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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Wisconsin Law School, August 2024-Present

William H. Hastie Teaching & Research Fellow

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, Civil Procedure, State and Local Government Law, Abolition and Movement Lawyering, Tech and Privacy Law, Poverty Law, Race and the Law, Social Movements and the Law, Critical Legal Studies

COURSES TAUGHT

Loyola University Chicago School of Law, 2022-2023

Co-created and co-taught LAW156: Abolition and Movement Lawyering with Prof Aisha Cornelius Edwards; Spring 2022 and Spring 2023

EDUCATION

Loyola University Chicago School of Law

J.D., May 2024

Co-created and co-taught Abolition and Movement Lawyering course with Prof Aisha Cornelius Edwards, Spring 2022 and 2023; 2023 Rule of Law Institute Graduate Research Fellow; Academic Tutor for Civil Procedure and Constitutional Law; Research Assistant for Prof. Dean Strang

Loyola University of Chicago

M.S., Microbiology and Immunology, 2012

Academic Honors as a Military Veteran; Thesis: Understanding the Regulation of Metabolic Enzyme Acetylation in *E. coli* (2012)

Grand Valley State University

B.S., Biology, 2008

Outstanding Student Honors; U.S. Patent for undergraduate research: Schroder et al, (2011)
Methods of using carboxylic amides as antimicrobial agents. U.S. Patent: US 2011/0054034 A1

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Articles and Essays

Schilling, B., et. al., (2015), Protein Acetylation in response to carbon overflow in Escherichia coli. Molecular Microbiology, 98:847-863

Hu, LI et. al., (2013), Acetylation of the response regulator RcsB controls transcription from a small RNA promoter. Journal of Bacteriology, 195(18):4174-86

Works in Progress

Law Review Article: The State Visibility of Maternal Death

Law Review Article: Carceral Architectures

Law Review Article: The Obfuscation of Surveillance

Book Proposal: The Suspicion of Integration: The Progressive Love for Policing in the Burning House of Oak Park

Commentary

[Why Local Officials Need to Embrace a Movement-Centric Ethos](#), LPE Blog, March 2025

[Why Here, Why Now: Law School After 30](#), The Podvocate, January 2023

[Law School's Greatest Hits: The Story of Lawrence v. Texas](#), The Podvocate, November 2022

[Reimagining our response to violence](#), Wednesday Journal, January 25, 2022

[Citizens Should Have a Say](#), Wednesday Journal, July 13, 2021

[Oak Park Rallies Together After 'Black Lives Matter' Mural Defaced](#), NBC Chicago, Jul 9, 2020

[It's time to defund the Oak Park Police](#), Wednesday Journal, June 18, 2020

[Hindu Fascism: An All-American Threat](#), Common Dreams, Jan 18, 2020

[Democracy Doesn't Come in a Box](#), NY Times Opinion Feature, November 11, 2019

[More women exploring political careers after Trump's election](#), Chicago Tribune, April 7, 2017

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

2025: *The Obfuscation of Surveillance*, Local Progress National Convening (presenter); *State Violence and GI Resistance*, Socialism Conference (panelist); *The Obfuscation of Surveillance*, Privacy Law Scholars Conference (presenter); *The Obfuscation of Surveillance*, Democracy Works In Progress Conference (presenter); *From Scholarship to Policy: The Relationship Between Scholars and Policymakers*, Democracy Works In Progress Conference (panelist)

2024: *How Crime Statistics Regulate Behavior*, ABA/AALS Criminal Justice Work-In-Progress Roundtables (presenter); *About Face: Veterans Against The War*, National Convention (presenter)

EMPLOYMENT

2022 Soros Justice Fellow

January 2023-August 2024

- Open Society's Soros Justice Fellowship funds individuals who "undertake projects that advance reform, spur debate, and catalyze change on a range of issues facing the U.S. criminal justice system."
- Fellowship created tools and support for abolitionist local elected officials, so that they can build capacity and support within their communities to abolish the prison industrial complex.
- Projects included: Toolkit for local elected officials, Community Abolition Class, Book Proposal, Local Progress Public Safety Working Group advisory member.

Trustee, Village of Oak Park, IL

2019-2022

- Part-time elected official for the Village of Oak Park, a municipality of ~52,000 people.
- Set aside funding in the FY2022 budget to create a non-police emergency response team.
- Introduced a resolution to defund the police in the FY2021 Village Budget.
- Co-governed with organizers from Freedom to Thrive Oak Park and ROYAL: Revolutionary Youth Action League

Director of Engineering, Hypothesis

2016-2022

- Led product and engineering for Hypothesis, a non-profit tech company with a mission to bring annotation to the web.
- Managed a fully remote team of 8-10 engineers, designers, and customer support staff.
- Managed and reported on ~1.5-million-dollar budget for engineering team and operations
- Managed governance, risk, and compliance with FERPA, COPPA, and other privacy and security standards.

Product Manager, Outcome Health

January 2016 - August 2016

- Managed all of Outcome Health's Internal products and platform
- Redesigned the backend product platform architecture into a service-based API platform

Product Manager, NowSecure

May 2014 - January 2016

- Managed all NowSecure products, collaborated with engineering, design, sales, and marketing to define product requirements.
- Defined the product roadmap for both internal and external stakeholders.

United States Army, Enlisted

March 2000 - March 2006

- Honorable Discharge
- Army Good Conduct Medal
- Joint Service Commendation Medal

COMMUNITY ORGANIZING & VOLUNTEER WORK

Board Chair, About Face Veterans Against War

January 2024-Present

Advisory Board Member, Lucy Parsons Lab

January 2024-Present

Co-Chair, Public Safety Steering Committee, Local Progress

2020-Present

C4 Board Member, Grassroots Global Justice Alliance

June 2024-Present

Co-Founder and Organizer, Freedom to Thrive Oak Park

2019-2024

Defense Council Member, Truman National Security Project

2018-2022

Co-organizer, Ela Conf

2016-2018