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EDUCATION

- Columbia University School of Law**, New York, NY *Juris Doctor 2002*
James Kent Scholar, 2001-02; Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar, 1999-2001
Jane Marks Murphy Prize, 2002; Graduation Speaker for J.D. Class, 2002
Executive Editor, *Jailhouse Lawyers Manual (Columbia Human Rights Law Review)*, 2001-02
- University of California at Los Angeles**, Los Angeles, CA *Bachelor of Arts with Honors 1991*
Summa Cum Laude; Phi Beta Kappa
Carey McWilliams Award (Best Undergraduate History Honors Thesis)

LEADERSHIP

- University of Baltimore School of Law**, Baltimore MD August 2021– June 2025
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs
- Supervise team of ten staff members and direct all aspects of law school’s academic operations, including curriculum planning, registration and enrollment, adjunct faculty, academic support, student affairs, bar success, journals and advocacy teams, and the second-semester legal writing program.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- University of Baltimore School of Law**, Baltimore, MD August 2010 – Present
Professor of Law
- Teach courses in Constitutional Law, Jurisprudence, Civil Procedure, Criminal Law, Coding for Lawyers, and Lawyering – including Legal Writing and Research.
 - Founder and Director of the [Legal Data and Design Clinic](#) (LDDC), a “digital advocacy” clinic where students apply technology and principles of data and design to solve real-world legal problems in the criminal justice domain. The LDDC launched in January 2020.
 - Founder and Director of the [Pretrial Justice Clinic](#) (PTJC), a live-client criminal defense clinic designed to combat mass incarceration through bail-related litigation and reform. Funded by an Abell foundation grant, the PTJC operated from Fall 2016 through Spring 2019.
 - Principal, [SCOTUS Mapping Project](#). Design and apply custom software to visualize complex lines of Supreme Court cases. Build and maintain online tool and map library. Project has been funded by two UB Provost Technology Grants and one UB Fund for Excellence Grant.
 - Associate Director for Legal Technologies, Center for Law of Intellectual Property and Technology

New York University School of Law, New York, NY June 2007 – May 2010
Acting Assistant Professor of Lawyering
Taught full year course for 1Ls on fundamentals of legal analysis, practice, research and writing.

Cardozo School of Law, New York, NY September 2003 – June 2007
Adjunct Professor
Designed and taught academic component of Innocence Project Clinic course. Focused on causes and relating to wrongful convictions. Supervised and instructed law students assigned to clinic.

CLERKSHIP

The Honorable Michael H. Dolinger, New York, NY Fall 2002 - Fall 2003
United States District Court, Southern District of New York

PUBLICATIONS

Maryland Criminal Pattern Jury Instructions, 3d ed. 2025 Update (Md. State Bar Ass'n 2025) (reporter).

The Collision Course Between Outdated State Laws and Automated Vehicles, 46 *Cardozo L. Rev* 2293 (2025) (with William Hubbard).

Maryland Criminal Pattern Jury Instructions, 3d ed. (Md. State Bar Ass'n 2024) (reporter).

Whistling Dixie, CUNY L.R. BLOG (Sept. 9, 2022) (with Peggy Davis and Aderson Francois).

A Butterfly in COVID: Structural Racism and Baltimore's Pretrial Legal System, 82 *MD. L. REV.* 1 (2022) (with Douglas Colbert) (Lead Article).

The Argument that Cries Wolfish, MIT COMPUTATIONAL LAW REPORT (2020). Online scholarly journal, link to [article is here](#).

Editor, *THE VALUE AND PURPOSE OF LAW: ESSAYS IN HONOR OF M.N.S. SELLERS* (Franz Steiner Verlag 2019, Joshua Kassner and Colin Starger eds.)

Legitimacy, Authority, and the Right to Affordable Bail, 26 *WM. & MARY BILL RTS. J.* 589 (2018) (with Michael Bullock). Digital supplement available at http://wm.billofrightsjournal.org/?page_id=525

A Separate Abridged Edition of the First Amendment, in *JUSTICE SCALIA: RHETORIC AND THE RULE OF LAW* (University of Chicago Press 2018, Jay Mootz and Brian Slocum eds.).

The Persistence of the Confederate Narrative, 84 *TENN. L. REV* 301 (2017) (with Peggy Davis and Aderson Francois). Digital appendix available at <https://tinyurl.com/y9yzouys>

New Wine in Old Wineskins: Metaphor and Legal Research, 92 *NOTRE DAME L. REV. ONLINE* 1 (2016) (with Amy Sloan).

Constitutional Law and Rhetoric, 18 *U. PA. J. CONST. L.* 1347 (2016) (lead article).

Mapping Supreme Court Doctrine: Civil Pleading, 7 *FED. CT. L. REV* 275 (2014) (with Scott Dodson) (Note: Piece also released as “video article”; see <https://vimeo.com/89845875>).

The Virtue of Obscurity, 59 *VILL. L. REV. TOLLE LEGE* 17 (2013).

A Visual Guide to United States v. Windsor: Doctrinal Origins of Justice Kennedy's Majority Opinion, 108 NW. U. L. REV. COLLOQUY 130 (2013).

Fifty Years Before Brady, 37 THE CHAMPION 34 (2013).

The Dialectic of Stare Decisis Doctrine, in PRECEDENT IN THE U.S. SUPREME COURT (C.J. Peters ed., 2014).

A Visual Guide to NFIB v. Sebelius, 2012 CARDOZO L. REV. DE NOVO 316.

Expanding Stare Decisis: The Role of Precedent in the Unfolding Dialectic of Brady v. Maryland, 46 LOYOLA L.A. L. REV. 75 (2012).

Exile on Main Street: Competing Traditions and Due Process Dissent, 95 MARQ. L. REV. 1253 (2012).

Meaning and Metaphor in Trawling for Herring, 111 COLUM. L. REV. SIDEBAR 109 (2011).

The DNA of an Argument: A Case Study in Legal Logos, 99 J. CRIM. L. & CRIMINOLOGY 1045 (2009).

Death and Harmless Error: A Rhetorical Response to Judging Innocence, 108 COLUM. L. REV. SIDEBAR 1 (2008).

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Inequality and the Rule of Law, University of Baltimore Rule of Law Series, Baltimore MD (February 2026).

The Broader Implications of AI, Panel Moderator, AI Summit 2025, University of Baltimore, Baltimore MD (June 2025).

Bail Review and Pre-Trial Release, Criminal Law University (training for new judges), Maryland Judicial Conference, Annapolis MD (December 2024).

Structural Racism, Silos, and Decarceration, National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers Decarceration Committee Meeting, Held Virtually (September 2024).

Leveraging Technology in Legal Education: A Practical Guide for New Law Professors, American Association of Law Schools Workshop for New Law Professors, Washington DC (June 2024).

Using Legal Data to Confront Structural Racism, National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyer's 7th Annual Seminar "Race Matters: Addressing Intersection of Race in the Criminal Legal System", Baltimore MD (May 2024).

Structural Racism and Metaphors for Change, Presentation to Maryland Access to Justice Commission Race Equity Retreat, Baltimore MD (November 2023).

ChatGPT and Similar AI Tools, Lecture hosted by Maryland A2JC Data & Legal Technology Committee, Held Virtually (April 2023).

A Butterfly in COVID: Article Release Event, University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law, Baltimore MD (January 2023) (recording available at https://youtu.be/Bwp7xewtX_o).

Techniques and Technologies for Collaboration and Teamwork in Clinical Legal Education Settings, Global Alliance for Justice Education (GAJE) 11th World Wide Conference, Stellenbosch University, South Africa (December 2022).

Logic, Reasoning, and Legal Rhetoric, Illinois Judicial College CLE Series, Held Virtually (November 2022).

The Report on Racial Disparity in Prosecution in Baltimore: A Discussion on the Findings and the Path Forward, UB Law Center for Criminal Justice Reform, Baltimore MD (April 2022).

The Surveillance State: Big Data as Big Brother, UB Law in Focus Discussion Series, Held Virtually (March 2022).

'Bad' Forensics: How Faulty Evidence Leads to Wrongful Convictions, UB Law in Focus Discussion Series, Held Virtually (July 2021).

Using BNIA APIs to Visualize Baltimore's 'Black Butterfly', Baltimore Neighborhood Indicators Alliance Data Week, Held Virtually (July 2021) (recording available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zb3K8GnD8G4>)

Ten Things Every Poverty Lawyer Needs to Know About Technology and the Emerging "Digital Welfare Dystopia", Maryland Pro Bono Resource Center Partners for Justice Conference, Held Virtually (May 2021).

Cash Bail Panel, Cleveland Marshall College of Law/Case Western Reserve University College of Law National Lawyers Guild, Held Virtually (April 2021).

Google Eyes and Big Brother Lies: Data, Privacy, and Algorithmic Justice, UB Law in Focus Discussion Series, Held Virtually (March 2021).

Pretrial Justice? Bail and Over-Incarceration During COVID-19, University of Maryland Faculty Webinar Series, Held Virtually (February 2021).

Low Tech Works: Teaching Data, Teaching Justice, Discussion Group, AALS Annual Meeting, Held Virtually (January 2021).

Diversifying Data and Inspiring Code: Using Technology and Design to Promote Social Justice, Global Alliance for Justice Education (GAJE) 10th World Wide Conference, Bandung University, Indonesia (December 2019).

Prosecution v. Defense: Collaborative Methods to Reduce Mass Incarceration, Moderator, University Baltimore Law Review Symposium 400 Years: Slavery and the Criminal Justice System, Baltimore MD (November 2019).

New Rule on Pre-Trial Release – End of Money Bail or Epidemic of No Bail?, Panelist, Maryland Criminal Defense Attorneys Association, Columbia MD (October 2018).

Constitutional Limits: How Police and Prosecutors Can Search Your Phone and Put You in Jail, Panelist, Baltimore Legal Hackers MeetUp, Baltimore MD (October 2018).

Predicting the Future at SCOTUS, Lecture, Baltimore Legal Hackers MeetUp, Baltimore, MD (September 2018).

Supreme Court Mapping, Breakfast Keynote, Academic Law Librarians – Special Interest Section (ALL-SIS), 2018 AALL Conference, Baltimore, MD (July 2018).

Maryland v. King, Mini Law School: Four Controversial Cases, Odyssey Series, John Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD (April 2018).

Equal Justice: Race, Class, and Money Bail's Discriminatory Impact, Out on Bail: A Dialogue on the Dynamic Criminal Justice Reform Movement, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, Chicago, IL (February 2018).

Teaching Legal Analysis, 5th Annual Teaching Excellence Workshop, University of Baltimore School of Law, Baltimore MD (February 2018).

Innovation, Mass Incarceration, and Clinical Education, Global Alliance for Justice Education (GAJE) 9th Annual Conference, Instituto Tecnológico de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey in Puebla, Mexico (December 2017).

Know Your Rights: A Workshop for Organizers, Reporters, and Witnesses of Public Activism, Second Annual Media and Culture Lecture, Towson University (October 2017).

Pretrial Justice and Movement Lawyering, Movement Lawyering Training by Baltimore Action Legal Team, Baltimore MD (September 2017).

Lessons from the Pretrial Justice Clinic, Live Webcast on “Pretrial University” hosted by Pretrial Justice Institute, Washington D.C. (August 2017). (Video available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YOrKMDQKJcs>)

Training on new MD Rule 4-216.1, Baltimore Pretrial Release Services, Baltimore, MD (August 2017) (official training for pretrial services conducted twice in August).

Money Bail, Mass Incarceration, and Community Instability, 19th Annual Maryland Partners for Justice Conference, Baltimore, MD (May 2017).

A Separate Abridged Version of the First Amendment, Justice Scalia: Rhetoric and the Rule of Law, McGeorge School of Law, Sacramento, CA (May 2017).

Law Reform to Protect Legal Innocence, A TED-Style “Lightning Talk” at EduLab, part of the Light City Festival. Baltimore MD (April 2017). (YouTube video of talk available at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AMmlS2r1r00#t=18.5>)

Consensus and Dissent in Supreme Court Doctrine, The MITRE Corporation, McLean, VA (March 2017).

The Fourth Amendment: Dialectic and Development, Civilian Complaint Review Board Speaker Series, New York, NY (March 2017).

Network Theory and the Supreme Court, Research Engagement Day, University of Baltimore, Baltimore, MD (February 2017).

Opening Keynote Address, Money Bail and Its Role in Mass Incarceration, University of Baltimore School of Law, Baltimore, MD (November 2016).

Mapping Supreme Court Doctrine, CALI 2016 Conference for Law School Computing, Georgia State University College of Law, Atlanta, GA (June 2016).

Emerging Forms of Legal Scholarship, The Fate of Scholarship in American Law Schools, University of Baltimore School of Law, Baltimore, MD (April 2016).

Prison Misconduct and Due Process, UB Law Review Criminal Law Symposium: Path to a Civil Society, Baltimore, MD (March 2016).

Between Public and Private: How DNA Challenges the Law's Rhetoric of Corporeal Boundaries, XXVII World Congress on the Philosophy of Law (IVR), Washington, D.C. (July 2015).

SCOTUS Doctrinal Mapping, Law and Big Data Workshop, 15th International Conference on Artificial Intelligence & Law (ICAIL), San Diego, CA (June 2015).

Between Public and Private: How DNA Challenges the Law's Rhetoric of Corporeal Boundaries, Rhetoric Society of America Biennial Conference (Theme: "Border Rhetorics"), San Antonio, TX (May 2014).

Death by a Thousand Paper Cuts, Law and Rhetoric Colloquium (by invitation only), University of Alabama, Huntsville, AL (April 2014).

Doctrinal Origins of United States v. Windsor, Conference on Legal, Racial and Religious Perspective on Same-Sex Marriage hosted by the Earl Carl Institute for Legal & Social Policy, Inc. and Thurgood Marshall School of Law at Texas Southern University (March 2014).

Reflections on Maryland v. King, Symposium on the Future of the Fourth Amendment hosted by the Journal of Race, Religion, Gender and Class, University of Maryland School of Law (October 2013).

The Dialectic of Stare Decisis Doctrine, Faculty presentation at Marquette University School of Law (January 2013).

Expanding Stare Decisis, Matthew Fogg Symposium on the Vitality of Stare Decisis in America, Loyola of Los Angeles Law School (October 2012).

Disentangling [Brady] Right and Remedy, Southeastern Association of Law Schools conference, Amelia Island, Florida (August 2012).

The Scope of Constitutional Precedent, Symposium on Precedent on the U.S. Supreme Court, University of Baltimore (March 2012).

Can the Bill of Rights Survive in the Digital Age, University of Baltimore Constitution Day (September 2011).

Fair Trials, Accurate Verdicts: DNA's Challenge to Criminal Justice Traditions, Symposium on Technology, Crime, and Terrorism, University of Maryland (College Park) (October 2010).

Strickland and the Lessons of DNA Exonerations, Constitution Project Conference— *Strickland v. Washington*: How Effective is the Right to the Effective Assistance of Counsel Standard?, Washington, D.C. (November 2007).

Critical Pedagogy in Innocence Clinics, Innocence Network Conference, Harvard Law School (March 2007).

Innocence as a Wedge: Can Exonerations Help Challenge Mass Incarceration?, Innocence Network Conference, University of Washington Law School (March 2006).

DNA Literacy: How to Ask Experts Questions and Understand Their Answers, Innocence Network Conference, David A. Clarke School of Law (April 2005).

Litigating Post-Conviction DNA Claims, Forensic Bioinformatics Conference – DNA from Crime Scene to Courtroom: An Expert Forum, University of Dayton Law School (August 2004).

SELECTED AWARDS

University of Baltimore School of Law, 2021 Faculty Award for Non-Traditional/Public Discourse Scholarship.

American Bar Association, 2020 Legal Rebel (awarded to “honor the mavericks who are finding new ways to practice law, represent their clients, adjudicate cases and train the next generation of lawyers”).

American Section of the International Association for Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy (AMINTAPHIL) -- Early Career Scholar Prize (2015) for paper entitled “Between Public and Private: DNA and the Law’s Rhetoric of Corporeal Boundaries”.

Experiential Learning Laboratory Fellow, New York University Law School (Summer 2014). Awarded Fellowship to integrate SCOTUS mapping into experiential civil rights course at NYU.

Fastcase 50 recipient (2014). This recognizes “the law’s smartest, most courageous innovators, techies, visionaries & leaders” and was awarded for work as principal of the SCOTUS Mapping Project.

BAR ADMISSIONS

New York (2002)

Maryland (2012)

RECENT PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Visiting Appointment

- Visiting Scholar, Law School at Victoria University of Wellington (Jan. 2019- April 2019). Conducted research on legal technology during sabbatical in New Zealand.

Academic Service

- Special Consulting Expert Attorney, Dallas County (Texas) District Attorney’s Office Conviction Integrity Unit. *2009-present*. In collaboration with University of Michigan Law Professor Samuel Gross, conduct ongoing longitudinal study on conviction integrity in Dallas. Work for CIU helped exonerate Michael Phillips in 2014.
- Advisory Board Member, University of Alabama Press Series on Law, Rhetoric and the Humanities. *2014-present*.

Public and Legal Service

- Reporter, Pattern Jury Instructions Committee (Criminal), Maryland State Bar Association, *2016-2025*.
- Member of Board of Directors, Public Justice Center, *2013-2019*.
- Co-Convener, Baltimore Legal Hackers, *2016-2019*
- Mass Defense Coordinator and Website Editor, Maryland National Lawyers Guild, *2011-2019*.

- Conduct Legal Observer (LO) training for National Lawyers Guild semi-annually 2012-2020. Co-coordinated LOs for NLG during 2015 Freddie Gray protests.
- Coach, Mt. Washington Girls and Boys Fall Soccer Leagues, 2010-2018.
- Pro bono assistance, Pennsylvania Prisoner Dennis McKeithan, 2002-present.

Law School and University Service

- Founding Faculty Advisor, National Lawyers Guild, 2016-2021.
- Founding Faculty Advisor, UB Legal Hackers, 2017-2021.
- Faculty Advisor, OutLaw, 2014-2021.
- Law School Senator, University Faculty Senate, 2013-2017.
- Committee on Excellence in Teaching, 2013-present (Chair: 2017-2021).
- Faculty Research and Development, 2017-2021
- Student Life Committee, 2010-13.
- Curriculum Committee, 2013-14, 2019-2021.
- Supervise student notes, advanced legal research papers. Approximately 2-3 students each semester, fall 2011-present.
- Review Provost Technology Grants, fall 2012.
- UB law representative, Blue Ribbon Workgroup to study effects of *OPD v. State* on indigent defense in Maryland, fall 2010.

NON-ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

Innocence Project, Cardozo Law School, New York, NY September 2003 – June 2007
Staff Attorney and Adjunct Professor – Litigated DNA-based post-conviction innocence claims for prisoners in federal and state jurisdictions. Managed caseload of 50-60 clients. Coordinated and supervised law firm associates on Innocence Project amicus work. Lead counsel on five exonerations, including one death row exoneration from Oklahoma. Frequent public speaking and media appearances.

Center for Constitutional Rights (CCR), New York, NY Summer 2001
Legal Intern – Wrote and researched legal memoranda. Assisted lawyers in assessing potential new cases. Worked on cases involving police misconduct, prison conditions, environmental justice, and international human rights.

Cochran, Neufeld & Scheck, New York, NY Fall 2000 – Spring 2001
Legal Intern – Wrote and researched legal memoranda, discovery motions and complaints. Assisted in preparing for depositions. Firm work focused on police misconduct.

Committee on the Administration of Justice, Belfast, Northern Ireland Summer 2000
Legal Intern – At organization promoting human rights agenda in Northern Ireland peace process, analyzed parliamentary debate of Police Reform Bill and assisted in preparing CAJ amendments. Drafted CAJ response to the Criminal Justice Review.

Independent Contractor, Various Global Locations 1994 – 1999
Senior Software Engineer – Integrated, updated, and further developed *Infinity* derivative trading systems on site at commercial investment banks in Europe, Asia and North America. Responsible for design and implementation of database, library, and GUI systems. Clients included ABN Amro, CIBC, Schrodgers, and Credit Lyonnais.

- Best Istek**, Istanbul, Turkey 1992 - 1993
English Teacher – Taught English as a Foreign Language to corporate business executives, doctors and nurses. Also tutored high school and university students.
- Istanbul International Community School**, Istanbul, Turkey 1992 - 1993
Substitute Teacher – Taught mathematics in 7th to 9th grades.
- Infinity Financial Technology**, Mountain View, CA 1991 -1992
Software Engineer – 11th member of original team that created state-of-the-art derivatives trading system. Personal responsibilities included design, implementation and editing of C++ Object Library to interface with a Sybase relational database. *Infinity* became a publicly traded company with over 300 employees.

TECHNICAL PROFICIENCIES

- **Backend:** Python (including Pandas), PHP, R
- **Frontend:** JavaScript, HTML/CSS, Bootstrap, JQuery
- **Database:** SQL (especially mySQL)
- **Environments:** GitHub, WordPress, Google products and APIs, Word, Excel, etc