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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

The University of Mississippi School of Law 2008-present
Associate Professor of Law
Courses: Disability, Civil Rights, International Human Rights, Critical Race Theory, Advanced Constitutional Law and Gender and the Law
Supervising Professor for the Human Rights Externship Program in South Africa 2012-

Seton Hall University School of Law Cairo Summer Program Summer 2008-2010
Course: International Human Rights Law

The University of Baltimore School of Law 2006-2007
Visiting Assistant Professor of Law
Course load: Property, Wills and Trusts, International Women's Human Rights, Human Rights

American College of law Spring 2007
Adjunct Professor of Law
Course: Property Interests in People

The University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law 2003-2008
Assistant Professor of Law
Course Load: Property I and II, Wills and Trusts, Critical Race Theory, Feminist Jurisprudence

EDUCATION

Harvard Law School, Boston, M.A.
Juris Doctor, (June 2000)

Colgate University, Hamilton, N.Y.
Bachelor of Arts, summa cum laude, (May 1996)
English and French with background in Philosophy
Phi Beta Kappa
Valedictorian

TEACHING INTERESTS

Disability Law, Property, Constitutional Law, Civil Rights, Wills and Trusts, Human Rights, Critical Race Theory, Immigration Law, Feminist Legal Theory and International Law.

SCHOLARSHIP

A) PUBLICATIONS

1. *Dance Halls, Masquerades, Body Protest and The Law: The Female Body as a Redemptive Tool Against Trinidad's Gender-Biased Laws*, 13 Duke J. of Gender L. & Pol'y 177 (2006) (This article is also reproduced in the Caribbean Review of Gender Studies, which is an online journal published by the University of West Indies' Center for Gender Studies).

This article proposes that feminist jurisprudence considers the female body as a tool for redemption and liberation and showcases certain Trinidadian women as examples of women who use their bodies to fight patriarchy. The term "body protest" is coined in this article to describe women's use of the female body as a mode of expression, and as a tool for liberation and transformation.

2. *Individual Rights and Civil Liberties in Post-911 American Immigration Practices: Do Human Rights Still Matter?* Oxford Round Table's Forum on Public Policy, Volume 2, Number 2, (2006)

This essay analyzes post-911 immigration practices and argues that these practices create global racial stratifications that undermine the gains, thus far made, in the area of International Human Rights.

3. *At the Intersection of Post-911 Immigration Practices and Domestic Policies: Can Katrina Serve as a Catalyst for Change?* 26 Chicana/o-Latina/o L. Rev. 155 (2006)

This essay investigates how the interest convergence phenomenon, pinpointed by Derrick Bell, and the public purpose analysis in *Kelo v. City of New London* can serve to address the racial stratifications and unequal results that often result in redevelopment cases.

4. *Big Love: Is Feminist Polygamy an Oxymoron or a True Possibility?* 18 Hastings Women's L.J. 3 (2007)

This article analyzes Islamic law and the institution of polygamy through the lenses of the narratives of Islamic women and novelists. This paper contends that cultural narratives (even when fictional) and legal discourse are interdependent and that Islamic women's depictions of their lives in polygamy can and should inform Islamic women's struggles for rights and protection.

5. *Lessons from Islamic Law: A Case for Expanding the American Conception of Surviving Spouse So As to Include De Facto Polygamous Spouses*, 64 Wash. & Lee L. Rev. 1461 (2007)

This essay investigates the ways in which United States' Inheritance laws can be reformed so as to protect women living in De Facto polygamous unions. De Facto Polygamy is an informal form of polygamy that creates one or more family units for every man. This essay is the result of a symposium organized by Professor Louise Halper (Washington and Lee University). The

Washington and Lee University School of Law and the Islamic Legal Studies Program at Harvard Law School sponsored this symposium.

6. *Love Don't Live Here Anymore: Economic Incentives for More Equitable Models of Urban Redevelopment*, 35 B.C. Envtl. Aff. L. Rev. 1 (2008)

This article proposes an equity-based model for urban redevelopment. It presents urban redevelopment as a partnership between city officials, private developers and city residents. Consequently, it argues that equitable redevelopment plans should include a percentage of future profits in the calculation of just compensation for not only homeowners but also for renters

7. *When Freedom Is Not Free: Investigating the First Amendment's Potential for Providing Protection Against Sexual Profiling in the Workplace* (William and Mary Journal of Women and the Law, Volume 15, Issue 2, winter 2009)

This article explores the ways in which the First Amendment can be instrumental in dismantling the application of gender biases to grooming and attire policies in the workplace.

8. *Girls Gone Wild and Rape Law: Revising the Contractual Concept of Consent and Insuring an Unbiased Application of "Reasonable Doubt" When the Victim Is Non-Traditional*, (American University Journal of Gender, Social Policy and the Law, Volume 17, Number 1, 2009)

This article focuses on the consent issues inherent in multi-partner rape cases and proposes methods designed to trigger a fairer application of the reasonable doubt standard.

9. *Sex, Drugs, Rock & Roll and Moral Dirigisme: Toward a Reformation of Drugs and Prostitution Regulations*" (UMKC Law Review, 78 UMKC L. Rev. 101).

This article rests on the proposition that regulation often fosters the growth of the subject of regulation rather than its annihilation. The Prohibition Movement in the early twentieth century, the Anti-Drugs Movement as well as the Anti-Polygamy movement are all examples of that fact. This article investigates other economic and social alternatives to some of the existing ineffective legal regulations.

10. *We Reap What We Sow: Reversing Detrimental Pre-Disaster Policies Using Post-Disaster Development Strategies to in Mississippi and Haiti* (University of Pennsylvania Journal of Law and Social Change, 14 U. Pa. J.L. & Soc. Change 135, 2011)

This article extrapolates some key lessons from studying two pre-disaster structures that perpetuate environmental oppression and poverty as well as develop post-development economic models for these disaster-stricken areas

11) *Justice Kagan's Presidential Administration: A Step too Far or a Necessary Solution?* (Forthcoming in the Indiana Law Review, Robert H. McKinney School of Law, December 2012)

This article proposes an alternative regulatory framework for genetically engineered foods. The proposed framework is designed to encourage sustainability as well as curtail genetically engineered foods' detrimental effects on the traditional farming industry.

B) BOOK CHAPTERS

1. *Black Venus Hottentot Revisited: Gratuitous Use of Black Women's Bodies and the Role of Race and Gender in Campus and Academic Reactions*, (RACE TO INJUSTICE: LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE DUKE UNIVERSITY LACROSSE PLAYERS' RAPE CASE, Carolina Academic Press). The book's editor is Professor Michael Seigel (University of Florida College of Law) (invited).

2. *Navigating the Topography of Inequality: A Proposal for Remediating Past Geographic Segregation during Post-Disaster Rebuilding* (LAW, PROPERTY, AND SOCIETY Ashgate Publishing, edited by Professor Robin Paul Malloy)

3. *The New Faces of Feminism: Using Organic Feminism to Achieve Justice for Women in the Post-Feminism Era* (TRANSCENDING THE BOUNDARIES OF LAW, edited by Martha Albertson Fineman and published by Routledge) (invited)

4. *Eradicating the Badge of Inferiority Associated with Stay at Home Dads: Masculinity, Vulnerability, Disability and the Employment Context* (Forthcoming in ETHICS, LAW & SOCIETY (Volume V, Ashgate Publishing, edited by Professors Nicky Priaux of Cardiff Law School (UK) and Anthony Wrigley of Keele University (UK).) (Invited)

C) WORK-IN-PROGRESS

BOOK PROJECT

SEXPLOITATION FROM THE NEWSROOM TO THE COURTROOM: INVESTIGATING SEXUAL PROFILING IN AMERICAN SOCIETY (Forthcoming, Routledge)

This book contends that sexual profiling hinders rather than benefit mainstream society and that its eradication could help promote a more efficient society.

D) MEDIA

Black Like Me: One Drop, No difference? (invited), essay in Ebony Magazine (May 2011)

Personhood': a Threat to Families, Op-ed, The Clarion Ledger, (September 25, 2011)

Amendment Would Threaten Women, Op-ed, The Commercial Appeal, (October 19, 2011)

Quoted in the Los Angeles Times, The Huffington Post, My Fox Boston as well as in Italy's L'Occidentale and the Il Foglio

Will you Vote Be Counted in November?, essay in Ebony Magazine (July 2012)

E) INVITATIONS

1) Invited to present at a symposium (February 23, 2008) organized by the William and Mary Journal of Women and the Law. The Symposium is entitled: “Not that Kind of Girl: the Legal Treatment of Women Defying Traditional Gender Roles”. The invitation also included an offer to publish in the William and Mary Journal of Women and the Law.

2) Invited to write a book review of *Southern Horrors* (published by Harvard University Press and written by Crystal N. Feimster, Assistant Professor at Yale University). The review is forthcoming in the *American Journal of Legal History* in the fall of 2011

3) Invited to write an entry on *Perdue v. Kenny A.* in the November 2009 issue of *American Bar Association's Supreme Court Preview*.

F) VISITING SCHOLAR WITH THE FEMINISM AND LEGAL THEORY PROJECT AT EMORY UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW (Fall 2007)

Invited to be a visiting scholar with The Feminism and Legal Theory Project (FLT Project) created and organized by Martha Fineman.

G) REVIEW OF BOOK PROPOSAL

Reviewed book proposal on Race and Property Law by Professors Alfred Brophy, Alberto Lopez and Kali N. Murray for Aspen Publishing.

H) PRESENTATIONS

"*Race, Gender and Inefficiency in the Regulation of Prostitution and Drugs in the United States*" at LatCrit XVI in San Diego, CA, October 6-10, 2011.

"*The future of global feminism*", International Feminist Social Forum (held at the World Social Forum in Dakar), February 6-11, 2011 in Dakar, Senegal.

"*Proposed approaches to protect vulnerable individuals in post-disaster areas*", the 2011 AALS annual meeting, January 2011

"*We Reap What We Sow: Using Post-Disaster Development Strategies to Reverse Detrimental Pre-Disaster Policies in Mississippi and Haiti*", the Third National People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, September 9-12, 2010, Seton Hall Law School.

"*Implementing the Human rights Curriculum on a Grassroots Level in the K-12 Education Sector*", invited by the Institute for Popular Education in Mali to develop courses and teach human rights principles to K-12 educators in Mali, July 5-August 9, 2010.

"*The Power of Feminism: a Look at the Intersection of Organic Feminism and the Law*", Annual Meeting of the International Working Group on Gender and the Law, April 6-11, 2010, Marrakech, Morocco.

“Bridging the Education Divide Using Human Rights Principles and Jurisprudence”, Bamako, Mali, organized by the Institute for Popular Education in Mali, February 4-14, 2010.

“What Does Happiness Have to Do with It? Exploring the Limiting and Inhibiting Effects of the Private and Public Dichotomy in Discrimination Law”, SEALS 2009 Conference, August 2-9, 2009, Palm Beach, Florida.

“Structural Determinism and the Environmental Justice Movement: Why Do Haiti and Mississippi Have So Much in Common?”, CRT 20 (celebrating the Twentieth Anniversary of the Critical Race Theory Movement), April 2-4, 2009, University of Iowa College of Law.

“Out of Many, We Are One: A Look at Civic Humanism as a Tool against Local Governments Abusive Uses of Eminent Domain”, LATCRIT XIII, October 2-5, 2008, Seattle University School of Law.

“At the Intersection of the Criminalization of Drug-Use and Prostitution: A Look at the Extreme Risks that the Ineffective Regulation of Drugs and Prostitution Cause to Drug-Dependent Women”, Working Group on Gender, July 9-12, 2008, Como, Italy. The Conference was organized by the Research Committee on Sociology of Law. The conference was sponsored by the Associazione di Studi su Diritto e Società, the Sezione di Sociologia del diritto dell’Associazione Italiana di Sociologia, the University of Milano, the University of Milano-Bicocca, the University of Insubria-Como and the Centro Nazionale di Prevenzione e Difesa Sociale (CNPDS).

“Navigating the Topography of Inequality: Possibilities for Equitable Redevelopment in Post-Katrina New Orleans”, Law and Society Conference, July 25-28, 2007, Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany.

“Girls Gone Wild and Rape Law: Insuring an Unbiased Application of ‘Reasonable Doubt’ When the Victim Is Non-Traditional”, Conference on Developing the Skills of Storytelling in Law, July 18-20, 2007, City University London, London, UK.

“American Males and Brazilian Tourism: Women-Centric Prostitution or A New Twist on An Old Mating Game?”, sponsored by the Caribbean Studies Association, May 29-June 1, 2007, Bahia, Brazil.

“A Conversation on the Limits and Benefits of the Post-Kelo Application of Eminent Domain”, March 24, 2007, sponsored by University of Baltimore’s Federalist Society, University of Baltimore.

“Love Don’t Live Here Anymore: Economic Incentives for More Equitable Models of Urban Redevelopment”, Third Annual Property Citizenship and Social Entrepreneurism (PCSE), November 2006, sponsored by Syracuse’s Center on Property, Citizenship, and Social Entrepreneurism, Washington D.C.

“*So Long a Letter: Toward a Women-Centric Form of Polygamy*”, Emory’s Feminism and Legal Theory Workshop, Emory School of Law, March 2006.

“*At The Intersection of Immigration and Domestic Policies: Can Katrina Serve as a Catalyst for Change?*”, October 2005, LATCRIT X, Puerto-Rico.

“*Individual Rights and Civil Liberties in Post-911 American Immigration Practices: Do Human Rights Still Matter?*”, The Oxford Round Table on Education Law: Individual Rights and Freedom at St. Anne’s College in the University of Oxford, Oxford, England, July 2005.

“*Popular Culture and the Classroom*”, July 2005, the Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Conference, Kiawah, South Carolina.

“*Islamic Law Reinterpreted: a Study of Polygamy and Islam Through the Eyes of Islamic Women’s Narratives and Literature*”, presented at the conference on The Power of Stories: Intersections of Law Culture and Literature in Gloucester, England, July 2005. The conference was sponsored by Texas-Wesleyan School of Law, the University of Gloucester, and the Central Gloucester Initiative.

“*Trinidadian Grass-Root Feminists and the Struggle for Self Determination*”, the Global Impact of Feminist Legal Theory Conference, February 2005
Thomas Jefferson School of Law, sponsored by the Emory’s Feminism and Legal Theory Project, San Diego.

“*Socca and Carnival: An Intersection of Law and Culture in Trinidad*”, the Second National People of Color (POC) Legal Scholarship Conference, October 2004, George Washington School of Law.

“*Towards a More Nuance Haitian Ethic of Resistance*”, The International Conference on Haiti: Re-interpreting the Haitian Revolution and its Cultural Aftershocks, 1804 – 2004, June 2004, University of the West Indies (Trinidad).

“*Transcending the Illusory Black/Latino/a Divide*”, LATCRIT IX, May 2004, Philadelphia.

“*Dance Halls Masquerades Body Protest and the Law: A Presentation of the Female Body as a redemptive Tool against Patriarchy Illustrated by Trinidadian Women’s Body Protest against Trinidad’s Gender-Biased Laws*”, May 2004, University of the West Indies’s Centre For Gender Studies’ Luncheon Series.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Chestnut Sanders Sanders Pettaway Campbell & Albright, Selma, AL Summer 2000
Junior Associate 2002-2003
Conducted research on various civil rights issues and helped litigate various civil rights cases, among which was the “Black Farmers Class Action”.

Debevoise & Plimpton, New York, NY

2001-2002

Summer 1999 & 2000

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Associate in the Corporate Real Estate Department

Conducted extensive research on difficult commercial real estate issues. Drafted and negotiated purchase and sale agreements for commercial and residential property transactions. Reviewed and abstracted leases. Drafted documents in connection with initial public offering and reviewed corporate charters and by-laws. Represented landlords and tenants in connection with office and shopping center leases. Advised sublessors and lessees in connection with the subleasing and leasing of commercial space.

Hon. John P. Fullam, U.S. Eastern District Court of Pennsylvania
Judicial Clerk

2000-2001

Dechert Price & Rhoads, Philadelphia,
Summer Associate

Summer 1998 & 1999
(offer extended)

Conducted research in relation to various litigation and corporate issues. Drafted firm opinions.

HONORS

Fulbright Fellowship, Spring 2004

Recipient of a Fulbright Fellowship to Trinidad and Tobago where I researched the intersection of law and culture in Trinidad and Tobago and served as a fellow in residence at the Hugh Wooding Law School and at the University of West Indies Center for Gender Studies in Trinidad and Tobago

Watson Fellowship, 1996-1997

Researched the socialization of second-generation Haitian immigrants in France, Canada, the Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico.

PRO BONO, INSTITUTIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Coach, Civil Rights Moot Court Team, 2009-2011

Secretary, AALS Section on Human Rights Law, 2011-2012

Member of Executive Committee, AALS Section on Constitutional Law, 2011-2012

Faculty Recruitment Committee, 2010-2011

Scholarship Committee, 2010-2011

Faculty Review Committee of tenure-track faculty, 2010-2011

Speakers Committee, 2009-2011

Dean Search Committee Spring 2010

Judge, Writing Competition organized by the Center for Reproductive Rights in New York, 2010

Coach, Jessup Moot Court Team for the Jessup International Competition, 2009- 2009

Chair, AALS Section on Minority Groups, 2008-2009

Member, Self-Study Committee, 2007-2008

Member, Financial Advisory Committee, 2007-2008

Member, Faculty Recruitment Committee, 2007-2008

Member, Teaching Assignments Committee, 2007-2008

Advisor, Black Law Student Association, 2007-2008

Member, Marcus Orr Faculty Senate Lecture in Higher Education Committee (University of Memphis), 2007-2008

Member, Executive Committee of the Section on Minority Groups (AALS), 2007

Member, Executive Committee of the Section on Civil Rights (AALS), 2007

Chair of the Section on Civil Rights of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS), 2006
Chair-Elect and Co-Program Chair of Section on Civil Rights of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS), 2005-2006

Invited to serve as one of the editors of The Oxford Round Table's Journal on Forum Policy
Member, Faculty Recruitment Committee, 2005-2006

Member, Curriculum Committee, 2005-2006

Member, Teaching Assignments Committee, 2005-2006

Faculty Affiliate at the Benjamin Hooks Center for Civil Rights, 2005-2006

Secretary, Association of American Law Schools (AALS), 2004-2005

REFERENCES:

Judge Paulette Delk, U.S. Western District Bankruptcy Court of Tennessee,
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2421 or (e-mail) rbrashir@memphis.edu

BAR ADMISSIONS

Admitted to the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, the Alabama Supreme Court and the United District Court Southern District of New York.