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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Wisconsin Law School, August 2024-Present

William H. Hastie Teaching & Research Fellow

TEACHING INTERESTS

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

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 in the Spring 2022 and Spring 2023 semesters.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

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.

How Crime Statistics Regulate Behavior, 65 Washburn Law Journal (forthcoming February 2026).

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.

Commentary

[Procurement Power—When Cities Realized They Can Just Say No: 2025 in Review](#), *Electronic Frontier Foundation*, December 2025.

[What to know about immigration operations and National Guard deployments to Chicago](#), *WBEZ Chicago*, October 2025.

[The History of GI Resistance](#), *Under the Tree Podcast with Bill Ayers*, October 2025.

[GI Resisters Have Long Refused Illegal Orders — Now They Must Refuse Trump](#), *Truthout*, September 2025.

[Raids, Retaliation, and Radical Solidarity in Chicago](#), *Movement Memos Podcast*, September 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.

[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

Surveillance Architectures

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

The Obfuscation of Surveillance

- Law and Political Economy Conference (presenter), February 2026,
- AALS Conference, Section on Internet and Computer Law (presenter), January 2026,
- Prof. Chaz Arnett’s Race, Tech & the Law Seminar (invited speaker), November 2025,

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

The State Visibility of Maternal Death

- Reproductive Justice in the United States panel (invited speaker), January 2026,
- 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

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

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.
- 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

Advisory Board Member, Lucy Parsons Labs

January 2024-Present

Board Chair, About Face Veterans Against War

2024-2026

Co-Chair, Public Safety Steering Committee, Local Progress

2020-2025

C4 Board Member, Grassroots Global Justice Alliance

2024- 2025

Co-Founder and Organizer, Freedom to Thrive Oak Park

2019-2024

Defense Council Member, Truman National Security Project

2018-2022

OTHER

Bar Admission: Illinois

Languages: Hindi (Fluent)

Legal Memberships and Pro-Bono Work:

- **Member of:** Chicago National Lawyers Guild (NLG), NLG's Military Law Task Force, Law for Black Lives, Chicago Bar Association, American Bar Association.
- **Pro-Bono:** Advisor for Military Law Task Force.