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## EDUCATION

**UCLA School of Law**, Los Angeles, CA  
Juris Doctor with a Concentration in Critical Race Studies, May 2007

**San Diego State University**, San Diego, CA  
Bachelor of Arts in Africana Studies and Political Science, May 2003  
*Honors: Magna Cum Laude and Phi Beta Kappa*

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

**Associate Professor of Law**, Loyola Law School, Los Angeles, CA *2012-present*

Courses taught: Criminal Law; Race, Gender, and the Law; Critical Race Theory; and Family Law

**Critical Race Studies Law Teaching Fellow**, UCLA School of Law, Los Angeles, CA *2010-2012*

Courses taught: Seminar on Race, Gender, and Mass Incarceration; and Critical Race Theory

## JUDICIAL CLERKSHIP

**Law Clerk**, The Honorable Eric L. Clay, United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, Detroit, MI *2007-2008*

Performed legal research and drafted bench memoranda, assisted in the drafting of legal opinions, verified citations, and communicated with other chambers regarding case management.

## LEGAL EXPERIENCE

**Thurgood Marshall Fellow**, Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, San Francisco, CA *2008-2010*

Spearheaded the development of a reentry project designed to meet the needs of formerly incarcerated Black women through policy advocacy, direct services, community education and impact litigation. Served on legal team representing class of Black Section 8 voucher holders in Antioch, California. Drafted declarations, second chaired client and witness depositions, reviewed documents, assisted in development of motion practice, acted as client liaison. Member of legal team representing intervenors in defending race-conscious contracting goals in the state of California. Investigated potential violations of the California Voting Rights Act on behalf of Latino/a voters in the Central Valley.

**Summer Associate**, Sherman & Sterling, LLP, New York, NY *Summer 2006*

Assisted attorneys in taxation practice group. Performed research and drafted memoranda analyzing various points of law for business transactions implicating the Internal Revenue Service Code and Regulations.

**Law Clerk**, NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. (LDF), New York, NY *Summer 2006*

Researched and drafted memoranda analyzing various questions of law related to pending desegregation suits. Reviewed policy documents regarding affirmative action in higher education. Advised attorneys regarding submission of LDF amicus brief in appellate case. Researched emerging legal theories regarding racially disparate use of school discipline policies.

## PUBLICATIONS

*Birthing Injustice: Pregnancy as a Status Offense*, 85 GEO. WASH. L. REV. (forthcoming July 2017)

*Beyond Ferguson: Integrating the Social Psychology of Criminal Procedure and Critical Race Theory to Understand the Persistence of Police Violence*, in A THEORY OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE: LAW AND SOCIOLOGY IN CONVERSATION (Sharon Dolovich and Alexandra Natapoff eds. forthcoming 2017)

*(E)racing Childhood: Examining the Racialized Construction of "Childhood" and "Innocence" in the Treatment of Sexually Exploited Minors*, 62 UCLA L. REV. 1586 (2015)

*Beyond Shackling: Prisons, Pregnancy and the Struggle for Birth Justice* (co-authored with J. Chinyere Oparah), forthcoming in *BIRTHING JUSTICE: BLACK WOMEN, PREGNANCY AND CHILDBIRTH* (J. Chinyere Oparah, Alicia Bonaparte and Shanelle Matthews eds. 2015)

*Black Girls Matter: Overpoliced and Underprotected* (co-written with Kimberlé Crenshaw and Jyoti Nanda 2015)

*Unshackling Intersectionality*, 10 DU BOIS REVIEW 471 (2013)

*The New Racially Restrictive Covenant: Race, Welfare and the Policing of Black Women in Public Housing*, 59 UCLA L. REV. 1540 (2012).

*Punishing Pregnancy: Race, Incarceration and the Shackling of Pregnant Prisoners*, 100 CAL. L. REV. 1239 (2012).

### **WORKS-IN-PROGRESS**

*At Home and Under Siege: Black Women, the Home and the Criminal Law* (co-authored with Devon Carbado)

*Incapacitating Motherhood*

*Introduction* in RACHEL ROTH, *PRIMER ON REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE* (submitted to University of California Press for review, expected publication in fall 2018)

*The Story of Ferguson v. City of Charleston* in *REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS AND JUSTICE STORIES* (Melissa Murray, Reva Siegel and Kate Shaw eds. forthcoming 2018)

*Minority Report: Race, Risk Assessment and the Future of Anti-Discrimination Law in a Transforming Penal Landscape*, 19 PUNISHMENT & SOC'Y (forthcoming 2018)

### **MEDIA/OP-EDS**

*Who Will Police the Police?*, LOS ANGELES DAILY JOURNAL, Sept. 22, 2014

*Marissa Alexander and the Overpolicing and Underprotection of Black Women*, EBONY MAG., Mar. 24, 2014 (with Kimberlé Crenshaw)

*Whose Version of Diversity Did the Oscars Celebrate?*, AL JAZEERA ENGLISH, Mar. 5, 2014 (with Khaled Beydoun)

*Baltimore and the Emergence of a Black Spring*, AL JAZEERA ENGLISH, May 20, 2015 (with Khaled Beydoun)

*Why We Must Do More than Repeal Stand Your Ground Laws*, AL JAZEERA ENGLISH, Aug. 3, 2013 (with Addie Rolnick)

*Paula Deen and the US's Subservience Fantasy*, AL JAZEERA ENGLISH, Jul. 1, 2013

*Taking Affirmative Action Off of the Table*, AL JAZEERA ENGLISH, Mar. 30, 2013 (with Khaled Beydoun)

Interviewed on matters related to race, gender and criminal law by several media outlets including *the Intercept*, *the Washington Post*, *KPCC* and *the Huffington Post Live*.

### **SELECTED PRESENTATIONS**

Participant, **Criminal Justice Junior Scholar Workshop**, Brooklyn Law School, July 2017

Participant, **Workshop for the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Issue of the Journal of Punishment and Society**, University of California, Irvine, April 2017

Panelist, **The Changing Face of the War on Drugs: A Symposium**, Wayne State University School of Law, March 2017

Participant, **Workshop on the Law, Practice and Policy of Incarceration**, University of Michigan Law School, March 2017

Panelist, **Damaging Minds and Bodies: A Symposium on Trauma, Violence and the Criminal Justice System**, UCLA, February 2017

Moderator, **Policing and Community Engagement**, 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Empowerment Congress, University of Southern California, January 2017

Panelist, **The Challenge of Crime in a Free Society: Fifty Years Later**, Association of American Law Schools Annual Conference, Criminal Justice Section Plenary Panel, January 2017

Panelist, **Post-Election Policy Consequences for Marginalized Communities**, Human Resources, December 2016

Panelist, **Temple Emanuel of Beverly Hills' 18th Annual Contemporary Issues Forum: Criminal Justice Reform**, October 2016

Participant, **Junior Faculty Works-In-Progress Conference**, Marquette University School of Law, September 2016

Participant, **Race, Racism and American Law Textbook Workshop**, UCLA School of Law, September 2016

Keynote, **Evolution of a Movement: Jenesse Domestic Violence Center Inaugural Symposium and Fundraiser**, September 2016

Participant, **African American Policy Forum Social Justice Writer's Retreat**, July 2016

Panelist, **Reproductive Justice Roundtable**, Lutie Lytle Black Women's Law Faculty Workshop, University of Iowa School of Law, July 2016

Moderator, **Pushout: A Discussion about the Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools**, The California Endowment, June 2016

Moderator, **Trauma Informed Lawyering and Social Change**, Law and Society, June 2016

Panelist, **Deconstructing the Carceral/Police State**, Law and Society, June 2016

Panelist, **Is Single-Gender Education the Answer?**, UCLA School of Law, May 7, 2016

Panelist, **Toward the Next Miranda**, Celebration of the Rule of Law Week, Los Angeles Law Library, April 2016

Panelist, **Birthright Injustice, From Macro to Micro: Experiences of Punishment and Theorizing Penalty, Penal Boundaries Workshop**, University of Toronto, April 14-15, 2016

Panelist, Incapacitating Motherhood, **Race, Gender and Intersectionality**, Yale Critical Race Theory Conference, April 9, 2016

Panelist, **Art of Resistance: Orange is Not New for Black: Caging Black Women in America**, Loyola Marymount University, November 2015

Panelist, **Incapacitating Motherhood, Black Women Matter: Black Women's Bodies and Sites of Mass Surveillance, The Present and Future of Civil Rights Movements: Race and Reform in 21st Century America**, Duke Law School, Nov., 2015

Panelist, **Reproductive Rights of Incarcerated Women, Locked Out and Silenced: Reclaiming Women's Reproductive and Healthcare Rights**, National Press Club, Washington, D.C., November 2015

Panelist, **Black Girls Matter**, Carter G. Woodson Institute for African American and African Studies, University of Virginia, November 2015

Panelist, (E)Racing Childhood, **Resisting Categorization in Constitutional Law, LatCrit 20th Anniversary Conference**, October 2015, Anaheim, CA

Panelist, **Racial Disparities in Criminal Justice**, Federal Public Defender Panel Attorney Training, August 2015

Panelist, **Lifting the Veil: Police, Community, and Justice**, Black Prosecutors Association of Los Angeles, August 2015

Panelist, **Next Generation Issues of Sex, Gender, and Law**, American Association of Law Schools Workshop on Next Generation Issues on Gender and Sexuality, June 2015

Panelist, **Reframing the Welfare Queen: Feminist and CRT Alternatives to Existing Poverty Discourse**, USC School of Law, April 2015

Plenary Panelist, **Historical, Social & Legal Dimensions of Exploitation, Prostitution & Slavery**, UCLA Law Review Symposium on the Roots of Human Trafficking, January 2015

Invited Expert, **Hearing before the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Racial Profiling in the United States**, UCLA School of Law, November 2014

Workshop Participant, **Reproductive Profiling of Women of Color**, Culp Junior Faculty Colloquium on Race and the Law, Duke University, May 2014

Panelist, **Looking Ahead**, Religious Accommodation in the Age of Civil Rights, Harvard Law School, April 2014

Presenter, **Reproductive Profiling of Women of Color**, Faculty Workshop, Ohio State University School of Law, April 2014

Panelist, **Critical Analyses of Race, Crime, and Intersectional Identities**, The Interplay of Race, Gender, Class, Crime and Justice Conference, UC Irvine School of Law, April 2014

Panelist, **Intersectionality Workshop**, UCLA School of Law, March 2014

Panelist, **Prisoners Access to Medical Care**, Symposium on Prisoners Access to Justice, UC Irvine School of Law, February 2014

Panelist, **The Coming Decarceration**, AALS Criminal Law Section Plenary Panel, New York, NY, January 2014

Panelist, **Racial Profiling: In Our Community and On Our Campus**, Loyola Marymount University, November 2013

Panelist, **Opening Plenary: Redefining Equality through Difference/Modernity/Coloniality: From DOMA to Shelby County, Trayvon and Beyond**, 2013 LatCrit Bi-Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, October 5-6, 2013

Panelist, **Racial Profiling and the New Security State**, LatCrit, Chicago, IL, October 2013

Panelist, **Race and Feminist Theory**, Festschrift Honoring Angela Harris, UC Berkeley Law School, October 2013

Presenter, **Reproductive Profiling**, Law and Society, Boston, MA, May 2013

Keynote, **Clyde Woods Memorial Lecture** at the University of California, Santa Barbara, scheduled for May 6, 2013

Participant, **Theorizing the Modern Criminal Law**, New York University Law School, New York, NY, April 2013

Presenter, **Unshackling Intersectionality**, Race, Sexual and Domestic Violence: From the Prison Nation to Community Resistance, Thelton Henderson Center for Social Justice, UC Berkeley School of Law, Berkeley, CA, March 2013

Presenter, **Interest Convergence in Mass Incarceration**, Critical Race Studies 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Symposium, UCLA School of Law, Los Angeles, CA, March 2013

Presenter, **Unshackling Intersectionality**, Advanced Critical Race Theory, UCLA School of Law, February 2013

Moderator and Presenter, **Critical Race Theory in the Community**, Critical Race Theory Conference at Yale University, New Haven, CT, February 2013

Presenter, **Reproductive Profiling**, Equality/Liberty Conference sponsored by the Williams Institute and the American Constitution Society, UCLA School of Law, Los Angeles, CA, January 2013

Moderator, **Opening Plenary**, Social Justice Feminism Conference, University of Cincinnati School of Law, Cincinnati, OH, October 2012

Discussant, **Panel on Racialized and Gendered Punishment and Reentry**, American Sociological Association, August 18, 2012

Keynote Speaker, **Reproductive Justice and Women's Prisons: A Contradiction in Terms?**, California Reproductive Justice

Roundtable, September 2011

Panelist, **The New Racially Restrictive Covenant**, Intersecting Relations of Domination, University of Paris, June 2011

Presenter, **Punishing Pregnancy: Race, Incarceration and the Punishment of Pregnant Prisoners**, UC Berkeley Department of African-American Studies, Seminar on Race and Public Policy, May 2011

Panelist, **Speak So You Can Speak Again: A Discussion of the Challenges and Agency of Africana Women**, Department of Africana Studies, California State University, Dominguez Hills, April 2011

Panelist, **African American Girls and the Intersection of Race, Gender, Class, Age and Place**, African-American Girls and the Criminal Justice System: A Call to Action, Thelton Henderson Center for Social Justice at UC Berkeley School of Law, April 2011

Panelist, **Punishing Pregnancy: Race, Incarceration and the Punishment of Pregnant Prisoners**, California Western Law School, Seminar on Race and the Law, February 2011

#### **PROFESSIONAL LICENSES**

Admitted to practice law in the state of California.

#### **SERVICE**

Vice-Chair, Board of Directors, Equal Justice Society

Commissioner, Los Angeles County Civilian Oversight Commission