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EDUCATION

Yale Law School, New Haven, CT

J.D., June 2003

Activities: *The Yale Law Journal* – Managing Editor
 Yale Journal on Regulation – Senior Editor
 Black Law Students' Association – Member, Executive Board

Princeton University, Princeton, NJ

A.B., *cum laude*, May 2000, in English, with a Certificate in African-American Studies

Ruth J. Simmons Thesis Prize

Phillips Academy, Andover, MA

Recipient of Award for Distinguished Scholarship in English

ACADEMIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

Drexel University Thomas R. Kline School of Law, Philadelphia, PA

Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

January 2019-Present

Professor of Law

September 2018-Present

Associate Dean for Faculty Research

January 2017-January 2019

Provost's Fellow

January 2016-June 2017

Associate Professor of Law

September 2010-August 2018

Assistant Professor of Law

May 2007-August 2010

Courses: Civil Procedure I; Civil Procedure II; Civil Procedure (combined); Constitutional Law; Federal Courts; Jurisprudence; Law & Literature; Animal Law

LAW SCHOOL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Committees

Dean Search

Faculty Appointments (eight years)

Tenure and Promotion

Curriculum (chair)

Intellectual Life

Colloquia

Diversity and Inclusion

Law Review Advisor (presided over the launch of the *Drexel Law Review*)

Judicial Clerkships

Accreditation, Building, and Long-Range Planning

Faculty Hearing (University)

Faculty Senate Committee for Academic Affairs (University)

Other Academic Service

Treasurer and Executive Board Member, Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Section on Law and the Humanities (2012-13)

Member for the John Mercer Langston Black Male Law Faculty Writing Workshop Planning and Advisory Committee (2013-present)

SERVICE OUTSIDE OF THE UNIVERSITY

Yale Law School Association Executive Committee

Vice President

July 2017-July 2019

Term Member

July 2015-July 2017

Phillips Academy (Andover) Alumni Council

Executive Committee

July 2019-Present

Chair, Philadelphia Regional Leadership Team

July 2018-Present

Term Member

July 2017-Present

Phillips Academy (Andover) Institute for Recruitment of Teachers

Member, Advisory Board

February 2015-Present

Green Woods Charter School

Trustee

February 2021-Present

I have also served as a member of the Board of the East Falls Sports Association and have coached several of my sons' baseball, tee ball, basketball, and soccer teams.

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIP

Hon. Julio M. Fuentes, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, Newark, NJ

2005-2006

PUBLICATIONS

"The World Turned Upside Down": Hamilton and Deconstruction, in THE LAW OF HAMILTON: AN AMERICAN MUSICAL (Cornell Univ. Press 2020).

Fixing a Baby's Abnormal Genes in the Womb May Soon Be Possible, LEAPSMAG (Jul. 23, 2019).

Counseling After CRISPR, 21 STAN. TECH. L. REV. 1 (2018).

Fostering Informed Choice: Alleviating the Trauma of Genetic Abortions, 25 CORNELL J.L. & PUB. POL'Y 293 (2015).

"Backdoor to Eugenics"?: The Risks of Prenatal Diagnosis for Poor, Black Women, 23 DUKE J. GEN. L. & POL'Y 1 (2015) (symposium).

Same Script, Different Cast: Stop Snitching, Law, and Hip Hop, in HIP HOP AND THE LAW: THE KEY WRITINGS THAT FORMED THE MOVEMENT (Carolina Academic Press, 2015).

Strict Scrutiny After Fisher, CONTEXTS, Fall 2013, at 16.

The Fisher Oral Argument: Why Affirmative Action Might Endure, 9 STAN. J. C.R. & C.L. 107 (2013).

The Challenges of Applying “Reliable Social Science,” 5 GEO. J.L. & MOD. CRITICAL RACE PERSP. 27 (2013) (Reaction).

On the Need for Public Boarding Schools, 47 GA. L. REV 113 (2012) (with Kevin Woodson).

Loyalty, Diversity, and Colorblindness, 79 TENN. L. REV. 891 (2012).

Excavating Subtexts and Integrating Humanity in Civil Procedure, 3 CAL. L. REV. CIRCUIT 136 (2012) (symposium).

Why The Bluebook Matters: The Virtues Judge Posner and Other Critics Overlook, 79 TENN. L. REV. 95 (2011) (with Thomas Cole).

Anti-Snitching Norms and Community Loyalty, 89 OR. L. REV. 1257 (2011).

Law as Palimpsest: Conceptualizing Contingency in Judicial Opinions, 61 ALA. L. REV. 121 (2009).

PANELS AND PRESENTATIONS

Panelist, *Biases in Academia and Its Effects,* Drexel University Thomas R. Kline School of Law, Philadelphia, PA, Mar. 3, 2021.

Panelist, *Hamilton: An American Musical: What Art Teaches Us about Law and Government, and What Law and Government Teach Us About Art,* 92nd Street Y, New York, NY, Jan. 27, 2021.

Panelist, *Election Results: What Do We Know and What's Next?,* Drexel University Thomas R. Kline School of Law, Philadelphia, PA, Nov. 4, 2020.

Panelist, *After George Floyd: Racism, Human Rights, and Protest in America,* Drexel University Thomas R. Kline School of Law, Philadelphia, PA, Jun. 15, 2020.

law•ish: A Guide to Academic Success as a 1L, Drexel University Thomas R. Kline School of Law, Philadelphia, PA, Oct. 9, 2019.

Parental Perspectives on Beckwith-Wiedemann Syndrome, University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, Philadelphia, PA, Aug. 29, 2019.

Commentator, *A Critical Analysis of the Imitation of Life Movies 1934 and 1959; and Their Reinforcement of Dominance in Race, Gender, Class and Sexuality,* Tenth Annual John Mercer Langston Black Male Law Faculty Writing Workshop, Washington, DC, Jul. 19, 2019.

First Annual Adjunct Training, Drexel University Thomas R. Kline School of Law, Philadelphia, PA, Jun. 27, 2019.

Moderator, *Diversity in Criminal Practice,* Drexel University Thomas R. Kline School of Law, Philadelphia, PA, Mar. 4, 2019.

An Introduction to Civil Procedure, Philadelphia Diversity Law Group Pre-1L Boot Camp, Philadelphia, PA, Aug. 7, 2018.

Commentator, *Medicalization and the New Civil Rights*, Ninth Annual John Mercer Langston Black Male Law Faculty Writing Workshop, Los Angeles, CA, Jul. 6, 2018.

Counseling Women Who Receive a Prenatal Diagnosis of a Fetal Abnormality, Board Presentation, Drexel University Thomas R. Kline School of Law, Philadelphia, PA, Apr. 12, 2018.

Genetic Counseling and TRAP Laws, University of Utah Center for Law and Biomedical Sciences Symposium: TRAP Laws, Salt Lake City, UT, Dec. 1, 2017 (invited speaker).

American Civil Procedure, Guest Lecture in *Introduction to American Law*, Drexel University Thomas R. Kline School of Law, Philadelphia, PA, Oct. 26, 2017.

Counseling After CRISPR, Faculty Workshop Series, Drexel University Thomas R. Kline School of Law, Philadelphia, PA, Aug. 28, 2017.

The Law of Genome Editing, Eighth Annual John Mercer Langston Black Male Law Faculty Writing Workshop, Philadelphia, PA, Jul. 7, 2017.

Commentator, *The Open Grave: Memory and Monument*, Seventh Annual John Mercer Langston Black Male Law Faculty Writing Workshop, Miami, FL, Jul. 8, 2016.

“Backdoor to Eugenics”?: The Risks of Prenatal Diagnosis for Poor, Black Women, Duke Law School Symposium: The Present and Future of Civil Rights Movements, Durham, NC, Nov. 20, 2015.

The Promise of De-escalation, Drexel Law Review Symposium: Crime, Community, and Public Health, Philadelphia, PA, Oct. 16, 2015.

Commentator, *Beyond Integration: White Universities, Black Abuse and Integration as Social Control*, Sixth Annual John Mercer Langston Black Male Law Faculty Writing Workshop, Irvine, CA, Jul. 10, 2015.

Workshop Participant, *Helping Each Student Internalize the Core Values and Ideals of the Profession*, Chaska, MN, Jun. 18-21, 2015.

Removing Eugenic Bias from Prenatal Genetic Counseling, Fifth Annual John Mercer Langston Black Male Law Faculty Writing Workshop, Las Vegas, NV, Jul. 11, 2014.

Commentator, Northeast People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, San Juan, PR, Dec. 7, 2013.

Commentator, Fourth Annual John Mercer Langston Black Male Law Faculty Writing Workshop, Denver, CO, Jul. 13, 2013.

Indicia of Justice Loyalties in Fisher v. Texas, Stanford Law School, Palo Alto, CA, Oct. 27, 2012.

Commentator, *Solidarity, Social Norms, and Uncle Tom*, Third Annual John Mercer Langston Black Male Law Faculty Writing Workshop, Boston, MA, Jun. 29, 2012.

On the Need for Public Boarding Schools, The Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Honolulu, HI, Jun. 7, 2012 (with Kevin Woodson).

Panel Chair, *Reading Common Law and Literature*, Annual Conference for the Association for the Study

of Law, Culture, and the Humanities, Fort Worth, TX, Mar. 16, 2012.

Panelist, *Back to “The Message”*: *What Can Hip-Hop Teach Us About Law and Social Movements?*, Yale Law School, New Haven, CT, Feb. 28, 2012.

Invited Commentator, Fourth Annual Junior Faculty Federal Courts Workshop, Miami, FL, Feb. 2-4, 2012.

Guest Lecturer, *Hip Hop as Subaltern Speech*, Hip Hop & the Law, Earle Mack School of Law at Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA, Jan. 19, 2012.

Excavating Subtexts and Integrating Humanity in Civil Procedure, Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Annual Meeting, Section on Law and the Humanities, Washington, D.C., Jan. 6, 2012.

Loyalty, Diversity, and Colorblindness, Faculty Workshop Series, Texas Wesleyan School of Law, Fort Worth, TX, Oct. 5, 2011.

On the Need for Public Boarding Schools, Second Annual John Mercer Langston Black Male Law Faculty Writing Workshop, Chicago, IL, Jun. 24, 2011 (with Kevin Woodson).

The Societal Implications of Strict Colorblindness, The Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, Jun. 3, 2011.

Privileging Diversity in a Society Committed to Colorblindness, Fifth Annual UCLA Critical Race Studies Symposium, Los Angeles, CA, Apr. 2, 2011.

Loyalty, Diversity, and Colorblindness, Annual Conference for the Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities, Las Vegas, NV, Mar. 12, 2011.

One Understanding of the Relationship Between Hip-Hop and the Law, Earle Mack School of Law at Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA, Mar. 9, 2011.

Invited Commentator, Third Annual Junior Faculty Federal Courts Workshop, Chicago, IL, Oct. 7-8, 2010.

Non-Speech as a Form of Speech, Villanova University Second Annual Law and Literature Symposium: Ethics of Traditions, Villanova, PA, Oct. 1, 2010.

Commentator, National People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, Newark, NJ, Sept. 9-10, 2010.

Anti-Snitching Norms and Community Loyalty, Southeast/Southwest People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, Columbia, SC, Mar. 27, 2010.

Anti-Snitching Norms: A Humanistic Perspective, Annual Conference for the Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities, Providence, RI, Mar. 19, 2010.

Anti-Snitching Norms and Community Loyalty, Northeast People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, Buffalo, NY, Oct. 23, 2009.

Panel Chair, Villanova University First Annual Law and Literature Symposium: Law, Literature, and Religion, Villanova, PA, Oct. 2, 2009.

OTHER TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Professor Robert B. Stepto, Yale University English and African-American Studies Departments
Teaching Fellow, African-American Literature from 1900-1970 Spring 2002

Professor Robert Barsky, Yale University Literature Department
Teaching Fellow, Cold War Quests for the Key to Human Language Fall 2002

OTHER LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP, Philadelphia
Associate September 2006-May 2007

Dechert LLP, Philadelphia
Associate September 2003-August 2005
Summer Associate 2001 and 2002

Sullivan & Cromwell, New York and London
Summer Associate (received offer for full-time employment) 2002