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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

University of California, Irvine School of Law

Acting Professor of Law (July 2021-present)

Director, Center for Biotechnology and Global Health

Affiliated Faculty, UCI Law Korematsu Center

Affiliated Faculty, UCI Department of Criminology, Law and Society

Courses: Criminal Procedure, Statutory Analysis (Criminal Law), Juries, The Carceral State, Policing in the United States)

Service: Clerkship Committee (2021-2022, 2024-present), Admissions Committee (2022-2024); Externship Committee (2022-2023); Faculty Advisor, Center on Law, Equality and Race (CLEAR), Faculty Advisor, If/When/How Student Chapter

Advising: Bryant Joachim Jackson-Greene (Ph.D. Dissertation Committee, UCI Department of Criminology, Law and Society; Emily Jones (Ph.D. Dissertation Committee, UCLA Department of Anthropology)

Awards: Professor of the Year (2025); Society of Hellman Fellow Award (2024-2025), Faculty Commencement Speaker (2023)

Stanford Law School, Stanford, CA

Thomas C. Grey Fellow & Lecturer in Law (July 2017- June 2021)

Courses: Federal Litigation in a Global Context; Legal Research and Writing; Externship Practicum

Service: Public Interest Faculty Mentor; Coordinator, Stanford Fellows Workshop

Awards: *Pro Bono* Distinction (2018-2021)

Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, DC

E. Barrett Prettyman Fellow (August 2006- August 2008)

Course: Juvenile Justice Clinic

LAW PUBLICATIONS AND WORKS IN PROGRESS

Dormancy and Capacity as a Methodology for Assessing Criminal Justice Progress and Retrenchment (working paper)

Crisis Policing (working paper)

Anatomy of an Abortion Investigation (with Aziza Ahmed) (working paper)

Pregnancy Criminalization, Healthcare Privacy and the Constitution (with Wendy Bach & Madalyn Wasilczuk) (working paper)

What Prosecutors Owe (with Katie Tinto) (working paper)

The Institution of Probation, 97 COLORADO LAW REVIEW. (forthcoming 2026)

Every Hospital is Ferguson v. City of Charleston, 53 SOUTHWESTERN LAW REVIEW 285 (2024) (invited symposium piece)

Patient or Prisoner, 92 GEORGE WASHINGTON LAW REVIEW 1 (2024)

Policing the Emergency Room, 134 HARVARD LAW REVIEW 2646 (2021)

[Reviewed](#) in Medha Makhoul, *Compounding Vulnerability: Hospital Emergency Rooms as Sites of Race- and Class-Based Police Surveillance*, JOTWELL: THE JOURNAL OF THINGS WE LIKE (LOTS) (Nov. 10, 2021)

Cops in Scrubs, 48 FLORIDA STATE LAW REVIEW 863 (2021)

[Reviewed](#) in Elizabeth Joh, *Healthcare Policing*, JOTWELL: THE JOURNAL OF THINGS WE LIKE (LOTS) (Dec. 6, 2022)

Ending “Solitary Confinement” of Youth in California, 39 CHILD. LEGAL RTS. J. 42 (2019) (with Sue Burrell)

MEDICAL PUBLICATIONS AND WORKS IN PROGRESS

Law Enforcement in Healthcare Spaces: Ethically and Structured Informed Guidance (with Daniel Kennedy-Morales, Annette Decker, Richelle Cooper, Elijah Bell and Enrico Castillo) (working paper)

O7. “The Point of the Spear”: Trauma Surgeon Perspectives on Police Interactions in the Hospital, 90 THE AMERICAN SURGEON 2593 (2024) (with Emily V. Jones, Philippe Bourgeois, and Vincent E. Chong)

O5. *Law Enforcement and Patient Privacy Among Survivors of Violence: A Nationwide Mixed-Methods Study of Current Practices*, 283 J. SURG. RESEARCH 283 (2023) (with Kate M. Gallen, Michael J. Smith, Joshua Crane, Carly Loughran, Kirsten Schuster, Jake Sonnenberg, Mildred Sheppard, Victoria Girard, and Erin C. Hall)

O3. *Health Effects of Policing in Hospital: A Narrative Review*, J. RACIAL & ETHNIC HEALTH DISPARITIES (2022) (with Kate M. Gallen, Jake Sonnenberg, Kirsten Schuster, Michael Smith, Carly Loughran, and Erin Hall)

O2. *An Ethical, Legal, and Structural Framework for Law Enforcement in the Emergency Department*, 78 ANN. EMERG. MED. 749 (2021) (with Hannah H. Janeway and Shamsheer Samra)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS AND WRITINGS

O6. *Care and Carceralism*, Inquest (April 18, 2023)

O4. *Opinion: These are the Gray Areas for Women's Privacy Now in a Post-Roe World*, CNN (Aug. 4, 2022) (with Aziza Ahmed)

O1. Working Group on Policing and Patient Rights, *Police in the Emergency Department: A Medical Provider Toolkit for Protecting Patient Privacy* (2021)

District of Columbia: An Assessment of Access to and Quality of Juvenile Defense Counsel (2018) (with Tim Curry)

Righting the Ship of Juvenile Justice, THE DAILY JOURNAL (Oct. 27, 2107) (with Meredith Desautels)

Time to Transform Juvenile Justice, THE DAILY JOURNAL (July 8, 2016) (with Meredith Desautels)

RESEARCH FUNDING

University of California, Irvine, Hellman Fellowship (\$50,000)

Re-Envisioning Care Spaces and Safety Through Community Partnerships, Seed Grant, National Institute of Health, Co-Investigator (\$50,000)

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

Dormancy and Capacity as a Methodology for Assessing Criminal Justice Progress and Retrenchment
Culp Colloquium, June 2025; *Grey Fellows Forum*, May 2025

Crisis Policing

Faculty Workshops: University of Maryland, Spring 2025, Syracuse University, Spring 2025 (virtual), University of Chicago (scheduled 2025)

Decarceration Workshop 2024; Culp Colloquium, May 2024; Grey Fellows Forum, May 2024; Privacy Law Scholars Conference, June 2024

Pregnancy Criminalization, Healthcare Privacy and the Constitution

Privacy Law Scholars Conference, June 2024

What Prosecutors Owe the Over-Punished

Fordham Ethics Schmooze, Spring 2024

The Institutional Power of Probation (also titled On Probation)

Faculty Workshops: University of California, Berkeley Law School, Spring 2024, University of San Diego Law School, Spring 2024, Loyola Los Angeles Law School, Spring 2024, Pepperdine Law School, Spring 2024

Culp Colloquium, 2023; Grey Fellows Forum, Stanford Law School, 2023; CrimFEST, 2023

Anatomy of an Abortion Investigation

The Law of the Police Conference, 2023; WLPOC/CAPALF, 2023 The Law of the Police Conference, 2023; Decarceration Workshop, 2023

Patient or Prisoner (also titled Patient or Prisoner in the “Free World” Hospital)

Faculty Workshops: UC Davis School of Law, Spring 2023, University of Connecticut Law School, Fall 2022

Culp Colloquium, 2021, 2022; Grey Fellows Forum, Stanford Law School, 2022; Virtual Criminal Law Workshop Series, 2022

Policing the Emergency Room (also titled Emergency Investigations)

Faculty Workshops, September 2020-December 2020 (Brooklyn Law School, Elon University, Michigan State

University, Lewis & Clark College, Northwestern University, Pepperdine University, Tulane University, University of California, Irvine, University of Georgia, University of Wisconsin, Wake Forest University, Wayne State University)

Culp Colloquium, Summer 2020; Grey Fellows Forum, Stanford Law School 2020; Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, 2019; Clinical Writers Workshop, NYU School of Law, 2019

Cops in Scrubs (also titled The Law of the ER)

CrimFEST, 2019; Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, 2018; LatCrit Biennial Conference, Georgia State University College of Law, 2019; National People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, American University Washington College of Law, 2019; Western Law Professors of Color and Coalition of Asian Pacific American Law Faculty, UNLV Law School, 2018

Clinical Writers Workshop, NYU School of Law, 2018; Stanford Fellows Workshop, 2018

EDUCATION

Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, DC

LL.M., May 2010

Columbia University School of Law, New York, NY

J.D., May 2004

Honors: Lowenstein Fellowship, Jane Marks Murphy Prize for Excellence in Clinical Advocacy, James Kent Scholar & Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar

Activities: Teaching Assistant, Constitutional Law, Professor Kendall Thomas
Columbia Human Rights Law Review, Jailhouse Lawyer’s Manual, Reference Editor

Columbia College, Columbia University, New York, NY

B.A., East Asian Languages and Cultures (major) and Music (minor), May 1999

Honors: Graduated *cum laude* in East Asian Languages and Cultures, J. Henry Esser Scholar

CLERKSHIP & PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Hon. Deborah A. Batts, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York (2004-2006)

Contra Costa County Office of the Public Defender, Richmond, CA, *Deputy Public Defender/Juvenile Special Projects Attorney* (2009-2017)

National Juvenile Defender Center, Washington, DC, *Senior Policy Advocate* (2008-2009)

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Health Equity and Access for Law Enforcement Involved Patients, *Leadership Group* (2022-Present)

Part of national network of clinicians, lawyers, social science researchers, patient advocates, violence prevention specialists, and other experts working towards mitigating law enforcement presence within healthcare settings through collaboration, research, and informed policy development

Pacific Juvenile Defender Center, *President* (2020-2021), Executive Board Member (2014-present)

Directing state-wide organization on juvenile justice policy, litigation, and training; providing support in transition of organization and fundraising.

Georgetown University Law Center, Health Justice Alliance, *Consultant* (2020-2022)

Developing model hospital policies and educational materials for medical professionals on law enforcement presence in hospitals.

AMICUS BRIEFS

Brief of Amici Curiae Professor Ji Seon Song, the ACLU of New Mexico, and the National Police Accountability Project in Support of Defendant-Appellee, *State v. Treviso*, No. S-1-SC-40478, New Mexico Supreme Court (Nov. 6, 2024) (author)

Brief of Amici Curiae the Office of the State Public Defender, the Pacific Juvenile Defender Center, and the Youth Law Center, in Support of Respondent-Appellant, *In re J.S.*, A162419, Cal. Court of Appeals (Apr. 18, 2022) (contributor)

Brief of Amici Curiae Pacific Juvenile Defender, with Office of the Los Angeles County Public Defender, Contra Costa County Public Defender, Los Angeles County Alternate Public Defender's Office, Loyola Law School Center for Juvenile Law and Policy and the Center on Wrongful Convictions of Youth in Support of Defendant-Appellant, *People v. Nelson*, S181611, California Supreme Court (Mar. 24, 2011) (co-author)

Brief of Amici Curiae Juvenile Law Center, National Juvenile Defender Center, Children and Family Justice Center, et al., in Support of Petitioners, *Graham v. Florida*, No. 08-7412, 08-7621, U.S. Supreme Court (July 23, 2009) (contributor)

Brief of Amici Curiae Pacific Juvenile Defender, with Office of the Los Angeles County Public Defender, Los Angeles County Alternate Public Defender's Office, National Juvenile Defender Center, California Public Defenders Association in Support of Defendant-Appellant, *People v. Lessie*, S163453, California Supreme Court (May 28, 2009) (co-author)

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- Panelist, *Microsymposium on "Policing in Times of Crisis,"* 22nd Annual International Conference on Law, Athens Institute (sched. July 2025)
- Panelist, *Health Interventions and the U.S. Criminal System*, 2025 Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL (May 22, 2025)
- Speaker, *Criminalizing Pregnancy*, Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (virtual) (sched. May 19, 2025)
- Discussant, *Gastro-Constitutionalism*, Institut d'Études Avancées de Paris (March 4, 2025)
- Speaker, *Carceral Care*, Efforts in Carceral Minimalism Seminar (Professor Aliza Hochman Bloom) Northeastern University School of Law (Jan. 28, 2025)
- Panelist, *Medical Ethics in Criminalized Reproductive Healthcare*, O'Neill Institute, Georgetown Law School and National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (Dec. 5, 2024)

- Speaker, Henry Ford & MSU Workplace Violence Webinar Series (virtual) (Nov. 21, 2024)
- Panelist, *Allyship as an Act of Civility*, Pacific Juvenile Defender Center Roundtable (Sept. 13, 2024)
- Panelist, *Disability Subordination Under Law: Policing, Punishment, and Institutionalization in Historical Context*, 38th International Congress on Law and Mental Health, Faculty of Law, University of Barcelona (July 22, 2024)
- Panelist, *Eating Behind Bars: Food as a Tool for Punishment or Emancipation?*, ICON France “Crises and Challenges in Public Law” Inaugural Conference, Université Paris Nanterre (July 5, 2024)
- Panelist, *Reproductive Justice, Criminal Law, and the Carceral State*, 2024 Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO (June 8, 2024)
- Speaker, *Policing and Emergency Medicine*, Carolinas Medical Center Core Concepts Conference (May 2, 2024)
- Speaker, Race, Inequality and the Law Seminar (Professor Monica Bell), Yale Law School (January 31, 2024)
- Panelist, *Surveillance and Policing in Racialized Spaces*, AALS Annual Meeting (January 6, 2024)
- Guest Speaker, *Policing and Medicine*, Health & Incarceration Elective, UCSF Medical School (October 31, 2023)
- Keynote Speaker, *Redefining Safety in Healthcare Settings*, Massachusetts Health & Hospital Ass’n 2nd Annual Healthcare Safety & Violence Prevention Summit (October 19, 2023)
- Speaker, *On Probation*, Abolition Colloquium Seminar (Professor Kate Levine), Cardozo Law School, October 25, 2023
- Speaker, *Patient or Prisoner*, Reproductive Justice, Criminal Law, and the Carceral State Seminar (Professor Karen Engle), Rapoport Center for Human Rights and Justice, University of Texas Law School, October 23, 2023
- Panelist, *Calling Out Carceral Responses to Reproductive Choices and Bodily Autonomy in the United States*, 23rd Annual Conference of the European Society of Criminology, EuroCrim 2023 (September 7, 2023)
- Speaker, *Prosecuting Presidents*, Seoul National University Graduate School of Public Administration Summer Program at UC Irvine (July 11, 2023)
- Panelist, *Policing and New Technologies*, Symposium: Modern Policing and the Law, Northern Kentucky University Chase College of Law (March 24, 2023)
- Speaker, *The Grey Areas of Privacy After Dobbs*, Laguna Beach Democratic Club (March 15, 2023)
- Panelist, *When Pregnancy is Criminalized: Wrongful Convictions and Reproductive Rights*, Innocent Behind Bars: A Symposium on Overcriminalization, ASU Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law (February 24, 2023)
- Lecturer, Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin Grand Rounds (January 30, 2023) (online)
- Panelist, *Perception v. Reality: How Evolving Understandings of Technology Influence Fourth Amendment Jurisprudence*, AALS Annual Meeting (January 6, 2023)
- Panelist, *KNOW YOUR RIGHTS: an abolitionist framework for patient safety*, UCSF Family & Community Medicine Grand Rounds (Nov. 4, 2022)
- Panelist, *Movement Lawyering in Direct Services*, UCI Law School, Movement Lawyering Group (April 5, 2022)
- Lecturer, *Patient or Prisoner: Hospitals as Carceral Settings*, Dean’s Lecture Series on Race and Discrimination, Vanderbilt Law School (Apr. 1, 2022)
- Guest Speaker, *Criminalizing the Emergency Room*, Contemporary Issues in Health, Law & Bioethics, Harvard Medical School, Center for Bioethics, (Mar. 24, 2022)
- Panelist, *Healthcare & Law Enforcement*, Health Equity & Social Emergency Medicine Grand Rounds, Social Emergency Medicine at Los Angeles County & University of Southern California (Mar. 24, 2022)
- Panelist, *The Carceral Logics of Care: Policing Hospitals, Policing Access to Care*, 2022 AALS Annual Meeting (January 6, 2022)
- Panelist, *Unity III: Public Health*, American Constitution Society, Pepperdine University Law School (November 2, 2021).
- Panelist, *Detention and Incarceration Crises: Administrative Challenges and Potential Improvements*, American University of Law, Administrative Law Review’s Fall 2021 Symposium (October 29, 2021)
- Guest Lecturer, *Health, Policing, and Incarceration*, UCSF School of Medicine (September 28, 2021)
- Speaker, *Symposium: When Health Care and Law Enforcement Overlap*, University of Pennsylvania, Leonard Davis Institute and Dep’t of Emergency Medicine (Virtual) (Sept. 24, 2021)
- Panelist, *Law Enforcement in the Health Care Setting*, UCLA Health: Equity & Justice Action Series (Virtual) (May 25, 2021)

- Panelist, *Didactic: Law Enforcement in the Emergency Department: An Overview of Relevant Considerations, Law, and Policies*, Society for Academic Emergency Medicine 2021 (Virtual) (May 12, 2021)
- Panelist, *Caring for Patients in Custody*, San Francisco General Hospital/San Francisco VA Joint Medical Grand Rounds (Virtual) (Dec. 15, 2020)
- *Challenging the Boilerplate Approach to Police Reporting*, 23rd Annual Juvenile Defender Leadership Summit, West Palm Beach, FL (October 25, 2019)
- *Emergency Investigations*, 22nd Annual Juvenile Defender Leadership Summit, St. Paul, MN (October 20, 2018)
- *Movement as Empathy and a Vehicle for Transforming the Juvenile Justice System*, TEDxUCDavisSF, San Francisco, CA (April 29, 2018)
- *Juvenile Training Immersion Program Summer Academy*, Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, DC (2014-2018)
- Guest Speaker, Criminal Procedure and Evidence, UC Berkeley School of Law (2014-2017)
- Legal Discussant (with T. Grisso, G. Vincent, A. Kavanaugh and C. Riggs Romaine), *Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Forensic Assessments*, American Psychological-Law Society Annual Conference, Seattle, WA (March 17, 2017)
- Co-Presenter, *Raising Racial Factors in Fourth Amendment Challenges*, 20th Annual Juvenile Defender Leadership Summit, Atlanta, GA (October 29, 2016)
- Discussant, *Reimagining Children's Immigration Adjudications: Learning from Reform in Child Protection and Juvenile Justice*, Young Center for Immigrant Children's Rights, University of Chicago (September 23, 2016)
- Panelist, *Challenging Implicit Bias in Defense of Children of Color and Adolescent Brain Science and Juvenile Justice Reform*, Fulfilling the Promise of *Gault*: Due Process and Effective Advocacy for Youth in the 21st Century, American Bar Association, San Francisco, CA (August 5, 2016)
- *The Insidious Effect of Ignoring Implicit and Institutional Bias in the Justice System*, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges 79th Annual Conference, Monterey, CA (July 18, 2016)
- Co-Trainer, *How to Be A Juvenile Defender: A Soup to Nuts Review*, Pacific Juvenile Defender Center AB 703 Training, Los Angeles and San Francisco, CA (June 4 and 11, 2016)
- Organizer, *Policing the Police*, Public Defenders for Racial Justice, San Francisco, CA (March 31, 2016)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS, COMMITTEE WORK & CERTIFICATIONS

American Association of Law Schools

Sections: Minority, Criminal Law; Criminal Procedure; Disability Law; Family and Juvenile Law; Law, Medicine & Health Care; Women in Legal Education

Law and Society Association

Early Career Workshop Co-Chair (2025)

Graduate Student Workshop/Early Career Workshop Planning Committee (2024)

American Bar Association

Emerging Scholars Workshop (2021-Present)

Reviewer: *Harvard Law Review*, *Stanford Law Review*, *Law & Society Review*, *Law & Social Inquiry*, *New England Journal of Medicine*, *Annals of Emergency Medicine*, *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*, *Academic Emergency Medicine*, *Yale Journal of Health Policy, Law & Ethics*, *Journal of Human Rights*

Pacific Juvenile Defender Center, Board Member (2016-Present)

Certified Juvenile Training Immersion Program Trainer (2014-Present)

The Justice Collaborative, Consultant (2019) (consultant on juvenile justice legislative reform)

National Juvenile Defender Center (2013-2019) (authored and collected data for reports on juvenile indigent defense; contributed to development of national training protocol and guidelines)

Asian American Criminal Trial Lawyers Association, Founding Member, Vice President (2014-2017)

Public Defenders for Racial Justice, Founding Member, Chair of Training Committee (2015-2017)

Youth Justice Initiative, Contra Costa County (2014-2017)

National Asian Pacific American Bar Association, Member (2014-2017)

BAR ADMISSIONS

California and the District of Columbia