

CHRISTOPHER WILLIAMS

Acting Professor of Law, University of California, Irvine School of Law
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I. EDUCATION

University of Chicago, Chicago, IL
Doctor of Philosophy in Sociology, June 2024
Neubauer Family Foundation Distinguished Scholar Doctoral Fellow

University of Chicago, Chicago, IL
Master of Arts in Sociology, June 2021

University of California-Irvine School of Law, Irvine, CA
Juris Doctor, May 2019
Honors: UCI Law Dean's Merit Scholarship; Thurgood Marshall Bar Association Scholarship award

University of Missouri, Columbia, MO
Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, Summa Cum Laude, GPA 3.95, May 2016
Honors: Dean's List (2012-2016), Phi Beta Kappa, Honors College

II. TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of California-Irvine School of Law, Irvine, CA
Assistant Professor of Law, July 2025 to present

University of Virginia School of Law, Charlottesville, VA
Research Assistant Professor of Law, Race, Place, and Equity Fellow, August 2023 to August 2025

University of Chicago, Chicago, IL
Preceptor for the Department of Sociology BA Thesis Seminar, August 2020 to May 2022

III. ARTICLES

Christopher Williams, *Abolition in the Real World: A Case Study of Cash Bail Abolition in Illinois*, Harv. C.R.-C.L. L. Rev. (forthcoming 2025)

Christopher Williams, *Ferguson & Me: A Transformative Ten Years*, 78 WASH. U. J.L. & POL'Y 61 (2025).

Robert Vargas, Christopher Williams, Phillip O'Sullivan, Christina Cano, *Capitalizing on Crisis: Chicago Policy Responses to Homicides, 1920-2016*, 89 U. CHI. L. REV. 405, (2022)

Christopher Williams, *Blue Racing: The Racialization of Police in Hate Crime Statutes*, 55 U. MICH. J. L. REFORM 139 (2021)

Rose Lyn and Christopher Williams, *Building BLSA; Doing Community*, 10 U.C. IRVINE L. REV. 489 (2020)

Christopher Williams, *Gatekeeping the Profession*, 26 CARDOZO J. EQUAL RTS. & SOC. JUST. 171 (2020)

IV. BOOKS & BOOK CHAPTERS

Christopher Williams, *No More Ransom*, Forthcoming University of Chicago p

Christopher Williams, *Searching for Space: Creating Room In Global Studies*, (chapter in *Invisible Institutionalisms: Collective Reflections on the shadows of Legal Globalisation*), (Swethaa Ballakrishnen and Sara Dezalay, Bloomsbury Publishing (2021)

V. LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

Crimfest: Presenter

Pragmatic Abolition, July 2024

John Mercer Langston Conference: Discussant

Saving Black Lives: The Black Homicide Crisis as Racial Injustice, June 2024

John Mercer Langston Conference: Presenter

Pragmatic Abolition, June 2024

University of Chicago Justice Project Mini Conference: Moderator

Lessons from Misinformation Campaign in CHI, NYC, and SF, June 2023

Law and Society: Discussant

Academia and Teaching About Racism, July 2022

Law and Society: Discussant

Legal Education's Highest Aspirations, July 2022

University of Michigan Journal of Law Reform: Author Talk Series

Blue Racing: The Racialization of Police in Hate Crime Statutes, Nov 2021

Law and Society: Discussant

Blue Racing: The Racialization of Police in Hate Crimes, May 2021

Law and Society: Discussant

Centering California in the History of U.S. Racism and Resistance, May 2021

American Constitutional Society: Co-Moderator

*Elevating and Engaging with Black Lives on Law School Campuses
(Part II), August 2020*

Law and Society: Panelist

Author Meets Reader: Unequal Profession, August 2020

Law and Society: Panelist

Legal Education Roundtable, June 2020

VI. SERVICE

Law and Society Association

Undergraduate/Graduate Paper Prize Committee Chair, May 2025

Law and Society Association

Program Committee Member, May 2025

VII. MEDIA

Christopher Williams, *ESSAY: Ending cash bail shows that we shouldn't lead with fear*, The
Triibe (2024)

Krystal Nurse, *State Police Now Tracking Incidents of Bias against Police Officers in
Michigan*, Lansing State Journal (2023)

John Eligon, *At University of Missouri, Black Students See a Campus Riven By Race*,
New York Times (2015)

VIII. PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

State Bar of California

Admitted 2019