. C., 2025
Building Bridges Across Generations: Co-Housing Solutions for Anchor
Institution Students and Community Members Desiring to Age in Place.
Philadelphia Higher Education Network for Neighborhood Development
(PHEND). Philadelphia, PA.
- An Education Interrupted: An Exoneree's Struggle to Survive Freedom in 2024
States with No Wrongful Conviction Compensation Statutes or with Wrongful
Conviction Compensation Statutes that do not Contain Educational Provisions
Drexel School of Education Colloquia Presentation
- Harbison, M., **Hurst, T. D.**, Carambo, M., Pinkney, T., Hutson, T., Hooper, A. T. 2024
Contested Territories: A Scoping Literature Review Arguing for Critical
Geography in Understanding the Experiences of Black Women Academics
Across the Diaspora.
- "It's a West Philly Thing": Conversations with Intergenerational 2024
Community-Driven Civic Action Research Collectives Pursuing Justice
- Escalante, K., Metzger, R. R., Allen-Handy, A., Lassiter, I. L., Brooks, S. 2024
Kirby, J. D., Barron, L., Hawkins, T., **Hurst, T. D.** Fostering Intergenerational
Conflict Resolution and Racial Healing in West Philadelphia: An Antiracist
CPAR (Critical Participatory Action Research) Project. *American Educational*
Research Association (AERA) Conference. Philadelphia, PA.
- Hurst, T. D.**, Escalante, K., Metzger, R. R., Lassiter, I. L., Developing Anti-Racism 2024
Community Dialogues: A Community Driven Participatory Action Research
Project. *Philadelphia Higher Education Network for Neighborhood*
Development (PHEND). Philadelphia, PA.
- Hurst, T. D.**, Harbison, M., Hooper, T., Hutson, T. M., Pinkney, T. A Novel Way 2023
To Address the Disproportionate Rate at Which Youth with Disabilities
are Overrepresented in the School-to-Prison Nexus.
- May, T. A., Provinzano, K., Koskey, K. L. K., Bright, D., & **Hurst, T. D.**, 2023
Validating a preK nutrition teacher practices survey:
Using diverse perspectives and multiple data sources. *American*
Educational Research Association (AERA) Conference. Philadelphia, PA.
- May, T. A., Provinzano, K., Koskey, K. L. K., Bright, D., & **Hurst, T. D.**, 2023
Using Multiple Perspectives and Data Sources to Validate a PreK
Mathematics Teacher Practices Survey. *American Educational*
Research Association (AERA) Conference. Philadelphia, PA.
- Harbison, M., **Hurst, T. D.**, Cameron, T., Yarborough, D., Young, N. 2022
"When I Think of Home..." Creating Homespace through Alternative
Literacy Practices." Panel presented at the English Language Arts
Teachers Educators Conference, Louisville, Kentucky

"Parent Participation Are Us: Avoiding Due Process By Using Legally Compliant Parent Participation Strategies" Multi-Presentation Session. 2022
Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) International Conference

"Lawyers & Teachers & Due Process Complaints, oh my! A Practical Inquiry into Everyday IDEA Dilemmas" Multi-Presentation Session. 2022
Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) International Conference

Hurst, T. D., Harbison, M., "Is There a Need for Black Critical Theory in Higher Education" Poster Presentation at the Winter Roundtable, 2022
Teachers College, Columbia University

GRANTS PARTICIPATION

Allen-Handy, A., **Hurst, T. D.**, Hawkins, C., Lassiter, I. L., Metzger, R.R., 2025
 Samuel-Evans, K. R., Hawkins, T., Brooks, S., West Philadelphia Dialogue Project (WPCDP).

Allen-Handy, A., Sterin, K., Wenrick, R., Drummond, D., Wright, C., Kaschock, K., Lomax, C., Nicholas, D., Walls, A., Richardson McCullough, C., Seymour, S., Green, J., Kowal, H., Dunn, D.C., Hawkins, T., Samuel-Evans, K. R., **Hurst, T. D.**, Carambo, M., Zitcer, A., Fulton, T., *****Metzger, R. R., Brown, J., Tindall, S., and *****Peurifoy, V. H. "Meet me on Sunday": A speculative design for imagining arts-centered intergenerational co-housing in a university-adjacent community in West Philadelphia 2025

ACADEMIC MANUSCRIPTS IN PROCESS

Hurst, T. D., Escalante, K. A., Lassiter, I. L., Metzger, R. R., Sterin, K., Samuel-Evans, K. R., Hawkins, T., Allen-Handy, A., Brooks, S., Kirby, J., Barron, L. (2025). Developing anti-racism community dialogues: A critical race participatory action research project. *Journal of Community Engagement and Scholarship* (Review & Resubmit)

Lassiter, I., Sterin, K., **Hurst, T.**, Kowal, H., Dunn, D., Allen-Handy, A. Carambo, M., Williams, C., Brown, J., *Ray, R., *Nettles, C. A., *Allen, M., *Goldsmith-Carter, A., *Metzger, R. R., *Samuel-Evans, K. R., *Hawkins, T., & *Richardson McCullough, C. (*in press 2025*). JoYful ways of being: Five tenets for anchoring authentic and sustainable community-university partnerships with JoY. In S. Gururaj & Johnson, B. (Eds.). *Navigating campus-community relationships: How colleges and universities engage with demographic change*. Campus Compact.

LEGAL EMPLOYMENT

Hurst Legal LLC, Licensed in Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Massachusetts and Illinois 2020 - Present

- ◆ Litigate habeas cases, including research, investigation, drafting and filing documents, court appearances
- ◆ **Notable Moments:**
Purnell v. State, 254 A.3d 1053 (Del. 2021) (En Banc) (case overturned based upon actual innocence) (drafted briefing, oral argument)

Supervisor, Capital Habeas Unit, Federal Public Defender, District of Delaware 2016 - 2020

- ◆ Supervised capital habeas litigation, including research, investigation drafting and filing documents, court appearances
- ◆ **Notable Moments:**
Powell v. State, 153 A.3d 69 (Del. 2016) (Delaware death penalty Unconstitutional applied retroactively) (drafted amicus brief)

Supervisor, Capital Habeas Unit, Federal Public Defender, District of Nevada 2006 – 2016

- ◆ Supervised capital habeas litigation, including research, investigation, drafting and filing documents, court appearances
- ◆ **Notable Moments:**
Blake v. Baker, 745 F.3d 977 (9th Cir. 2014) (reversal) (drafted briefing, argued)

Rogers v. McDaniel, 793 F.3d 1036 (9th Cir. 2015) (reversal) (drafted briefing)

Williams v. Filson, 908 F.3d 546 (9th Cir. 2018) (reversal) (drafted briefing)

Assistant Federal Defender, Trial Unit, Federal Public Defender, Central District of Illinois 2002 – 2006

- ◆ Litigated trial cases and direct appeals, including research, investigation, drafting and filing documents, court appearances

Hurst & Fogarty, Partner, Springfield, Massachusetts 1997 – 2002

- ◆ Criminal trials, appeals, civil litigation, immigration cases, and employment discrimination cases

Hurst & Hurst P.C., Associate, Springfield, Massachusetts

1995 – 1996

- ◆ Worked for former Commissioner from the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination whose practice involved Discrimination cases before the Equal Opportunity Commission and the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination. I drafted legal documents, attended investigatory conferences and appeal hearings

Schatz, Schatz, Ribicoff & Kotkin, Associate, Hartford, Connecticut

1993 – 1994

- ◆ Drafted employment agreements, performed research, Prepared minutes for shareholder agreements, formed corporations and filed UCC documents

STATE BAR ADMISSIONS

Admitted to the Bar of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Admitted to the Bar of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Admitted to the Bar of the State of Illinois

Admitted to the Bar of the State of Connecticut

FEDERAL BAR ADMISSIONS

Admitted to the Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States.

Admitted to Bar of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

Admitted to the Bar of the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit

Admitted to the Bar of the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit

Admitted to the Bar of the Federal District Court for the District of Delaware

Admitted to the Bar of the Federal District Court the District of Nevada

Admitted to the Bar of the Federal District Court for the Central District of Illinois

Admitted to the Bar of the Federal District Court for the District of Massachusetts

LEGAL PRESENTATIONS

Writing to Win; Federal Community Defenders, Eastern District of Pennsylvania

2015

Writing to Win; Federal Public Defenders, District of Delaware	2015
Writing to Win; Capital Habeas Unit Conference	2015
Writing to Win; NAACP Legal Defense Fund	2014
Writing to Win; Capital Habeas Unit Conference	2014
Speaker, American National Government, Parkland College	2005
Speaker, United States Immigration and Naturalization Ceremony	2004