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## **ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

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**UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN LAW SCHOOL**, July 2023-Present

*Assistant Professor of Law*

Courses: Evidence, Criminal Procedure, Carceral Intersections (seminar)

**BROOKLYN LAW SCHOOL**, July 2022-June 2023

*Assistant Professor of Law*

Courses: Evidence, Criminal Procedure

**UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN LAW SCHOOL**, July 2021-June 2022

*William H. Hastie Research & Teaching Fellow*

*Law and Society Fellow*

## **RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS**

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Family Law, Family Regulation, Criminal Procedure, Criminal Law, Evidence, Poverty Law, Race and the Law, Comparative Legal Studies, Feminist Legal Theory, Epistemic Injustice

## **EDUCATION**

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**FREIE UNIVERSITÄT**, Berlin

Ph.D. (Dr. Iur), *summa cum laude*, 2022

Ph.D. scholarship from the state of Berlin (Else-Neumann Stipendium des Landes Berlin)

Dissertation Topic: Discriminatory Effects of Plea Bargaining in Germany and the US

**COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL**

LL.M., 2017

Harlan Stone Fiske Scholar, Public Interest Honoree

Activities: Criminal Justice Action Network, Prisoner's Health Initiative, LL.M. Representative

**HUMBOLDT UNIVERSITY**, Berlin

Magister Iuris, 2016

Top 2% in the State of Berlin/ Brandenburg; Ranked third place in a class of 486 candidates

Full Scholarship (Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung); Participated in the Humboldt Law School Human Rights Law Clinic

## **SELECTED PUBLICATIONS**

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### **Articles and Essays**

*Time & Punishment*, 134 YALE L. J. 536 (2024)

- Awarded the Emerging Scholars Award for the AALS Family & Juvenile Law Section
- One of seven papers selected for the 2024 Law and Humanities Workshop for Junior Scholars

*Critical Family Regulation Scholarship*, 2024 WISC. L. REV. 1559 (2024) (invited symposium essay)

*Surviving Family Regulation*, U. CHICAGO L. REV. ONLINE (2024) (invited symposium essay)

*Fammigration Web*, 103 BOSTON U. L. REV. 117 (2023)

- One of six papers selected for the 2022 Equality Law Scholars Forum

*Pathology Logics*, 117 NW. U. L. REV. 1523 (2023)

*Weaponizing Fear*, YALE LAW JOURNAL FORUM (2022)

- Awarded a Dukeminier Award by the Williams Institute at UCLA

*Survived & Coerced: Epistemic Injustice in the Family Regulation System*, 122 COLUM. L. REV. 1097 (2022)

## **Commentary**

*How the Carceral State Punishes Survivors*, THE REGULATORY REV. (April 14, 2022)

*Racist Police Practices—Centering Marginalized Voices in German Political & Academic Discourse*, VÖLKERRECHTSBLOG (December 15, 2022)

## **LEGAL EXPERIENCE**

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### **THE BRONX DEFENDERS, FAMILY DEFENSE PRACTICE, Bronx, NY**

*Staff Attorney*, March 2018-July 2021

Defended indigent parents in abuse, neglect, and termination of parental rights proceedings in Bronx family court with a holistic defense approach. Litigated trials and hearings on behalf of clients. Litigated medically complex res ipsa cases. Researched, wrote, and argued motions and orders to show cause. Used cross-practice holistic advocacy to assist clients with issues regarding housing, public benefits, social work, immigration and criminal defense. Conducted trainings for other attorneys. Active member of the Educational Working Group (cross practice group) and the Domestic Violence Working Group within the Family Defense Practice. Participated in hiring committee. Mentor in the Mentorship of Color Program. Supervised multiple interns and externs.

### **THE BRONX DEFENDERS, CRIMINAL DEFENSE PRACTICE, Bronx, NY**

*Columbia Law School Public Interest Post-Graduate Fellow*, August 2017-March 2018

Trained with the 2017 training team class. Conducted interviews with clients on early defense criminal cases. Arranged surrenders and accompanied clients to meetings with the District Attorney's office in cross complaint cases. Drafted motions to seal criminal convictions as part of the Rap Sheet Error Project. Negotiated plea agreements in Bronx Criminal Court.

### **SPECIAL LITIGATION UNIT OF THE WORLD BANK, Washington, D.C.**

*Legal Intern*, Summer 2014

Drafted a statement of accusation and evidence for allegations of fraud and corruption committed by a European Country conducting business with World Bank funding. Researched anti-corruption law.

*Legal Intern*, Fall 2013

Conducted comparative research on European Union privacy law in criminal proceedings.

Conducted research on European Union criminal law.

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

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2025: *Criminal Justice Ethics Schmooze*, Fordham Law School (presenter); *Beyond the Carceral Frame*, Fordham Law School Faculty Workshop; *Immigration Symposium*, Boston University Law School (panelist); *Rights, Regulation Resistance: Parents, Children, and the State*, AALS Family and Juvenile Section (panelist); *Swimming Against the Tide: New Administrative Law Scholarship in an Era of Judicial Formalism*, AALS Administrative Law Panel (panelist); *Works-in-Progress in Family and Juvenile Law*, AALS Family and Juvenile Law Section (moderator)

2024: *Weaponizing Fear*, Webinar: The Dukeminier Awards Journal, Celebrating the Best in LGBTQ Scholarship (presenter and award winner); *Family, Gender, Law*, Law and Expertise 2024 Boston University Law Review Symposium (Panelist); *Preserving Punishment*, Langston Midwest Writing Workshop, University of Chicago (presenter and commenter); *Preserving Punishment*, Gender and Policy Colloquium at Boston University; *Time & Punishment*, Law and Humanities Workshop for Junior Scholars at UCLA School of Law; *Author Meets Reader Panel* (commenter), Law and Society; *Holistic Family Regulation Scholarship*, Public Law in the States Conference at University of Wisconsin; *Preserving Punishment*, Race, Care, Capitalism at Yale Law School; *Time & Punishment*, University of Wisconsin Faculty Workshop; *Time & Punishment*, University of Virginia Law School Faculty Workshop

2023: *Dismantling the Clinical/ Doctrinal Binary*, Clinical Rounds: The Next 50 Years of Clinical Education, Maryland Law School; *The Job Talk*, Denver Sturm College of Law Faculty Recruitment Workshop Panel; *Time & Punishment*, Chicagoland Junior Scholars Conference; *Time & Punishment*, Tulane Center for Law & Economics; *Family Regulation in a Shape-Shifting Carceral State*, CrimFest; *Time & Punishment*, Family Law Scholars & Teachers Conference; *The Carceral Entanglements of Civil Systems*, Law & Society; *Bordering Practices* (Discussant), Law & Society; *From Policy to Practice: The Role of Public Defenders in the On-Going Search For Alternatives to Incarceration*, National Association for Public Defense; *U Chicago Law Review Symposium: Children and the Law* (emerging scholar/ moderator); *Centering Family Violence Workshop*, University of Virginia Law (commenter); *Un-capturing Safety*, AALS Family and Juvenile Law Section Works in Progress Session

2022: *Fammigration Web*, Equality Law Scholars Forum; *Fammigration Web*, CrimFest; *Fammigration Web*, 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Lutie A. Lytle Black Women Law Faculty Writing Workshop; *Fammigration Web*, Decarceration Law Professors Workshop; *Pathology Logics in the Family Regulation System*, Law & Society; *Policing, Violence, and Surveillance: Local, Historical, and Legal Perspectives*, Center for the Humanities at the University of Wisconsin

2021: *Carceral Intersections*, ABA Criminal Justice Workshop; *Pathology Logics in the Family Regulation System*, Junior Faculty Forum at the University of Richmond; *Survived and Coerced: Epistemic Injustice in the Family Regulation System*, CrimFest

## AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS, & RECOGNITIONS

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Classroom Teacher of the Year Award 2024

University of Wisconsin Law School

Emerging Scholars Award  
AALS Family & Juvenile Law Section

The Ezekiel Weber Prize  
2024 Dukeminier Award  
Williams Institute at UCLA

Full Scholarship from the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung for Academic Achievement  
*Gifted Students Program*

Ph.D. Scholarship from the State of Berlin  
*Else Neumann Stipendium des Landes Berlin*

Research and Travel Scholarship from the Free University Berlin  
*Department for Advancement of Women*  
Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar  
*Columbia Law School*

## **OTHER**

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Bar Admission: New York State

Languages: German (bilingual), French (Fluent)

Selected Service: Chair, AALS Family and Juvenile Law Section; Programming Chair, 2023 and 2024  
Langston Midwestern Writing Workshop; Instructor, La Alianza HNBA Moot Court; Hastie Fellowship  
Committee; Mentor, Lutie A. Lytle Mentorship Program; Externship Committee (2022/23); 1L Mentor  
and Advisor (2022/23)