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# Current Position

**University of Wisconsin Law School**,June 2020–Present

*Assistant Professor*

*Associate Director East Asian Legal Studies Center*

* Introduction to Constitutional Law
* First Amendment Law
* Race, Class, and Democratic Legitimacy

# Education and Honors

**Harvard Law School**

J.D., 2008

* **Awards:** Earl Warren Civil Rights Training Scholarship, American Association of University Women Fellowship, Massachusetts Black Judges Conference Award
* **Service:** Harvard Mediation Program, Black Law Students Association

# University of Pennsylvania

Ph.D. in Literacy, Culture and International Education (reading/writing/literacy track), 2011

* **Dissertation:** The IDEA of No Child Left Behind: Discourse Models of Law and Pedagogy
  + **Committee:** Vivian Gadsden (chair), Stanton Wortham, Joseph Tulman
* **Awards:** Fontaine Fellowship
* **Service:** University Committee on Pluralism, African American Graduate Students in Education, Graduate Advisor Du Bois Residential House

# Texas A&M University

M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction, 2002

B.A., *cum laude* in English; minor in Elementary Education, 1998

* **Awards:** University Honors, Foundation Honors, Senior Honors Thesis Grant, James L. Courtenay Award, President’s Endowed Scholarship, President’s Achievement Scholarship
* **Service:** University Writing Center Advisor

**Scholarly Works**

IN PROGRESS

***Academic Silence*** (submission August 2025)

BOOKS

***Constitutional Law: A Context and Practice Casebook (***with Lori Ringhand and David Schwartz)(Carolina Academic Press, 4th ed. 2026)

ARTICLES

***Multiracial, Interclass Democracy***,55Seton Hall L. Rev. 997, 1199–247 (2025)

***Defining Law But Not Justice***,99 Chi.-Kent L. Rev. 377, 397–417 (2024)

***Anatomy of Cancel Culture***,2 J. FREE SPEECH L. 206–56 (2023)

***From Protection to Empowerment***, 101 B.U. L. REV. 1723, 1879–916 (2021)

***America’s Constitutional Contradictions***, 71 AM. U. L. REV. F. 1, 1–13 (2021)

***2020 Constitutional Reform Country Report: The USA***,*in* The 2020 International Review of Constitutional Reform 303 (Luis Roberto Barroso & Richard Albert eds., 1st ed. 2021)

***Black Lives Matter: A Conversation on Health and Criminal Justice Disparities*** (co-authored with Aval Green), 20 U. MD. L.J. RACE Religion GENDER & CLASS 209–29 (2021)

***Between the ‘Facts and Norms’ of Police Violence: Using Discourse Models to Improve Deliberations Around Law Enforcement***, 47 HOFSTRA L. REV. 393, 489–525 (2019)

***They Should Be Fired: The Social Regulation of Free Speech in the US***,16 FIRST AMEND. L. REV. 1, 1–38 (2018)

***Improving E-Participation and Democratic Legitimacy Through Administrative Rulemaking in Korea and the U.S.***, 6 KLRI J.L. & Legis. 1, 7–42 (2016)

***Democracy and the Other: The Inverse Relationship Between Majority Rule and a Heterogeneous Citizenry***, 117 W. VA. L. Rev. 867, 1153–82 (2015)

***Bridging the Gap Between Policy and Practice: Using Negotiated Rulemaking to Build Consensus on Assessment in Special Education***, 22 AM. U. J. Gender Soc. Pol’y & L. 523, 693–720 (2014)

***Separate Is Inherently Unequal, Unless You’re Religious: The Peculiar Constitutionalization of Religious Segregation***, 32 Buff. Pub. Int. L.J. 1, 65–101 (2013)

***Minority Rights: Using Representation Reinforcement to Protect the Civil Liberties of Conscientious Objectors in Korea***, 29 Hanyang L. Rev. 625–48 (2012)

# Academic Appointments

**UNIVERSITY OF Virginia LAW SCHOOL**,August 2023–May 2024

*Scholar in Residence, Karsh Center for Law and Democracy*

* Race, Class, and Democratic Legitimacy

# Washington University School of Law-St. Louis, 2019–2020

*Visiting Assistant Professor*

# University of Kansas School of Law, 2018–2019

*Visiting Assistant Professor*

**Harvard Law School,** Spring 2018

*Charles Hamilton Houston Institute, Scholar-in-Residence*

**Yonsei University Law School**,2015–2017

*Assistant Professor*

*Selected as Incoming Associate Dean of International Affairs*

* **Awards**: Distinguished Research Incentive Award (2016 & 2017)

**Hanyang University Law School**,2011–2014

*Assistant Professor*

* **Awards:** Hanyang University Best Teacher Award (2012); University Research Grant (2012)

# Legal Experience

**Covington & Burling, LLP**,2008–2011

*Litigation Associate (Appellate, Insurance), Pro Bono Secondment (Neighborhood Legal Services Program)*

**U.S. Department of State**,Summer 2007

*Office of the Legal Advisor Summer Intern*

# South African Institute for Advanced Constitutional Law, Winter 2007

*Researcher*

# Presentations, Media Appearances, and Panels

**Between a Rock and a Hard Place: Free Speech and Injurious Speech**, Civic Literacy and Citizenship Symposium (June 16–17, 2025)

**Are the Adjuncts Alright?**,Yale Law School, Freedom of Expression Scholars Conference (April 25–26, 2025); University of Wisconsin, Public Law in the States Conference (May 29–30, 2025)

**Power of Our Neighbors**,University of Missouri Book in Progress Symposium**,** “What Shall be Orthodox” in Polarized Times (March 14, 2025)

**Social Regulation of Dissent**,University of Wisconsin, Center for Humanities, Humanities Now: Dissent on Campus (February 13, 2025)

**Black Voting in the U.S.: History and Challenges**,Blackhawk Church**,** BAAM Community Organization (October 28, 2024)

**Government by Discussion and Disagreement**,Education for Democracy Panel, University of Wisconsin Morgridge Center for Public Service, and Center for Community and Nonprofit Studies (October 15, 2024)

**Multiracial, Interclass Democracy**,University of Wisconsin, Diversity, Discourse and Democracy Symposium (May 24-25, 2024)

**Anatomy of Cancel Culture**,University of Texas Law School, Bech-Loughlin First Amendment Center Speaker Series (April 9, 2024); (SMU, Dec 2023); (UMN, Oct. 2023)

**The “Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad” Convention of the States,** University of Maryland Law School, ConLaw Schmooze (March 1-2, 2024)

**Defining Law, Not Justice**,Chicago-Kent Law School, Symposium on Teaching Law in a Time of Change and Conflict (Nov. 17, 2023)

**Constitutional Contradictions**, University of Texas, Constitutional Studies Program (September 25, 2023)

**Moderator**,Association of American Law Schools 2024 Annual Meeting, Reviving Article V: A Structural Approach to Defending Democracy (January 3–7, 2024)

**“Cancel Culture”: Threat to Free Speech or Vital Accountability Measure?**, AMC Opening Plenary Panel, Wisconsin Bar Association, Annual Meeting and Conference (June 15, 2023)

**Academic Freedom, Speech and Rational Inquiry**, Federalist Society Colloquium (April 28–29, 2023)

**Power Over Rights**,Boston College of Law, Junior Faculty Roundtable (March 17, 2023); University of Maryland Law School, ConLaw Schmooze on Lincoln Douglas Debates (March 10–11, 2023).

**Social Regulation of Free Speech in America**, Arizona State University SCETL, Keeping It Civil Podcast (February 24, 2023)

**Martin Luther King Jr. Keynote**,Arizona State University, School of Civic and Economic Thought and Leadership (January 17, 2023)

**Expanding Rights, Limiting Power**, University of Wisconsin, ConLaw Schmooze (October 14, 2022); University of Wisconsin, Wisconsin Law Review Symposium (October 28–29, 2022); Loyola University Chicago School of Law, 13th Annual Loyola Constitutional Law Colloquium, (November 4–5, 2022)

**Anatomy of Cancel Culture**, Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law, Non-Governmental Restrictions on Free Speech Symposium (March 19, 2022); University of Missouri Law School, Junior Faculty Workshop, (April 8, 2022); University of Minnesota Law School (November 14, 2023); SMU Dedman Law School (December 5, 2023)

**Protest and the Right to “Alter and Abolish” Government**, Menard Center for the Study of Institutions and Innovation, Right to Protest Panel (February 8, 2022)

**Social Regulation of Speech**, Center for the Study of Liberal Democracy, Free Speech in Wisconsin High Schools: A Symposium for High School Administrators (June 17–19, 2021); Menard Center for Constitutional Studies, Free Speech in the Workplace Panel (November 18, 2021)

# Rights, Power, and Vulnerability: The Limitations of the Fourteenth Amendment, George

Washington University School of Law, 12th Annual Loyola Constitutional Law Colloquium (November 12-13, 2021)

**What is Federalism**, U.S. State Department, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, International Visitor Leadership Program (October 5, 2021)

**Cancel Culture: What Is It and Where It’s Headed**, Wisconsin Public Radio, https://www.wpr.org/shows/cancel-culture-what-it-and-where-its-headed (October 21,

2021)

**Moderator**,Boston University Law Review, Cycles of Constitutional Time Book Symposium, (February 25, 2021)

**Trump Campaign Election Lawsuits**, WORT-FM, https://www.wortfm.org/trump-campaign- lawsuits-fall-flat/ (December 4, 2020)

**Minority-Minority Jurisprudence,** Loyola University Chicago School of Law, 11th Annual Loyola Constitutional Law Colloquium, (November 6–7, 2020)

**Can Trump Successfully Stop the Ballot Count in Battleground States**, CNBC, https://www.cnbc.com/video/2020/11/04/university-of-[wisconsin](http://www.cnbc.com/video/2020/11/04/university-of-wisconsin-law-professor-explains-)-law[-professor-explains-](http://www.cnbc.com/video/2020/11/04/university-of-wisconsin-law-professor-explains-) whether-trump-campaign-can-successfully-sue-michigan-and-pennsylvania-to-stop-ballot.html (November 4, 2020)

**Teaching Comparative U.S. First Amendment Law in the U.S. and Korea**,Association of American Law Schools 2020 Annual Meeting, Teaching Comparative Civil Rights Law Panel, (January 2–5, 2020)

**Moderator**,Association of American Law Schools 2020 Annual Meeting, AALS Hot Topics Program: Impeachment,(January 2–5, 2020)

**Power and Legitimacy in Minority Rights Jurisprudence**,Washington University School of Law-St. Louis, Faculty Workshop (September 4, 2019); St. Louis University School of Law, Faculty Workshop (September 25, 2019)

**Empowerment Jurisprudence**,Penn State School of Law, 13th Annual Lutie A. Lytle Black Women Law Faculty Workshop (June 18–23, 2019); Loyola University Chicago School of Law, 10th Annual Loyola Constitutional Law Colloquium (November 8–9, 2019)

**Institutions and the Social Regulation of Speech**, Law and Society Association, 2019 Annual Meeting (May 30–June 2, 2019)

**Free Speech, Free Press, Free Society**,Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum, Free Speech Week Panel (May 1, 2019)

**Marginalization, Citizenship and the Social Regulation of Free Speech**, 4th National People of Color Conference, People of Color and the Future of Democracy (March 21–24, 2019)

**Educating for Citizenship: Universities, Social Speech Regulation and the First Amendment**, Loyola University Chicago School of Law, 9th Annual Loyola Constitutional Law Colloquium (November 2–3, 2018)

**Deliberative Democracy as a Solution for Constitutions and Representative Democracies in Crisis**, 10th World Congress of the International Association of Constitutional Law, Organizers’ Workshop—Chair (June 18–22, 2018)

**Beyond Judicial Protection: Empowering Minorities in a Pluralistic America**,Porto Faculty of Law, Universidade Católica Portuguesa, Constitutionalism in a Plural World (November 22– 23, 2017)

**Social Regulation of Hate Speech in the US**,Korea Communications Standards Commission, International Roundtable on Hate Speech in the Social Media Era (November 16, 2016)

**Quasi-Entrenched Statutes: Creating a Multicultural Rights Regime,** New Zealand Centre for Public Law, Symposium on Quasi-Constitutionality and Constitutional Statutes (May 19–20, 2016)

**Democracy and the Other**, West Virginia Law School, 20th Mid-Atlantic People of Color Conference (January 31, 2015)

# Affiliations and Memberships

*Bar Admissions*

* New York
* District of Columbia

*Professional Associations*

* AALS Section on Constitutional Law
  + Chair, 2025–Present
  + Chair-Elect, 2024-2025
  + Treasurer, 2023–2024
  + Executive Committee member, 2020–2022
* AALS Section on Election Law
  + Chair-Elect, 2025–Present
  + Treasurer, 2024-2025
* American Bar Foundation Fellow (2023–Present)
* Advisory Board for the UW Campus Free Speech Survey Project (2022, 2024–Present)
* Upper House Advisory Board (2020–Present)
* Lutie Lytle Workshop, New Lutie Executive Committee (2019–Present)
* AALS Section on Scholarship, Executive Committee (2019–2020)