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CURRENT POSITION

University of Akron School of Law, Akron, OH

Associate Professor (2014 – present)

Assistant Professor (2010 – 2013)

Courses: Property, Real Estate Finance, Real Estate Development Law,
Land Use Law, International Human Rights Law, and Public International Law

EDUCATION

Duke University, Durham, NC

Ph.D., 2003

Concentration: Literature

Dissertation: *Contemporary Cinematic Constructions of French and Francophone
African Immigrant Identities (1950 - the Present)*

Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA

J.D., 1990

Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, NY

A.B. Political Science, 1987

PUBLICATIONS

Adjudicating Equality: Antidiscrimination Education Jurisprudence in the European Court of Human Rights, 33 HARV. J. ON RACIAL & ETHNIC JUST. ____ (forthcoming 2017).

Breaking the Cycle: Countering Voter Initiatives and the Underrepresentation of Racial Minorities in the Political Process, 12 DUKE J. CONST. L. & PUB. POL'Y 123 (2017)

The Public Pension Crisis Through the Lens of State Constitutions and Statutory Law, 92 CHI-KENT L. REV. ____ Symposium Issue - "Dissecting Cities in Crisis: Problems and Solutions" (forthcoming 2017)

Recognition and Reflection, 2 TEX. A&M J. REAL PROPERTY L. 187 (2015)

"Pennies on the Dollar": Reallocating Risk and Deficiency Judgment Liability, 66 S.C. L. REV. 243 (2014)

Riding into the Sunset in a "Post-Racial" World: Lessons in Equal Educational Opportunity and College Admissions Schemes in France and the United States, 22.1 TEMP. POL. & CIV. RTS. L. REV. 95 (2012)

SOCIAL MEDIA PUBLICATIONS

Reconfiguring Property Theory and Legal Rules in the Sharing Economy (2016)

Jotwell – Journal of Things We Like (Lots) Property Blog

<https://property.jotwell.com/reconfiguring-property-theory-and-legal-rules-in-the-sharing-economy/>

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Antidiscrimination law and equality issues
- Constitutional law, jurisprudence, voting rights and democracy
- Banks, predatory lending, foreclosures, and mortgages

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Seyfarth Shaw LLP, Chicago, IL

Commercial Transactions Associate (2006 – 2008)

Chicago-Kent College of Law, Chicago, IL

Visiting Associate Professor of Law (2005 – 2006)

Courses taught: Immigration Law and Policy, Race and Law

Fox, Hefter, Swibel, Levin & Carroll, LLP, Chicago, IL

Corporate and Real Estate Transactions Associate (2002 – 2005)

SCOR (Société Commerciale de Reassurance), Paris, France

In-House Reinsurance Legal Consultant (1998)

Earl L. Neal & Associates, L.L.C., Chicago, IL

Associate (1999 – 2001 and summers 1995-1997)

Katten Muchin and Zavis, Chicago, IL

Litigation Associate (1992 – 1993)

United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois, Chicago, IL

Judicial Clerk for the Honorable Brian Barnett Duff (1991 – 1992, Summer 1994)

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

Radio/TV/Film Department

Adjunct Professor (2009 – 2010)

Courses: French cinema, Postcolonial film, and African cinema

Columbia College of Chicago, Chicago, IL
Department of Humanities, History and Social Sciences
Adjunct Professor (2009 – 2010)
Courses: Politics and Civil Rights

Duke University, Durham, NC
Instructor, Undergraduate Program in Literature; Writing Program (1996-1997)
Courses: African Diaspora Literature, Postcolonial Theory, Writing and Rhetoric

ACADEMIC HONORS

Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship (2002-2003)
Foreign Languages Area Studies Fellowship (1998-1999)
Duke International Dissertation Fellowship (1998-1999)
International Law and Institutions Fellowship (1998)
Duke University Canadian Studies Research Fellowship (1997)
Duke Teaching Fellowship (1996-1997)
Duke Endowment Fellowship (1996-1998)

SELECTED ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS, CONFERENCES, AND WORKSHOPS

“Housing and Mortgage Law Reform in Spain”
Fordham International and Comparative Urban Law Conference 2017
University of Cape Town, Cape Town South Africa, July 17 – 18, 2017

“Social Justice, Economic Policy, and the ECJ Decision on Spanish Mortgage Law”
Berkeley Comparative Equality and Anti-Discrimination Law Study Group - Annual 2017 Conference
Trinity College Dublin
Dublin Ireland, June 15 – 16, 2017

“Sustainable Neighborhoods”
Association of Law Property and Society Conference
University of Michigan School of Law
Ann Arbor, MI, May 18 - 20, 2017

“Sustainable Neighborhoods”
Sustainability Conference of American Legal Educators
Arizona State University - Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law
Phoenix, AZ, May 12, 2017

“Reforming Metaphors - Housing Laws in Spain”
Law and Humanities Conference
Stanford Law School
Stanford CA, March 31 – April 1, 2017

Invited moderator for panel entitled, “The Changing Face of the War on Drugs:
Mass Incarceration, Overcriminalization, and Evolving Drug Policy”
Wayne State University Law School
Detroit, MI, March 23 – 24, 2017

Participant in the Higher Education and Economics Workshop
Henry G. Manne Program in Law and Economics Studies
George Mason University School of Law - Law and Economics Center
La Jolla, CA, March 3 - 6, 2017

“Housing Laws in Spain” (virtual presentation)
Berkeley Comparative Anti-Discrimination Group
University of California, Berkeley School of Law
February 27, 2017

Participant in The Rule of Law Workshop
Henry G. Manne Program in Law and Economics Studies
George Mason University School of Law - Law and Economics Center
Captiva, FL, January 19 -21, 2017

“State Constitutions and Public Pensions”
Loyola Constitutional Law Colloquium
Loyola University Chicago Law School
Chicago, IL, November 4 – 5, 2016

“Rethinking Tax Increment Financing, Property Taxes, and Public Schools:
TIFs in Theory and Practice”
State and Local Government Law Workshop
University of Houston Law Center
Houston, TX, October 7 – 8, 2016

Participant in The Public Choice and Economics Workshop
Henry G. Manne Program in Law and Economics Studies
George Mason University School of Law - Law and Economics Center
Arlington, VA, October 5 -7, 2016

Invited Panelist for the “Crisis: Lessons from Flint on the Limits and Capacities of State Governments”
Symposium
Program on Law and State Government
Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law
Indianapolis, IN, September 29-30, 2016

“Housing and Mortgage Law Reform in Spain”
American Society for International Law - Midwest Interest Group Workshop
University of Wisconsin-Madison
Madison, WI, September 23-24, 2016

“Rethinking Tax Increment Financing, Property Taxes, and Public Schools:
TIFs in Theory and Practice”
Southeastern Association of Law Schools
Amelia Island, Florida, August 8, 2016

“Rethinking Tax Increment Financing, Property Taxes, and Public Schools:
TIFs in Theory and Practice”

Lutie Lytle Conference

University of Iowa

Iowa City, IA July 6-12, 2016

“Politics and the Constitution: Strategies for Strengthening Minority Rights and
Access to Higher Education”

Law and Society

New Orleans, LA June 2- 5, 2016

“Voter Initiatives and Access to Higher Education”

The Midwest Political Science Association Conference

Chicago, Illinois, April 7 – 10, 2016

“Activism, Access to Political Process, Diversity, and Higher Education”

Poverty Law Conference

Seattle University Law School

Seattle, WA February 18 – 21, 2016

“The Impact of Voter Initiatives on Equality in Higher Education”

Civil Rights Movements: Race and Reform in 21st Century America

Duke Law School

Durham, North Carolina November 20 -21, 2015

“Rethinking Tax Increment Financing, Property Taxes, and Public Schools:
TIFs in Theory and Practice”

Legal Scholarship 4.0: Tackling the Urban Core Puzzle Conference

Northeastern University Law School

Boston, MA October 29 – 31, 2015

“Adjudicating Equality: Minorities and
the Right to Education at the Supranational Level”

ASIL Fifth Annual Mid-Year Research Forum 2015

American University Washington College of Law

Washington, DC October 22- 24, 2015

“Activism, Access to Political Process, Diversity, and Higher Education”

Central States Law Schools Association Conference 2015

The University of Toledo College of Law

Toledo, Ohio October 9 – 10, 2015

“Politics and the Constitution: Strategies for Strengthening Minority Rights
and Access to Higher Education”

Critical Constitutionalism

LatCrit 2015: Twentieth Anniversary Conference

Anaheim, California October 1 – 3, 2015

“Access to Political Process, Diversity, and Higher Education”

Lutie Lytle Legal Scholarship Conference

Vanderbilt Law School

Nashville, Tennessee, July 8 – 12, 2015

“Adjudicating Equality”

Harvard Institute for Global Law and Policy Conference

Harvard Law School

Cambridge, Massachusetts, June 1- 2, 2015

“Minorities, the Right to Education, and Indirect Discrimination”

Law and Society, Seattle, Washington, May 28 – 31, 2015

“Co-Housing in the Sharing Economy”

Association of Law Property and Society

University of Georgia School of Law

Athens, Georgia, April 30 – May 2, 2015

“Minorities, the Right to Education, and Indirect Discrimination”

Younger Comparativists Committee of the American Society of Comparative Law

Florida State University College of Law

Tallahassee, Florida, April 16 – 17, 2015

“Reigning in Lenders and Building Stronger Consumers: Policy Recommendations for Residential Mortgage Loans”

The Future of Housing – Equity, Stability and Sustainability

Symposium Presented by the Washburn Law Journal

Washburn University School of Law

Topeka, Kansas, February 25-26, 2015

“The Right to Education and Indirect Discrimination Claims: An Analysis of the European Court of Human Rights Cases and the EU Race Equality Directive”

Mid-Atlantic People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference

West Virginia University College of Law

Morgantown, WV, January 29-31, 2015

“Perspectives on Deficiency Judgments”

Webinar Panel for ABA Real Property Law Section Professors’ Corner

January 14, 2015

Participant in the Economics, Law, and the Environment Workshop

Henry G. Manne Program in Law and Economics Studies

George Mason University School of Law - Law and Economics Center

December 6 – 10, 2014, Duck Key, Florida

“The European Court of Human Rights, the Roma, and the Right to Education”

Equality and Anti-Discrimination Law Workshop

Virtual presentation

University of California -Berkeley School of Law

December 5, 2014

“Minority Representation and Race-Conscious College Admissions”
Loyola University Chicago School of Law’s Constitutional Law Colloquium
November 7 – 8, 2014

“Recognition and Reflection”
Symposium on Peter M. Gerhart’s book, *Property Law and Social Morality*
Texas A & M University School of Law
Fort Worth, TX, October 23 – 25, 2014

“Minorities, the Right to Education, and Indirect Discrimination Claims”
University of Massachusetts –
Dartmouth School of Law’s Junior Faculty Scholarship Exchange
Boston, MA, October 16 -17, 2014

“Minorities, the Right to Education, and Indirect Discrimination Claims”
Central States Law Schools Association Conference
Louisiana State University
Baton Rouge, LA, October 10 – 11, 2014

“Minority Rights and Affirmative Action in Higher Education in the
European Union and the United States”
AALS 2014 Workshop on Transnational Perspectives on Equality Law
Washington, DC, June 22 – 24, 2014

“Race-conscious College Admissions in the European Union and the United States”
Developing Ideas Conference
University of Kentucky College of Law
Lexington, KY, May 20 – 21, 2014

Moderated a panel on Peter M. Gerhart’s book, *Property Law and Social Morality*
Association of Law Property and Society Conference
University of British Columbia
Vancouver Canada, May 1 – 3, 2014

Participant in the Public Choice Economics and the Law Workshop
Henry G. Manne Program in Law and Economics Studies
George Mason University School of Law - Law and Economics Center
Stanford University, CA, March 20 – March 23, 2014

“Race-conscious College Admissions in the European Union and the United States”
Legal Scholarship 4.0: Looking Toward the Future
Northeastern University School of Law
Boston, MA, March 14, 2014

“Inequities in the Mortgage Loan and Foreclosure Process: Making the Case
for Anti-Deficiency Legislation”
Poverty Law: Cases, Teaching, and Scholarship
American University Washington College of Law
Washington, DC, October 25 – 26, 2013

LAW SCHOOL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- * University of Akron Constitutional Law Center Faculty Fellow
- * AALS Section on Real Property (Past Chair, 2015)
- * AALS Section on Real Estate Transactions (Chair, 2017)
- * Executive Committee Member of the AALS Section on Comparative Law
- * AALS Faculty Senate Representative (2012 -2016)
- * ABA Real Property Section Member
- * Law and Society Member

BAR MEMBERSHIP

Illinois