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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. 201 (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. 393 Symposium Issue - "Cities in Crisis" (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**

“The European Court of Justice and Inequality in Education”  
Faculty Speaker Series – University of Cincinnati College of Law  
Cincinnati, Ohio, March 20, 2018

“Inequality in Education in Europe”  
Law and Humanities Annual Conference  
Georgetown University School of Law  
Washington, DC, March 16, 2018

Presented remarks at Fair Housing and Financial  
Markets Diversity Symposium (invited speaker)  
Washburn University School of Law  
Topeka, Kansas, March 6, 2018

“The Renewed Fair Housing Act – Can it do anything for us?”  
Presenter – ABA Webinar on Challenges for Modern Housing Markets  
ABA Real Property Section  
December 12, 2017

“The State and Affordable Housing”  
ClassCrits X: Mobilizing for Resistance, Solidarity, and Justice  
Tulane University School of Law  
New Orleans, LA, November 10 – 11, 2017

“The Future of the Fair Housing Act”  
LatCrit XXI Biennial Conference – 2016 Election: What Next?  
Orlando, Florida, September 28 – 30, 2017

“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
- \* Law School Appointments Committee
- \* AALS Section on Real Property (Past Chair, 2015)
- \* AALS Section on Real Estate Transactions (Past Chair, 2017)
- \* AALS Section on International Law (Treasurer, 2018)
- \* Executive Committee Member of the AALS Section on European Union Law
- \* AALS Faculty Senate Representative (2012 -2017)
- \* ABA Real Property Section Member
- \* Law and Society Member

### **BAR MEMBERSHIP**

Illinois