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- Academic Positions:**
- St. John's University School of Law**
Assistant Professor of Law
Associate Director, Center for Labor & Employment Law
(June 2025 – Present)
- New York University School of Law**
Research Scholar & Clinical Teaching Fellow
Director, Business Transactions Clinic
(June 2023 – June 2025)
- New York University School of Law**
Acting Assistant Professor of Lawyering
(Sept. 2021 – June 2023)
- Education:**
- Columbia Law School**
J.D. 2016
Honors: Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar
- Columbia University**
B.A., Political Science, *cum laude*, 2013
- Publications:**
- The Criminal System Under Racial Capitalism*, 58 UC Davis Law Review 1589 (2025)
Uses the concept of racial capitalism to argue that the criminal system plays a constitutive role in the U.S. political-economic order, as a labor governance institution and site of political contestation.
- Investing in Abolition*, 112 Georgetown Law Journal 1 (2023)
Analyzes private equity's incursion into, and the legal and political foundations of, the prison services market.
- Working Papers:**
- The Legal Realism of W.E.B. Du Bois*
Analyzes the writing and advocacy of W.E.B. Du Bois over the course of his career to argue that Du Bois's theorizing about law deserves greater attention.

Presentations:

Invited Panel: *The Criminal System and Labor Struggle*
Conference on Carceral Political Economy in the Era of Late Mass
Incarceration, New York, NY
(Mar. 21, 2025)

Invited Presentation: *Unionism Against the Carceral State*
Race, Capitalism, and Law Conference at Tulane Law
(Feb. 22, 2025)

Invited Panel: *Modern Monetary Theory and Socioeconomics*
AALS 2025 Annual Meeting
(Jan. 7, 2025)

Invited Presentation: *The Criminal System Under Racial
Capitalism*
Cardozo Law School Colloquium on Abolition with
Prof. Kate Levine
(Sept. 19, 2024)

Roundtable: *Critical Perspectives on Municipal Finance and the
Carceral City*
Law & Society Association 2024 Annual Meeting
(June 7, 2024)

Presentation: *Racial Capitalism and Transactional Lawyering*
Transactional Clinical Conference
(May 1, 2024)

Invited Presentation: *Investing in Abolition*
Cardozo Law School Colloquium on Abolition with
Prof. Kate Levine
(November 8, 2023)

Paper Panel: *Criminal Law as Economic Governance*
CrimFest 2023
(July 17, 2023)

Paper Panel: *Investing in Abolition*
Law & Society Association 2023 Annual Meeting
(June 3, 2023)

Invited Presentation: *Private Equity and Prison Services*
For staff of the Community Justice Exchange
(May 18, 2023)

Paper Workshop: *Investing in Abolition*
Clinical Law Review Writers' Workshop
(Oct. 8, 2022)

Paper Panel: *The Private Equity Firm and the Community: Gatekeeping and Capture of Social Provisioning*
Intersections of Finance and Society Conference, London, UK
(Sept. 16, 2022)

Invited Panel: *Second Look Statute Drafting Contest Winner*
Fighting for a Second Look: Efforts in Ohio and Across the Nation
(Sept. 2, 2020)

Other Writing:

Making Labor Work, INQUEST
(Sept. 19, 2024)

Cruel, but not Unusual, Market Foundations, LPE PROJECT
(Oct. 2, 2023)

Regulation for Digital Platforms: Lessons from the Banking Industry (with David Portilla and Will Giles)
(Oct. 9, 2020)

How Mandatory Minimums are Weaponized, N.Y. TIMES
(July 1, 2020)

Work Experience:

Debevoise & Plimpton, New York, NY
Associate (Sept. 2016 – Sept. 2021)
Advised U.S. and international financial institution clients, including the U.S. global systemically important banks (GSIBs), on a range of transactional, regulatory, supervisory, enforcement and governance matters, with particular focus on the Bank Holding Company Act, Bank Secrecy Act / Anti-Money Laundering, U.S. sanctions regimes, and Dodd Frank Act rulemakings, including the Volcker Rule and CFTC/SEC derivatives rules. Represented pro bono clients in immigration and criminal resentencing matters,

including successfully advocating for the reduction of a client's life sentence to time served in the Eastern District of New York. Received Legal Aid Society's *Pro Bono Publico* award in 2019 for removal defense work.

New York State Attorney General's Office, New York, NY
Legal Intern, Environmental Protection (May 2014 – Aug. 2014)

Professional: Admitted to practice in New York, Eastern District of New York, and U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

Other: Organizer of the LPE NYC monthly junior scholars workshop (August 2023 – September 2024)

Editorial Board Member for the International Community Land Trust Center and American Bar Association's Library of Community Land Trust Publications

Languages: Spanish (working proficiency), Punjabi (fluent)