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### **ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

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**University of Wisconsin Law School**, August 2024-Present  
*William H. Hastie Teaching & Research Fellow*

### **TEACHING INTERESTS**

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Civil Procedure, Criminal Law, Law and Technology, State and Local Government, Privacy Law, Criminal Procedure, Race and the Law, Critical Legal Studies, Military Law

### **COURSES TAUGHT**

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**Loyola University Chicago School of Law**, 2022-2023  
Co-created and co-taught LAW156: Abolition and Movement Lawyering with Prof. Aisha Cornelius Edwards in the Spring 2022 and Spring 2023 semesters.

### **SELECTED PUBLICATIONS**

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#### **Articles and Essays**

*Surveillance Architectures*, Wisconsin Law Review (forthcoming May 2026), invited piece for the Fall 2025 Shadow Carceral State Symposium at University of Wisconsin Law School.

*The State Visibility of Maternal Death*, 35 Cornell Journal of Law and Public Policy (forthcoming March 2026), coauthored with Dr. Theresa Chapple-McGruder, Director Center for Health Equity, University of Pittsburgh.

*How Crime Statistics Regulate Behavior*, 65 Washburn Law Journal (forthcoming December 2025).

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

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

## **Works in Progress**

*The Obfuscation of Surveillance*, job talk paper. Submitted for publication in the August 2025 cycle.

## **Commentary**

[Inside the US Military's 'Dehumanization' Crisis Under Trump](#), *Instick Media*, June 2025.

[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 of Oak Park and River Forest*, January 25, 2022.

[Citizens Should Have a Say](#), *Wednesday Journal of Oak Park and River Forest*, July 13, 2021.

[It's Time to Defund the Oak Park Police](#), *Wednesday Journal of Oak Park and River Forest*, 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.

## **SELECTED PRESENTATIONS & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

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### **Surveillance Architectures**

- Shadow Carceral State Symposium, University of Wisconsin Law School (presenter), September 2025.

### **The Obfuscation of Surveillance**

- University of Wisconsin Law School Faculty Workshop (presenter), September 2025,
- Local Progress National Convening (invited speaker), July 2025,
- Privacy Law Scholars Conference (presenter), June 2025,
- 2025 Democracy Works In Progress Conference (presenter), January 2025,
- University of Wisconsin Law School Junior Faculty Writing Workshop (presenter), October 2024.

### **The State Visibility of Maternal Death**

- Decarceration Workshop (presenter), June 2025,
- University of Wisconsin Law School Junior Faculty Writing Workshop (presenter), December 2024.

### **State Violence and GI Resistance**

- Socialism Conference (presenter), July 2025.

### **From Scholarship to Policy: The Relationship Between Scholars and Policymakers**

- Democracy Works In Progress Conference (panelist), January 2025.

### **How Crime Statistics Regulate Behavior**

- ABA/AALS Criminal Justice Work-In-Progress Roundtables (presenter), December 2024.

## **EDUCATION**

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### **Loyola University Chicago School of Law**

J.D., May 2024

Dean's List; 2023 Rule of Law Institute Graduate Research Fellow; Academic Tutor for Civil Procedure and Constitutional Law; Research Assistant for Prof. Dean Strang (Research focused on comparative criminal legal analysis).

### **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.

## **EMPLOYMENT**

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### **2022 Soros Justice Fellow**

2023-2024

- Selected as an Open Society's Soros Justice Fellow to undertake projects that catalyze change of the U.S. criminal justice system.

- Fellowship work included: Creating an abolitionist toolkit for local elected officials, a Community Abolition 101 class, and serving as an advisor to the Local Progress Public Safety Steering Committee.

### **Trustee, Village of Oak Park, IL**

2019-2022

- Part-time elected official for the Village of Oak Park, a municipality of over 52,000 people.
- Set aside funding in the FY2022 budget to create a non-police emergency response team.
- Introduced and passed an abortion sanctuary ordinance.
- Introduced a resolution to defund the police in the FY2021 Village Budget.
- Co-governed using participatory governing frameworks 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—the creation of a comment layer—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 HECVAT, FERPA, COPPA, and other privacy and security standards.

### **Product Manager, Outcome Health**

January 2016 - August 2016

- Managed the software platform and all internal products and platform for Outcome Health, a company that delivered healthcare information to TV screens in patient waiting rooms.
- Redesigned the backend product platform architecture into a service-based API platform.

### **Product Manager, NowSecure**

2014-2016

- Managed all products for NowSecure, a mobile application security and forensics company.
- 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**

2000-2006

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

**COMMUNITY ORGANIZING & VOLUNTEER WORK**

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**C4 Board Member, Grassroots Global Justice Alliance**

June 2024-Present

**Board Chair, About Face Veterans Against War**

January 2024-Present

**Advisory Board Member, Lucy Parsons Labs**

January 2024-Present

**Co-Chair, Public Safety Steering Committee, Local Progress**

2020-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

**OTHER**

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**Bar Admission:** Illinois

**Languages:** Hindi (Fluent)

**Legal Memberships:** Chicago National Lawyers Guild (NLG), NLG's Military Law Task Force, Law for Black Lives, Chicago Bar Association, American Bar Association.