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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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**St. John's University School of Law** – Queens, New York  
*Assistant Professor of Law*

June 2024–Present

**NYU School of Law** – New York City, New York  
*Acting Assistant Professor & Associate Director of Lawyering*

June 2021–May 2024

## EDUCATION

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**Georgetown University Law Center** – Washington, DC

*Juris Doctor, magna cum laude*

May 2015

- 3.77 GPA – Dean's Honor Roll & Order of the Coif
- Articles Development Editor, *American Criminal Law Review*
- Barristers' Council: Appellate Advocacy Division
  - National Champion & National Best Speaker, ABA National Appellate Advocacy Competition, 2014
  - Finalist & Best Brief, Andrews Kurth Moot Court National Championship, 2015

**University of Mississippi** – Oxford, Mississippi

*Bachelor of Arts in History and Broadcast Journalism, summa cum laude*

May 2010

- 4.0 GPA – Chancellor's Honor Roll & Chancellor's Scholarship Recipient
- Editor-in-Chief, *The Daily Mississippian*
- Thesis Title: *The Divine Dilemma: The Development of Puritan Thought Concerning Church & State in New England, 1630–1780*
- Taylor Medalist (awarded to top 1 percent of student body)
- Larry D. Givens Outstanding Junior History Major, 2008–2009
- Auvergne Williams Outstanding Senior History Major, 2009–2010
- Phi Kappa Phi Inductee, Spring 2009

## PUBLICATIONS

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*Coercive Ideology*, 83 MD. L. REV. 1121 (2024), <https://perma.cc/LM9Q-JH4A>

*Blind Injustice: The Supreme Court, Implicit Racial Bias, and the Racial Disparity in the Criminal Justice System*, 51 AM. CRIM. L. REV. 689 (2014) (106 citations per Google Scholar and 33 citations per Westlaw as of July 2024), <https://perma.cc/8N6Q-ZJMN>

## ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

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**Staff Attorney, Southern Poverty Law Center**

2017–2021

**LGBTQ Rights/Special Litigation Practice Group** – New Orleans, Louisiana

- Member of five-attorney litigation team focusing on queer issues and anti-hate litigation. Responsible for brainstorming and developing potential cases, communicating with clients, directing case strategy, researching claims and other legal questions, drafting pleadings and briefs, conducting discovery, engaging in oral argument, and preparing for and participating in hearings and trials.

**General Attorney, U.S. Department of Education**

2016–2017

**Office for Civil Rights** – Dallas, Texas

- Enforcement attorney investigating and adjudicating discrimination complaints in K–12 and higher education in Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, and Mississippi.

- George N. Lindsay Fellow, Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights** – Washington, DC 2015–2016
- Associate attorney in *Coalition v. Maryland Higher Education Commission* overseeing expert witness preparation during remedial phase.
  - Primary counsel for the Fair Chance in Higher Education Initiative, a nationwide campaign to challenge the use of criminal background information in higher education admissions under Title VI.
  - Ghostwriter for several opinion pieces published in national publications, including *The Hill* and *Ebony.com*.

- Student Attorney, Institute for Public Representation** Spring 2015  
**Civil Rights Division** – Washington, DC
- Oversaw discovery for wage-and-hour claim in D.C. Superior Court that led to successful settlement for client.
  - Developed Title IX and constitutional sex discrimination claims for potential client at elite business school.

- Legal Intern, Equal Justice Initiative** – Montgomery, Alabama Summer 2014
- Conducted in-person client interviews with inmates in Alabama prisons in preparation for upcoming litigation.
  - Provided legal analysis on issues in potential and ongoing civil litigation and post-conviction proceedings.

- Legal Intern, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission** Spring 2014  
**Office of Commissioner Chai Feldblum** – Washington, DC
- Reviewed and provided recommendations for upholding or reversing Office of Federal Operations decisions.
  - Composed detailed memorandum on Personal Assistance Services and their relationship to federal disability law.

- Law Clerk, ACLU National Prison Project** – Washington, DC Fall 2013
- Provided research and analysis on complex civil litigation issues in the federal system.

- Intern, The Sentencing Project** – Washington, DC Summer 2013
- Primary author of The Sentencing Project's shadow report on racial disparity in the U.S. criminal justice system to the United Nations Human Rights Committee.

- Corps Member, Teach for America** – Greenwood, Mississippi 2010–2012

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

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- Member, Diversity Committee & LGBT Subcommittee**  
**Louisiana State Bar Association** – New Orleans, Louisiana 2017–2018

**Bar Memberships:** Court of Appeals of Maryland (2015) ▪ U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland (2016) ▪ Supreme Court of Louisiana (2018) ▪ U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit (2018) ▪ U.S. District Court of the Eastern District of Louisiana (2018)

## **PRESENTATIONS**

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- Panelist, "Ethical Considerations for Change Agents"** March 8, 2019  
**Louisiana State Bar Association Conclave on Diversity in the Legal Profession** – New Orleans, Louisiana

- Presenter, "LGBTQ Competency for Legal Aid Attorneys"** October 10, 2019  
**Louisiana Justice Community Conference** – Baton Rouge, Louisiana

- Presenter, "Title VII at 55: Where We've Been & Where We're Going"** November 5, 2019  
**Louisiana State Bar Association Continuing Legal Education Forum** – New Orleans, Louisiana

- Presenter, Fall 2020 Visiting Speaker Series** November 19, 2020  
**Gonzaga University School of Law**

## REPRESENTATIVE CASES

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***Vazzo v. Tampa***, No. 19-14387 (11th Cir.), & ***Otto v. Boca Raton***, No. 19-10604 (11th Cir.) (First Amendment speech and religion challenge by anti-LGBTQ hate group to municipal bans on conversion therapy for minors) (counsel for defendant-intervenor Equality Florida)

***Mississippi Rising Coalition v. Ocean Springs***, No. 18-60473 (5th Cir.) (Fair Housing Act challenge to municipal flying of Mississippi flag, which contained the Confederate battle flag, as illegal steering) (amicus brief in support of appellant on behalf of the Southern Poverty Law Center)

***Jenkins v. Miller***, No. 2:12-cv-184 (D. Vt.) (civil rights case to hold anti-LGBTQ hate group liable for its role in the 2009 kidnapping of a child to keep her away from her lesbian mother) (co-lead counsel for plaintiffs)

***Patriot Movement AZ v. Alliance of Christian Leaders of the East Valley***, No. 2:19-cv-4347 (D. Ariz.) (case securing consent decree against anti-immigration hate group from harassing Latinx churches assisting asylum seekers in the Phoenix area) (co-lead counsel for plaintiffs)

***Coalition for Equity & Excellence in Higher Education v. Higher Education Commission of Maryland***, No. 1:06-cv-2773 (D. Md.) (higher education desegregation case seeking to obtain more resources for Maryland's HBCUs) (counsel for plaintiffs during remedial phase)

***Diamond v. Georgia Department of Corrections***, No. 1:20-cv-04764 (N.D. Ga.) (follow-up litigation on behalf of Black transgender woman imprisoned by Georgia for denial of appropriate medical treatment and failure to protect from physical and sexual assault) (co-lead counsel for plaintiffs)

## REFERENCES

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