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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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### NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY CHASE COLLEGE OF LAW

Autumn 2018 to present

*Assistant Professor*

- Courses: *Property, Wills & Trusts*, and *Critical Race Theory*

### UC IRVINE SCHOOL OF LAW

Autumn 2016

*Visiting Assistant Professor*

- Course: *Wills & Trusts*

### WHITTIER LAW SCHOOL

Autumn 2013 to Spring 2018

*Assistant Professor*

*Assistant Professor*, Dept. of Sociology, Whittier College (*courtesy*)

- Courses: *Property, Wills & Trusts*, *Critical Legal Theory* and *Community Property*

### NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

Spring. 2012 to Summer 2013

*Visiting Assistant Professor*

- Courses: *Law & Society* and *Critical Race Theory*

### THE WILLIAMS INSTITUTE AT UCLA SCHOOL OF LAW

Summer 2011 to Autumn 2011

*Dorr Legg Law and Policy Fellow*

### COLUMBIA COLLEGE CHICAGO

Autumn 2006 to Spring 2011

*Adjunct Professor*, Dept. of Humanities, History, & Social Sciences

- Course: *Introduction to Sociology*

### ILLINOIS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Autumn 2008 to Autumn 2009

*Adjunct Professor*, Dept. of Social Sciences

- Courses: *Law in American Society*, *Contemporary Constitutional Issues*, and *Introduction to Legal Analysis*

### UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

Spring 2000 to Autumn 2008

*Lecturer*

- Courses:
  - *Race as Property*, Comparative Race Studies Program
  - *Sexuality & Human Rights*, Human Rights Program
  - *Contemporary Global Issues*, International Studies Program

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS (*continued*)

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### *Teaching Assistant*

- Courses
  - *Sexuality: Identity and the Life Course*. Dept. of Comparative Human Development. Professor Bertram Cohler. (Spring 2008)
  - *Contemporary Issues in Human Rights*. Human Rights Program. Lecturers Bernadine Dohrn and Susan Gzesh. (Spring 2002, Spring 2003, Spring 2004, & Spring 2005)
  - *Globalization: Theoretical and Empirical Elements*. Dept. of Sociology. Professor Saskia Sassen. (Autumn 2003)
  - *Transnationalism in a Post-Colonial World. International Studies Concentration*. Professor Lisa Wedeen. (Winter 2002 & Winter 2003)
  - *The Regulation of Vice*. Dept. of Economics/Public Policy Concentration. Senior Lecturer Jim Leitzel. (Spring 2000, Spring 2001, & Spring 2002)

### SAINT XAVIER UNIVERSITY

Autumn 2002

*Adjunct Professor*, Dept. of Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminal Justice

- Course: *Introduction to Sociology*

## EDUCATION

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### UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

Ph.D., Doctor of Philosophy in Sociology. June 2013.

- Dissertation: *Cosmopolitan Courts & Strange Laws: Essays on Judicial Globalization and the Resistance to Foreign Law*
  - Committee: Saskia Sassen, Mario L. Small (co-chairs), and Len Rubinowitz.
- Special Field Examinations:
  - Qualitative Methods (ethnography and comparative case study methods)
  - Social Change: Transnational Processes, Law, and Courts.

### NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

J.D., Juris Doctor. May 1999.

- Senior Writing Project: *Public Health vs. Private Freedoms: Constitutionality of Sex Regulation in Gay Bathhouses*
  - Advisor: Dorothy Roberts
- Frederick Douglass Moot Court, Black Law Students Association

### PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

A.B., Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, *cum laude*. June 1996.

- Thesis: *Searching For Connections: Examining Homosexual Male Chat Services*

## SCHOLARSHIP & PUBLICATIONS

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*Not a Preference or Why Malia and Sasha Obama Need Affirmative Action* (accepted for publication; work in progress; draft available)

*Can Affirmative Action Offer a Lesson in Environmental Conservation and Fighting Enclosure?* in THE CAMBRIDGE HANDBOOK OF COMMONS RESEARCH INNOVATIONS (eds. Shelia Foster and Chrystie Swiney) (Cambridge University Press, forthcoming 2020)

TRUSTS AND ESTATES (casebook) (Chartacourse) (forthcoming 2019)

*Making Strange Laws*, 35 UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW 675 (2014)

*Is Resistance to Foreign Law Rooted in Racism?*, 109 NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW ONLINE 41 (2014)

*Diversity as Commons*, 88 TULANE LAW REVIEW 317 (2013)

*Catch Twenty-Wu? The Oral Argument in Fisher v. University of Texas and the Obfuscation of Critical Mass*, 107 NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW COLLOQUY 209 (2013)

*Brown Abroad: An Empirical Analysis of Foreign Judicial Citation and the Metaphor of Cosmopolitan Conversation*, 45 VANDERBILT JOURNAL OF TRANSNATIONAL LAW 83 (2012)

*Lawrence v. Texas as an Eighth Amendment Case: Sodomy and the Evolving Standards of Decency*, 15 WILLIAM & MARY JOURNAL OF WOMEN AND THE LAW 633 (2009)

## ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

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Commentator, *Critical Clinical Pedagogy: A Critical Theory of Clinical Legal Education*. Paper by Etienne C. Toussaint. Tenth Annual John Mercer Langston Writing Workshop at Howard University School of Law. July 19, 2019.

*Who Killed Whittier Law School? The Socially Constructed Crisis in Legal Education*, Law and Society 2019/International Intersectionalities in Legal Pedagogy. Law and Society Association, Washington, DC. June 1, 2019.

*What is a National Park?*, ALPS 10th Annual Meeting/Property, Protected Spaces, and the State, " Association of Law, Property, and Society ALPS), Syracuse, NY. May 17, 2019.

*Gay Quotas*, presented at:

- Common Cause: Synthesizing the Work of Human Rights and Civil Rights Scholars and Practitioners, "Gay Quotas," NKU Chase College of Law Review, Highland Heights, KY. April 12, 2019.
- 4th National People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, "Gay Quotas," National People of Color 2019, Washington, DC. March 22, 2019.

## ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS (*continued*)

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Panelist. *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*, sponsored by the Black Law Students Association at Chase College of Law, Northern Kentucky University. February 19, 2019.

*The Chicken Little Commons: The Socially Constructed Crisis in Legal Education* presented at Celebrating Commons Scholarship Conference of the International Association for the Study of Commons at Georgetown University Law Center. October 6, 2018.

*Can Antiproperty Save the Commons?*, presented at Ninth Annual John Mercer Langston Writing Workshop at UCLA School of Law. July 6, 2018.

Commentator, *Medicalization and the New Civil Rights*. Paper by Craig Konnoth. Ninth Annual John Mercer Langston Writing Workshop at UCLA School of Law. July 6, 2018.

*Why Malia and Sasha Obama Need Affirmative Action*, presented at:

- Northern Kentucky University Chase College of Law, December 2017.
- Seton Hall University School of Law, November 2017.
- Eighth Annual John Mercer Langston Writing Workshop at Drexel University Thomas Kline School of Law. July 2017.
- 2016 Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, New Orleans, Louisiana. June 2016.

Commentator, *'Black Like Obama' Revisited: Partial Postracialism's Permanence*. Paper by Amos N. Jones. Eighth Annual John Mercer Langston Writing Workshop at Drexel University Thomas Kline School of Law. July 7-8, 2017.

Discussant, *Involuntary Heroes: Hurricane Katrina's Impact on Civil Liberties*. Book by Mitchell F. Crusto. Author Meets Reader panel at the annual meeting of the Law and Society Association in New Orleans, Louisiana. June 2016.

*Social Identity as Commons*, presented at the 2014 Critical Race Studies Annual Symposium: "Whiteness as Property?" A Twenty-Year Appraisal at the UCLA School of Law. October 2014.

*The New American Stranger? Political Resistance to Foreign Law in the United States*, presented at the 2014 Culp Colloquium at the Center on Law, Race, and Politics. Duke University School of Law. May 2014.

*The Thirty-Five Year Conservative Colorblind Campaign to Eliminate Affirmative Action in America*. Guest lecture presented at the University of Chicago Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellows Workshop, June 2013.

*Diversity as Commons*, presented at:

- 2013 Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, Boston, Massachusetts, June 2013.
- Hofstra University School of Law, December 2012.
- Whittier Law School, November 2012.
- SUNY Buffalo Law School, October 2012.

## **ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS (*continued*)**

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*Racism and Citation to Foreign Law*, presented at “Globalization and Race” Fourth Annual Spring 2013 Symposium of the Notre Dame Journal of International and Comparative Law at Notre Dame Law School, February 2013.

Panelist. *Brother Outsider: The Life of Bayard Rustin*, sponsored by the Black Law Students Association at Northwestern University School of Law. February 7, 2012.

*Marginality as Commons*. UCLA School of Law. Williams Institute. Workshop Presentation. November 2011.

*Blackness as Anti-Property*. Reproduction of Race and Racial Ideologies Workshop. Center for the Study of Race, Politics, and Culture at the University of Chicago. University of Chicago. October 2011.

*Lawrence v. Texas as an Eighth Amendment Case: Sodomy and the Evolving Standards of Decency*. Crime and Punishment Workshop. University of Chicago Law School. February 22, 2008.

Discussant. *Mitigated Forms of Personhood as Death-defying Constructs: Race and Gender in the Case of Wanda Jean Allen*. Paper by Brackette F. Williams. The Reproduction of Race and Racial Ideologies Workshop. Center for the Study of Race, Politics, and Culture at the University of Chicago. November 29, 2007.

*Towards a Conceptualization of Cosmopolitan Courts*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, regular session (sociology of law section). August 11, 2007.

*Understanding Judicial Restraint*. Guest lecture in course: *Environmental Public Policy*. University of Chicago. February 2005 and November 2006.

Discussant. *From Jineteras to Raperas: Constructions of Race, Gender, and the Body in Cuba*. Mellon Dissertation Dialogues Roundtable. Washington University. June 12, 2004.

*Health and Human Rights*. Guest lecture in course: *Human Rights III: Contemporary Issues in Human Rights*. Human Rights Program. University of Chicago. May 21, 2003.

*The Legal History of Affirmative Action: What's Really Going On?*, presented as a panelist for *Teach-In on the History, Context, and Importance of Affirmative Action*. University of Chicago. May 15, 2003.

*Grounding the Oscars: A Socio-Historical Understanding of Halle Berry's 2002 Academy Award for Best Actress*. Panelist for *The Oscars Revisited or Noche de los Negros*, sponsored by the University of Chicago Race/Film Group. April 16, 2003.

*Bathhouses as Commercial Sexual Landscapes*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, refereed round table on Sexualities, Space and Place (sexualities section). August 16, 2002.

## **ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS (*continued*)**

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Discussant. *“Can the US do anything about Sex Trafficking in Asia?”* paper by Victor Boutros, sponsored by the Human Rights Workshop. University of Chicago. May 8, 2002.

*The McDonalds of Gay Sex? Bathhouses and Globalization.* Transnational Tools: Theories and Methodologies of Globalization conference (Fourth Annual Globalization Conference) sponsored by the University of Chicago, May 4, 2002.

*Electronic Space and the Digital Divide: A Theoretical Look at the Issues and Borders Surrounding Inequality in Electronic Space.* Panel entitled: Internet- Inner City. Envisioning Globalization conference (Third Annual Globalization Conference) sponsored by the University of Chicago. May 19, 2001.

*Bush v. Gore: An Analysis of the Supreme Court Decision.* Guest lecture in course: *Symposium on Politics: What Can We Learn From the 2000 Election?* Department of Political Science. University of Illinois at Chicago. February 20, 2001.

*Legal but Persecuted: The State of Commercial Sex Work in Tanzania.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, refereed round table on Women, Identity and Law (sociology of law section). August 16, 2000.

*The Regulation of Tobacco and Internet Vice: Prostitution, Gambling and Pornography.* Guest lecture in *The Regulation of Vice.* Department of Economics. University of Chicago. Spring (2000 & 2001).

## **HONORS & AWARDS**

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- Faculty Marshal, Whittier Law School (honor given to runner-up for Professor of the Year). 2015-16.
- Lectureship in Race and Ethnic Studies. Center for the Study of Race, Politics, and Culture at the University of Chicago. 2008-09.
- Social Science Research Council, Mellon Mays Doctoral Research Grant, 2005.
- International Studies Prize Lectureship, University of Chicago, 2004.
- Mellon Dissertation Seminar Summer Fellow, 2004.
- Human Rights Lectureship, University of Chicago, 2003.
- University of Chicago Trustees Fellow, 1999-2005.
- Dean’s List, Northwestern University School of Law, 1998 and 1999.
- Top Five Appellate Brief Julius Miner Moot Court, Northwestern School of Law, 1998.
- National Science Foundation Graduate Fellow Honorable Mention, 1996.
- Mellon Minority Undergraduate Fellow, 1994-1996.
- Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholar, 1992-1996.

## SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

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- Northern Kentucky University Chase College of Law
  - *Member*, Faculty Appointments Committee (2019-20); Law Library Committee (2018-19)
  - *Faculty advisor*, National Lawyers Guild Chase Student Chapter (2019-20)
- Whittier Law School
  - *Chair*, Curriculum Committee (2016-17)
  - *Member*, Center for International and Comparative Law Committee (2013-14, 2017-18); Long Range Planning Committee (2013-17); Curriculum Committee (2014-15); Honor Board Committee (*elected* 2014-18); Student Life (2016-17); Tenure, Retention, and Promotion Committee (*elected* 2017-18)
  - *Faculty advisor*, Black Law Students' Association (2013-18), Federalist Society (2014-18), Iranian Law Students' Association (2014-17), Armenian Law Students' Association (2017-18)
- Manuscript Referee. *American Journal of Sociology*; *Law and Social Inquiry*; *American Quarterly*
- Book Review Editorial Board Member. *American Journal of Sociology*. (2002-2004)

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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American Sociological Association  
Law and Society Association  
Society of American Law Teachers

## LANGUAGE

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Spanish- Advanced proficiency in reading & writing. Basic proficiency in listening & speaking.  
French- Intermediate reading proficiency.  
Swahili- Basic conversational phrases.

## REFERENCES

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