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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Baltimore School of Law, Assistant Professor of Law, August 2021 – Present
Courses: Criminal Law; Constitutional Criminal Procedure (Investigations); Incarceration and the Law
Service: President, AALS South Asia Section (2025); Faculty Advisor, UB South Asian Law Students
Association; Faculty Affiliate, Criminal Justice Center; Faculty Research and Development Committee (2021-
Present); Ad Hoc Committee on Curriculum Reform (2024-Present); Excellence in Teaching Committee
(2021-2024); Adjunct Faculty Review Committee (2022-2023); Bar Passage Committee (2022-2023)

EDUCATION

Georgetown University Law Center, L.L.M.
Master of Laws in Advocacy *with distinction*

University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law, J.D.

University of Maryland, B.S., International Business; B.S., Government and Politics
National Political Honor Society, Phi Sigma Alpha

LEGAL SCHOLARSHIP

Carceral Privacy in Digital Spaces (work-in-progress)

Prison Law: Operating in the Shadows, AALS Prison Law Panel (organizer and panelist) (Jan. 2025);
Seton Hall Faculty Talk (upcoming Feb. 2025); Incarceration and the Law Round Table hosted by
UCLA (invited participant) (upcoming April 2025); Culp Colloquium hosted by Harvard Law (invited
paper) (upcoming May 2025)

The Digital Prison Panopticon, 38 Harv. J.L. & Tech. ____ (forthcoming 2025)

CrimFest (Jul. 2024); Decarceration Workshop (Jun. 2024); Culp Colloquium hosted by Harvard Law
(invited paper) (May 2024); Richmond Law Jr. Faculty Forum (May 2024); Maryland and Baltimore
Law Junior Faculty Workshop (Apr. 2024) (previously presented as *On Prison Tablets*)

The Absence of Dignity in Prison Law, 84 Md. L. Rev. ____ (forthcoming 2025)

Villanova Law Faculty Talk (Feb. 2024); Markelloquium (selected paper) (Feb. 2024); Richmond Law
Jr. Faculty Forum (May 2023); Culp Colloquium hosted by Duke and Harvard Law (invited paper)
(May 2023); Maryland and Baltimore Law Junior Faculty Workshop (May 2023)

Per Curiam Signals in the Supreme Court's Shadow Docket, 98 Wash. L. Rev. 427 (2023)

Richmond Law Jr. Faculty Forum (May 2022); Maryland and Baltimore Law Junior Faculty
Workshop (May 2022); Duke Law School's Criminal Justice Workshop (Apr. 2022); Recognized as
interesting and recommended on Prof. Lawrence Solum's Legal Theory Blog

Detention, Disenfranchisement, and Doctrinal Integration, 95 S. Cal. L. Rev. 365 (2022)

New Voices in Civil Rights, AALS Conference (selected paper) (Jan. 2021)

Unnecessary Incarceration, 98 Or. L. Rev. 608 (2020)
AALS Clinical Conference (May 2019)

Displacing Due Process, 67 DePaul L. Rev. 425 (2018)

Charm City Televised and Dehumanized: How CCTV Bail Reviews Violate Due Process of Law, 43 U. Balt. L. F. 56 (2014) (with Edie Cimino and Natalie Novak)

WORKS-IN-PROGRESS

Carceral-Adjacent Litigants

Protected Privileges

PRIOR TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Georgetown University Law Center, Teaching Fellow, August 2019 – July 2021

- Supervised and litigated civil rights cases at the federal level, including federal torts claims, employment discrimination, police and prison misconduct, §1983, Bivens, wrongfully death, and restitution.

University of Baltimore School of Law, Teaching Fellow, June 2016 – July 2019

- Co-founder and co-director of the Pretrial Justice Clinic, a live-client criminal defense clinic focused on bail reform by challenging the injustice of mass incarceration through the writ of habeas corpus at the state level.
- Served as a lead consultant to the Maryland Attorney General in implementing a judicial rule change to prevent defendants from being incarcerated prior to trial due to inability to afford bail.

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Criminal law, constitutional criminal procedure, prisoner rights and prison law, civil rights, constitutional law, law and technology, evidence

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Maryland Office of the Public Defender, *Open Society Fellow*, 2014-2016

Established a pretrial litigation model that secured the release of 101 individuals wrongfully imprisoned during the Freddie Gray protests in 2015.

AWARDS

Public Interest Attorney of the Year, Baltimore City Bar Association, 2017 Recipient

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Digital Rights in Prisons, Constitution Day Lecture, Goucher College (Sept. 2024)

Filling the Void: The Shadow Docket's Role in Doctrinal Development, Law and Society, Puerto Rico (Jun. 2023)

Charting the Feedback Loop of the Shadow Docket, Panelist (Mar. 2023)

Loyola Law Review's Symposium on Judicial Developments, Loyola University New Orleans College of Law

Baltimore City District Attorney Debate, Town Hall Moderator (Jun. 2022)

Course Design, AALS New Teachers Workshop (Jun. 2022) (with Maneka Sinha)

Judicial Update on the 4th, 5th, and 6th Amendments

Legal Training for Newly Appointed Maryland Circuit Court Judges (May 2022) (with Katie Kronick)

Incorporating Clinical Lessons in the Law School Curriculum, AALS Clinical Conference (May 2022) (with Tianna Gibbs, Jacqueline Laínez Flanagan, Jenny Roberts, and Etienne Toussaint)

The Future of Policing: Faculty Panel, University of Baltimore School of Law (Nov. 2021)

Exploring #MeToo Relational Dynamics in the Workplace and Beyond, Panel Moderator
11th Feminist Legal Theory Conference hosted by the University of Baltimore School of Law (April 2019)

Not Just a Ferguson Problem: Community Lawyering Strategies for Challenging Fines, Fees and Bail, Targeted against Low-Income Communities and Communities of Color, AALS Clinical Conference (May 2018) (with Brandon Greene, Brendan Roediger, Karen Tokarz, and Theresa Zhen)

Innovation, Mass Incarceration and Clinical Education, Global Alliance for Justice Education Puebla, Mexico (Dec. 2017) (with Colin Starger)

Lessons from the Pretrial Justice Clinic, Live Webcast hosted by the Pretrial Justice Institute (Aug. 2017)

Training on New MD Rule 4-216.1, Baltimore City Pretrial Release Services Baltimore, MD (Aug. 2017) (official training for pretrial services conducted twice)

Maryland Advisory Committee Briefing on Bail Reform, United States Commission on Civil Rights (April 2017)

Symposium: Money Bail and Its Role in Mass Incarceration, Host and Moderator University of Baltimore School of Law (Nov. 2016)

SELECTED PRESS

Activists 'fight against censorship' in the largest US book bans: prisons, The Guardian (Sept. 27, 2024)

Body Worn Camera Use Varies Among DC-Area Law Enforcement, NBC 4 (Jul. 8, 2021)

DC police fail to thoroughly examine actions of officers after fatal encounters, Washington Post (Mar. 23, 2021)

After George Floyd, Fresh Scrutiny of Old Cases, New York Times (Jun. 20, 2020)

Bail industry battles reforms that threaten its livelihood, ABA Journal (Mar. 2018)

UB Law's Pretrial Justice Clinic Tackles Mass Incarceration, Maryland Daily Record (Feb. 9, 2017)

She spent five days in jail because she couldn't come up with \$1,000, Washington Post (Dec. 27, 2016)

Justice by Algorithm, City Lab from The Atlantic (Dec. 8, 2016)

Baltimore circuit court judge recorded saying why she set high bail, Baltimore Sun (Oct. 26, 2016)

Court systems rethink the use of financial bail, which some say penalizes the poor, ABA Journal (Apr. 1, 2016)

Bail system creates another hurdle for poor defendants, Baltimore City Paper (May 19, 2015)

Judge OKs Hogan's order to extend hold on riot suspects, Baltimore Sun (May 4, 2015)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Bail Reform Begins with the Bench, Opinion, New York Times (November 17, 2016)

BAR ADMISSIONS

Maryland; District of Columbia; U.S. District Court for District of Columbia; U.S. Supreme Court