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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
Activities: Men's Varsity Basketball

**Publications:**

*The Legal Realism of W.E.B. Du Bois*, 112 Cornell Law Review (2027) (forthcoming)
Systematically analyzes the legal thought of W.E.B. Du Bois and argues that Du Bois belongs in the canon of American legal thought.

*What's Left of the New Deal State?*, 124 Michigan Law Review Online 20 (2025)
Reviews legal historian Anthony Gregory's *New Deal Law & Order: How the War on Crime Built the Modern Liberal State*, complicating the book's analysis of race and class and the postwar reconversion period.

*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:**

*Reconstructionism*
Comprehensively maps and theorizes the uses of the memory of Reconstruction in progressive legal-political thought today, in our present conjuncture, while highlighting tensions and omissions and suggesting paths forward for a 'Reconstructionist' project.

**Presentations:**

Paper Presentation: *Reconstructionism*
SALT Teaching Conference, at Washington University Law School
(Oct. 24, 2026)

Paper Presentation: *The Legal Realism of W.E.B. Du Bois*
ClassCrits XV Conference, at Mitchell Hamline Law School
(Sept. 18, 2026)

Paper Presentation: *The Legal Realism of W.E.B. Du Bois*
Inaugural Progressive Scholars Workshop, Society of American Law Teachers, at Boston University School of Law
(Apr. 25, 2026)

Workshop Participation
Race, Care, and Capitalism Conference at Boston University School of Law
(Apr. 24, 2026)

Chair of Paper Panel: Exclusion or Exploitation?
Carceral Political Economy Conference at The New School
(Mar. 28, 2026)

Roundtable: *LPE of the Carceral State*
First Annual Conference of the Law and Political Economy Association
(Feb. 6, 2026)

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:**

*A Union Apart*, INQUEST (book review)
(Aug. 4, 2026)

*The Chamber of Commerce's Moral Panic*, LPE BLOG
(Sept. 19, 2024)

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

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

*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)